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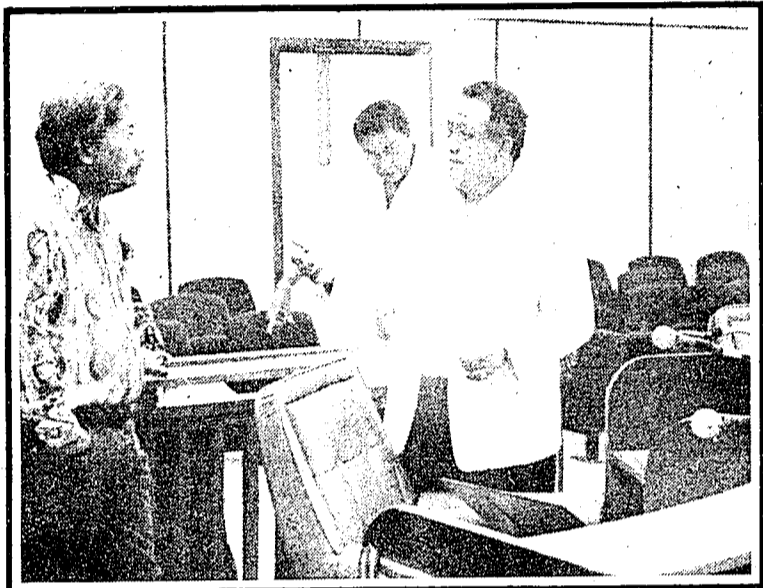
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House passes '94 budget

Representatives Pete P. Reyes and Jesus P. Mafnas confer during a break in Friday's House session where the CNMI budget for FY '94 was passed. Behind them is another lawmaker, Rep. Herman T. Palacios.

THE HOUSE of Representatives last Friday passed the proposed \$153 million Commonwealth budget for fiscal year 1994 in whirlwind fashion, to indicate a new sense of urgency in getting the perennially-delayed appropriations measure out of the Legislature.

In a special session, House Bill 9-199, dubbed as the Appropriations & Budget Authority Act of

1994, passed on first and final reading. It now goes to the Senate for action.

The appropriations measure, authored by Rep. Pete P. Reyes, chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee, allocates local funds for operations and activities of the government, its agencies, instrumentalities for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 1993 and ending September

30, 1994.

It takes into account some \$151.5 million in internal revenues plus \$2 million derived out of the Non-resident Workers Fee Fund for a total of \$153.5 million in budgetable resources.

"I am very happy that the budget passed after the committee secured the support of the majority leadership. I didn't expect this," said

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Villagomez to stay on as CUC director

COMMONWEALTH Utility Corporation Executive Director Timothy P. Villagomez will stay on in his position at the utility agency, according to CUC Board Acting Director Gregorio C. "Kilili" Sablan.

Sablan said, that as Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja made clear at a Thursday news conference, "Tim (Villagomez) was obviously not aware of some of the political bargain-

ing over reorganization and doesn't deserve to suffer as a result of the outcome."

"Our major priority is to get the CUC's house in order," Sablan added, "and we feel that with the strong direction of the CUC Board, he's the man to get it started."

Sablan, who is Governor Tenorio's Special Assistant for Planning and Budgeting, also serves on the CUC Board as an

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Timothy P. Villagomez

Willie Tan sues ex-vice speaker

WILLIE TAN's L&T International Corporation has filed a lawsuit against Luis C. Benavente in a bid to recover more than \$150,000 which the former legislator allegedly owes the company.

The civil suit, filed with the Superior Court recently, accuses Benavente breach of a lease agreement arising from the alleged non-payment of monthly rent of two lots for more than a year which he subleased from L&T.

It also accuses the defendant of unlawful detainer of the real property which are the subject of this litigation.

On January 22, 1993, Benavente subleased from L&T Lot 010D 22 and Lot 010D 23 for an initial term of one year.

The subleased property included commercial spaces. These are the first, second and third floors of Benavente Enterprises containing combined area of more than 10,000 square feet, Nara restaurant containing an area of 1,302 square feet and Benavente barracks with an area of 3,717 square feet.

The defendant agreed to pay \$10,221 every month as rent for the two lots or "premises."

However, Benavente has failed and refused to pay rent as required under the sublease agreement despite numerous demands from the L&T officials, the complaint says. The defendant now owes the complainant \$153,315 representing unpaid rent under the sublease agreement, the lawsuit says.

This amount does not include the accumulated interest, accord-



Luis C. Benavente

ing to the complaint.

After failing to make monthly payments, L&T says it served Benavente a notice of default on August 4, 1993 through its attorney. Despite the notice, the de-

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NMI gets OTIA backing for \$18M funding in '95

By Rafael H. Arroyo

THE OFFICE of Territorial & Insular Affairs (OTIA) of the US Interior Department last week defended the \$18 million appropriation proposed for the CNMI

under President Clinton's fiscal year 1995 budget.

In a statement before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations, Interior Assistant Secretary for OTIA Leslie Turner said the funding being proposed for the Com-

monwealth, to be used for capital improvement projects, is "reasonable and appropriate."

She took note that the current appropriation level is in line with the local government's objective

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Lieutenant Governor Jesus C. Borja, Fr. Bradley and OTIA Field Representative Jeff Schorr put on hard hats prior to doing the ceremonial sand shovelling during Friday's groundbreaking for the American Memorial Park project.

New Japanese justice minister named

TOKYO (AP) - Japan named a new justice minister Sunday, a day after Shigeto Nagano resigned over a furor he caused with remarks defending Japan's role in World War II.

The hurried appointment of Hiroshi Nakai was submitted to the Emperor Sunday morning, the usual formality for Cabinet members. Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata made the appointment late Saturday night.

Nakai is a lawmaker from the Democratic Socialist Party, a small left-leaning party, while Nagano is from the conservative Shinseitō party which dominates the new government that took office April 28.

Nakai, 51, is a full generation younger than his predecessor, whose dismissal of an infamous massacre by Japanese troops in China as a hoax outraged many Asian nations.

In remarks published in a newspaper Wednesday, Nagano also

claimed that Japan was not an aggressor in the war, during which it invaded much of Asia, but a liberator of colonies from Western imperialism.

Nagano retracted the remarks and resigned Saturday night, after only 10 days in office. The 71-year-old World War II veteran had formerly served as chief of staff of Japan's army.

Some historians in China and in the West estimate about 300,000 people were killed by invading Japanese soldiers in the infamous 1937 "Rape of Nanking," which is now called Nanjing. Some Japanese officials dispute that figure, but others, including at least one former Japanese officer, put the death toll at 150,000.

Nagano's comments echoed what the Japanese public and soldiers were taught during the war years. Many older conservatives and the political right-wing espouse similar views.

Nagano became the third minister to lose his job in the last eight years over controversial remarks about the war.

Masayuki Fujio was fired as education minister in 1986 for saying Korea was partly responsible for its annexation by Japan in 1910 and calling the "Rape of Nanking" an attempt to "break down enemy resistance."

Seisuke Okuno was forced to resign as head of the National Land Agency in 1988 for saying that Japan was not an aggressor in the war.

US improves treatment of Haitians

By NANCY BENAC

WASHINGTON (AP) - Under pressure to improve treatment of Haitian refugees trying to reach the United States, President Clinton decided Saturday to grant asylum hearings aboard U.S. ships or in other countries, an administration official said.

White House aides said Clinton remains committed to his policy of repatriating Haitians who are not political refugees as the best way to keep thousands from fleeing their impoverished homeland in unseaworthy boats.

But an administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Clinton no longer would force refugees back to Haiti without hearings. Instead, they will be

allowed asylum hearings aboard U.S. ships or in other countries. The official said details for third-country hearings had not been worked out.

The decision was worked out in a two-hour meeting among Clinton and his top foreign policy advisers on Saturday, and the president was set to announce it on Sunday.

The shift comes at a time when the Haitian military has stepped up its persecution of political opponents and amid increasing calls from members of Congress and others to protect political refugees from retribution in Haiti.

Under current policy, Haitians who fear political persecution are encouraged to apply for refugee status at processing centers the State Department has established in Haiti.

Exiled Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide on Saturday renewed his characterization of that policy as racist, saying that boat people suffer persecution when they are forcibly returned.

Aristide, interviewed on CNN's "Both Sides," said it was time for a shift "from statements to actions because our country looks like a house on fire."

"Our Haitians cannot flee political repression," he said. "The U.S. vessels are around our island. And when they escape, they send our refugees back to this house on fire after seeing 5,000 killed by the military."

Randall Robinson, head of the TransAfrica lobbying group, appeared on the same show and said he would continue his fast, now in its 26th day, until Clinton gives shelter to "those who are marked for death" and democracy can be restored.

He suggested offering refugees hearings at the U.S. installation at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba or elsewhere "and an opportunity to demonstrate they have a legitimate claim for asylum because they're fleeing repression."

Clinton, having acknowledged that his policy of diplomatic and

economic pressure has failed to return Aristide to power, has been examining alternatives to restore democracy and deal with the refugees. The president has said military intervention cannot be ruled out if sanctions fail to oust Haiti's military rulers.

Clinton met for two hours Saturday with top aides, including Defense Secretary William Perry, Secretary of State Warren Christopher, U.N. Ambassador Madeleine Albright, and Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. It was his second meeting on Haiti in as many days.

As a presidential candidate, Clinton criticized the Bush administration for forcing Haitians to return to their homeland without hearings, but later concluded it was the best way to avoid a mass exodus over the high seas that would endanger thousands.

Some 55,700 questionnaires from asylum-seekers have been filed since in-country processing began in February 1992, according to the State Department. Of 15,300 Haitians interviewed by U.S. immigration officials, 2,900 have been approved for refugee status and 2,200 have arrived in the United States.

More bodies found after cyclone

HASAN SAEED

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) - Rescue workers found 11 more bodies of cyclone victims Saturday, and a government official said the death toll could climb higher than the current 234.

The bodies were found in the sea off the city of Cox's Bazar, said Mohammad Yousuf Ali, a magistrate there. He said the death toll on Bangladesh's southern coast could climb still higher.

On Friday, the bodies of 23 Thai fishermen washed up ashore. Other bodies of fishermen and Burmese refugees were found Thursday.

Thai fishermen commonly fish in the Bay of Bengal off Bangladesh's coast in groups of 200 or more.

Cox's Bazar bore the brunt of the 130 mph (210 kph) winds.

Soldiers on Saturday fanned out across the storm-ravaged areas handing out food, medicine and drinking water, but relief still hasn't reached many survivors in remote areas.

At least 500,000 people lost their mud-and-thatch huts, rice crops and cattle. Damage was estimated at \$125 million.

But the storm was far less serious than the 1991 cyclone that hit the same area and killed 130,000 people.

Millions of the people living along the 250-mile (400-km) coast dotted by 50 islands survived by seeking protection before the storm hit, many in 900 new storm shelters build with foreign aid.

Mt. Carmel senior wins AG's Cup

By Rafael I. Santos

A MOUNT Carmel High School senior brought pride and honor to her school when she won the 11th annual Attorney General's Cup speech competition last Friday morning.

Mary Rose Jastillana outsmarted five other representatives from private and public high schools in the CNMI with her non-sense speech which she delivered with vigor and sincerity.

The 18-year-old student and the rest of the contestants focused their speeches on the topic, "Should government or institutions supported by government funding enact laws or codes prohibiting the use of racial, sexual, ethnic or cultural slurs and epithets against individuals or groups?"

Jastillana, who broke down in the middle of her speech when she mentioned how she herself experienced being discriminated against because of her nationality, went home with a wooden Attorney General's Cup trophy and cash prizes.

Everyone may have the right to think and utter discriminatory re-

marks, but the United States Constitution, does not guarantee the right to assault anybody as a result of the ill feeling against an individual or groups with different ethnic background, she said in her speech.

Jastillana cited many "cases" in her speech which amplified her point. According to her, appellate courts in the U.S. mainland have often reversed lower courts decisions on cases about freedom of speech and expression not primarily because of the content, but the manner or "conduct" by which the words were uttered.

Because of her "outstanding" delivery and "excellent" speech, Jastillana received the highest points in the competition. The rest of the speakers, who also exhibited their extraordinary skills in public speaking, were well-applauded by an "intelligent" audience which included Superior Court judges and CNMI lawyers.

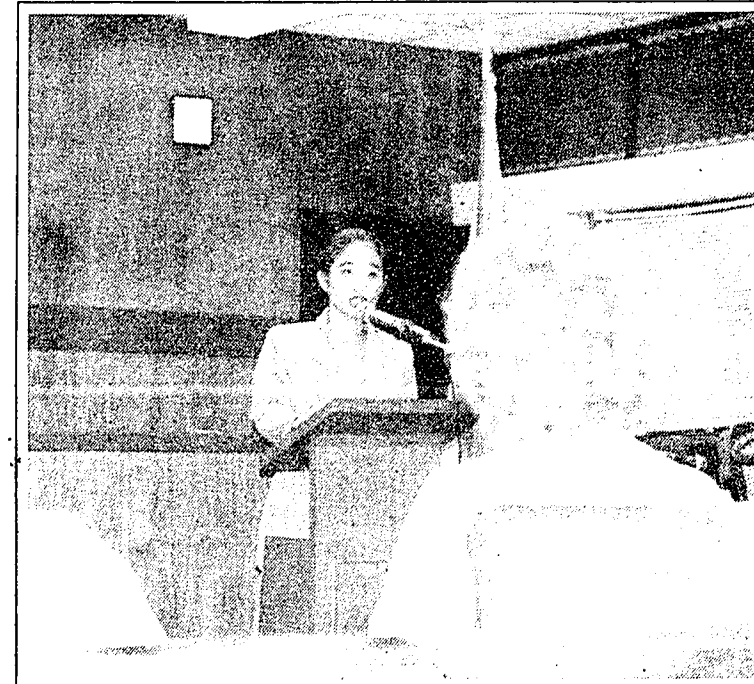
Lt. Governor Jesse Borja, a former Superior Court judge, Supreme Court Justice Jose Dela Cruz and Superior Court judges Alex Castro, Miguel Demapan and Edward Manibusan were among the guests during the annual competition held at Court room A of the Superior Court.

Those who rated the speakers were Acting Attorney General Richard Weil, Timothy Skinner, Vice President of the bar association; Deputy Attorney General Herb Soll, and Assistants Attorney General Cheryl Gill, Virginia Sablan, Russell Marsh, and Alan Gordon.

In his brief remarks, the Lt. Governor congratulated the six speakers for their "educational" speeches. Borja said said the contestants were all winners in that they were able to research and write about the topic and be able to deliver it themselves in front of lawyers and judges as well as CNMI high school students.

Marianas Baptist Academy's Carmen Demapan, who spoke naturally and with confidence, was the second place winner, followed by Sherrie San Nicolas of Marianas High School.

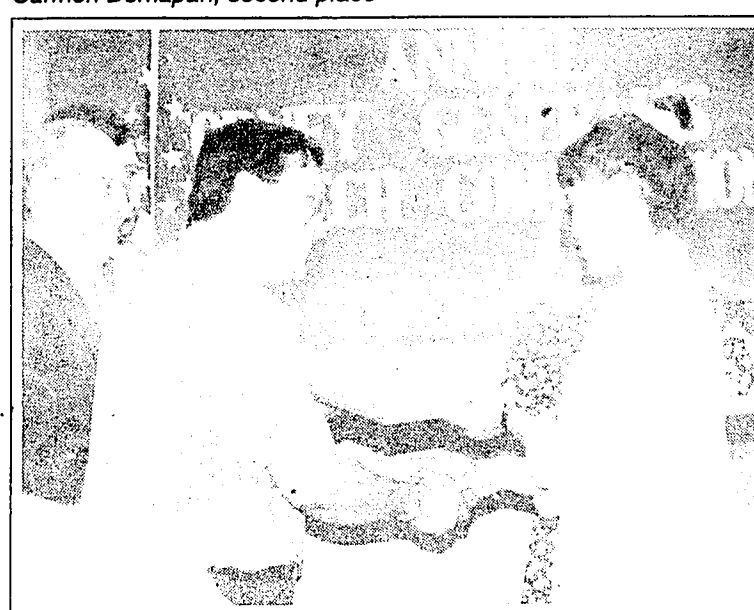
The other winners are: Laila Clark, a freshman at Tinian High School, fourth place; Robin Scott, a sophomore at Rota High School, fifth place; and Lulu Wang, a senior student at Grace Christian Academy.



Mary Rose Jastillana delivers her winning speech.



Carmen Demapan, second place



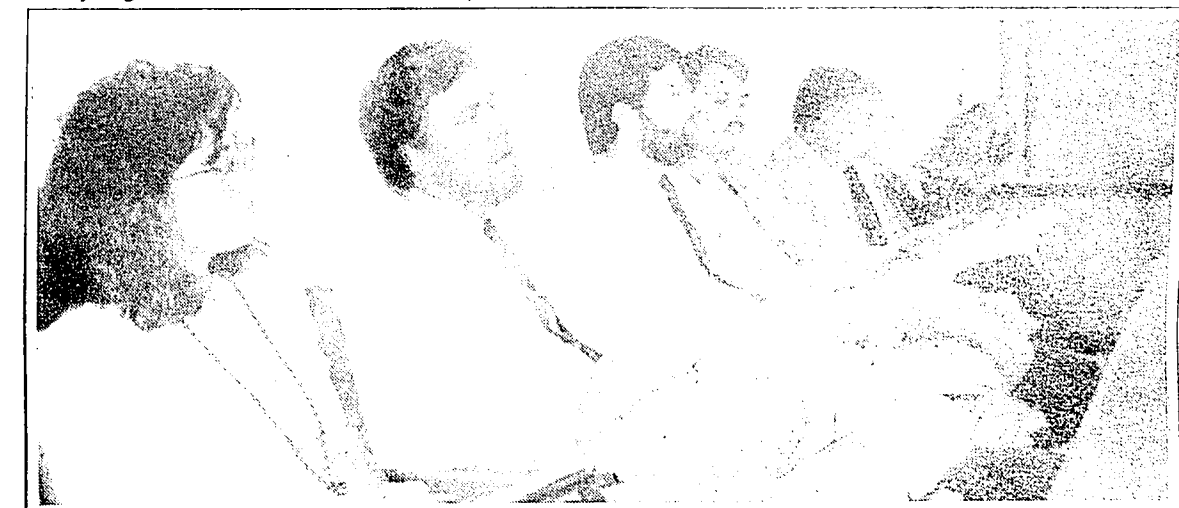
Sherrie San Nicolas, third place



Laila Clark, fourth place



Many High School students came to Superior Court to witness their representatives compete.



The board of judges: Assistans Attorneys General Virginia Sablan & Rusell Marsh, Timothy Skinner, vice president of the Bar Association, Assistant AG Alan Gordon, Deputy AG Herb Soll, acting Attorney General Richard Weil and Assistant AG Cheryl Gill.



Robin Scott, fifth place



Lulu Wang, sixth place

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Rape suspect words' to be used in court

By Rafael I. Santos

A SUPERIOR Court judge has ruled that self-incriminating statements made to two police officers by a rape suspect were not solicited, thus must be admitted as evidence.

Superior Court Judge Edward Manibusan issued a written decision last Thursday denying a defense motion to suppress the statements, saying Marcelo T. Romolor made the statements voluntarily.

Romolor, who was sentenced to 10 years in jail in 1989 after being convicted of rape, is currently being held at the Department of Public Safety for allegedly raping another woman late last year.

Two other charges of burglary and theft were also filed against him last December by the Attorney General's Office for allegedly breaking into a house in San Jose, stole money and jewelry and then raped a 36-year old woman.

Defense lawyer Eric Basse filed a motion to suppress evidence early this month, alleging that the statements were solicited by

agents Juan U. Maratita and Lourdes Tomei.

On December 15, 1993, the court ordered that blood samples be taken from Romolor. While en route to the Commonwealth Health Center, the defendant inquired why did he have to undergo blood test, the officers said in their testimony last week.

According to agent Tomei, she told Romolor that the test "was a must." The defendant then said it was unnecessary to have his blood taken since the police had all the evidence, Tomei said.

The government was later given a report indicating the statements of Romolor about the rape incident that took place in November.

Last Monday, both parties in the case argued before Judge Manibusan regarding the motion.

In a decision issued last Thursday, the judge held that the statements of Romolor were made voluntarily and were not a product of an interrogation. Therefore, the court said, they must be admitted as evidence.

"Any statement given freely and voluntarily without any compel-

ling influences is, of course, admissible in evidence, the judge quoting *Miranda v. Arizona*.

The court noted that the defen-

dant, at the time of making the statements, was entitled to remain silent and to be represented by a counsel.

Romolor has been in jail on a \$250,000 bail bond since his arrest last December. His trial is scheduled to begin next week.

Two Hopwood students arrested for dope

By Ferdie de la Torre

TWO more students were arrested after they were reportedly caught concealing possible marijuana at Hopwood Junior High School in Chalan Piao, the Department of Public Safety said Friday.

The students were the 18th and the 19th juveniles arrested for marijuana possession inside different school campus on Saipan in less than two months.

DPS information showed that the two male students were nabbed for carrying the controlled substance inside Hopwood compound.

Police received the report

Thursday at 7:34 a.m. No other details were given to the media.

Last March 15, four male juveniles were nabbed for bringing marijuana joints in separate incidents at Hopwood and Marianas High School.

Two weeks later, four more kids were busted for dope possession in separate incidents at MHS, Hopwood and Tanapag Elementary School.

Last month, nine more juveniles, including a nine-year-old boy, were apprehended for carrying the same dope at Hopwood, MHS, and San Vicente Elementary School.

Meanwhile, three persons suf-

fered minor injuries during a vehicular accident involving three cars Thursday night on the Beach Road in San Jose.

The incident was placed under further investigation.

In Chalan Kanoa, a woman was arrested after she was reportedly caught shoplifting two lipsticks at Payless Thursday afternoon.

Also in Chalan Kanoa, a female individual claimed that on the same day, unidentified person entered an apartment and took her passport and \$160 cash inside her room.

At Marianas Country Club in Garapan, another woman complained Thursday afternoon that someone took her camera and \$250 cash.

The DPS received only 32 complaints mostly burglary/theft, vehicular accidents, and disturbing peace Thursday and Friday.

Youth need options to drugs

By Ferdie de la Torre

COMMONWEALTH Health Center Addiction Specialist Joseph Kevin Villagomez has underscored the need of available "options" to the youths in curbing the drug problems in the Commonwealth.

Villagomez cited among other things the proposed Youth Center which he pointed out needs to come into fruition since it will go a long way in supporting the prevention efforts currently undertaken by the government.

Upon Governor Froilan Tenorio's request, the Legislature recently appropriated \$500,000 for design and construction of the new youth center.

The administration foresees the center as a form of an important part of the fight against drug abuse since it will provide wholesome and healthy activities for the



Joseph Kevin Villagomez youth.

"Options other than using alcohol and drugs need to be available to our youths if we are to be effective in curbing the drug problems in the community," the addiction specialist said.

Villagomez, also a known clinical psychologist, expressed his views concerning the drug problems in the CNMI during the Saipan Youth Council conference held at Hyatt's Gilligants Thursday.

The clinical psychologist said alcohol and illicit drug use can result in family violence and maltreatment of children. The loss of a family member due to substance

abuse has lifelong ramifications. He stressed that a great deal of the harm associated with substance abuse can be prevented with increased public awareness of the problem and concerted public action.

One step in this direction, Villagomez explained, is the spread of effective prevention programs throughout the Commonwealth with widespread support from community groups, business and private citizens.

"The problems brought about with the epidemic use of 'ice' and the increase problems brought about with the increase abuse of alcohol intake has made us look at the drug problems more closely," he said.

Villagomez maintained that crime rate is continually going up and domestic violence related to drug use has not decrease in number.

"We have young children, your friends and classmates, that are using ice, marijuana, and alcohol on a regular basis," he said. "Some of these students have since stopped attending school." The CHC psychologist empha-

sized that attention must be to finding solutions to the problems of drug abuse—both causes and effects.

"When all is said and done, there are still more of you not using alcohol and drugs than are using," he told the students. "We need to redouble our prevention efforts and make sure that we keep you from any of these dangerous drugs."

Villagomez added that it should

be recognized that any successful effort to reduce the demand for drugs must rely on the family and the community, both fundamental to the problem and solution.

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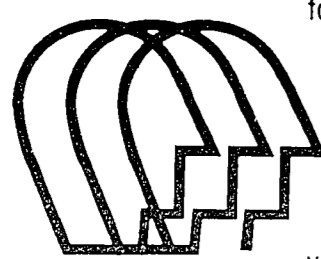
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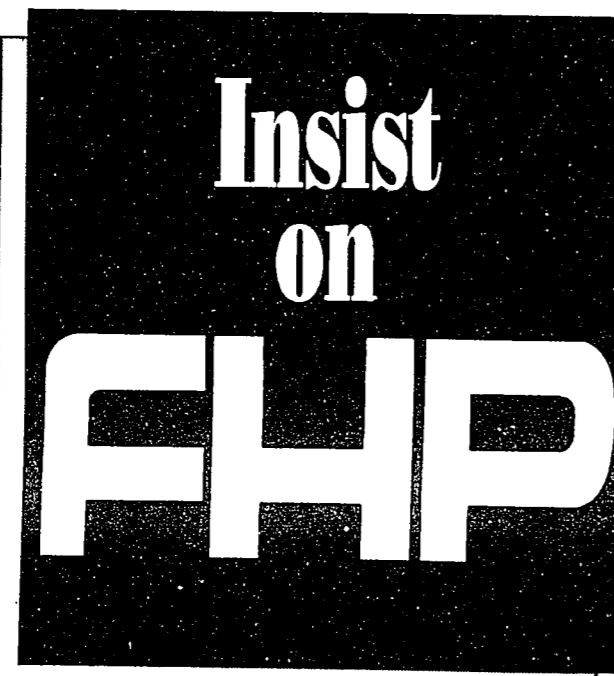
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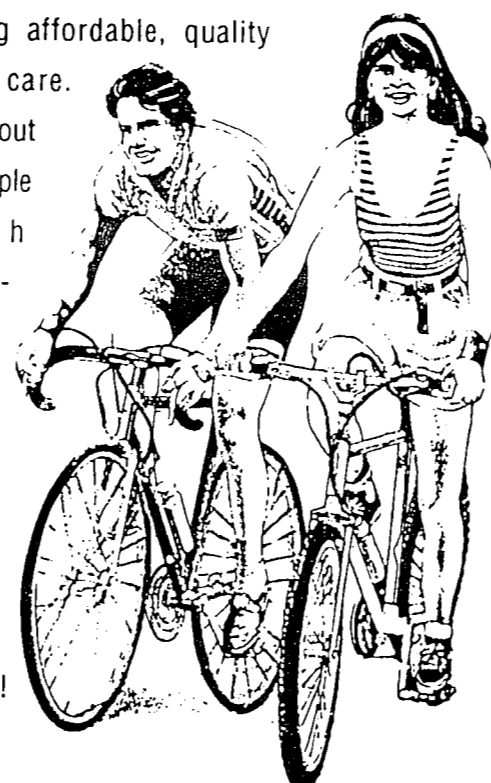
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Marine water quality report

THE DIVISION of Environmental Quality (DEQ) re-sampled Saipan's recreational beach areas that were found to contain excessive concentration of fecal coliform bacteria, which exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. The analyzed water samples indicated that the recreational beach areas no longer contained excessive concentration of fecal coliform bacteria.

High concentrations of Fecal Coliforms may be the result of stormwater runoff due to rain storms. Fecal Coliform bacteria are not usually disease causing. The bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. Studies have shown that storm water runoff in tropical environments may also contain fecal coliform bacteria from the natural environment. Note: The Division of Environmental Quality analyzes samples of marine recreational and storm drainage water from 37 locations on the west side of Saipan island each week. DEQ welcomes all inquiries as to the quality of the beach water. The public is encouraged to contact DEQ at 234-6114 with any questions concerning this matter.

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NMC students arrive with 500 tourists on ship

By Ferdie de la Torre

TWO Northern Marianas College students, who were the special guests of the Wakai Nekko no Kai, were among the 500 tourists who arrived on Saipan yesterday morning after a six-day educational cruise from Tokyo, Japan.

The students—Soledad Kisa and Tina Tenorio represented the CNMI upon invitation for the second consecutive year by Mr. Hideo Kato, president of Wakai Nekko no Kai (Young Roots Generation).

Last May 3, Kisa and Tenorio departed Tokyo for the cruise on board the Fuji Maru, the ocean liner used by Wakai Nekko no Kai for the Ocean University program.

The students joined the programs scheduled throughout the cruise. The travel itinerary took them from Tokyo to Guam then to Saipan.

Both students tried to familiarize their Japanese counterparts about the CNMI and encouraged them to visit the Commonwealth.

Tenorio told Variety that the trip was very educational. She cited among other things that they

had communication classes and stars study while on board the ship.

"It was exciting, interesting, enjoyable and very educational trip," said the 1st year Liberal student of NMC.

In Japan, Tenorio said among the places they visited were the Tokyo Metropolitan Office and Sophia University in Tokyo.

In Tokyo, she said, they had an opportunity to meet the Japanese people of their own age as part of a cultural exchange between Japan and the CNMI.

The arrival of the group marks the 26th voyage of Wakai Nekko no Kai's Ocean University program.

Marianas Visitors Bureau Director Benett Seman said the MVB, the Mayor's Office, Indigenious Affairs Office, NMC, Mount Carmel and Marianas High School coordinated in preparing a luncheon for the visitors at the Micro Beach yesterday at noon.

Seman explained that the educational tour has encouraged cultural exchange program. The objective is to develop creativity, friendship and understanding.

Most of the participants were

college students and young professionals all over from Japan, she said.

At the beach, most of the visitors enjoyed swimming. Others participated in several fun games together with students from NMC, Mt. Carmel and MHS.

A group of Japanese female students likewise demonstrated their martial art skills.

Kato through an interpreter Yukiko Kajiura, an English teacher, who joined the cruise, said the theme of the tour is "Sozu Jiyu Yuai" (Creativity, Freedom and Friendship).

Kato said while on board the Fuki Maru, the participants had recreation activities such as dancing, singing, and sports like tug-of-war.

He said the annual tour is very educational that's why they invited CNMI students to join because he strongly believes that Saipan people have "potentials."

Last night, they held a "Saipan Friendship Party," a get-together celebration at Fuji Maru with invited government officials led by Governor Froilan Tenorio.

The group will depart back to Japan this afternoon.



Japanese tourists gather at Micro Beach and take their lunch after their six-day cruise from Tokyo, Japan. (photo by Ferdie P. de la Torre)



Japanese women demonstrate martial art self defense at Micro Beach. (photo by Roger Lobo)

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TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ
Acting Executive Director

PUBLIC NOTICE

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION BOARD MEETING

The Civil Service Commission will hold their board meeting on May 11, 1994, at 9:00 a.m., at the Mayor's Office in Rota. Additional information concerning this meeting is available at the Commission's office in Garapan, Saipan.

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Approval of Minutes
- Reading of Correspondences
- Old Business
- New Business
- Personnel Officer's Report
- Announcement
- Adjournment

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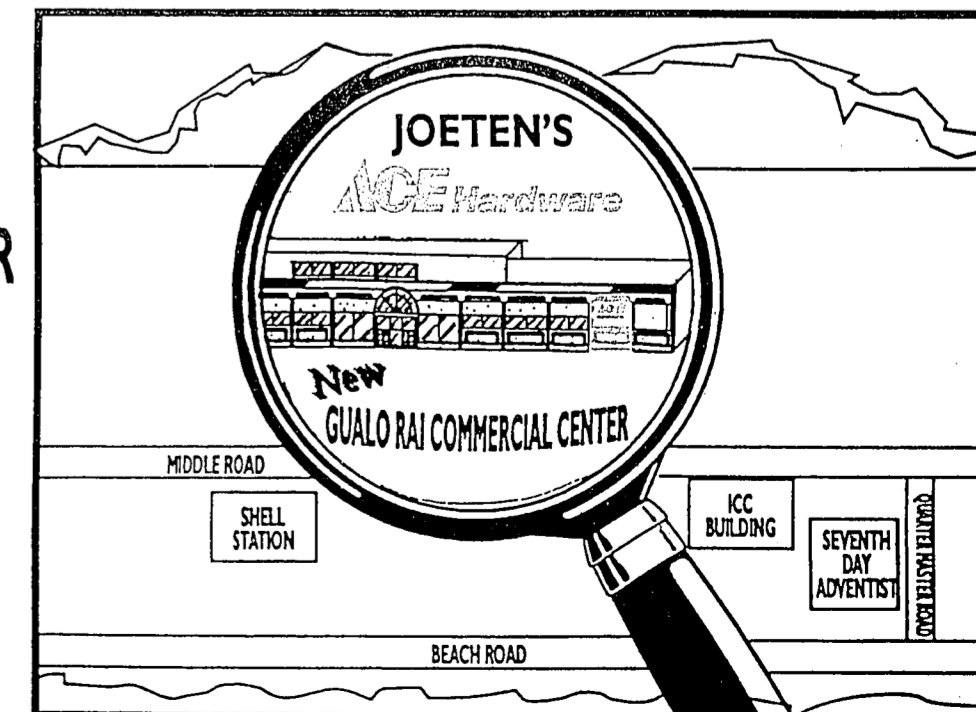
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Miss Universe opens, RP wins 1st award

By CLARO CORTES

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Charlene Gonzales of the Philippines Saturday won the best in costume award during a four-and-a-half hour song and dance extravaganza to mark the opening of

the Miss Universe Pageant. Miss Gonzales, 19, wearing a golden dress and headress inspired by a southern Philippine tribe, bested delegates from 76 other countries. The special prize also carried a string of other gifts including dia-

mond jewelry, \$2,000 in cash and a four-day holiday to any resort in the Philippines.

Mexico's Fabiola Perez Roviroso, 18, won second best in costume while 20-year-old Inna Zobova of Russia was third.

Another special prize for the foreign participant wearing the best Philippine costume was won by 22-year-old Miss Venezuela Minorka Mercado.

Silvia Lakatosova, 20, of the Slovak Republic was second and third was Miss Roviroso of Mexico. The show opened with the traditional march of nations, where the beauty delegates went on stage

wearing their traditional costumes.

The contestants were serenaded throughout the night by leading Filipino singers and matinee stars as video clips of their activities were flashed on a huge video screen near the stage.

The new Miss Universe will be crowned on May 21.

Earlier, hundreds of women rallied outside the suburban Araneta Coliseum, where the opening ceremonies took place. They were protesting the government's sponsorship of the pageant and claimed the money would have been spent better if it was used to help the poor.

"This is a big slap on our honor," said Liza Maza, chairwoman of the Gabriela, a feminist group named after a local heroine who led a revolt against Spain in a northern province after her husband was slain. "This is a fiesta intended to fool our people."

"We are not against the contestants," Cherry Padilla, another Gabriela leader. "We are against the government's exploitation of these women and their misuse of funds which could have been used to build schools and shelters."

Police ordered the rallyists to leave the area before the delegates arrived.

Singapore rejects accusations on canning

By KENNETH L. WHITING

SINGAPORE (AP) - Singapore has challenged "wild allegations" attributed to Michael Fay's father and American lawyer that the youth had been bloodied and unable to walk after his lashing.

In a statement Saturday, the Prisons Department said the youth, actually told a U.S. Embassy official that lashing "was not as bad and horrifying as described in the press."

Fay, 18, was given four strokes of a rattan cane Thursday. His original sentence of six was reduced after appeals from President Clinton.

At issue in the latest chapter of the controversy is a report quoting George Fay, the youth's father in Kettering, Ohio, and lawyer Theodore Simon of Philadelphia, as saying that he was in continual pain from ripped and broken flesh and his buttocks covered with bloody slashes 24 hours after the flogging.

They said they based their comments on what U.S. Vice-Consul John Coe told them by phone.

After visiting Queenstown Prison for an hour on Friday, Coe

briefed Fay's mother, Mrs. Randy Chan, and his stepfather, at the U.S. Embassy. Mrs. Chan told reporters that she was "extremely disturbed, extremely upset" after hearing Coe's report.

Coe declined to talk to reporters in Singapore.

In another development, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs summoned Coe and U.S. Charge d'Affaires Ralph Boyce to discuss remarks attributed to Coe.

"We thought that when we allowed the U.S. consul to visit Michael Fay, a true picture would come out. We were shocked by the tremendous amount of falsification," said Kishore Mahubani, permanent secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

He said the U.S. Embassy now had a "moral obligation to categorically state that John Coe was wrongly quoted in the Reuters report."

The U.S. Embassy declined to comment on the Prisons Department statement or confirm or deny whether comments attributed to Coe were accurate.

The Prisons Department statement quoted the teen-ager as asking Coe to tell George Fay to "shut

up." It made these other points: -Fay was in his own cell throughout, not in the prison hospital.

-There were a few drops of blood on his buttocks, but blood did not run down his legs during the lashing.

-Fay did not stand through Coe's visit, but sat down soon after the interview started and remained seated throughout.

-Fay was not receiving increased doses of Valium, but expressed some unhappiness that the dosage had been reduced.

Fay pleaded guilty last month to two charges of vandalism, two of mischief and one of possessing stolen property. Plea bargaining reduced the original 53 counts filed against him last year for spraying paint and tossing eggs on cars and other illegal acts.

Three lashes of a rattan cane are mandatory upon conviction for each vandalism charge and Fay originally faced six, plus four months behind bars and a 3,500 Singapore dollar (\$2,244) fine.

The fine has been paid and, with time off for good behavior, he could be released about June 21.

PLO rejects Arafat's bid to pick council

By SALAH NASRAWI

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) - PLO leaders rejected chairman Yasser Arafat's bid for sole power to pick the Palestinian authority to run the Gaza Strip and Jericho under an autonomy agreement with Israel, sources said Saturday.

The move by the PLO executive committee was the latest show of frustration with Arafat's autocratic ways, but didn't appear serious enough to provoke a leadership crisis. However, it threatened to delay his return to the occupied territories.

The Palestine Liberation Organization signed the autonomy agreement with Israel in Cairo on

Wednesday. Israel promised to withdraw its army from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank city of Jericho within three weeks.

Arafat appealed to the decision-making PLO executive committee Friday for authority to form the council, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity. But committee members refused to surrender their powers granted by the Palestine Central Council, part of the PLO parliament in exile, to name the authority.

Meanwhile, Jibril al-Rajoub, an Arafat security aide, told The Associated Press on Saturday that he had been named chief security official for Jericho.

Mohammad Dahlan, a Gaza native and a trusted aide, was

named chief security official in the Gaza Strip.

Rajoub, a West Bank native expelled by Israel in 1988 for terrorism, said he would travel to Jericho on Friday to assume his responsibilities ahead of an official transfer of power to the Palestinians.

He will handle the cases of thousands of Palestinians accused of collaborating with the Israelis during their 27-year occupation. Rajoub said the PLO agreed not to prosecute the alleged collaborators, but has refused to declare an amnesty.

Arafat was given a week to form the administrative council, known as the Palestine Interim Self-Government Authority.

CUC: Rodent caused May 5 brownout

THE EXPLOSION that triggered the island-wide power outage Thursday evening may have been caused by a rodent that got into the main circuit breaker at the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. Power Plant II.

This was the theory given by CUC Executive Director Timothy P. Villagomez who ruled out human fault as the cause of the massive May 5 brownout.

"After our preliminary investigation of the circuit breaker explosion, we feel it is unlikely that the fault was caused either by accidental or intentional human actions," Villagomez said in a May 6 memorandum to Governor Froilan C. Tenorio.

"The breaker shows no signs of tampering. There are no foreign materials present within the circuit breaker cabinet. It is possible that a rodent got into the breaker and acted as a bridge between the live circuit and the metal case or ground which resulted in a large electrical explosion and one dead rodent," the CUC executive director noted.

He added that based on the limited space between the energized breaker and the metal panels and the extent of the damage, a person would have risked his life had he even attempted to be in the area.

According to a preliminary investigation on the incident, at exactly 9:26 p.m. Thursday, two electrical faults occurred simultaneously causing the island-wide outage: an explosion in the main

circuit breaker (4160V) at Power Plant II; and the Recloser on Feeder 7 faulted, the latter caused by the former.

When the fault occurred at the Power Plant II circuit breaker, it carried through the main "bus bar" or metal rigid conductors that connect power plants one and two. Thus, the fault affected Power Plant I via the "bus bar."

Additionally, the same fault continued out through Power Distribution Feeder 7 Recloser which destroyed the recloser.

"The fact that it was dark and because the recloser is located high on the power pole, ground crews did not immediately isolate the problem. Damages to the computer inside the recloser control ground level occurred. Therefore immediate analysis of the damage is not available," Villagomez explained.

According to Villagomez, it is possible but no probable that the events happened in the opposite order as he described whereby the recloser caused the fault at the power plant.

He said this was not a likely scenario because that type of recloser equipment does not normally fail within two years and because CUC practices strict preventive maintenance on its reclosers.

CUC estimates the damages to be between \$35,000 and \$50,000 for the power plant. The recloser replacement reportedly costs \$18,500.

Law enforcers kick off week-long program

ALL law enforcement agencies in the CNMI showed its unity as the "Law Enforcement Week" celebration kicked off yesterday.

The activities started with a special mass for all law enforcement agencies at Mt. Carmel Cathedral in Chalan Kanoa.

Tony Cabrera, vice-chairman for law enforcement week program, said beginning today at 8 a.m. there will be a law enforcement public education at the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, Tanapag Elementary and Grace Christian Academy.

In the afternoon, there will be law enforcement memorial ceremony at the Department of Public Safety Memorial site.

Volleyball tournament between Customs/DNR and DPS/Labor will follow in the evening, Cabrera said.

Governor Froilan Tenorio signed recently a proclamation declaring May 8-14 as "Law Enforcement Week" to commemorate and honor the many local law enforcement agencies.

The week is also dedicated to the CNMI community to enable them to understand the various services available from local law enforcement entities.

In signing the proclamation, Tenorio said the law enforcement agencies in the Common-

wealth demonstrate a positive growth and improvement which benefits the community.

The governor said the agencies must be supported and contributed to by all residents of the community in order to be effective.

"Law enforcement agencies play an important role in our community and encourage all citizens and residents to reach out and work with the law enforcement entities that serve them," Tenorio said.

Tomorrow, the celebration will continue with more public education presentation at the Garapan Elementary School and Oleai Elementary School and a Customs K-9 dog demonstration.

Volleyball tournament between Attorney Generals Office/INO, and winners of games 1 and 2 will be held in the evening.

On Wednesday until Friday more public education and K-9 dog demonstrations and sports activities will be conducted at different schools and agencies.

The week will end on Saturday with softball/volleyball and tug-of-war championship competitions.

In the afternoon until in the evening, there will be food serving, live band, dancing, trophy awards presentation and cleanup. (FDT)



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The nomination letter should include a short biographical sketch of the person being nominated, and a short explanation as to why this person should be considered for Council membership.

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) has the following job openings:

1 Management Intern for West Tinian Airport

1 Custodial Worker for Saipan International Airport

Application forms are available at the CPA Main Office on Saipan at the Second Floor of the Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport. Interested applicants are requested to submit their applications on or before closed of business on May 20, 1994 together with police clearance dating back five years. For more information, please call CPA at 234-8315/67

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

CIVIL ACTION NO. 89-761

In the Matter of the Estate of
JOSE B. CABRERA,
Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mariana Islands Housing Authority has filed a Petition for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Jose B. Cabrera, Deceased; and that the said Petition will be heard by the Court on Tuesday, June 21, 1994, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. of the said day.

Notice is also given to all heirs of and persons having claims against the Estate of Jose B. Cabrera, Deceased, and to all persons claiming the interest in said estate that they shall file such claims with the Clerk of this Court within sixty (60) days from the first publication of this Notice. Copies of such claim should be provided to Michael, Esq., White, Pierce, Mailman & Nutting, P.O. Box 5222, Saipan MP 96950, Attorney for Petitioner. All claims not so filed shall be forever barred.

DATED, this 5 day of May, 1994:

/s/ Dep. Bernadita A. Sablan
Clerk of Court

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

CIVIL ACTION NO. 94-459

In Re-Estate of
OSWALD CAMACHO SABLAN,
Deceased.

**NOTICE OF HEARING AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE is hereby given that Jesus T. Sablan of Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, has filed a petition in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Commonwealth Superior Court to be appointed as administrator of the state of Oswald Camacho Sablan, deceased. The attorney of record is JUAN T. LIZAMA, P.O. Box 1508, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The hearing on the petition is set for 07th day of June, 1994, at 1:30 p.m., at the Commonwealth Superior Court. All interested persons should appear at this hearing.

All persons having claim against the estate or against the deceased should file their claim with the Clerk of Court of the Commonwealth Superior Court within sixty (60) days after the first publication of this notice.

Dated this 5th day of May, 1994.

/s/ CHARLENE TEGEREYO
Dep. Clerk of Court
Commonwealth Superior Court

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

CIVIL ACTION NO. 92-986

and consolidated cases
(C.A. No. 93-459, and S.C. Nos.
93-007, 93-009, and 93-778)

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, Inc.
Plaintiff

v.
ANTONIO O. QUITUGUA,
Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is HEREBY GIVEN THAT, pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued by the Court in this matter on April 25, 1994, I have levied and executed upon, and will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for current lawful money of the United States, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendant in and to the following property: Lot 016 R 01, situated in Songsong Village, Rota, Northern Mariana Islands.

The sale will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 1994, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Police Station in Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The property may be inspected at any time prior to the sale, by prior arrangement with the undersigned.

The sale will be held without any warranties whatsoever, whether express or implied, all of which are hereby expressly disclaimed. The sale is subject to approval by the Court. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, for any reason.

DATED, This 4th day of May, 1994

/s/ S.W.O. ISIDORO R. SABLAN
Department of Public Safety

Trade privilege for China being pushed in Senate

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States should renew China's "most-favored nation" trading status in exchange for its help in defusing North Korea's nuclear weapons buildup, Senate Minority leader Bob Dole said Saturday.

"I'd put it on the table," Dole said on CNN's "Evans and Novak." "I'd say, 'This is a done deal. I'm the president. We're going to support most-favored nation for a lot of reasons, including what help you can give us with North Korea.'" President Clinton must decide

by June 3 whether to renew China's preferred trading status.

Defense Secretary William Perry last week said the North Korean situation was becoming "very dangerous" as the communist nation continued to refuse to allow international inspections of its nuclear arsenal.

And the North Korean government has said it would treat any international sanctions against it as tantamount to a declaration of war.

Dole ruled out bombing a 200-megawatt nuclear plant the North Koreans are reportedly building, saying he prefers to remain on the diplomatic course.

"I think I would ... try to get our allies - South Korea, Japan, China - involved and put pressure on North Korea that way," Dole said. "I think enough pressure could be brought to bear even if it goes as far as sanctions."

Meanwhile, on Bosnia, the Kansas Republican said U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali and Yasushi Akashi, the chief U.N. official in the former Yugoslavia, "ought to be removed" to allow NATO to defend the country against the Serbian onslaught.

Dole, the sponsor of a proposal for a unilateral lifting of the arms embargo against Bosnia, said Akashi and Boutros-Ghali were

biased against the Bosnians and had allowed Serbian forces to commit illegal acts.

"I think Akashi and Boutros Boutros-Ghali ought to step aside," Dole said, noting that two had canceled planned air strikes against the Serbs and had allowed Serbian tanks to roam through protected areas of Sarajevo five times last week. "In my view, they've chosen up sides and they ought to be removed."

Asked whether he had recommended that to President Clinton, Dole said that he has made his feelings about Akashi publicly known. "And I don't think NATO ought to have to go to Boutros Boutros-Ghali to get permission to carry out military mission."

Food in Bosnia still expensive

By MAUD S. BEELMAN

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - A mother and her little son stood before a counter brimming with lemons, laundry detergent and jars of jam and pickles, surveying what they could not afford - which was everything.

After two years of siege-induced deprivation, Sarajevo is bountiful again with eggs, fresh fruit, vegetables and meat, all at a fraction of the prices that prevailed just a few months ago.

A local truce, an access road bypassing Serb checkpoints and a halt to Muslim-Croat fighting in central Bosnia have allowed wartime merchants to truck in goods from the outside world.

But it is a mixed blessing for many Sarajevoans made too poor by war to afford even the reduced prices.

"Now we have two classes of people," said the woman, Alma,

as she left the flashy new Alemko supermarket with her 4-year-old son. "Those who have money and access to these goods, and those who don't have money and are even more frustrated because there are goods out there and they can't buy any."

The new Ministry of Foreign Trade has licensed about 80 shipments in the past six weeks, which has helped fill the Alemko market that opened two weeks ago on the city's main drag, known as "Sniper Alley."

But 37-year-old Alma, a former airline employee who said she was too embarrassed to give her full name, walked out empty-handed.

She had tried to sell a handmade skirt for German marks, Sarajevo's wartime currency, but got only a promise from the cashier to come by her house later to peruse her full collection.

At the packed outdoor market, where a February mortar attack

killed 68 people and triggered threats of NATO air strikes, two tables near the bomb crater are set aside for flowers in memoriam.

Every other stand is chock-a-block with fresh lemons, oranges, bananas, eggs, potatoes, onions and lettuce.

Eggs that used to sell for \$3.60 each now go for 60 cents. Sugar, which was about \$20 a pound, can be had for about \$2. Meat and chicken, formerly about \$25 a pound, now sell for about \$10 for a pound of beef and \$8 for chicken.

Coffee used to sell for about 100 drs 35 a pound. Now the price ranges from about 80 drs to 160 depending on whether the beans are roasted.

Until the United Nations opened a circuitous route in March to government-held Hrasnica outside the siege zone, meat had to be carried in through a cramped underground tunnel. That kept supply low and prices high.

Ramiz Poljak, a meat-market worker, said one or two supply runs a week are made from Hrasnica, and sales have increased 50 percent. "With lower prices, everybody wants to treat themselves to at least one decent meal," he said.

Ivan Slavicek is typical of the new businessmen who've come to the fore.

Last week, eight trucks chartered by Slavicek and three partners trundled over the winding dirt road into Sarajevo, carrying 100 tons of food from Croatia, Slovenia,

the Czech Republic and Germany.

Estimated profit on his share: about \$24,000. "Next week I'm going out again, but alone," he said.

Most of those with import licenses and the required government permission to leave Sarajevo are people who got rich in wartime black-marketeering.

One importer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the necessary government papers come only with an agreement to fork over a 30 percent to 50 percent cut of profits.

"Usually, the companies able to do the work are held by the political top," he said. "The biggest part is going in somebody's pockets, but it's also used for the war effort."

Foreign Trade Minister Dragoljub Stojanovic, acknowledged a past problem with "mafias," but denied that the government sanctioned such practices and said they were eliminated in a recent crackdown.

He said feared the improved market conditions might prompt the United Nations to reduce the amount of food aid it brings into Sarajevo, which would hurt people who cannot afford even the reduced prices.

Another benefit of the cease-fire, however, has been that three times as much land in Sarajevo is being planted now, as compared to last spring, because people aren't as worried about working in exposed gardens.

Lake clean up shows progress

NEW YORK (AP) - More than 20 years of fighting pollution in the Great Lakes has reduced the levels of some toxic compounds in people, animals and the environment, according to reports at a scientific conference.

But American and Canadian researchers participating in the three-day conference in Detroit disagree whether the lower levels mean people and wildlife are safer. The New York Times reported Saturday.

Three 'centrists' eyed court

By RICHARD CARELLI

WASHINGTON (AP) - Three of the four top prospects to be President Clinton's new Supreme Court nominee are federal judges who hold reputations as middle-of-the-roads of considerable intellect.

Richard Arnold and Amalya Kearse are appellate judges, in Little Rock, Ark., and New York City, respectively; Jose Cabranes is a trial judge in New Haven, Conn.

"These are New Democrat judicial nominees in a very real sense," said Richard Davis, a political science professor at Brigham Young University who has studied the Supreme Court. "These centrists are sort of fuzzy as far as what they stand for and where they will take the court."

The fourth prospect on the president's short list, which senior officials warn is subject to change, is Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

Babbitt, a former governor and attorney general of Arizona, once said he wasn't interested in a lifetime Supreme Court post. It appears he might be more willing now.

In his bid for the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination, Babbitt portrayed himself as a New Democrat, a label Clinton used as well in 1992.

"The only potential nominee who seemed to have ties to the more liberal wing of the Democratic Party was (Solicitor General) Drew Days, and he seems to have been dropped off the list," Davis said.

All three judges under consider-

ation were appointed by the last Democratic president, Jimmy Carter.

Arnold, 58, is an old Clinton friend. Appointed to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 1980, he now serves as its chief judge.

Lawyers who practice before the 8th Circuit court have given Arnold high grades for his preparation and courtesy. Arnold once was active in civil liberties groups, but as a judge his political and judicial leanings are considered moderate to liberal.

One notable Arnold opinion said Minnesota could not force the U.S. Jaycees to admit women under the state's public accommodations law. The Supreme Court reversed.

Kearse, 56, has been a member of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of

Appeals since 1979, and has become a judicial star as luminous as Arnold. Considered somewhat liberal on social issues and far more conservative in business cases, she also is given high grades by the lawyers who practice before her.

A graduate of Wellesley College and the University of Michigan Law School, Kearse became the first black woman to make partner at the prestigious national law firm of Hughes Hubbard and Reed. She is the second black judge to serve on the 2nd Circuit court, following by many years the late Thurgood Marshall.

Kearse wrote for the appeals court in 1986 when it ruled that a federal law that allows racketeering defendants to be held without bail is unconstitutional. The Supreme Court reversed.

A world class bridge player, Kearse is said to be very quiet and reserved.

Cabranes, 53, runs a no-nonsense courtroom. He is known as a judge with little tolerance for lawyers' theatrics.

Before he was appointed a judge in 1979, Cabranes worked as a lawyer in private practice and as general counsel of Yale University.

A graduate of Columbia College and Yale Law School, he is a recognized expert on court administration.

Cabranes was appointed by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist as one of five judges on a 15-member committee created by Congress to "examine problems facing the federal courts and develop a long-range plan for the future of the federal judiciary."

He also is a leading critic of federal sentencing guidelines, having once called them "a dismal failure."

Born in Puerto Rico, he moved to New York with his family when he was 5.

Murder convict gets 10 years

HONOLULU (AP) - Convicted killer Abraham Fu received an additional 10 years in jail after a Circuit Court judge changed her sentencing in the case.

Fu was convicted last year of murdering his girlfriend, Sherry Morioka, in 1992, and was sentenced by Judge Gail Nakatani to a single, 20-year maximum prison term for manslaughter and a firearms violation.

The Hawaii Paroling Authority thought the judge gave Fu two 20-year terms, and consequently set his minimum prison stay at 15

years.

Fu's attorney went to court Friday to try to convince the board that his client had received only one 20-year term and not two.

But Nakatani, saying her original sentence had been set based upon erroneous information provided by the prosecutor's office, instead sentenced Fu to 10 years for manslaughter and 20 years for the firearms charge.

The parole board again will have to set a minimum sentence for Fu, and his attorney says he'll appeal the judge's latest decision.

Witness jailed for 'dirty' shirt

FONDA, N.Y. (AP) - A clean T-shirt with a dirty message has earned a trial witness 30 days in jail.

Patrick Doyle was tossed into jail for contempt of court Friday because he showed up to testify wearing a shirt emblazoned with a profanity. The shirt read: "If (expletive) could fly, this place would be an airport."

Doyle, 23, said the shirt was the only clean one he had. Montgomery County Judge Howard Aison took one look at the shirt and ordered the jury removed from the courtroom and Doyle put in jail. Doyle was supposed to testify as a defense witness in a murder trial.

Aison said the shirt "destroyed or undermined the dignity and authority of the court."

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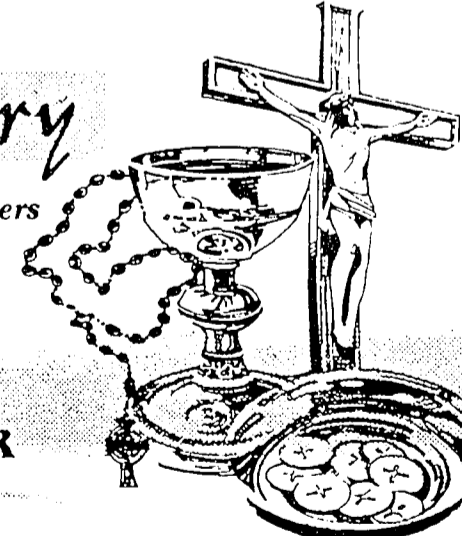
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Joint Anniversary Rosary
In Memory of our Beloved Husband, Father, Grandfather and Grandmothers

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**ENRIQUE MULEMAR ITIBUS
JOSE (KUBASHI) OLAITIMAN ROMOLOR
CONCEPCION (LITULSAR) ITIBUS ROMOLOR
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Would like to invite all of our relatives and friends to join us as we remember our beloved husband, father, grandfather and grandmothers in our prayers on their **JOINT ANNIVERSARY ROSARY**. The Holy Rosary will be said nightly at the residence of Mrs. Concepcion Lairopi Itibus (C.K. Dist. #4, behind Farmers Market) beginning on Tuesday, May 10th, 1994 at 8:00 p.m., ending on Wednesday, May 18th 1994. On this final day, Wednesday, May 18th, Rosary will be at 12 Noon, Mass will be held at the Chalan Kanoa Cathedral at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will follow at the residence in District #4.

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30, 1994.
It takes into account some \$151.5 million in internal revenues plus \$2 million derived out of the Non-resident Workers Fee Fund for a total of \$153.5 million in budgetable resources.
"I am very happy that the budget passed after the committee secured the support of the majority leadership. I didn't expect this," said Reyes, the main architect of the House version of the budget.

The 1994 budget was submitted by Governor Froilan C. Tenorio February 25 in a revised version that slightly differed from the one submitted by his predecessor, Larry I. Guerrero.

Guerrero submitted a budget of \$151 million for FY 1994 after there wasn't any appropriations measure passed in FY 1993. When Tenorio took over, he resubmitted a \$153 million budget, basically the same figure that the House passed Friday.

"We did not differ that much

from the Governor's budget proposal. We just did some reshuffling of funds. But nevertheless, we did not touch funds for education and public health," said Reyes.

Under House Bill 9-199, the Department of Public Health & Environmental Services, commonly a big budget expense item, was given \$28.9 million. The Public School System, on the other hand, got a bigger slice of the pie at \$29.3 million.

The Northern Marianas College got \$7.1 million, including a \$2.2 million for student financial aid.

The Department of Public Safety got \$8.92 million while the Department of Finance got \$7.5 million.

In an interview Friday Reyes said he incorporated restrictive administrative provisions in the budget bill to prevent any possible abuse of public funds.

Reyes, who has been working on the measure for only about

three months, said he feels confident this year's budget will not be delayed by the inter-chamber conflicts that have marred and threatened previous budgets.

"This version has the Senate's blessing. We have agreed with our counterparts in the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee on most parts of it," the Ways & Means chairman said.

This was because members of the fiscal committees of both houses held joint committee meetings on the budget proposal in an apparent attempt to expedite legislative deliberation on the appropriations act.

An expedited effort on the FY 1994 budget is needed as the Legislature would have to act on te FY 1995 budget next.

The Governor has since March submitted a \$170 million budget for FY 1995, including a deficit reduction plan that would attempt to cure a projected \$42 million deficit.

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of financial self-sufficiency as exemplified by Governor Froilan C. Tenorio.

"The CNMI has a new governor who emphasizes the Commonwealth's role as part of the American political family and wants to reduce dependence on federal financial support," said Turner in a testimony presented in her behalf last May 5 by Deputy OTIA Assistant Secretary Allen Stayman.

She added that the president's FY 1995 budget is consistent with Governor Tenorio's objective and provides the CNMI with much-needed CIP funding.

Under the president's proposal, the CNMI is to get \$18 million in financial assistance funds for infrastructure. It also stipulates an end to Covenant financial assistance starting FY 1997 through a final appropriation of \$9 million in 1996.

The CNMI, has been receiving an annual appropriation of \$27.72 million from the US, as part of the financial assistance provision of Section 702 of the Covenant.

Under Section 702, the US commits to financially support the

CNMI government as it endeavors to provide its people a standard of living high enough to meet the requirements of economic self-sufficiency.

Although that particular section tells of a multi-year financial assistance package negotiated by representatives of both the federal and Commonwealth governments, an annual grant was triggered by the non-approval by US Congress of a new seven-year 702 package. Congress did not pass the authorizing legislation necessary to implement what could have been the third seven-year package (worth \$120 million) due to fundamental differences between the House and Senate authorization committees over the federal government's response to labor, immigration and tax policies of the local government.

Given that, U.S. Public Law 99-396 takes effect, giving the CNMI, unless US Congress provides otherwise, an annual appropriation of \$27.72 million representing the last approved fiscal year funding level under the last seven-year package that ended 1992.

Such an amount was authorized

and approved for the CNMI in fiscal years 1993 and 1994, although the 1993 figure included a \$3 million funding for the American Memorial Park improvement project on Saipan.

According to Turner, the FY 1995 proposed funding level of \$18 million is reasonable and appropriate compared to the \$27.72 million the previous two years.

"We are proposing to retain essential conditions from the negotiated agreement including a matching requirement and applicability of federal grant regulations to ensure wise and efficient use of taxpayer funds," said Turner.

"We hope our proposal receives congressional support. In the meantime, we are closely working closely with Governor Tenorio's new administration to approve plans and facilitate the beginning of construction using the \$55.4 million currently available from 1993 and 1994 federal appropriations along with a \$16 million matching funds from the Commonwealth," Turner told the Subcommittee chaired by Rep. Sidney Yates.

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defendant has failed and refused to vacate the two lots and despite the expiration of the agreement, the lawsuit alleges.

As a result, "the plaintiff has been unable to re-let or use the property and has...suffered loss of income and other damage, all of which shall be proven at trial," L&T says, adding that as legal owner of leasehold interest, it is entitled to immediate possession of the premises.

L&T's attorney Steven P. Pixley is asking the court to

issue an order directing the defendant to immediately vacate the "premises or issue a preliminary injunction directing the defendant to vacate.

At the same time, he wants the court to order the defendant to pay damages for the alleged unlawful detainer of the property, attorney fees and other costs, aside from the \$153,315 which L&T says represents unpaid rent.

Benavente could not be reached for comment.

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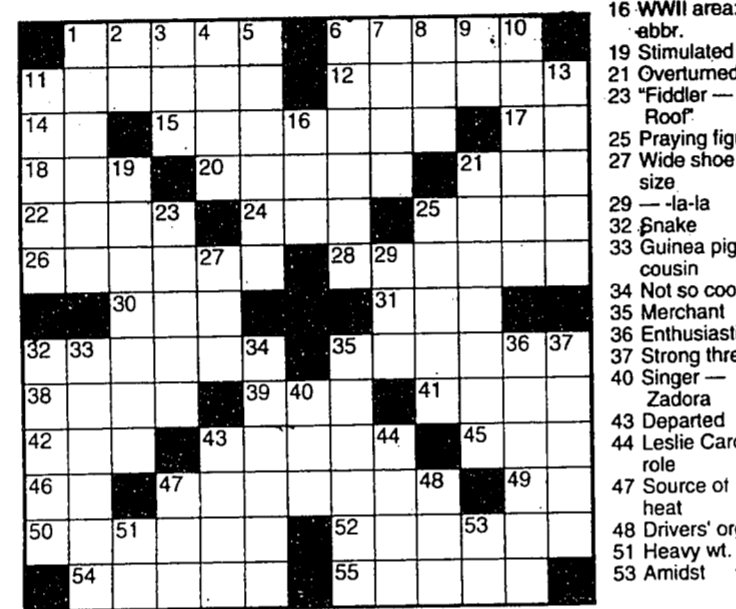
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Atlanta edges Montreal; 2-1

MARK Lemke hit a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth inning off Jeff Fassero, rallying Tom Glavine and the host Atlanta Braves over the Montreal Expos 2-1 Saturday night. The Expos gave Fassero a 1-0 lead in the ninth on Lenny Webster's two-out infield single with the bases loaded. Fassero (2-2) was one out away from his first career shutout when he issued his first walk, to David Justice. Lemke, 0-for-13 in his career against Fassero, hit the left-hander's 1-0 pitch over the left-field fence for his second homer and Atlanta's third straight win. Fassero tied a career high with 11 strikeouts and gave up eight hits. Glavine (3-3) extended Atlanta's shutout streak to 29 innings before Montreal scored in the ninth. He allowed only four hits in his first complete game since last July 1. Dodgers 3, Giants 2. In San Francisco, Jose Offerman, who earlier hit his first homer of the season, drove in the go-ahead run with a check-swing single in the 10th inning to lift the Dodgers. Delino DeShields opened the 10th with a single off reliever Mike Jackson (2-1) and went to second on pinch-hitter Jeff Treadway's sacrifice. Offerman checked his swing on a 3-1 pitch and blooped a single to left. Kevin Cross (1-1) gave up eight hits and two runs in nine innings. Mets 1, Cardinals 0. In St. Louis, Bobby Jones scattered eight hits for his first career shutout and complete game. Jones (4-2) struck out five and walked two for his fourth win in five starts. Jones ended the game by retiring pinch-hitter Brian Jordan on a grounder with runners on first and second. Jordan is 0-for-20 with runners in scoring position this year.

Douglass-Coody lead golf tourney

By MICHAEL HOLMES
 under 127. Two other pairings, Harold Henning-Graham Marsh and Simon Hobday-George Archer, were at 129. Coody and Douglass said playing in the same foursome with Rodriguez and Dent helped push both teams. "It was fun. We played with Chi Chi and Jim, and we all played off each other's success," Coody said. "We were seeing some good shots." Paced by an opening 59, Douglass and Coody combined for a record 39-under-par 249 in 1990. But that was for 72 holes, and this year's event is 54. So both said they can't let up if they want to claim a second title. "We know we have to shoot real low Sunday to win. We are in good position now, but we have not won it," Douglass said. Rodriguez and Dent, co-leaders after the first round, shot their second straight 63 over the hilly 6,777-yard (6,099-meter), par-72 Barton Creek Country Club course. The pair said they may need a 58 on Sunday to overtake the leaders. "You've got to shoot about that," Rodriguez said. "But to-

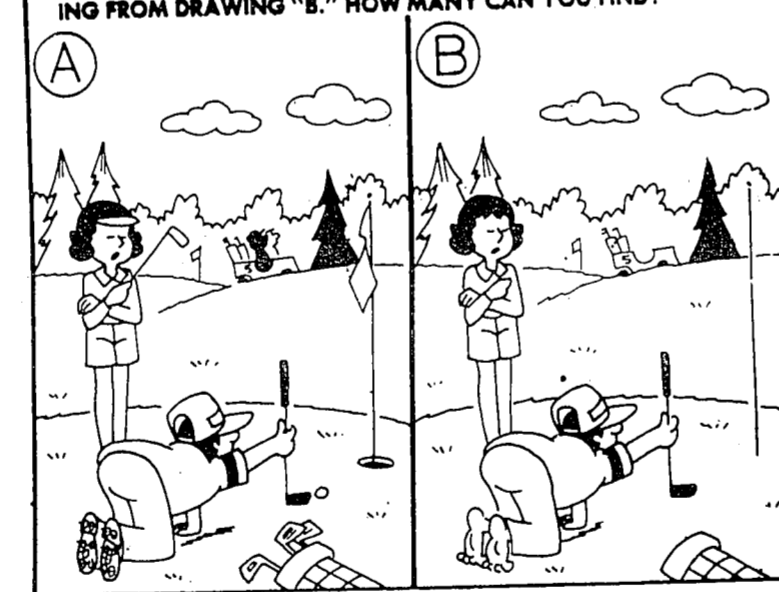
tomorrow is one of the prettiest words in the English language - next time." Colbert and Murphy, both former golf commentators for a U.S. cable television channel, said they nearly waited too long to make a move. They were 7 under in an opening round that included a front-side 35. But they, too, shot 61 on Saturday. "We played good the last 25 holes," Colbert said. "We started off slow, but thank goodness we got it going." Don January and Gene Littler shot 65 to claim the \$35,000 Legendsary division title for players over age 60. Their 12-under-par 132 was good for a 3-shot margin over Miller Barber-Jim Ferree and Joe Jimenez-Orville Moody. Littler credited his partner's sharp irons and hot putter. "He's a great horse to have. I rode like crazy," Littler said. The 11 over-60 teams continue to play in the regular tournament as well. In the Demaret division, a 36-hole event for those over 70, Jay Hebert and Al Balding opened with a 67 for a three-shot lead over the teams of Tommy Bolt and Jack Fleck, and Fred Hawkins and 85-year-old Jug McSpaden.

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Nelson to capture the WBC super featherweight title. In a fifth title fight, Ricardo Lopez of Mexico remained unbeaten while defending his WBC strawweight title with a 12-round unanimous decision over Kermin Guardia of Colombia. Norris, abandoning the tactics that made him a feared puncher, put on a masterful boxing exhibition instead in a near shutout of Brown to recapture the super welterweight title. Norris, who lost his title when Brown knocked him out in the fourth round of their first fight Dec. 18, boxed instead of brawled in the rematch to win a unanimous 12-round decision and the 154-pound (70-kilo) title he had held for 10 previous defenses. Norris moved and fought in spurts, drawing boos from the crowd on a few occasions, in a strategy that left the 30-year-old Brown frustrated and on the losing end of most exchanges. Ignoring both the boos and the taunts from Brown to fight, Norris circled and moved from the opening bell to the end of the fight, when he raised his hands in certain triumph. "I think I surprised Simon Brown more than anybody by my ability to box," Norris said. Norris, who had vowed before the fight to box more and slug less, controlled the fight from the beginning, moving constantly to his left while deciding when and where to trade punches with Brown. "He just wouldn't stand still at all," Brown said. "I just wanted to fight him." Brown won by 10 points on one scorecard, six on another and four on a third. While the first three title fights all went the distance, McClellan barely broke a sweat in defending his 160-pound (72.5-kilo) title in a rematch against Jackson. McClellan, who won the title last May when he stopped Jackson in the fourth round, staggered Jackson with a right hand only 15 seconds into the fight, then unleashed a barrage of punches that left Jackson nearly helpless in a corner. Referee Joe Cortez ruled that the ropes were keeping Jackson up and gave him an eight-count, but McClellan was not through. The champion moved Jackson back across the ring, then landed two more right hands that put him down. Although Jackson got up as Cortez counted 10, he stopped the fight over the challenger's protest at 1:23 of the first round. It was the 14th straight knock-out win for McClellan, with ten of them coming in the first round. He is 31-2 overall with 29 knockouts. "Whenever I hit him I knew he was going to go," said McClellan, of Freeport, Ill. Jackson, 160 (72.5 kilos), of the Virgin Islands, fell to 49-3. Leija, who fought Nelson to a

draw the first time they met, captured Nelson's WBC super featherweight title with a unanimous 12-round decision. Leija knocked Nelson, 130 (60 kilos), down in the second round with a chopping right hand, and got the best of the inside exchanges throughout the fight. The champion from Ghana, fighting in his 21st world title bout at the age of 35, tried to press the fight against the 27-year-old challenger but Leija was stronger and quicker. Leija, 130 (60 kilos), won by eight points on one scorecard, seven on another and one point on a third. Leija improved his record to 27-0-2 while Nelson fell to 37-3-2.

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STELLA WILDER YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder
 Born today, you're not the kind to keep your opinions to yourself, nor are you one to be easily swayed from your own point of view; indeed, the individual who intends to convert you in any way certainly has his work cut out for him, for you are confident and unwavering in your beliefs and not easily threatened no matter what opponent you may face. It is likely you will cement your place in history by following your own unique path; you follow in no one's footsteps, and what you accomplish is sure to be challenging to the status quo. You want to have things your own way!
 Your course is sure to be plotted at a very early age, and you will no doubt become the standard bearer for those who have gone before; you cherish history and tradition, and are eager to understand your own place in the world — then and now. You may enjoy remarkable longevity in your career.
 Also born on this date are: John Brown, abolitionist; Candice Bergen and Glenda Jackson, actresses; Billy Joel, singer; Mike Wallace, journalist.
 To see what is in store for you tomorrow, and your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.
TUESDAY, MAY 10
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Attempts at deception of any kind are not likely to pay off as you may find yourself paying for any underhand behavior.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You have a knack for putting things together, and today your gift for construction can benefit yourself and all those around you. Share your knowledge with others.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your preference for privacy will be a driving force throughout the day — though you won't be able to avoid all social responsibilities.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You're entertaining more lofty questions today, and will want eventually to get to the bottom of a particularly foggy spiritual mystery.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — This is a good day for renewing your commitment to a person or a project. Now is the time to re-assess your honesty — and your honor.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Your relationship with a higher authority — literally or figuratively — will be highlighted today. You won't be able to free yourself completely from restrictions
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Budgeting will be more important than expected today, as you face numerous options which will tax your pocketbook. Don't lose track of petty cash.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Now is the time to step up your efforts a bit and raise the stakes — both personally and professionally. Your image may be affected during P.M.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Others are sure to have distinct and lasting impressions of you — and today you'll want to work with them, rather than fighting against them.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Family and friends will seem to have a greater interest in your own private affairs. It's essential that you know just when to defend your emotional boundaries.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — The more unusual aspects of your personal affairs are likely to be highlighted today — and you'll have to work hard to keep certain secrets from being disclosed.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You mustn't underestimate the importance of those routine, everyday affairs you've been putting off or ignoring lately. Now's the time to focus on them squarely.

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 A non refundable fee of \$25.00 U.S. Dollars must accompany the bid. These twenty five dollars may be certified check, cashier's check, or other forms acceptable by the Public School System. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The bidder is required to submit with this bid a copy of his business permit.
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 /s/ William S. Torres
 Commissioner of Education
 /s/ Louise Conception
 Procurement & Supply Officer

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SPORTS



Nuggets stun Sonics; 98-94

By JIM COUR

SEATTLE (AP) - The Denver Nuggets, a franchise that won only 24 games two seasons ago, became the first eighth-seeded playoff team ever to beat a No. 1 seed in the National Basketball Association playoffs with an improbable 98-94 overtime victory Saturday over Seattle.

The Nuggets did it with exceptional performances from a pair of bench players - Robert Pack and Brian Williams - and two critical blocked shots late in the extra period by Dikembe Mutombo.

Denver, which tied for the worst NBA regular-season record of any team in the playoffs and lost the first two games of the series at Seattle, became the fifth team to come back from an 0-2 deficit to win a best-of-5 series.

"I couldn't be prouder of our kids," Denver coach Dan Issel said. "The first game in Seattle was a throwaway game - we were observers. But the next four we played the best team in the NBA head-to-head."

It was a bitterly disappointing loss for the Sonics, who had a franchise-best 63 regular-season victories and were ensured of the

home-court advantage through the postseason.

Seattle also was expecting success after offseason trades for Kendall Gill and Detlef Schrempf boosted a team that took Phoenix to seven games in the Western Conference finals last season.

But the Nuggets, in the playoffs for the first time in five years, beat the Sonics for the third straight game and the second straight time in overtime, becoming the first No. 8 seed to beat a No. 1 seed since the NBA playoffs went to their current format in 1984.

It was only Seattle's fifth loss at home all season and broke a 14-

game Sonics' home-court winning streak.

Denver moved into the Western Conference semifinals against Utah, a 3-1 first-round winner over San Antonio.

The Nuggets committed four 24-second violations in overtime but scored the final five points of the game after Shawn Kemp put Seattle ahead 94-93 with a five-foot hook shot over Mutombo with 2:29 to go.

A layup by LaPhonso Ellis and his free throw after being fouled by Gary Payton gave Denver a 96-94 lead with 1:26 left.

Mutombo blocked Schrempf's

layup attempt with 1:18 to go, but Denver was called for a 24-second violation with 32.9 seconds left. Kemp was driving to the basket when Mutombo blocked his 5-foot shot with 28.6 seconds left, and Pack then made two free throws with 18.7 seconds left after being fouled by Gill.

Chavez regains boxing crown

By TIM DAHLBERG

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Julio Cesar Chavez regained his WBC super welterweight title Saturday night in a controversial split decision after a head butt left him bleeding and forced the fight against Frankie Randall to be stopped with three seconds left in the eighth round.

Chavez won by the narrowest of margins after the butt opened a huge gash over his right eye and forced the fight to be called.

A point taken away from Randall for the head butt in the final round was the deciding factor as Chavez won by one point on one scorecard and three points on another.

A third judge had Randall ahead by one point.

Chavez avenged his only defeat in a 92-fight career in the aborted bout, taking back the 140-pound (63.5 kilo) title that Randall had won from him in another split

decision Jan. 29.

The bizarre ending capped a bruising seven-plus rounds in which Randall appeared to land the heavier blows while Chavez pressed the action.

"If I did butt him it was an accidental butt," said Randall, who left the ring as soon as the scores were announced.

The end came late in the eighth round when Randall, who had just ducked a right hand by Chavez, brought his head up and collided with Chavez. The butt opened a large gash over Chavez's right eye and he turned from Randall and went to his corner.

Referee Mills Lane instructed the ringside judges to take a point away from Randall for the butt, but ruled that it was unintentional.

Under WBC rules, the fight went to the scorecards through all eight rounds.

"I don't like winning this way. I don't want any controversy," Chavez said. "I wanted to win

without any doubt."

But there was doubt, especially on the scorecards of the ringside judges who all had the fight close.

"I feel I was robbed," Randall said. "I felt like I was dominating. I had him under my gun; I was going to knock him out."

Randall, who knocked Chavez down in the first fight, almost did it again in the second round of the rematch, forcing Chavez's legs to buckle from an overhand right in the second round.

But the Mexican, who had never lost before his first fight with Randall, kept pressing the fight and landed effectively to the body with left hooks.

Under WBC rules, the scoring included the eighth round, even though it ended at 2:57 of the round.

Judge Tamotsu Tomihara of Honolulu had Randall ahead 76-75, while Dalby Shirley of Las Vegas had Chavez ahead 76-75 and Ray Solis of Mexico had

Chavez winning 77-74. The Associated Press had Randall ahead 76-74.

Without the point deduction, Randall would have been even on Shirley's card and the fight would have been a draw. With a draw he would have been able to retain the title.

"I don't think the butt was unintentional," said Chavez, whose every punch was cheered loudly by the crowd of about 12,000 at the MGM Grand Garden arena.

Randall, who fell to 49-3-1 with the loss, earned his biggest payday of dls 1 million, while Chavez, 90-1-1, earned \$1.5 million.

In other fights, Terry Norris outboxed Simon Brown to regain the WBC super welterweight title, Gerald McClellan needed only 83 seconds to stop Julian Jackson and keep his WBC middleweight title, and James Leija took a 12-round decision over Azumah

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Tinian forms boxing association

CAPTURING the momentum of the recent boxing event sponsored by the Guam Boxing Federation, a group of Tinian sportsmen met on May 6 and agreed to form the Tinian Amateur Boxing Association.

The purpose of this association is to foster the sport of boxing on Tinian by providing training facilities for interested individual and to encourage both member and non-member of the association to engage in wholesome physical activities that build strong minds and bodies.

It is anticipated that Tinian could develop a group of boxers who could compete in regional games such as the Micronesian Games and the South Pacific Games. Several intramural contests are planned to provide training for the local boxers, with inter-island competition to be held as local boxers gain more experience.

Fund raising efforts will be undertaken to buy headgear, boxing gloves, punching bags and related athletic equipment for use by the local boxers.

Temporary affairs for the Tinian Amateur Boxing Association are: William P. Nabors, President; Patrick A. Manglona, Vice-President; Diego Lebante, Secretary and Mathew Masga, Treasurer.

Indoor volleyball league on May 16

THE SAIPAN Amateur Volleyball Association is proud to announce that the 1994 Men's/Women's Indoor Volleyball League is slated to start on May 16, 1994. All interested individuals, teams, or clubs are encouraged to start forming their teams.

Each team must have a maximum of 12 players on their roster, be they in the mens or womens division. SAVA has also decided that an individual must be 16 years or older to be eligible to play. All rosters accompanied by a \$300

entrance fee, must be turned in to either Tony Rogolifoi at the gym, or to Mr. Jonas Barcinas, newly elected President SAVA, by May 12, 1994. A very important meeting has been scheduled to be held on May 9, 1994 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Ada gym. All coaches are encouraged to attend.

For more information, please call Mr. Jonas Barcinas, President SAVA, at telephone number 234-6219 or 288-7682 or Mr. Tony Rogolifoi at telephone number 234-1001/2.

Lopez defends WBC title

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Unbeaten Ricardo Lopez dominated Kermin Guardia with his right hand Saturday to successfully defend his WBC strawweight title with a unanimous decision over the Colombian challenger.

Lopez, who ran his record to 36-0, hurt Guardia on several occasions with the right hand en route to a lopsided 12-round decision.

The fight was the first of five title fights on a card at the MGM Grand Garden, topped by Frankie Randall's defense of the WBC super lightweight title against Julio Cesar Chavez.

Lopez, of Mexico City, was favored by 10 points on the scorecard of one ringside judge and seven points on the other two.

It was the first loss for Guardia, who was the No. 1-ranked contender in the 105-pound (47.5 kilo) division.

Lopez, who weighed the class limit, earned dls 40,000 for the defense and Guardia, 104 (47 kilos), was paid \$15,000.

In another fight, former three-time champion Meldrick Taylor of Philadelphia stopped Chad Broussard in the second round of a scheduled 10-round welterweight bout.

Broussard went down seconds into the fight from a low blow, then took a barrage of punches from Taylor in the first round.

Taylor, 143 (64.5 kilos), put Broussard down in the second round with a flurry of body punches, topped by a left hook to the ribs. Broussard, 145 (65.5 kilos), stayed on the canvas as he was counted out at 1:01 of the round.

Taylor upped his mark to 32-3-1. Broussard, of Lafayette, La., fell to 34-2.

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