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Salary forces Sasamoto resignation

by Ronel B. Concepcion

An unfair salary appropriation for Civil Defense Coordinator Felix Sasamoto has forced him to submit a letter of resignation Monday to Governor Larry I. Guerrero.

Sasamoto's resignation will become effective a few days from now, or to be more specific, on July 5.

His resignation is mainly due to an "unfair" salary which he will be getting under the Salary Act, signed last week by the Governor.

The Act calls only for an amount of \$36,000 for the Civil Defense head.

In an interview, he considers such scheme as "a slap in the face", considering that such amount would not give him any raise at all.

Prior to the Act, the coordinator is receiving \$30,000 a year plus a \$6,000 standby default.

With the new law now, he will be given a flat \$36,000 annual rate without anymore standby default.

In his letter to Gov. Guerrero, Sasamoto said the legislature has overlooked the Civil Defense Office as if it is nothing more but a "cosmetic public office with minimal responsibility."

The letter said that Sasamoto feels his "new" salary is "not only humiliating, but also so sickening that I lost all enthusiasm to continue serving this government in providing essential public service."

Moreover, Sasamoto pointed out that he is "not stupid enough" to accept such a very low salary.

According to Sasamoto, he is not the kind of person who begs, but someone who has kept silent for long and has never opened his mouth.

"But now I don't think it is fair," he stressed.

According to him, other direc-

tors and assistants that were also appointed are given higher salaries ranging from \$43,000 and above.

He reiterated that the legislators are not giving him enough encouragement considering the responsibilities he is undertaking. He remains "disgusted and frustrated with the result of their actions."

"But what concerns me most is the person who is going to replace me...the legislature should 'scrutinize and base' salaries on the function of the office the employees are in," he said.

Describing their job as too risky, he claims that the solons only knew of their existence when disaster strikes. "After that no more," he laments.

"We are a life-saving department that does not deal only with search and rescue operations but also with other things."

Sasamoto added that after July

5, he will still be willing to stay for two more weeks to assist the staff momentarily.

Sasamoto mentioned that he

was supposed to have resigned last year, but did continue on to

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Civil Defense Coordinator Felix Sasamoto.

Teachers walk-out to be investigated

by Teri M. Flores

A Board of Education member is asking that a thorough investigation and assessment be held on the real cause and the people behind the recent massive walk-out of more than 500 Public School System (PSS) employees taking part in crippling activity in Saipan's 13 public schools.

In a seven page document which was informally presented to the members of the Board, Anicia Q. Tomokane has presented questions regarding the recent strike and the pressing issues which the Board needs to

immediately address the "unrest" in the educational system.

She has also cited the former Commissioner of Education Elizabeth D. Rechebei for the achievements and the improvement she has brought to the PSS during her 15-month term of office.

"I share in the blame as part of the Board, but...some of us are still making every effort to see that the right thing is done to individuals and to the system," Tomokane stated.

Although no specific names were mentioned, Tomokane is asking that the Board include in the investigation several top of-

ficials within the educational department who may be implicated in the strike.

Tomokane is questioning the involvement of management level staff who, together with other PSS Central officials, school principals and teachers, were said to have met secretly in hotels at night "to plot the strike."

Tomokane said that the decision to come out with the statement had been a difficult one for her considering that she is a part of the Board.

However, she said that she did it because she wanted to help improve the educational

system through a department-wide change that would see a reorganization from the highest to the lowest ranking officials within the PSS.

The members of the Board were expected to meet with school officials and teachers to get their input and views on the recent strike.

However, it still is not clear whether they have proceeded with the scheduled consultations and what the result of the meetings were.

Rechebei tendered her resignation on the second day of the strike.

Her letter listed four condi-

tions of her resignation which, as of this time, the Board has yet to address.

Among her conditions include that her name be vindicated by a list of the accomplishments that the PSS has achieved during her term of office and that a thorough investigation be conducted on all the "unusual circumstances" that resulted in the strike.

Although the Board has complied with one of Rechebei's condition by making the department's annual report a document which listed her accomplishments, they still have

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US will slash CNMI funding

by Howard Graves
Associated Press Writer

Honolulu (AP) - The U.S. government apparently will slash by nearly 23 percent its operational and capital development funding to the booming Northern Mariana Islands.

The U.S. government also is on the verge of ending the financial arrangement with the Western Pacific commonwealth by end of this century, according to com-

ments made last week by Stella Guerra, the U.S. president's special representative, in talks with CNMI officials in San Francisco.

Guerra told CNMI Lt. Gov. Benjamin Manglona the U.S. government would like to end its multi-year funding with an estimated \$175 million grant possibly spread over seven years starting Oct. 1.

If those terms are reached during current financial talks called for under a commonwealth covenant, the U.S.

contribution would drop by \$53 million from \$228 million the Northern Marianas will have received during the past seven years.

The CNMI received \$27.7 million this fiscal year, the last installment of the pact. Under current law, the funding level would remain at that amount unless (U.S.) Congress provides otherwise, Larry L. Morgan, spokesman for Guerra said in a weekend telephone interview from Washington.

Manglona has insisted that the

CNMI needs more than the \$228 million to build new roads, water, power and sewer systems and to improve education and health standards.

Guerra, who also is Assistant Interior Secretary for Territorial and International Affairs, said the U.S. Budget Enforcement Act requires that there either be a reduction in another direct spending program or a revenue increase. The act apparently precludes increased funding, Morgan said.

Guerra also has told Manglona

that the commonwealth has to achieve self-sufficiency and become less dependent on U.S. economic aid.

Without a new agreement and future action by the U.S. Congress, either through additional appropriations or a new full faith and credit pledge, we do not believe there is any guaranteed funding beyond fiscal year 1992," Guerra told Manglona and his team at the San Francisco

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Forbidden Island; A Sunday adventure

By: Mary Marney

According to a map made by the U.S. geographic survey team in 1947, "Isleta Maigo Luao", now better known as Forbidden Island, lies, protected, below the cliffs on the northernmost point of Lao-Lao Bay.

A real place and well deserving of its reputation and name. Forbidden Island, one of the most difficult hikes on this whole island, has claimed several lives, some as recently as last December. Just asking about the decent caused outcries of warning against such a dangerous venture by two middle aged and over weight haole people.

Our younger friends doubted our ability to test our bodies against such as steep and dangerous passage. Scared and taxed, their young strong in shape bodies barely made it there last year.

Many locals have never been there or have only visited the place in their youth, never dreaming of being middle aged and returning.

The decision to make an attempt on Forbidden Island came after Richard and I huffed and puffed our way to the top of Suicide Cliff.

Exhausted as I was, I still asked, "Richard can we please go to Forbidden Island next Sunday?"

He panted back, "I don't see why not!"

"Will you check with the air force people to see if we may need a rope?"

"I'm sure will and when I go to the hardware I'll check on the price of rope."

"How much do you think we might need?" I asked.

"I'll ask the guys at work who shot a video there last week."

"Well then, I'll ask at the hospital too. I think some of the young doctors enjoy hiking too."

So we made our plans. Our confidence had been building over the past two months as we conquered each increasingly difficult climb. Our weekly weigh in on the scales told us the hiking did help our diets and our breathing was far less labored now, than when we started hiking in March of this year.

Our pulse rate recovers to normal in less time. Besides, this "stress-test" would not be run in any old doctors office, but in nature's laboratory, with the sound of the ocean in our ears and not some good mood elevator muzac, impressing messages to our subconscious minds.

We started making our transportation plans by asking our friend, Bill, if we could borrow his high clearance booney road truck. I also overheard a young, twentieth-aged doctor talking about her visit to Forbidden Island last month. She told me she didn't think we would need much rope.

The day of the trip was sunny and in the 80's. The borrowed truck had 1/2 tank of gas as we said goodbye to Bill and Gloria, and listened to their warnings of caution, and could see skepticism written all over their faces.

The nerve of those two kids. How could they dare even think Richard and I would ever back down from a challenge to our bragging rights. They just didn't understand our determination.

We looked like two middle aged over-weight people who might have some easy trails under their belts but who were never going to be able to climb the "Forbidden Island's" rock cliffs, difficult even for young people.

Richard drove to the east side of the island where the road gave away to a long ago abandoned air strip with weeds growing from the middle.

He then also turned right and proceeded to make believe we were on a drag strip. Throating powerful drag-strip noises of imaginary motor reeving and power shifting as he drove at the sound breaking speed of 45mph, dodging pot-holes and asphalt skin wrinkles towards the far end of our drag strip. We missed the unmarked turn and wondered lost for over 30 min.

Richard continually asked me if anything looked familiar, and I always answered, "no, I am sorry. When you've seen one tanga-tanga forest you've seen them all. They all look alike."

"Gosh, you never know where you are! Did you always get lost like this?" was his increasingly aggravated question to me.

"No, I never got lost in Hous-ton. I could find my way around

there blind folded." I said, as I sat there besides him lost for a while, "we can find a phone and I'll call Gloria and ask for directions."

"Just where do you think we could find a telephone?" He whispered to me. "we're lost here forever, and its all your fault. Nagging me all week long to take you to Forbidden Island or you wouldn't love me any more and you'd hate me forever because I am such a failure. I never do anything right. If you ever wanted to get a lot of money, all you would need to do is choose the opposite of what ever I choose and you'd have a better than 50% chance of getting it right. I always have to do things twice, the hard way."

Richard's use of the devil's advocate sense of humor is so different and his since of humor keeps me rolling in stitches and side splitting laughter.

I finally recognized a pipe land marker besides the road which snaked up a low hill. The switch backs curved around coral rocks. Several different type of ferns, deriving nutrients from the rain and organic filled air, clung to the rocks for anchorage.

The trees shed their yellowing leaves and as the leaves fell towards the ground they stuck between the cracks and tree forks,

Mary, Richard warned, as the monster truck bucked and rolled, first forward, then side ways, then backwards, while the four wheel drive clawed us continually ahead.

After following the booney road curving to the right and passing one of the rarer "no trespassing" signs hanging on a farmers fence, I saw the clearing where Gloria and I parked her old rickety, beat-up, now dead, pick-up truck on my first visit to the trail over looking "Forbidden Island" while Richard was off island, on holiday visiting his family on a much over due vacation. It was there I had hollered into the wind, "Richard if you can hear me please get y our butt back home now! I need you!"

And he must have heard me because he did call me the very next day saying, "will you do me a favor? Will you do to the airport at 6 p.m. next Saturday and give me a ride home?"

WE stopped in the clearing and walked the short distance to the look-out cliff area high above the island. There it was stretched far below us, anvil shaped, a flat topped, velvet green oasis surrounded by the bluest deep Pacific Ocean waters I have ever seen.

The white wave splash of the

Following the narrow 3 ft. trail leading us through Tanga-tanga forest, Richard and I squeezed our bodies through some tight places, stepping over half sawed tree trunks and leaning tree bvyra trying, unsuccessfully, to bar our way.

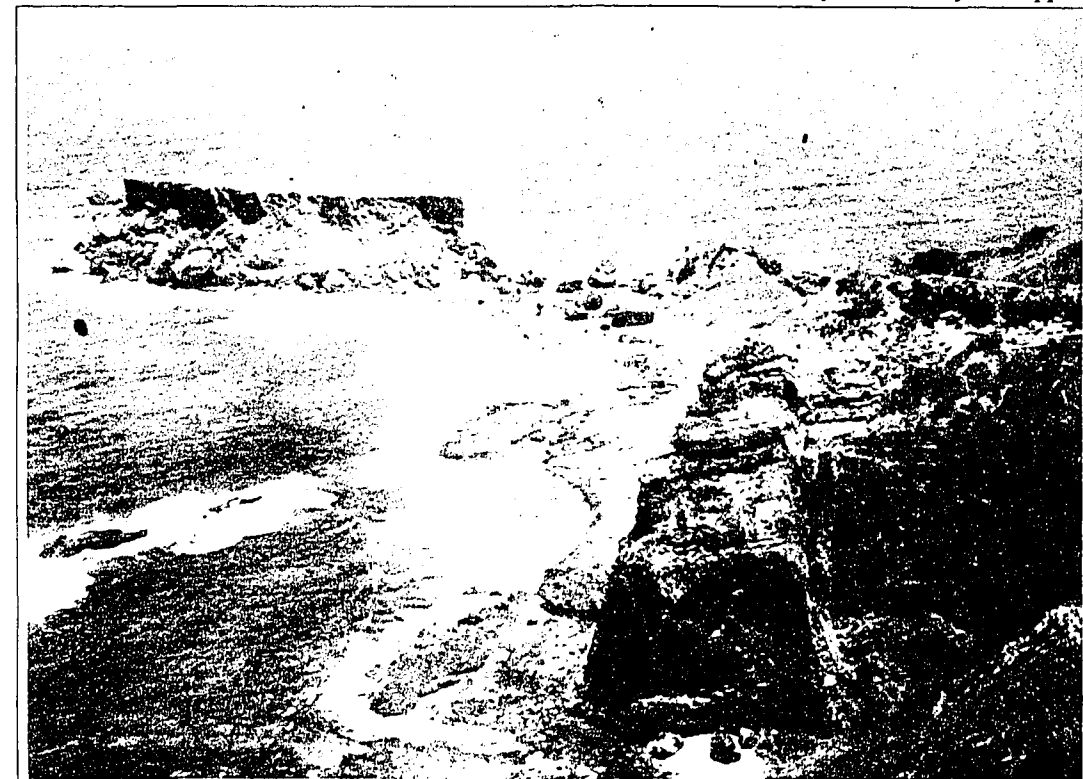
I pushed myself forward into razor edged grass using my arms to swim in a torrent of 6 ft. tall unfriendly grass armament put there by the gods to cut and draw their first blood offering to satisfy their thirst. One must prove ones worthiness and courage before tasting the gods ambrosia growing on "Forbidden Island".

We came to a down Hill area along the cliffs side and both of us got the same feeling.

Then Richard said, "this would be a great spot for a chair lift and parking lot so all the tourist could easily make this hike. I bet sometime in the future the parks department will realize how much money could be made by charging chair lift admission, and selling high priced cold drinks to the tourist."

We both rested and regained our strength. Especially Richard, burdened down with the canteen and length of Bill's borrowed slim rope.

The path angled down hill from the very top, as we continued slowly. Suddenly, I slipped,



Top view of the Forbidden Island

there to decompose, releasing their fertilizer into the air, to be utilized by the naturalized plants finding a home here. This is the place where I collected my birds nest ferns, bending evaluations rules to move them, but adding interesting shapes and sizes to our "Marpi forest west annex" front porch plant collection. Tanga-tanga scraped the monster trucks doors and front fenders, as the boonie road narrowed.

Richard carefully guided the truck through and over 4ft. plus deep ruts in the dirt trail surface. "Hold onto your bosoms,

waters hitting on its surrounding rocks looked like a precious jewel mounting some queen would have used as ransom to save her armies from enslavement. Emeralds and velvet and white platinum, shown in the sunlight brilliance, while diamonds floated from the sapphire blue waters encircling this magic view. This was "Forbidden Island". So close to us yet so far below.

Its powers of seduction pulled us forward to touch its being thus making us not mere mortals. Both of us were ready to rejoin the gods, our fathers who would welcome our homecoming.

falling on my bottom. the slippery dirt and volcanic rocks differed greatly from the leaf covered trails and sharp coral rocks we were accustomed to.

Richard's words still ghost in my ears, "the trail maybe all down hill for now. We'd better enjoy it, because the up hill will surely kill us, if we don't die first falling off these cliffs. So please, Mary, be careful.

If you fall I'll never be able to carry you out of here. Then you'd be just another statistic written about in the newspaper.

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Guerrero exhorts gov't. men: "Be friendly!"

by Rafael H. Arroyo

Governor Lorenzo I. DL Guerrero recently issued a di-

rective to all government employees to maintain a pleasant attitude whenever dealing with the general public.

This was contained in a memorandum circulated to all department and activity heads throughout the Commonwealth.

Guerrero made the appeal to all public servants, citing them as "ambassadors of goodwill" for the whole CNMI.

"I congratulate and express my appreciation to all public employees who demonstrate a positive attitude when dealing with the public."

"The reputation of this administration, and the reputation of the Commonwealth as a whole, is set to a large extent by how public employees treat those who are availing of our services," the governor pointed out.

He noted that when tourists and visitors arrive at the Commonwealth's ports of entry, their first impression on the islands is anchored on the public employees they meet.

"Often times, it is a Customs or an Immigration official who speaks first to a visitor. We have a tremendous opportunity during those initial contacts to display the politeness and friendliness that are the finest features of our local culture," Guerrero said.

The governor, however, admitted that working long hours and facing hundreds of people

daily makes for a tough job and that maintaining a cheerful facade may not be easy for some of our men.

"But public employees greeting our new visitors are the first-line ambassadors of goodwill and they set the tone for an entire visit, and we must take that extra effort," he pointed out.

Guerrero gave all public employees the extra responsibility to make the good impression that reflects government and the entire people.

"We all - tourists and locals alike - want to be treated with politeness, courtesy, and respect. Nowhere is the 'golden rule' more important than in the attitude of the public servant. Let's all be proud of our work and what we do as elected officials and as civil servants," he exhorted.

"We are the people's servants. They pay us. We all carry a special obligation to act as their ambassadors of goodwill. It is important that we bring a positive, friendly attitude with our dealings with the public," the governor said.

The Board is being chaired by Lupe Manglona with representatives Linda V. Cepeda and David Omar from Saipan and

Mametto Ayuyu from Rota. The Board meets regularly every last Saturday of the month.

Travel agenda up at PATA meet

by Rafael H. Arroyo

Vital issues confronting the travel industry will be addressed as the Pacific Association of Travel Agents holds its quarterly meeting June 27-28 at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Organized by the Marianas Visitors Bureau in cooperation with the Guam-based PATA Secretariat, the scheduled meet seeks to bring some 40 off-island travel agents into the Commonwealth for 1991's second quarter meeting.

The association expects to gather inputs from Pacific islanders and the private sector in formulating strategies to promote the Micronesian islands as a top tourist attraction and tropical destination.

The group's marketing, education, membership, and special projects committees will also map out plans that will aim to boost the tourism and travel industry in the region.

PATA members include those agents representing the National Tourism Offices with delegates

coming from Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Guam, and the CNMI.

The meet, which is the second for this year, will be capped by the group's general membership meeting on the 28th.

Interested companies or individuals are invited to take part in the said affair at 8am on June 27. They are enjoined to come for registration at the Hyatt or call James Santos of the MVB.

Board consider 6 for parole

by Teri M. Flores

Five detainees who have been convicted for crimes ranging from importation of contraband to voluntary manslaughter are being considered for parole while another one is asking the Board pardon for his offense.

The cases of the following detainees will be deliberated by the CNMI Parole Board during their regular meeting scheduled

on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. in Courtroom A of the Superior Court.

The detainees who are up for parole:

*Sipen Ludwig who was convicted in November 1987 of principle to murder in the second degree

*Dominic Faisao who is serving time on multiple charges ranging from aggravated assault and battery to sexual abuse

*Anthony Flores for robbery

*Simpson Elbelau, sentenced last February for importation of contraband and

*Juan Cabrera who had been found guilty of second degree murder

Henry O. Sablan, convicted of involuntary manslaughter is also seeking pardon from the Board.

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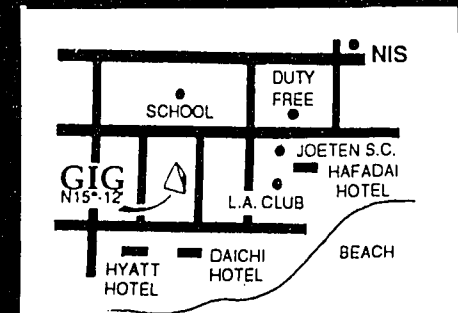
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PUBLIC NOTICE

To All U.S. Armed Forces Veterans :

There will be a General Meeting for all Veterans on the 26th of June 1991 at the Convention Center. The Regional Director for Veterans Affairs Mr. Toy Grice, Guam Regional Representative Ms. Tina Aguon, and VA Legal Counsel Mr. Frederick Lee Hall will be the Guest Speakers. The Veterans Affairs Office urge all veterans to come to this important meeting. The meeting will commence at 06:30 P.M.

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Boy injected the wrong medicine

by Teri M. Flores

Hospital officials said on Monday that a quality assurance process is being observed in the hospital to assure that patients get the proper and quality health care they need.

The assurance came in light of a recent incident involving a minor under the age of 17 who was administered the wrong kind dosage of medication by a nursing practitioner.

The boy, who was complaining of vomiting and abdominal pain, was admitted to the hospital emergency room on May 5 and was administered Demerol, a medication intended for another patient.

Hospital administrator Pete Untalan said that when the attending physician learned of the mistake, he immediately ordered the nurse to inject another solution that will counteract the effect of the drug.

"The incident was a result of a simple, honest mistake. There was no punitive intent on the part of the physician," Untalan said.

Untalan said the boy is now in good shape and that he only suffered a hang-over as a result of the incident.

Based on the investigation of the Medical and Nursing staff committee of the hospital, the physician was attending to two cases of epigastric complaints that night.

"The physician wrote two separate medication for the nurse to administer. He apparently failed to determine which patient the medication was intended for," Untalan said.

Untalan said the nurse carried out the doctor's orders without questioning her superior about it.

He said that when the physician realized that he has made an error in the order, he immediately

acted on the situation by ordering the nurse to administer "Narvan", a counteractive drug to the previously administered Demerol.

Untalan said that a thorough investigation of the incident led to the forced resignation of the nurse and the admonishment of the attending physician.

The multi-disciplinary committee is composed of a five-member representative from the hospital's various departments.

The hospital administrator said that the committee reviewed the quality assurance process which the hospital has been implementing since three years ago.

The process involves the identification and review of emergency room indicators that may determine the cause of "unusual circumstances" in all the different departments in the hospital and incident reports which are filed by both the attending physician and the on-duty nurse.

Upon completion of the process, the results are then forwarded to the hospital's Quality Assurance Coordinator Geraldine Thornburgh who is also a Public Health Service Assignee.

Aside from the investigation, an interview of the parties involved was also conducted and Untalan said the committee came out with their decision a week after the investigation was concluded.

The committee came out with three recommendation which addresses hospital logistics and the status of both the nurse and the physician.

In terms of logistics, Untalan said that they will be providing clerical support to the on-duty physician to assure that things are kept in order.

He said that walk-ways along the emergency room have also been designated as secure areas and that only those who have been identified as emergency patients will have access to the place.

Access to the sliding doors have also been limited to patients who are in immediate need

of attention and that the regular process of patient identification will also be fully implemented, Untalan said.

The hospital administrator said that in such "unusual cases", the responsible party is usually given a letter of reprimand where he is advised to undergo 20 to 40 hours of continuing education.

"In this case, we admonished the physician while the nurse was made to resign from her position," Untalan said.

Untalan said that mistakes are common occurrence in the medical profession and that like any profession, the people who are involved in the health care arena are also liable to commit mistakes.

"We must bear in mind that we are humans. The solution to a dilemma is to correct the mistake from which we try to refine and improve the health care that we provide to the community," Untalan said.

Statistics show that in bigger, more modernized hospital in the United States where there are twice the number of staff, errors are committed at the rate of 4%-5%.

Dr. John Crowley, head of the hospital's nursing division, said that compared to the Mainland hospital, the errors at the CHC were low when compared to national standards.

"We in the staff are not callous. We are concerned with the services that we provide the community and we are trying our best to improve the quality of health care that we deliver," Untalan said.

"I have full confidence in our staff. In comparison with other hospitals in the Micronesian area as well as those in the U.S., we have more adept personnel and we deliver health care which is comparable to those in some of the major hospital in the Mainland," Untalan said.

The boy's parents are intending to send him to an off-island medical facility where further evaluations will be done.

Untalan, on the other hand, said that he is not aware if the boy's parent's will file any action against the hospital.



The Zoning Board has started a series of public hearings designed to gather input from Saipan residents about the Zoning regulations which will be drafted by the Board. In the photo are from left; CNMI Zoning Administrator Cindy Bower-Camacho, well-known author and expert in performance zoning, Lane Kendi; Karl Reyes; Dan Forester of Duenas and Swavely; Saipan Chamber of Commerce President Joe Ayuyu; Susan Snow and Contractor's Association President Richard Zumiel

Saipan solons to act on Salary Act amendment

by Ronel B. Concepcion

The Saipan Legislative Delegation is now in the process of gathering information from its various members to form part of what could be the possible amendments to the Salary Act of 1990.

Last Friday, members of the Public Servants Compensation Rights Committee, headed by its chairman and CUC Executive Director Ray Guerrero met with the delegation.

The compensation committee went out to make sure that members of the legislature would push through with the requested and needed amendments to the act to fairly compensate workers.

Sections in the bill that needs to be amended, as push forth by the committee, includes those "frozen" employees under step 10, who needs to wait for two more years before getting to step 11 or an increase in salary.

Another would be the "re-structuring" or "rearranging" of the different salaries that is going to be received by the various department heads, directors and special staffs.

The committee calls that salary schedule should be commensurate to the type of work and function the officials or employee has in a department or agency.

Meanwhile, Saipan Legislative Delegation Chairman Herman Guerrero said that he agrees to the fact that everyone should be paid equally and be given step increases.

"I for one is more than willing to amend the Act, as a matter of fact, I have introduced two salary bills about four to five years ago...but it did not push through."

In order to address what has been requested by the committee, Guerrero have asked members of the delegation to submit amendments to the Act, "using their own versions."

He said that they will also talk with the other members of the Tinian and Rota legislative delegations...to iron things out as this is a CNMI wide matter."

According to Guerrero, he is expecting some sort of a "tug-of-war" as they go on and make the changes in the salary law...but still, we have to do it in an appropriate manner."

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The Mariana Islands Housing Authority is soliciting bid proposals to survey the 48 housing units at Mihaville Section 8 Housing. If you are interested, please submit to MIHA your bid proposal no later than June 27, 1991 at 10:00 a.m., at which time the bids will be opened. You are also requested to complete the site survey with permanent concrete marking on each of the 48 house lots no later than 30 days after the date of award. Only qualified registered surveyors or survey firms with a license in the CNMI will be accepted for consideration.

For more information please contact John M. Sablan, Executive director at MIHA, at telephone number 234-6866, 7670, 7689, and 9447.

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Dear Friends of Education:

Hafa Adai and greetings from the Public School System. As you know, the Public School System needs teachers to work in our schools in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

As a result, we would like to encourage our retirees, local residents, recent CNMI college graduates, and soon-to-be college and high school graduates to seriously consider a teaching career in the Public School System.

The salary of a person teaching in the local schools is not the best in the world, but we would like to assure you that it is much higher now. A college graduate without any teaching experience can start with \$19,600 per year, compared to \$12,000 in the past.

Working in an island environment and helping our people are other positive attributes of teaching in the local schools.

Therefore, we would like to offer a friendly challenge to all our retirees, local residents, recent college graduates, and soon-to-be college and high school graduates to contact the PSS today for a teaching application. We assure you that we will do our best to make your teaching career in the PSS a more fruitful and challenging one.

Thank you, and once again a warm Hafa Adai to you from the Public School System.

Sincerely,

William S. Torres
/s/Acting Commissioner of Education

Justo S. Quitugua
/s/Deputy Commissioner for Admin.

Rita A. Sablan
/s/Acting Commissioner of Inst.

Jesus I. Taisague
/s/Chairman, Board of Education

Juan L. Babauta
/s/Vice Chairman, Board of Education

Anicia Q. Tomokane
/s/Member Board of Education

Juan B. Tudela
/s/Member, Board of Education

Florine M. Hofschneider
/s/Member, Board of Education

Anna B. Ludwick
/s/Teacher Representative

Evelyn B. Manglona
/s/Student Representative

Margarite M. Lely
/s/Private Sch. Representative

Historic Preservation Board to meet

The Historic Preservation Review Board will hold its quarterly meeting on Thursday at the Historic Preservation Office at Lower Base starting at 8:30 a.m.

Several important preservation matters are expected to be discussed during the meeting and interested individuals are invited to attend.

Copies of the agenda are available on request from the Historic Preservation Officer and additional information can be obtained by calling the HPO at tel. no. 322-9722.

Regents to meet

The Board of Regents of the Northern Marianas College has postponed its quarterly meeting from Tuesday, July 2nd to Friday, July 12th at 9 a.m. in the Board Conference Room, As Terlaje campus.

The meeting is open to the public.

Please Don't Drink and Drive

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

CIVIL ACTION NO. 91-626
In the Matter of the Estate of:
CONCEPCION MATAGOLAI LITULUMAR, Deceased.

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

1. That on the 25th day of June at 1:30 p. m., 1991, Petitioner, Ignacio M. Litulumar, will petition the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, at the courthouse on Saipan, to be appointed the administrator of estate of CONCEPCION MATAGOLAI LITULUMAR, decedent, when and where all persons interested in said estate may appear and object to said appointment.

2. Notice is also hereby given to all creditors, heirs and any person having any interest in or claim against the estate of CONCEPCION MATAGOLAI LITULUMAR, deceased, to file any claim they may have with the Commonwealth Superior Court, within sixty (60) days after the date of first publication of this Notice. Dated this 14th day of June, 1991.

/s/Ignacio M. Litulumar
Petitioner

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LEGAL SECRETARY POSITION

The Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) is seeking a dedicated individual to work as a legal secretary in the MLSC Marianas Office on Saipan.

Qualifications include:

- Commitment to Helping Meet the Legal Needs of the Poor
- Fluency in Chamorro and Carolinian Preferred
- Word Processing Knowledge Helpful
- Typing at 50 wpm
- Good Interpersonal and Organizational Skill

If interested please submit application to MLSC, Marianas Office, P.O. Box 826, Saipan, MP 96950 or call (670) 234-6243 or 234-7729 for further information.

MLSC offers excellent fringe benefits, a salary based on experience plus a challenging and rewarding experience.

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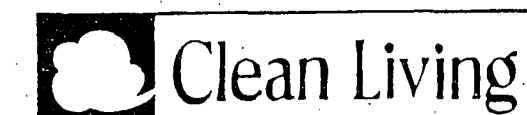
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Alcoholic Beverage Control wishes to remind all licensed business establishments that applications for license renewals are now being accepted at the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Office, in Susupe. The deadline for filing of renewal applications, including payment of required fees, is June 30, 1991.

All licenses whose renewal fees remain unpaid as of June 30, 1991 will be automatically suspended pursuant to 4 CMC 5528. Licenses which remain suspended as of July 31, 1991 due to unpaid renewal fees will be automatically revoked, and the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board shall not issue a license. If a license is revoked as of July 31, 1991, a new original application must be submitted for the Board's consideration.

Application forms are now available and may be received from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board Office in Susupe anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays except during lunch hour, weekends and holidays. For more information, please call telephone number 234-9450 or visit the ABC Board Office.

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Marianas Cleaners ANNOUNCES AN EXECUTIVE SEARCH

We are Saipan's most experienced cleaning company, servicing Saipan's rapidly growing tourism and consumer market. We have an immediate opening for a:

GENERAL MANAGER

We are looking for a talented and aggressive person who knows what it takes to be a successful business in the Northern Marianas. Our manager must understand our government, our business climate and our people in order to provide the quality of service expected by our customers. Candidates should also have the following background and strengths:

Minimum of three years experience in government or business, with progressive advancement in management positions.
College degree in Business. Advancement in management positions.

College degree in Business Administration, Economics, Engineering or related areas would be helpful but not required;

Skills in the management and motivation of people and staff;

Skills in sales management and customer relations;

Strong background in administration;

Familiarity with managing production flow, staffing, and route management would be helpful but not required;

Mechanical aptitude would be helpful but not required;

Applicant should be a resident of the C. N. M. I. and in good health.
Interested applicants should submit resumes to;

MARIANAS CLEANERS
ATTN: EXECUTIVE SEARCH COMMITTEE
SUSUPE, SAIPAN C.N.M.I.

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ACCOUNTANTS

1 ACCOUNTANT - College grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$4.50 per hour. Contact: NIPPON GENERAL TRADING CORP., Call Box 658, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

1 ACCOUNTANT - College grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$300-\$400 per hour. Contact: REYNALDO CALIBO dba Calibo Ent./Unlimited Manpower Services, P.O. Box 371, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

1 ACCOUNTANT - College grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$4.50 per hour. Contact: CALVO-UMDA INSURANCE CO., LTD., P.O. Box 235 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

1 ACCOUNTANT - College grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$880 per month. Contact: HAKUBOTAN SAIPAN ENT., INC., P.O. Box 127, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

MANAGERS

2 MANAGER
2 SINGER - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$500 per month.
5 WAITRESS, Restaurant
10 WAITRESS, Night Club
10 WAITRESS, Karaoke
5 DANCER
10 MASSEUSE

1 MAINTENANCE WORKER - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. Contact: JV INVESTMENT INC., P.O. Box 2389, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

1 SALES MANAGER - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.50-\$8.00 per hour. Contact: ACORN S.J. KIM CORPORATION, Call Box PPP 642, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

2 MANAGER
3 ASST. MANAGER - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$500 per month.
25 WAITRESS - Night Club
10 MAINTENANCE WORKER
5 MASSEUSE - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. Contact: FX INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT INC., Call Box AAA 988, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

1 GENERAL MANAGER - College grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$1,000 per month. Contact: JOAQUIN C. SABLAN dba Filipinas Enterprises, P.O. Box 2513, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

1 GENERAL MANAGER - College grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2,000-\$2,200 per month. Contact: MIZUNO RESORT SAIPAN CO., LTD. dba Mary (Sports Club), P.O. Box 152 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

1 GENERAL MANAGER - High school, 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2,500 per month. Contact: PALACE CORPORATION dba Palace Bowling & Leisure Sports Center, Call Box PP 7642, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

1 MANAGER (for detergents) - College grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$1,000 per month.
1 SALES REPRESENTATIVE - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$900 per month. High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$3.00 per hour. Contact: SAIPAN ICE, INC., P.O. Box 808, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

1 PROJECT MANAGER - College grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$1,000 per month. Contact: DA CHENG DEVELOPMENT CORP., Box AAA 47 Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

1 SHOP MANAGER - College grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$600 per month. Contact: DOLL ENTERPRISES dba Sunny Market, Box 2569 Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

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MECHANICS

1 AUTO MECHANIC - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.50-\$3.00 per hour. Contact: RODRICO VIDAL dba R.V. Enterprises, P.O. Box 194 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

1 AIRCON MECHANIC - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. Contact: SAM SUNG ENTERPRISES, INC., P.O. Box 1582 CK, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

1 H.E. MECHANIC - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.55 per hour. 1 COOK - High school equivalent. 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.30 per hour. Contact: BLACK MICRO CORPORATION, P.O. Box 545 CK, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

1 AC/REF MECHANIC
2 CLEANER
2 HOUSEWORKER - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. Contact: MU ENTERPRISES P.O. Box 242, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

1 AUTO-MECHANIC - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. Contact: WILLIAMS, TORRES dba W.S.T. Enterprises, P.O. Box 32, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

MARINE DIESEL ENGINE MECHANIC - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$650 per month. Contact: PELLEY BOAT CHARTER, INC., P.O. Box 1808, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

1 EQUIPMENT REPAIR MECHANIC - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$3.00 per hour. Contact: JARIDON, INC., P.O. Box 2330 Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T. 1 ACCOUNTANT - College grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$830 per month. Contact: WESTERN SALES TRADING CO., P.O. Box 91 Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

MAINTENANCE

1 MAINTENANCE WORKER - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15-\$5.00 per hour. 1 REFRIGERATION TECHNICIAN - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15-\$5.00 per hour. Contact: JOSEPH T. TORRES dba Courtney's Plaza, P.O. Box 714, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

1 MAINTENANCE WORKER - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. Contact: EMERENCIANA R. REYES dba 6 R's Apartment, P.O. Box 3190, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

2 MAINTENANCE REPAIRER - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. Contact: NGIRAROIS SKEY dba Skey's Accounting, Income Tax Recruitment, Int. Des. & Dec., Call Box AAA 143, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

1 MAINTENANCE REPAIRER - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. 3 ELECTRICIAN - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$1.75 per hour. 1 BARTENDER - Restaurant - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$3.00 per hour. Contact: LEONARD G. WOLF dba Len's Bar & Restaurant, P.O. Box 81, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

1 BUILDING MAINTENANCE REPAIRER - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. Contact: PEDRO M. CRUZ dba Cruz's Auto & Building Maintenance, P.O. Box 934, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

ENTERTAINERS

3 WAITRESS (NIGHT CLUB)
3 SINGER
2 BARTENDER - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. Contact: GEMS CORPORATION, dba Coco Club & Restaurant, P.O. Box 1519 Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

1 WAITRESS - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.50 per hour. Contact: VALORIE K. TROMBETTA dba Mom's Round Two, P.O. Box 3159, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

1 BARTENDER
2 MOTORBOAT MECHANIC
15 ENTERTAINER
10 WAITRESS (Nightclub) - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. Contact: ROOSTER TAILS, INC. dba Hula Hut, P.O. Box 1610 Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

ARCHITECTS

1 ARCHITECT - College grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$900 - 1,000 per month. Contact: GTS ENTERPRISES dba GTS Construction, P.O. Box 1218 Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

1 ARCHITECT - College grad., 5 yrs. experience. Salary \$4,000-\$8,000 per hour. Contact: RICHARD N. CODY dba Cody & Associates, P.O. Box 449, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

40 MASON
25 CARPENTERS
5 ELECTRICIAN - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. Contact: PACIFIC BUILDERS, INC., P.O. Box 701, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

10 MASON
10 CARPENTER - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. Contact: RUFO T. MAFNAS dba B & R Construction, P.O. Box 45, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

20 MASON
2 PLUMBER
2 STEELMAKER
6 CARPENTER - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.00 per hour. 4 REFLEXOLOGY THERAPIST - College grad., Must be a certified reflexologist. 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$10.00 per patient. Contact: MOSES FEJERAN dba The J's Gen. Services, P.O. Box 116, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

5 CARPENTER
5 MASON - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. Contact: YOONHONG CHUL dba Saipan Sunrise Co., Inc., P.O. Box 3052, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

3 MASON
1 ELECTRICIAN - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. 1 CARPENTER - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.00 per hour. Contact: PITU CONSTRUCTION COMPANY dba Jose C. & Janice Sablan, P.O. Box 271, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

4 CARPENTER
1 MASON
1 ELECTRICIAN - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. 1 ARCHITECT - College grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15-\$8.50 per hour. Contact: SKILL INTERNATIONAL CORP. dba Building Construction, P.O. Box 2618, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

2 CARPENTER - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$1.75 per hour. 1 PAINTER - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$1.75 per hour. Contact: FIL-MAR CORPORATION dba Fil-Mar Building Const., P.O. Box 1609, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

4 CARPENTER
2 HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. Contact: QUEZADA CONSTRUCTION dba Const. & Equipment Rental, P.O. Box 1038, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

5 CARPENTER
5 MASON - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. 1 ARCHITECT - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$3.00-\$5.00 per hour. Contact: JOSEPH S. CAMACHO dba J.C. Taxi Tours & Services/Jo's Construction Enterprises, Call Box PPP 684, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

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8 CARPENTER
3 PAINTERS
5 MASON
4 STEELMAN
4 ELECTRICIAN - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. 1 DRAFTER - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. 1 ARCHITECT
1 OPERATION/MANAGER - College grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$750 per month. Contact: RUFO T. MAFNAS dba B & R Construction, P.O. Box 45 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

4 CARPENTER
4 MASON - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. 1 SEAMSTRESS - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. 1 FOREMAN - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$3.00 per hour. 1 CIVIL ENGINEER - College grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$350-\$1,000 per month. 1 ARCHITECT - College grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$1,000 per month. Contact: PACIFIC ENGINEERING & CONST., INC., P.O. Box 2172, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

3 MASON
5 CARPENTER
2 PLUMBER
2 PAINTER
2 ELECTRICIAN - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$1,000 per month. Contact: PACIFIC ENGINEERING & CONST., INC., P.O. Box 2172, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

15 CUTTER
20 QUALITY CONTROL CHECKER
20 PACKER
10 QUALITY CONTROL INSPECTOR
15 HAND PRESSER
18 LAUNDRY WORKERS
180 SEWING MACHINE OPERATOR
5 WAREHOUSE WORKER
4 ELECTRICIAN
5 MAINTENANCE MECHANIC
10 MAINTENANCE REPAIRER HELPER
5 COOK - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. 7 SUPERVISOR (CUTTING)
2 SUPERVISOR (Residence/Housing) - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$4.00 per hour.

1 ACCOUNTANT - College grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$650 per month. 2 ASSISTANT MANAGER - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$1,000 per month. Contact: LINSON (SAIPAN) INC., P.O. Box 2706, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

1 SALES SUPERVISOR - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$600 per month. Contact: D.S.D. SAIPAN INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION, Call Box PPP 642, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/25)T.

1 SALES SUPERVISOR - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.30-\$4.00 per hour. 1 DRESSMAKER - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15-\$3.00 per hour. Contact: JESUS B. YUMUL dba YCO Corporation, P.O. Box 932, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

3 DIVING INSTRUCTOR (SPORTS) - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$1,100 per month. Contact: COMMONWEALTH MARINE LEISURE CO. dba Marine Sport & Leisure, P.O. Box 369, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

1 COMPUTER PROGRAMMER - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$950 per month. 1 SALES SUPERVISOR - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$500 per month. 1 ELECTRICIAN - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$450 per month. Contact: HAKUBOTAN SAIPAN ENT., INC., P.O. Box 127, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/18)T.

1 CHOREOGRAPHER - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2,000 per month. Contact: MARINO PRODUCTION INC. dba Taharaa Show, P.O. Box 206, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

20 SECURITY GUARD - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. Contact: FRANCES B. ATTAO dba FAMCO, P.O. Box 787, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

1 AUTO BODY REPAIRER - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. Contact: FORTUNATO R. REJANO dba Autotec. Ent./Manila Auto Repair, P.O. Box 2094, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

2 POLYNESIAN CULTURAL DANCER - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$900 per month. Contact: MARINO PRODUCTION INC. dba Taharaa Show, P.O. Box 206 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950 (6/24)T&F.

1 COOK - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.25 per hour. Contact: SAIPAN ICE, INC. dba Ninos, P.O. Box 1808, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/2)T.

MISCELLANEOUS

2 ACCOUNTANT - College grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$3.00-\$3.50 per hour. Contact: DIAMOND HOTEL CO., LTD. dba Saipan Diamond Hotel, P.O. Box 66, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/9)T.

1 CIVIL ENGINEER - College grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$500-\$600 per month. Contact: FRIENDLY FINANCE CO., INC., P.O. Box 567, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/9)T.

1 ENGINEER - College grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$500 per month. Contact: ELMERY ENTERPRISES, P.O. Box 1936, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/9)T.

3 CARPENTER
1 PAINTER - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. 5 MASON - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$1.80-\$2.00 per hour. Contact: VARGAS ENTERPRISES, P.O. Box 623, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/9)T.

6 CONSTRUCTION WORKERS - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.00 per hour. 5 HOUSECLEANER - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. Contact: JOSIE B. EXPINOSA dba The Emerald Ent., P.O. Box 1501, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/9)T.

2 MASON - High school equiv., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. Contact: FIL-CHAMENTERPRISES, P.O. Box 1148, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/9)T.

2 CARPENTER
1 MASON
2 GARDENER - High school grad., 2 yrs. experience. Salary \$2.15 per hour. Contact: TURNER PACIFIC CORPORATION dba Construction & Property Development, P.O. Box 1277, Saipan, MP 96950 (7/9)T.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

CIVIL ACTION NO. 91-283
BANK OF SAIPAN, INC.
Plaintiff,

vs.
NOBLE HOUSE INC. & WILLIAM SABLAN,
Defendants.
SUMMONS

To: NOBLE HOUSE, INC.

You are hereby summoned and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the complaint, a copy of which is given to you herewith, within twenty (20) days after service of this summons upon you and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Plaintiff's attorney Roderick H. Seeman, whose address is P.O. Box 2937, Saipan, MP 96950 or on Texas Road, Chalan Kanoa, behind the cemetery next to Elephant Hardware, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the clerk of this court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the clerk of the above-entitled court at Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the clerk of this court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

By order of this Court.
Dated this 9th day of April, 1991.

/s/Bernadita A. Sablan
Deputy Clerk of Court

6/11-14-25 7/2

INVITATION FOR BID

The Mariana Islands Housing Authority is soliciting competitive sealed bids to purchase or lease one (1) vehicle unit with the following features:

4 door sedan with air-condition, 2.0 liter, 4 cylinder twin-cam 16 valve electronically fuel-injected engine, with automatic four (4) speed transmission and other standard features.

Vehicle must be CIF, Saipan, and must have a one year maintenance/warranty agreement, must be rustproofed/undercoated, safety inspected prior to delivery at MIHA, Saipan.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked "Vehicle", submitted in duplicate to the MIHA, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., July 11, 1991, at which time and place, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received late will not be considered. The MIHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the best interest of the government.

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IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

(For Local Hire Only)

1 Fulltime Accounting Clerk 1 Fulltime Collector

(Experience preferred but not required, will train; must have valid driver's license).

Salary commensurate with experience and qualification. Please apply in person during office hours, Monday to Friday at Joeten Motor Co., Inc., Oleai, San Jose, Saipan.

Joeten Motor Company, Inc.

P.O. Box 680 Saipan, MP 96950
Tel. Nos. 234-5562 thur 65/67

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1. DRIVER

-TO DELIVER ORDERS TO DIFFERENT COMPANIES
-MUST HAVE DRIVER'S LICENSE AND SOCIAL SECURITY.
-HOURLY PAY - \$2.50 PER HOUR.

NICK'S & MICHAEL'S CORPORATION

P.O. Box 1219, Tel. #234-3311/3399
Contact NORA LITULUMAR for more information



SAIPAN SUNSET CRUISE, INC.

Has immediate openings for
BOAT BOYS/GIRLS
on charter yacht "JADE LADY".
Fulltime/Partime
18 years or older

Tel: 234-8230 for interview appointment

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A Secure Growing Company PURCHASING ADMINISTRATOR

Duties Include: •Prepares and issues purchase orders to vendors in accordance with approved purchase requests.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

CIVIL ACTION NO. 91-310

In the Matter of the Estates of MILAGRO MALUS ELAMETO and ANTONIO MALUS ELAMETO, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Rosario M. Elameto and Antonio Malus Elameto, deceased, to the creditors of, and all person having claims against deceased, that within sixty days after the first publication of this notice, creditors of the decedent file their claims with the necessary vouchers in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

DATED this 17th day of May, 1991.

/s/Rosario M. Elameto
Administratrix

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ADOPTION ACTION NO. P. 91-45

In the Matter of Adoption of RAMONA PEDRO A/K A RAMONA PEDRO, minor child,

- by -
SCOTT ALAN REED and RUTH PEDRO REED, Petitioners.

NOTICE OF PETITION GIVEN THAT the above-entitled matter is set for hearing on 2nd day of July, 1991 at 1:30 p.m. at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, at Civic Center, Susupe, Saipan.

Dated this 21st day of June, 1991.

/s/Louise C. Hofschneider
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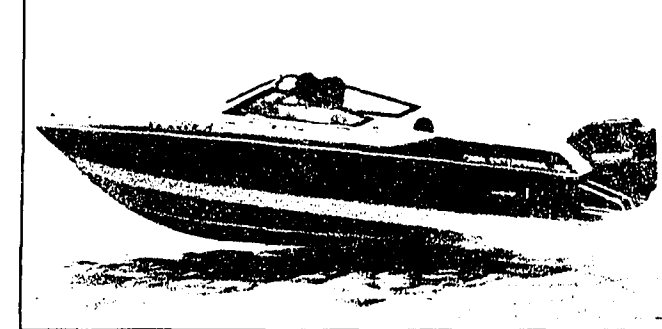
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meeting. "When the current multi-year agreement expires, additional funding would be left to the discretion of (U.S.) Congress through annual appropriation laws, and could therefore result in an amount less than \$27.7 million"

She said the hopes the two governments can agree that self-sufficiency is within the CNMI's reach and that a newly negotiated financial agreement "can begin the last period of multi-year financial assistance."

During fiscal years 1988-89-90, the CNMI generated a total of \$263 million in local revenues.

For the past six years the island chain's economy has been fueled by multi-billion dollar investments, primarily resort hotels built by Japanese investors.

CNMI Gov. Lorenzo I. De Leon Guerrero in his State of the

Commonwealth address last month said 1990 construction permits for resort hotels and other recreational facilities were about \$1.4 billion for the islands

Salary forces...

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work at the Civil Defense because of the challenge it brings.

His immediate plan is to take a "long-overdue" vacation and spend more time with the family... "whom I tend to leave just to answer my duties here, especially in times of typhoons etc."

Meanwhile, Public Servants Compensation Committee Chairman and CUC Executive Director Ray Guerrero has written Gov. Guerrero also on Monday regarding the matter.

Chairman Guerrero, in support of Sasamoto, said that salary increase in that office is "long overdue."

He cited in the letter that other department and agency heads will follow suit "because of the

Chinese woman dies in mishap

by Teri M. Flores

A Chinese garment factory worker became the fourth reported fatality since January when she died of internal injuries at about 7:39 on Friday evening.

Mei Qun Zhu, 20, a sewing operator of Linson's Garments was struck by a black Nissan pick-up while she was trying to cross the Chalan Pale Arnold street from the Highway Market.

Chief of Police Tony Reyes identified the responsible as Juan R. Limes, 20, of Chalan Lau-lau and a cadet trainee of the Department of Public Safety.

According to preliminary reports, Limes was travelling northbound when, as he neared the vicinity of the supermarket, Zhu crossed the street from the said store.

"Limes had very little time to make an evasive maneuver," Reyes said.

Police found no skid marks near the accident site and breathalyzer results indicate that Limes was alcohol-free at the time of the incident.

Zhu sustained a complete fractured cervical and a dislocated spinal column and an autopsy is expected to be conducted this week.

Reyes said that it was Limes himself who reported the inci-

dent to the authorities.
In other news:
*A fifth grade student of Mount Carmel School was a victim of a drowning incident at the Micro Beach early Saturday afternoon.

The body of Vladie Adriano, 10 of Chinatown was found floating face down after rescue efforts proved futile.

Reyes said that Adriano went swimming on Saturday with Arnold Litulumar and two other companions, Arnold Balbin, 12 and Andy Mendoza, 9 of Garapan.

He said that only Adriano and Litulumar went swimming while the other two stayed on shore.

"Trouble started when Litulumar noticed that Adriano could not make it back so he started to attract attention," Reyes said.

He said that Francisco Magno, 44, an employee of Guerrero Brothers, learned that Adriano was still in the water when he rescued Litulumar.

Reyes said that Magno found the boy's body face down minutes after he successfully rescued Litulumar.

Adriano was transported to the Commonwealth health Center where he was pronounced dead at about 2:55 p.m.

Reyes said an autopsy will be conducted this week.

live on the major islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

The negotiations will resume in mid-July in Saipan, Morgan said.

be in Jeopardy when Mr. Sasamoto resigns on the fifth of July."

Guerrero further said that the administration should seek Sasamoto's reconsideration of his resignation.

PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 4, TITLE 6 OF THE SAIPAN MUNICIPAL CODE, THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF SAIPAN HEREBY ISSUES NOTICE OF INVITATION TO BID FOR THE OPERATION OF BINGO AND BATU FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) YEAR COMMENCING JULY 3, 1991, TO JULY 2, 1992.

THE MINIMUM BID FOR BINGO LICENSE IS \$1,000.00 THE MINIMUM BID FOR BATU IS \$500.00 ALL BIDS SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DEPOSIT OF TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT BID IN THE FORM OF CASH, POSTAL, OR EXPRESS MONEY ORDER, CASHIER'S CHECK, OR BANK DRAFT, PAYABLE TO THE DIVISION OF TREASURY, GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS, SAIPAN, MP 96950. ALL BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF SAIPAN BEFORE 3:00 P.M. ON OR BEFORE JULY 3, 1991. ALL BIDS SUBMITTED ON TIME WILL BE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED AT 4:00 P.M. AT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE IN CHALAN KANOA VILAGE. NO BID WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 3:00 P.M., JULY 3, 1991.

FOR APPLICATION FORMS AND MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE COME IN OR CALL THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AT 234-6280 OR 234-6208 BETWEEN 7:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M. AND BETWEEN 12:30 P.M. AND 4:30 P.M., MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

/S/ JESUS S. DELEON GUERRERO
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Sincerely,
/s/ CANDIDO I. CASTRO
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Forbidden Island. . . Continued from page 2

The headlines would read middle aged crazy lady dies trying to go to Forbidden Island last Sunday."

Finally we reached an open area with vegetation only waist high. We had almost made it. Then we saw it. The water dug drainage ditch, gouged out, path way lay just ahead of us, inclining at least 60 degrees and only 2 1/2 to 3 ft. wide, the trail twisted and curved, wriggling itself down hill for the last of the really dangerous section. Because the rock filled, water run-off gully looked grease ball slippery, we tied one end of the borrowed climbing rope to a small iron wood tree and threw the remaining rope over the embankment.

We could have easily gotten down without the rope, but we would really need it on our return trip up. No slippery slide ever built in an amusement park could offer such a thrill and satisfy a persons quest for danger as this naturally engineered slide promised us now. One false move and we would be dead meat. Richard lowered himself to his bottom and inched downward, ever so slowly, trying not to cause a rock slide.

Attempting to follow his example, I scooted over a 10 in. bladder, causing it to dislodge and crush into my little finger. The knuckle remains lightly bruised and sore now two weeks later. Richard's pace exceeded mine on this last

descent because he wore heavy cloth, skin protecting, blue jeans while I had on my thin cotton shorts. My bottom, now fully recovered, learned an uncomfortable lesson. Scratches on

ones bottom are not worth the coolness of wearing shorts when hiking, no matter what the temperature.

Sheltered from the sun's skin blistering rays, Richard waited for me besides a large volcanic bolder, thrown aside by one of our father-gods in a lesser tantrum explosion, perhaps two million years ago.

The white sandy beach, scattered with the blood-sacrificed slave's tears now hardened by the passing years into stone, added to our feeling of apprehension as we stepped on to this hallowed ground. Enchantment and beguilement toyed with our minds as our eyes drank in the beauty of the scenery, filling our memory spaces with visual perceptions for future reference and comparison.

Standing here, looking all around, we could see the high cliff where we had stood, looking out in wonderment, getting the whole picture of this place we now were.

The look out point, now far above us, gave us pride in traversing the dangerous cliff side. As proof to any skeptic who would dare to even think us unable to make such a difficult climb, we captured this view in one of our photographs.

Now feeling worthy to join our father-gods and partake of their private paradise play ground, we pushed on fearlessly to the sea.

Tide pools in the frozen lava flows offered home to several electric neon fishes. Sea cucumbers 18 in long slugged their way slowly over the pitted surface, syphoning in the algae food that the gods allowed to form there as

salad nourishment.

I climbed into a rock sculpture and Richard took my picture saying, "This looks like it belongs on the lawn of some museum as a form of modern sculpture".

We took several more pictures to share with our loved ones back home as proof of our being in this really magical place.

Two nice ladies enjoying a picnic agreed to take a picture of us to add to our collection of photographs.

Richard always says, "you know, Mary, our apartment is full of pictures of us standing by rocks."

"Yes, I know, but I want all our loved ones to be able to share in our adventures, and one picture really is worth a thousand words. Besides they are different rocks found in far away exotic places. Who knows, someday we might write a rock directory, and I might say "oh, yes, I remember that particular rock. His name was George, and he lived on the island of Saipan. He was so nice and offered some cooling share after you became overheated from the really tough climb, when you had just begun to loose weight and hadn't won the iron man competition, even once. Surely you haven't forgotten.

Richard discovered the god's swimming pool laying captured by gray rock walls holding away the oceans power.

Fed by sea waves from a levy like waterfall, its 30 ft. deep topaz waters teamed with colorful fish.

"Boy, now this is a real reward for almost killing myself on that

damn trail. I have had enough hot seaty jungle. This looks really good. I wish we had brought our mask and fins so we could snorkel. You may like umumu trees, Mary, but I like to swim and cool off", Richard exclaimed as he tore off his shoes and dove into the inviting water. "Come on in. the water feels just fine. next time I'll listen to you and wear my swim trucks under my jeans."

The fish creature brothers we swam with included damsels, trigger, angles, and tangs.

Each varying in size from 1 in. to 15 in. and colored all bright and neon.

The fish were not really hungry enough to frenzy feed on the food the departing picnickers left for me to entice them from their beds inside the spaces formed long ago by the waves and wrinkling of the lava flow.

Floating on our backs and looking up at the cerulean blue sky and feeling the sapphire and topaz waters made us feel renewed.

After we swam the topaz depths we walked all around the space separating the pool from forbidden island itself.

The easy current told us our father gods were smiling upon us and were allowing us to enjoy their playground. We did step foot on forbidden island, but did not dare trespass too far, figuring if the gods would grant us their permission then somewhere they would reveal to us their once glimpsed from the look out point but now hidden pathway to the summit.

Richard did try to find it, but the father gods did not allow his passage and kept it cloaked secretly away. Their way of letting us know we were still only lesser gods and not yet judged worthy to take our place along side them on this Pacific Mount Olympus.

"Lets bring our snorkels and pack a lunch next time, Mary. This would be a enjoyable place to spend a restful Sunday and well worth the effort. We can spend all day. We'll make sure we wrap our food in paper or other burnable material so we don't have to pack and carry much back up the cliff side". Richard said as he tied the red laces on his hiking shoes, "are you ready to start up now? My jeans are almost dry. Remember, it will be all up hill. I hope the vacationing picnickers left us our rope. I think we will need it."

We started up the rain run off gully path towards the top.

The rope proved to be very helpful. the heat of the late afternoon sapped our energy. My short legs once again proved to

be an impairment to my progress and Richard took the lead or held the rope tight so I could use it to steady myself, as I toed and kneed and pulled myself up the more difficult grades.

Sweat and grime flowed with open fauceted trickles adding to our discomfort. Richard's glasses fogged over blinding him. We could feel steam rising from our bodies.

then came the realization that we were now having to pay the price our father gods demanded from us for letting us be lesser gods for just a few hours and allowing us to dream of joining them there on their forbidden island. We knew we were still judged to be lowly mortals, but in their generous mood, we were not asked to offer our heart's blood as sacrifice.

Experiencing torture would suffice and be today's entrance fee.

Their price extracted, leaving us weak and in pain, we reached the top and joyfully drank our diet cokes.

In physical anguish but not dead, Richard and I drove to return the borrowed monster truck to our good friends Gloria and Bill.

As we turned into their driveway we saw them parked under a tree, drinking beer. Richard looked at me and directed, "smile and don't let them know how much every bone in our bodies aches and how horrible we feel. We can't let these kids know how bad it was for us to make the climb. We can't let these kids know how bad it was for us to make the climb. We can't let them know how out of shape we might still be. So smile and act real happy, even if you really feel like dying right here on this spot."

As we joined them with our ice cold diet cokes, they told us how they were really surprised we even made it, because it almost killed them and they felt like dying and they are young and in good physical condition. Boy, oh boy, we can never tell how good what these two kids just told us made us feel. We now have the bragging rights to Forbidden Island, and pictures to prove it. Better yet, we ourselves know we will always find the strength to conquer whatever we set our minds to. We are not quitter even when the task seems impossible. We have the desire to go on and are able to work through the pain and finish whatever we start. We are achievers and winners. We have so much fun, sharing our lives together here on this tropical paradise named Saipan.



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