

Murder suspect charged

By Ferdie de la Torre
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GEORGE Liwis Chomoky, a 40-year-old man from Chuuk, was tagged by the police as the suspect in the murder of a Palauan man in Lower Base last August.

This developed as Deputy Atty. Gen. Loren A. Sutton charged Chomoky with murder in the sec-

AG brands Takao killing as a 'hate crime'

ond degree yesterday before the Superior Court for the killing of Daniel Takao.

The Attorney General's Office is working on Chomoky's extradition papers in order to bring him here on Saipan to answer the

charge.

Takao was found dead in a grassy area near a narrow road leading to a beach in Lower Base last Aug. 12. He bore a stab wound to the chest.

In an affidavit, Sgt. Johnny A. Sokau, of the Department of Public Safety Criminal Investigation Section, said through investigations they later identified Chomoky as the killer who had gone back to Chuuk.

With the assistance from Chuuk DPS, Sokau said he received last Oct. 30, a fax copy of Chomoky's confession given before the Chuuk police admitting killing Takao.

Sokau said the confession indicated that prior to the murder, Chomoky was drinking beer with his friend in Chalan Kanoa.

When his friend decided to sleep, Chomoky went to a store where he met Takao walking by the place.

Chomoky invited Takao, who was unknown to him, to his pick-up and drink beer with him at the Tanapag beach.

Chomoky asked Takao as to his nationality before he introduced himself as a Chuukese.

On their way to the beach, the suspect remembered back where Palauans beat up some Chuukese.

At that time, he thought about killing Takao.

Both got down from the pick-up, sat down and continued drinking.

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US remiss on Compact obligations, says APIL

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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THE UNITED States government is not living up to its commitments under the Compacts of Freely Associated States, pertaining to compact impact compensation, regional leaders have said.

In a joint communique signed by participants to the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures' (APIL) Pacific Legislative-Executive Summit in Guam last week, island leaders lamented the apparent cold shoulder given on requests for impact reimbursements.

"The US has both moral and legal obligations to the political entities of the region," read the communique.

"The summit participants agree that the US has not met its commitments made in 1986 under Public Laws 99-239 and 99-658 to reimburse Guam and the CNMI for the full costs of the adverse impacts resulting from the compacts," the participants said in the 8-page document.

Under the Compacts' enabling legislation the US is mandated to authorize appropriations for sums necessary to cover the costs incurred by Guam and the CNMI resulting from the impact of Micronesian migration.

The government of Guam has estimated the unreimbursed Compact impact at \$68 million over the last ten years.

During the same period, the total US federal appropriations for Compact impact were less than \$5 million, an amount the government of Guam deems grossly inadequate.

The participants who signed the communique expressed agreement that open immigration under the Compacts has had certain

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Upward wage adjustments not part of basic pay hike

WILL those not earning the minimum wage or are earning slightly higher be also getting upward adjustments if the hourly wage level is increased come January next

year?

This was the question addressed to Wage and Salary Review Board Chairman Joaquin S. Torres during a forum Tuesday at the House Chamber.

According to Torres, he foresees a big inequity if no corresponding adjustments are made for those earning slightly higher than the basic. This is because these people would have to live with the potential impacts of a minimum wage increase even if the hike would not benefit them.

"I think it makes good sense to

increase those individuals who are earning slightly above the minimum. Unfortunately, that is not part of our mandate," said Torres in an interview.

"But we hope that employers would also give increases to those individuals not earning the minimum wage as this may be a cause for demoralization.

Torres aired apprehension that if the minimum wage increase is implemented and the prices are jacked up, those earning just above the base level could lose some

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Joaquin S. Torres

Labor abuse reports spread in Manila anew

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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JUST AS the Philippine government's lifting of the workers' ban is seen in the offing, another newspaper report about "bad condition" of Filipino contract workers in the Commonwealth appeared in Manila.

In its Nov. 26 issue, the Philippine Daily Inquirer, one of Manila's leading dailies, came out with a report that a number of Filipinas on Saipan are working as housemaids for local residents living on food stamps and other federal aid.

Quoted in the report was Gonzalo Duque, deputy chief of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration and head of the fact-finding mission that came here months ago.

"Imagine poverty-stricken families employing maids? It's pathetic," the Inquirer quoted Duque as saying. "Filipino domestic helpers, most of whom are college graduates should not be allowed to work under such conditions."

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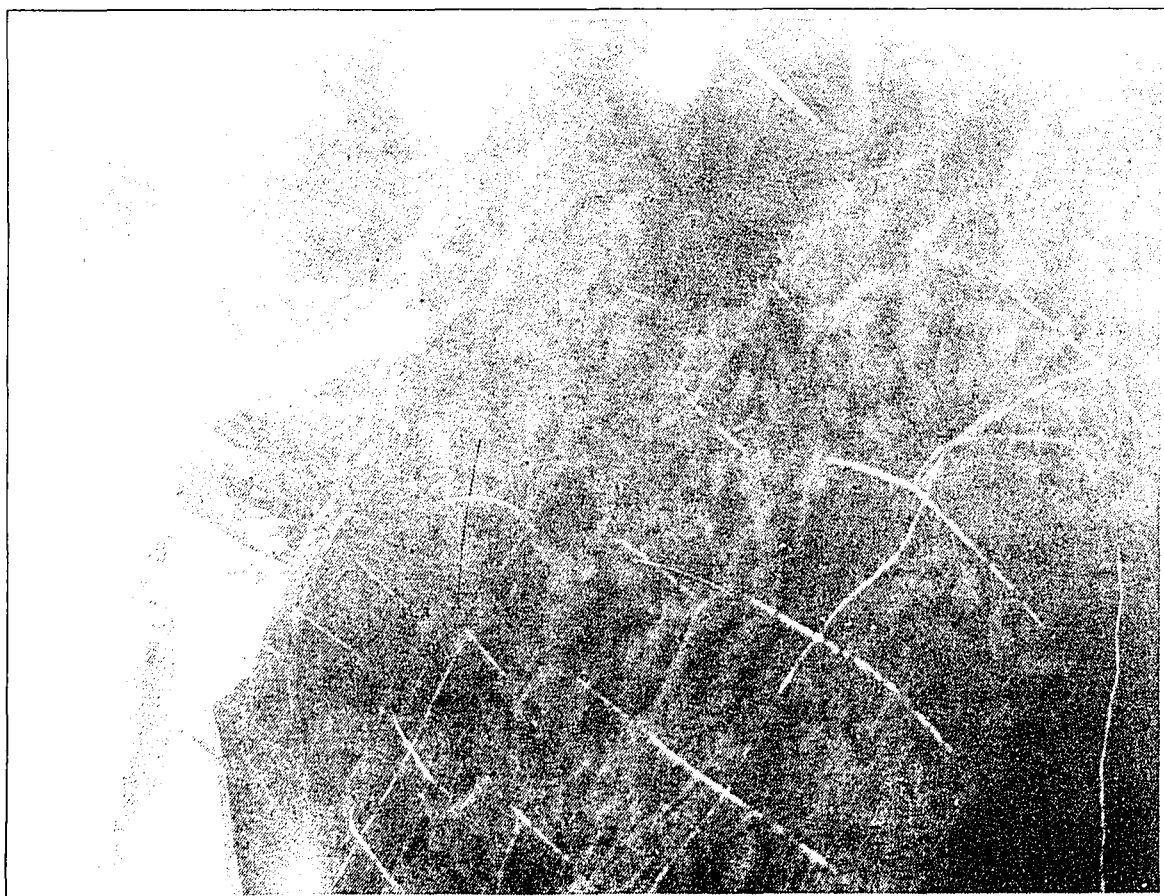
Bruce Lloyd, in a letter sent to the Inquirer, said the newspaper report "isn't strictly true."

The news article further enumerated the pending labor complaints and rape cases filed by Filipina workers.

Some observers fear that the timing may not be good.

The report came just when a CNMI labor delegation is scheduled to leave for Manila on Sun-

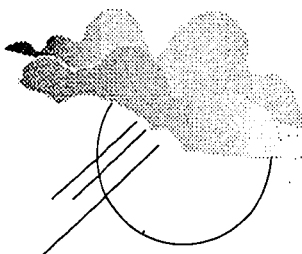
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YULETIDE SEASON. Wilma Dellota arranges a pile of Noble Fir Christmas Trees for sale along Beach Road near the Garapan Elementary School yesterday.

PAC NEWS

Weather Outlook



Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

US bill to cut immigration

By MARCY GORDON
WASHINGTON (AP) - Legal immigration to the United States would be drastically reduced and fewer relatives of U.S. citizens would be admitted under legislation moving closer to a Senate vote.

The Senate Judiciary subcommittee on immigration voted 5-2 Wednesday to send the measure to the full committee. Its author,

Sen. Alan Simpson, a Wyoming Republican, said he wrote the bill because too many foreigners are coming to America, competing with U.S. workers for jobs and overcrowding some areas of the country.

"The American people want immigration reduced," Simpson said before the vote.

Under the measure, the number of legal immigrants other than

refugees would be reduced from the current 675,000 annually to around 525,000 - 75,000 immigrants coming here to fill jobs and 450,000 relatives of U.S. citizens.

In addition, the adult children and siblings of U.S. citizens no longer would be allowed to enter the country under their relatives' sponsorship.

Last year, 804,416 immigrants, including refugees and foreigners seeking asylum, entered the United States legally. Immigration, both legal and illegal, is likely to become an issue in next year's presidential campaign.

A similar bill awaiting a vote in the House of Representatives would cut the annual total to 595,000 by 2001.

Two of the immigration subcommittee's three Democrats - Sens. Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts and Paul Simon of Illi-

nois - voted against the bill, while Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a California Democrat, supported it.

California and Illinois are among the five states with the biggest immigrant populations; the others are New York, Florida and Texas.

"It would be a mistake... to allow the nation's concerns about illegal immigration to create an unjustified and unwarranted backlash in Congress over legal immigration," said Kennedy, the panel's senior Democrat.

"Clearly, our gates should be closed to those who attempt to enter in violation of our laws. ... But those who arrive legally under our laws should be welcomed as they join their families, contribute to our communities and become the next generation of new Americans," he said.

Kennedy rejected Simpson's assertion that many immigrants come

to the United States to gain welfare and other public benefits. Many federally funded benefits, except for emergencies, would become unavailable to illegal immigrants under welfare reform legislation pending in Congress.

The subcommittee adopted, on a voice vote, a Kennedy amendment that would prohibit employers from bringing in immigrants to work if they had laid off any U.S. citizens in the previous six months.

The legislation also would:

Reduce the number of immigrants who come here to fill jobs from the 123,291 who entered last year to 90,000. Foreigners with special knowledge or experience would be allowed to immigrate if their skills are needed by U.S. companies.

Require rejection of immigration applications from foreigners with no job skills.

NATO peace force to move in

By JEFFREY ULBRICH
BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - NATO on Thursday will authorize advance units of its 60,000-member peace force to begin moving into Bosnia, top alliance officials said.

The "enabling force" of 2,600, including 700 Americans, will begin setting up headquarters, communications and supply bases, and check airports and other transportation facilities.

The main force will not arrive until after the peace agreement initiated in Dayton, Ohio is signed in Paris Dec. 14, but the advance units could begin heading into Bosnia in the next few days.

Gen. George Joulwan, NATO's supreme allied commander in Europe, wants the bulk of the 60,000 troops in place within 30 days of the signing. Of those, about 20,000 will be American, 13,000 British, and

10,000 French.

The force also will include about 1,500 Russians, under an agreement reached Tuesday by U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry and Russian Defense Minister Pavel Grachev.

The NATO force in Bosnia, unlike the existing U.N. force, will be heavily armed to deal with any threat to its safety. They will have the right to shoot first when necessary, officials say.

Hillblom 'daughter' surfaces

By Ferdie de la Torre
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AMAN who surfaced claiming to be a guardian for an infant allegedly fathered by the late multimillionaire Larry L. Hillblom has failed to stop yesterday's scheduled transfer or test on the businessman's DNA sample.

Superior Court Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro denied yesterday a motion filed by petitioner David Moncrieff requesting for temporary restraining order to enjoin Kaelani Kinney and Hillblom's estate executor from removing Hillblom's tissue sample from the San Francisco Insti-

But fails to stop transfer of DNA sample

tute of Plastic Surgery, Davis Medical Center to a laboratory.

Moncrieff has recently filed a petition for declaratory judgment of paternity and heirship for Hillblom's alleged daughter, Jane Doe.

Moncrieff, through counsel Ben C. Scales Jr., argued that a restraining order is necessary to preserve the integrity of any tissue samples.

Scales said the petitioner will suffer irreparable harm if his experts are not allowed to participate in the dis-

covery, removal and examination of samples.

Scales said if the samples are contaminated or destroyed during examination and or testing, petitioner will have lost one opportunity to conclusively establish Jane's paternity through DNA reconstruction.

Moncrieff wanted the transfer to be delayed until such time he is declared an interested party and authorized to participate in the DNA test.

Counsels for the estate and peti-

tioner Kinney both indicated that their experts will be present during the transfer of a DNA sample from the Davis Medical Center to a laboratory.

They stated that the laboratory will safely house the sample, thus eliminating any threat of tampering or contamination.

In a two-page order, Castro said despite the fact that the court has not yet addressed whether Moncrieff is an interested party,

(Moncrieff) "requested to postpone this transfer, or alternatively, order that his expert be permitted to be present during the transfer."

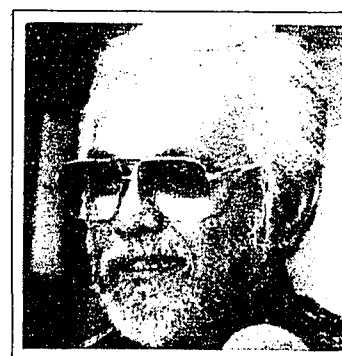
In denying the TRO, Castro pointed out that since the issue of whether petitioner is an interested party will be determined on Dec. 6 hearing, Moncrieff is currently without standing to bring the motion.

The judge ordered the executor and Kinney to videotape, for court record, the transfer of the paraffin sealed DNA sample to the laboratory chosen to house sample.

Local 5 officer hits back at Rep. Torres



Vic Perez



Stanley Torres

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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TAKING up the cudgels for union leader Vic Perez, the Local 5 group of Hawaii yesterday lambasted Rep. Stanley Torres for his move to have the union leader deported.

"Rep. Torres is again demonstrating his lack of competence in representing the people of the CNMI," Local 5 research coordinator Elwood Mott said in a letter sent to the Variety.

Mott issued the statement following Torres' attack of Perez's immigration status.

Perez, a former employee of the Hafa Adai Hotel and officer of the Commonwealth Labor Federation, was offered a job as storekeeper for Local 5.

Torres is blocking Perez's request for job transfer permit saying he (Perez) "has no job to transfer from" and that "he has been over-staying here for one year and eight

months."

Torres wrote Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio seeking his intervention in the case.

Mott described Torres' move as "an arrogant abuse of power" and a form of "misinformation campaign."

"His latest assertion that individuals should be deported for availing themselves the rights granted to all people under American law, places him in the position of using his political power to protect his own business interests in an unethical manner," Mott said.

The Local 5 leader added: "Mr. Torres should clearly define when he is acting as part owner of Plumeria Hotel and when he is acting as a representative of the people."

Mott said the congressman should instead focus his attention on ensuring decent living and working condition of the people, higher wages, equal treatment, improved education and social safety.

Mother gets jail term for neglect of child

THE SUPERIOR Court has sentenced a mother to five days in jail for failing to protect her minor daughter from being sexually abused by her spouse.

Associate Judge Miguel Demapan ordered Ramona de la Cruz to serve in jail or instead perform community work services for five days.

Pursuant to a plea agreement reached by de la Cruz and the government, Demapan also placed the mother under five years' probation.

The Attorney General's Office charged de la Cruz with one count of child abuse or neglect, perjury and obstruction of justice.

De la Cruz, through counsel Kevin

Moore, pleaded guilty to child abuse or neglect. In return, the AGO recommended the dismissal of the two remaining charges.

Court information showed that de la Cruz "failed to protect her minor female child from being sexually abused by her spouse, which abuse the defendant either knew or should have known about from complaints made to the defendant by the child or others..."

De la Cruz also failed to notify law enforcement or provide adequate medical care in response to the abuse.

De la Cruz husband Jesus is currently serving a jail term for sexually abusing his 14-year-old daughter. (FDT)

3 'Ds' parade today

THE DRUNK and Drugged Driving Prevention Month kicks off today with a candle light parade in Garapan.

The Department of Public Safety's 3D committee urged all participants to converge at the main parking lot of Duty Free Shoppers before the 6 p.m. parade.

The operator of the vehicle is asked to proceed to Amphitheater at the American Memorial Park.

Transportation will then be provided for the driver back to the parking lot at Duty Free.

In addition, Beach Road Garapan from Bank of Guam north to American Memorial Park will be temporarily closed for the duration of the parade.

DPS Information Officer Cathy Sheu said all motorists are asked to take alternate routes during this time.

Police officers have been assigned to control, monitor and direct traffic at the area.

Court orders firm to pay 3 farmers over \$87,000

By Ferdie de la Torre
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THE SUPERIOR Court ordered yesterday a business company to pay \$87,708.48 to three Chinese farmers who filed a labor abuse complaint.

Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro asked Chao's Ping Enterprises Inc. to pay the amount to Zhu Cui Zhen, Cao Sheng Qun, and Huang Wen Hui, all nonresident contract workers.

Chao Ping was ordered to pay \$21,039.36 in unpaid regular and overtime wages; \$37,289.76 in wages for the unexpired form of each plaintiffs employment contract; \$1,890 for housing; \$22,929.36 as liquidated

damages; \$2,100 in airfare; \$2,250 in attorney's fees, and \$210 as costs including translator's services.

The court found out that the three were employed by and worked for Lin Yong Ping and the company for a period of one year as commercial farmers.

The farmers, who cannot read, speak and understand English, arrived on Saipan last Feb. 14 and began to work three days later.

They worked seven days a week, 16 to 16 1/2 hours each day through June 17, 1995.

The company, through Ping, demanded that the farmers each pay \$5,000 as a condition of their continued employment.

The firm then terminated plaintiffs when they refused to pay the amount and questioned their unpaid wages.

The court found that the company failed to provide adequate housing and facilities under the employment contract.

As a result, plaintiffs had to obtain other housing.

The firm refused to provide with a copy of the farmers' employment contracts.

The company intentionally made unlawful deductions from the workers' wages for tools and materials purchased for the farm business.

The company also intentionally failed to pay regular and over time wages.

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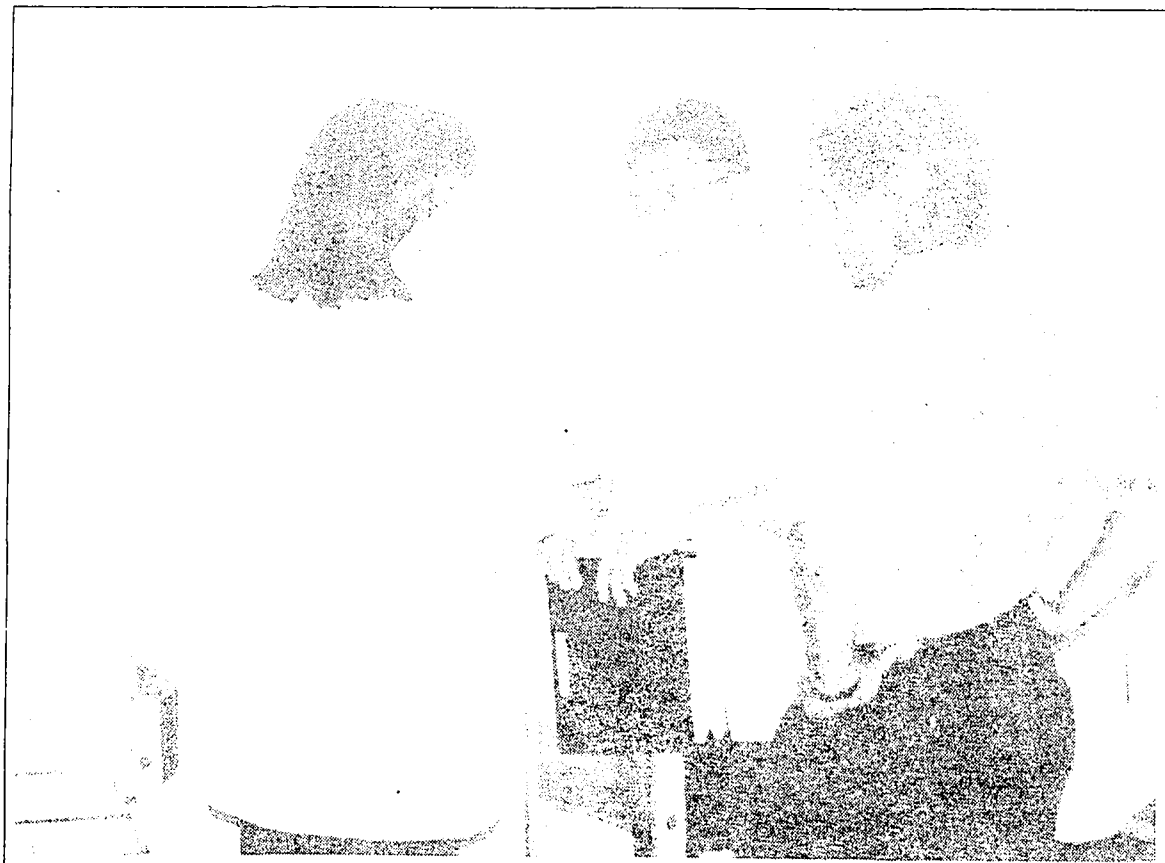
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(l-r) Guam Senator Carlotta Leon Guerrero, Rota Mayor Joseph Inos, CNMI Senator Tom Villagomez engage in serious discussion during a break in Wednesday's transportation summit at the Rota Paupau where an exemption on Guam airport charges for CNMI residents was discussed.

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EDITORIAL

Please do your best, Jack

WHEN Wage and Salary Review Board Chairman Jack Torres said earlier this week that he favors a \$4.25 minimum wage for those industries that could afford such a pay level, many wondered whether he really meant what he said.

Indeed, raising the minimum wage to the federal level at one instant is no joke. We may be talking about a possible collapse of the economy at one wrong move especially if it is not backed by proper planning and foresight.

But what makes things interesting is that there are those who said that surely, Mr. Torres, would not include the garment industry among those sectors that will be made to abruptly jump to the federal wage level. And for good reason.

What comes to mind somehow is that Mr. Torres, being a top level executive of Willie Tan's L&T Corporation, would likely spare the garment sector from any such hikes.

Maybe, it would be so naive of anyone not to draw the connection. It is not hard to think that in one way or another, Mr. Torres may tend to look after the interests of his boss, consciously or otherwise, some would say.

People may also say that with Torres at the helm of the wage determination body, there is that distinct advantage, albeit unintended, for those who are recipients of Mr. Torres' patronage.

This scenario has become more apparent with the vehement objection raised by the SGMA on the projected wage increase set to come January next year.

Such opposition may be meant to tell one and all that the garment industry is definitely not one of those who can afford higher wages.

It appears that strong lobbying by SGMA could now make it easier for Mr. Torres to defend the exclusion of the garment sector into the elite classification of industries that would afford to give their workers statesider wages.

Maybe, just maybe, that may sound true. Until Mr. Torres came up with his side on the whole thing.

In an interview last Tuesday, Mr. Torres vehemently denied that his affiliation with Willie Tan has something to do with his stint at the Board, nor will it have any bearing on how things will turn out.

For one, he said, his is only one vote in the board, as if to say that any board decision would have to be one supported by the majority.

Also, the chairman maintained that his service will be free of any influence from anyone and that he will base his decision on what is mandated of him under the law.

He also vowed to come up with a product that is good for everyone concerned and one that is defensible, at the same time begging that he be judged accordingly and based on how he would stand on the wage issue.

We would like to think that that Mr. Torres is sincere in the pursuit of the difficult task entrusted on him by the people of the CNMI.

We trust that he will deliver on his goal to find the most equitable wage recommendation.

We are confident about Mr. Torres' objectivity and that he will ultimately prove skeptics wrong.

More power and good luck, chairman. Please do the best you can for all of us.



I Galaidè

By: John DeRosario

Although the gubernatorial race is two years away, the grapevine is teeming with rumors that former political heavyweights may be making a come back once more.

Already, there's former Governor Larry Guerrero who recently took an assessment of the GOP's legislative landslide. If he's serious, no doubt he'll head to the villages to re-establish his visibility in what we call grassroots politics.

Washington Representative Juan N. Babauta is another serious contender who'd make a go for the opportunity to secure the most coveted seat this side of the Pacific. He's in fact the youngest heavyweight who would be running against former heavyweights.

Former Lt. Governor Pete A. Tenorio is another prospect highly reputed for his tough minded attitude, superbly capable of making the toughest decisions. You can't rule him out given that he's perhaps the most poised to pool GOP ducks together into a single column.

It is also rumored that former Governor Pete P. Tenorio may toss his hat into the ring at the urging of supporters from both democrats, republicans and independents alike. If he ever decides to give it a third try, then you know that the primary is just about academic except for a few barbs here and there.

While the GOP may be going through a series of political realignment among heavyweights, the Democrats would take to the field early next year to regroup with the goal to presenting triple AAA choice candidates in the 1997 general elections. It's a realistic goal and one that the electorate would definitely welcome if for no other reason than to be able to select among an open field of formidable candidates who could do the best job in forging lasting policy decisions.

Of four GOP heavyweights, two may be facing a generational question and the only way to woo the more than sixty percent of young voters is to ensure that their running mates come from the younger group of current or up-and-coming politicians. The other two would hardly have difficulty relating and articulating issues that ring music to the ears of younger folks.

It's suspiciously comforting to assume that the re-emergence of any of the former GOP heavyweights would translate into an automatic victory. The very act of conducting a primary is definitely a very divisive element in Marianas politics given that this event is usually fought to the bitter end. The victor may be courting greater uncertainty if the other factions simply leave him swimming in the sea of lukewarm support. It's the most unsettling position though you're the choice of the GOP.

The most interesting aspect in a four way GOP primary would focus primarily between former Governors Guerrero and Tenorio (Teno). It would be a toe to toe fight on the main island of Saipan, a fair

split on Tinian and the likelihood that Rota would go in favor of Guerrero if he runs with former Lt. Governor Benjamin Manglona. In other words, former Governor Tenorio would have to secure sufficient votes on Saipan to make-up the Rota loss. It's a difficult political puzzle, isn't it? But Teno out paced Guerrero in a three-way primary some years ago.

This political scenario would instantly become fodder for Democrats if and, only if, it could get its act together. It could capitalize on the subsequent deep wounds of a factious and fractious GOP. These wounds would be too difficult to suture and heal given that the afflicted would become hemorrhagic patients. Perhaps a new doctor in the block would be needed to try his hands on these patients. Could it be a rejuvenated Dr. Democrat?—or an up and coming leader among young Republicans? It's a difficult feat.

It's an interesting political speculation, isn't it? Well, it won't take time before our men of political weight would be crossing the bridge. It's such a short bridge yet the distance seems too far to tread. We have a year and eleven months before the next gun is fired to set the gubernatorial race in motion. It's an interesting puzzle. Hope you had a good Thanksgiving Day and let's all celebrate the festive island-style Holiday Season. Take charge and let's start the new year with a big bang!

I enjoy political events as they unfold if for no other reason than the privilege in history to watch participatory democracy in action. My only disappointment in these events is the voluntary candidacy of irrelevant people who view elections as elections only if they're included in the slate of candidates. This insult, if you'd excuse the expression, needs to be discouraged from all sides of the political spectrum.

In the more sober setting in our legislative chambers, I am usually reminded of the golden days of the Saipan Municipal Council when members engage in a heated debate. A councilman had to answer nature's call as the debate ensued. Scurrying out of the rest room, he was pulling his zipper with one hand while he raises the other, yelling, "Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, point of information?" There was laughter all over the chamber. Regaining his composure, he uttered a few words only to be ruled out of order. I was like: "One thing at a time amigo, pee first, zipper second, belt tightening next, stair climbing fourth, taking your seat fifth and listening sixth so you can half an inkling of the issue under debate."

I'll never forget a member of the then Marianas District Legislature who enjoys pocketing his two hands as he gazes out the main highway convinced that his deliberation was filled with words of wisdom. It's actually an incoherent, protracted and non-sensical delivery. A colleague sitting next to him pulled out his forty-five caliber hand gun, slammed it on his desk and yelled out: "Point of order!" That was the end of the morning session.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Cabinet member favors mandatory service

WASHINGTON—More than two decades after the end of the draft, a member of President Clinton's Cabinet is supporting compulsory military service for all 18-year-old men and women to help teach that "freedom is not free."

Veterans Affairs Secretary Jesse Brown emphasized during a pre-Veterans Day interview with us that he was expressing his personal views and not speaking for the administration. In fact, Brown said he hasn't broached the controversial subject with Clinton, whose draft evasion during the Vietnam War continues to haunt his presidency.

"I would be in favor of a draft," Brown told us. "I believe that every American should have an obligation to contribute something to society. When I talk about a draft I'm talking about all Americans, including women. Everyone should serve their country two years and I think you would wind up with people having a better feel of the democracy in which we live."

Brown volunteered for the Marines in 1963 and served two years in Vietnam before a gunshot wound left his right arm partially paralyzed. He spent his entire professional career with the Disabled American Veterans, a veterans advocacy group, before his Cabinet appointment.

Brown has positioned himself on the front lines in opposing Republican budget cuts, which he warns would take a heavy toll on the poorest vets. Senior administration officials have privately complained that Clinton has granted Brown a virtual blank check despite budget cutbacks because the president is seeking to overcompensate for his lack of military service. Brown is one of the few Cabinet members who has been able to use the Oval Office as a court of last resort when Clinton's budget officials have tried to slash VA spending.

Congressional sources say there is no chance Congress would even entertain the idea of reinstituting a peacetime draft, something that no major figure of either political party favors. The all-volunteer military has won plaudits for professionalism, and the entire armed forces is in the throes of downsizing. Even Brown—who would revive a GI Bill-style, free college education for two years of service—concedes: "I just don't think it's going to happen."

The Pentagon maintains that a military draft would have to be reinstated only to support a prolonged and large-scale conventional war. Defense Department officials also believe that peacetime draft registration could be suspended without threatening national security.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who obtained deferments to avoid military service in the 1960s, has supported elimination of the selective service system, which has been reduced to 800 employees and a \$20 million annual budget. But Clinton has called the system a "relatively low-cost insurance policy."

Brown's case for a draft is based on societal—not security—considerations. He views it as an admittedly high-cost social insurance policy that would help discipline and mold youth, and Brown believes it could help ease racial tensions—as it has since Harry Truman integrated the military.

"You can take people from all over the country with different racial attitudes, but when they were in the Marine Corps or the Army they could not act on those attitudes," Brown recalled. "They were in a structured environment with a specific goal to achieve.... It was a forced melting pot that had devastating consequences if you did not conform. I think that was one of the reasons the military was so successful in bringing about change."

Brown may have a partial soulmate in retired Gen. Colin Powell. Although Powell supports an all-volunteer armed services, he has in recent months extolled the virtues of the military family and how facets of that life could serve as a model for the American family. Powell wrote that he was an "amenable, amiable and aimless" youth before joining the ROTC at the City College of New York.

Powell and Brown are friends, which may be why Brown would be "very sad" to see him run for president. "They are going to eat him up and spit him out," Brown said. "That's going to be very hard for a general."

Brown is not totally gungho on the military because he still believes in "the unstructured creativity of the American people." He notes that the blessings of freedom are the foundation for all else and worries that ethic is lost on today's generation.

"Someone pays a price," Brown said. "All too often many people who benefit from freedom do so because the other guy paid the price."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader responds to Koch letter

Dear Editor,

Please allow me to respond to Mr. David Koch's letter to the Editor entitled "Koch Assails DPS, AGO Anew" which appeared in the Nov. 22 issue of the Variety.

While I sympathize and condole the loss of human life by means of "murder," it is paramount that we extend support and cooperation to the law enforcement agencies who carry the enormous responsibility of investigating and prosecuting the perpetrators of these heinous crimes in addition to other violations of law. The Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Attorney General's Office (AGO) are not trying their best to forget the unsolved murder cases nor any other case before them. I also know that they are not corrupt as you have suggested. They are trying their damn best but we are only humans

der the Constitution. These freedom and rights does not end when you are accused of a criminal act in a court of law. In fact, it sometimes appear that the law protects the accused more than the victim.

The DPS and the AGO are manned and headed by well qualified, underpaid and overworked professionals. They are well aware of the consequences if charging people with crimes they didn't commit or where evidence to prove a case beyond reasonable doubt is lacking. I tried in vain to comprehend your frustrations, your grief and your expectations. Somehow, you are being childish, unreasonable and sarcastic. I know that DPS and the AGO are not trying their best to forget the unsolved murder cases nor any other case before them. I also know that they are not corrupt as you have suggested. They are trying their damn best but we are only humans

To the people at DPS and the AGO, I congratulate and recognize your ability to make the CNMI a safer place to live and visit. I am sure that a whole lot of people appreciate your tireless and never-ending efforts to safeguard our lives and property despite the danger and difficulty of it all.

Sincerely,
Joseph Aldan
Sinapalo Village, Rota

Lloyd writes to RP newspaper

To the Philippine Daily Inquirer

Dear Editor:

In re: "RP maids working for the poor," 11/26, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands government wants to point out that your front page headline is misleading and much of the story's content is somewhat outdated. The visit of the labor mission to Saipan itself after all, took place more than a month before the story appeared.

Our government's investigation of food stamp recipients on the islands of Tinian and Rota showed that the widespread belief that aid recipients in the CNMI are employing maids isn't strictly true.

Our food stamp office personnel found one (1) food stamp recipient on Rota is allowed to employ a maid to help care for a family member who is, "totally disabled" and had a doctor's certification to that effect. This is in accord with labor regulations and our laws.

There are handful of other domestic workers in homes where food stamp recipients live, but they are employed by more prosperous family members to care for elderly and

ill persons.

Many of the cases of abuse cited in your article have been previously publicized and long since resolved. A variety of reforms and policy changes have made to prevent repetition in the future. It seems to us to be time to move on.

Our recent visitors from the Philippines have all conceded that Filipino workers in the CNMI enjoy a wide range of protections unique to OCWs anywhere in the world, regardless of what household they live in. Labor laws and regulations protect them if employers—rich or poor—do not pay and while they are in this American Commonwealth, they are equally protected by the U.S. Constitution and many federal laws.

Incidentally, at the urging and in some cases the expenses of this administration, U.S. federal agencies have expanded their presence and improved enforcement of relevant laws.

The article notes "a rising number of labor complaints" from Filipino OCWs here. I would say that compared with the past, OCW in the CNMI are finding that it is now

worth filing complaints because the system is working. As a long time resident in the CNMI who regularly visits the Philippines, I hope that workers are as well protected by your system when employers cheat or mistreat them.

The U.S. Congress and U.S. officials, as well as official visitors from the ROP have recognized the existing protection for OCWs here as well as the reform efforts being carried out by the current administration. And despite highly negative publicity in Manila, Filipinos have made it very clear they still want to work here.

Whether to lift the labor ban against the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, which no longer applies to Singapore and never applied to Saudi Arabia and the U.A.E., is a matter we leave to the discretion of the Philippine government and its citizens.

Sincerely,

BRUCE LLOYD
Public Information & Protocol,
Officer

Much ado about governor's pay

Dear Editor:

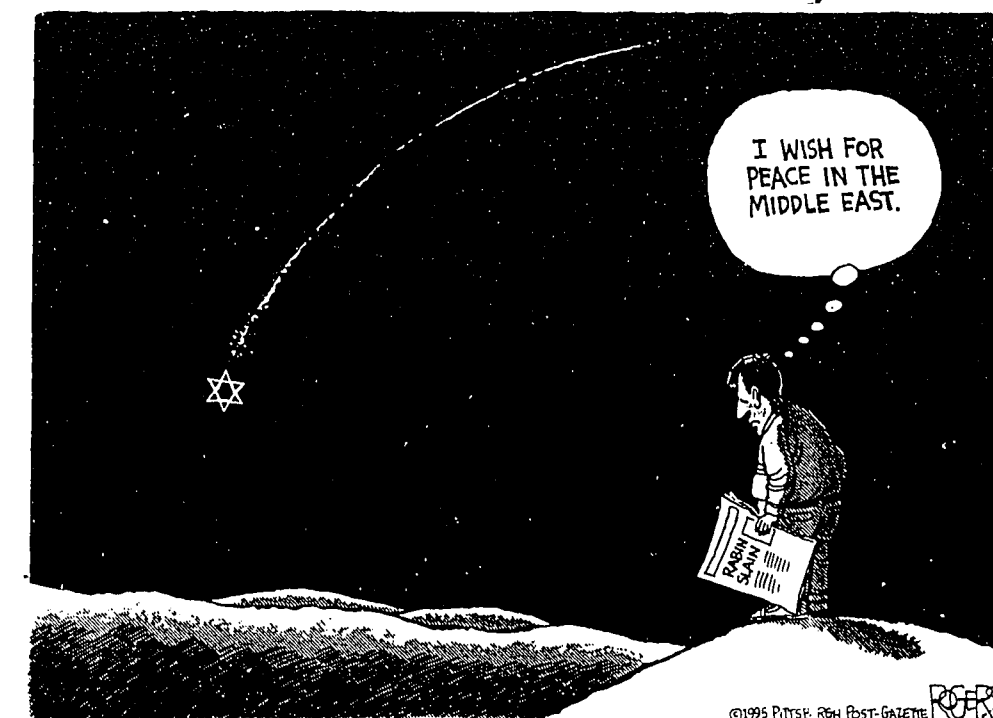
In response to the Nov. 15, 1995 article that the CNMI governor's salary is nowhere near the average salary of governors in the United States, it is worth noting that CNMI's

budget and population are nowhere near the average budgets and populations in the United States.

More importantly, the average income in the CNMI is nowhere near the average income in the United States.

The governor's salary should be near the average of the United States when the rest of us also receive the average income in the United States.

Anonymous.



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Probable cause found in 'ice' case

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE SUPERIOR Court found on Wednesday probable cause to warrant the filing of charges against two of the three men arrested during a buy-bust operation in which an estimated 32 grams of methamphetamine hydrochloride were allegedly confiscated.

Associate Judge Edward Manibusan said after reviewing the evidence the court was convinced that the government has shown evidence that James V. Espina and Pacifico B. Eustaquio could have committed the offense.

During the preliminary hearing, the government presented its witness Sgt. Ismael Aguon of the Department of Public Safety's Criminal Investigation Section.

Aguon narrated how the buy-bust operation and the investigations against the defendants were conducted by CIS agents.

Espina and Eustaquio, both unemployed, were charged with conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance.

The third defendant, Raul L. Albelda, tagged by the police as

the drug supplier, was charged with one count each of delivery and illegal possession of a controlled substance.

Albelda was not included in the preliminary hearing as his lawyer Tom Sweeney failed to appear.

Eustaquio, through counsel Ted Christopher, later pleaded not guilty.

Manibusan denied to release him to a third party custodian after the court found him a "flight risk."

Eustaquio and Espina were remanded to the DPS jail.

Court information showed that an undercover agent approached Eustaquio to help him locate a drug supplier who could sell at least 15 grams of "ice" last Nov. 15.

Eustaquio informed Albelda about the buyer.

Espina allegedly acted as the driver who led the group to the meeting place at a parking lot of a convenient store where the drugs were delivered.

Following the arrest of the three, CIS agents allegedly confiscated 17 more grams of "shabu" during a search at Albelda's room.

Lottery revenues OK, PAO audit reports

THE DEPARTMENT of Finance has properly computed the government's revenue of \$95,552



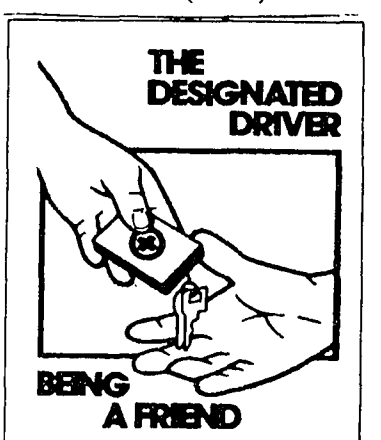
Leo LaMotte

earned from the CNMI Lottery operations for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 1995, according to the Office of Public Auditor.

The revenues of the on-line game, OPA said, were computed in accordance with the terms of agreements and a memorandum of understanding between the CNMI and Tattersall Sweep Consultation of Australia and its accredited authorized representative agent, the Mail Service.

"Under the terms of agreements and memorandum of understanding, the CNMI shall receive and be compensated directly and indirectly by the payment of commissions, taxes, duties, and fees in an amount equivalent to 35 percent of the subscription price paid for each on-line lottery tickets sold in the CNMI and in an amount equivalent to 26.5 percent of the subscription price of each instant game ticket shipped or delivered by TMS for sale in the CNMI."

In a report to Finance Secretary Antonio Cabrera, Public Auditor Leo LaMotte stated that his office conducted the audit "as applicable, in accordance with the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States." (MCM)



World AIDS Day 'Abstain or use rubbers'

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

BE GOOD. If you can't be good, at least be careful. Use condom.

This piece of advice from the Division of Public Health comes as the CNMI joins the rest of the world in the observance of World AIDS Day today.

As part of the local government's AIDS prevention and awareness campaign, the Commonwealth Health Center will conduct starting today free AIDS-tests at the Garapan Elementary School.

According to Lorraine Cabrera, DPH's HIV/AIDS program manager, there were 10 HIV/AIDS cases reported on Saipan from 1983 to 1994.

Five of the victims have died after developing full-blown AIDS.

"This figure is alarming considering the small population in the island—even one is alarming," Cabrera said.

She believes there remain others who are either unaware of their affliction or scared to come out in the open.

Guam has 78 reported HIV/AIDS cases. Considering the proximity of the island in the Commonwealth, Cabrera said, the actual number of victims in the CNMI could be more than what was reported.

"This is why we're inviting the people to come and avail themselves of the free test," Cabrera.

There is no other way of knowing if one is infected with the dreaded disease, Cabrera said.

Trust doctors: It won't show in one's physical appearance.

"Anybody can be a victim," Cabrera said. "No one can say

"I'm spared."

The health agency is stepping up its campaign to prevent the spread of the disease on the island by promoting "abstinence" and the "use of condom."

In some parts of the world, the promotion of condom as a "safety weapon" has triggered a clash between the state and the Church.

Not in the CNMI.

"This is because our emphasis is on abstinence," Cabrera said. "But of course, I can't turn a blind eye I can't keep saying abstain, abstain, abstain. I have to be realistic. Those who want to continue their (sexual) misbehavior should at least learn how to protect themselves."

The government's program has been getting a good public response, according to Cabrera.

She said about 3,000 latex condoms are given out for free by the CHC pharmacy every month.

The public health division has also intensified its program to educate the people and correct several misconceptions about HIV/AIDS, particularly with regard to the manner by which the disease is transmitted.

The myth: HIV/AIDS virus can be acquired through kissing, mosquito bites, sharing food, cups and utensils, touching and social interaction.

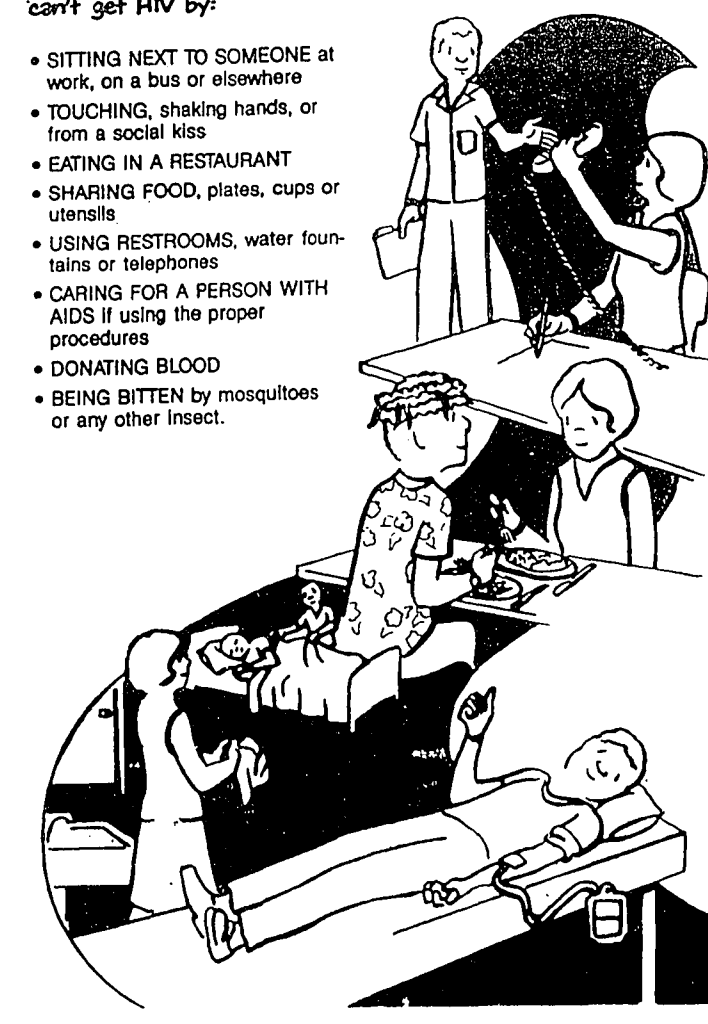
The fact: One can get the virus through blood transfusion, transmission from an HIV-infected mother to baby and actual sexual intercourse.

The month-long AIDS prevention activities begin today with a parade at 7:30 a.m. from Kristo Rai to Garapan Elementary School where a program is scheduled.

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or through the air. For example, current research shows that you can't get HIV by:

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- EATING IN A RESTAURANT
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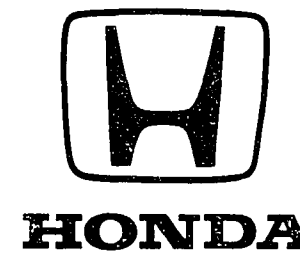
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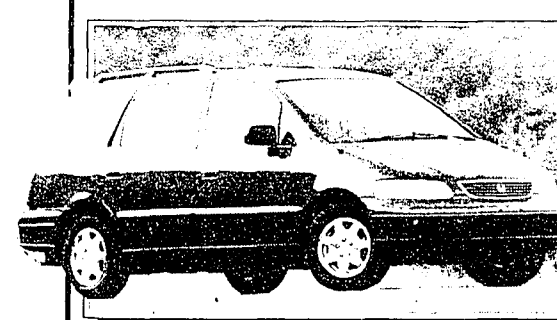


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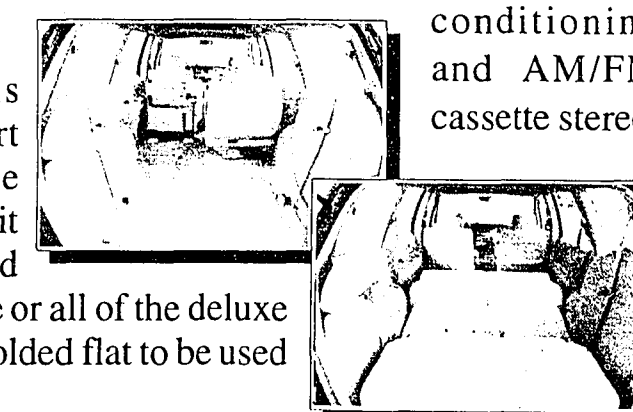
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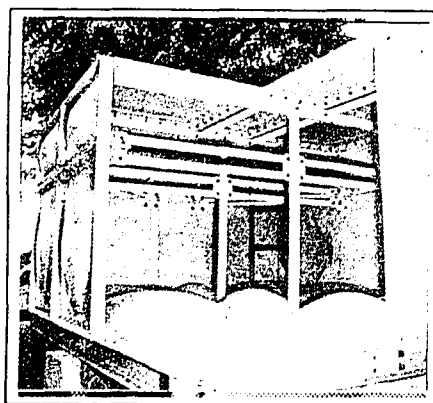
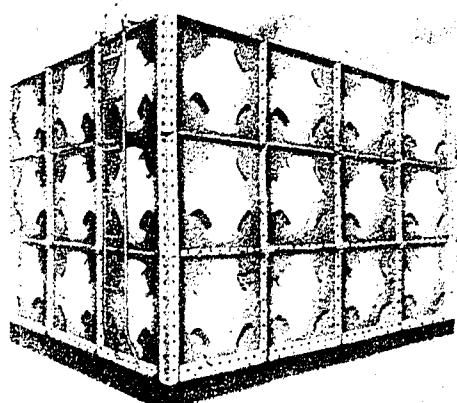
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Boy Scouts hold fall camporee

SIXTY-FIVE Boy Scouts, including 15 adult leaders, joined the three-day Fall Camporee at Cowtown last Friday up to Sunday.

The scouts were from different villages and schools on Saipan.

Calisto I. Reyes, Camp program director, said the activities started Friday night with the five troops setting up different camp sites, followed by a Camp-wide assembly where participants introduced themselves after welcome remarks from Camp director Juan L. Babauta.

The whole of Saturday was spent in lectures, singing sessions, doing projects, and game competitions.

Instructors Stanley Villagomez, Jack Muna, John Maglona, Tony Calvo, Greg Guerrero, and David Chargualaf taught the boys how to identify trees and shrubs and hazardous waste, about conservation laws and regulations, earthquakes and typhoon awareness and safety, and social issues.

Guest speakers included Jack Muna from the Lieuten-

ant Governor's Office, Paul Perry, and Roy Fua, who talked about career, boy scouting and active and law-abiding citizenship.

Joe Limes, Al Saures, and Ben Roppol taught the participants Boy Scout songs.

The Boy Scouts erected the Banadero Trail sign and planted trees in the road going to the Bird Island lookout.

The boys competed in such games as fire building, coconut husking, apple eating, tug-of-war, stretcher race, and chariot race.

They also had camp fire activities and fellowship after the dinner Saturday.

The Camporee culminated in a Mass Sunday morning, which was said by Father Narciso of the San Roque Church.

"The boys really enjoyed the activities," Reyes said, adding that they looked forward to the summer camp, which may be held in Tinian on the second week of June next year.

The summer camp will be participated in not only by Boy Scouts from Saipan but also from Rota and Tinian.



Fall camporee participants pose at the Banadero Trail.

PIA still awaiting meeting with CPA on airport fees

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

THE Pacific Island Aviation said yesterday it is still waiting for the promised meeting with the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Jim Stowell, chief operating officer, said the meeting, to tackle the issue of the airport charges, was supposed to have been called 14 days ago.

The PIA has been objecting to what it called exorbitant passenger facility charge (\$4.45) being assessed passengers leaving Rota and Tinian.

At one time the airline threatened to suspend operations to the two islands for two days before the Nov. 4 elections if the Commonwealth government did not do any substantial step to eliminate the charges.

Stowell said they had called CPA board chairman Victor B. Hocog and executive director Carlos A. Shoda

twice to follow up the meeting.

"Still there's no meeting," he said. Stowell also said the PIA was not dropping its demand to reduce or eliminate the facility charges.

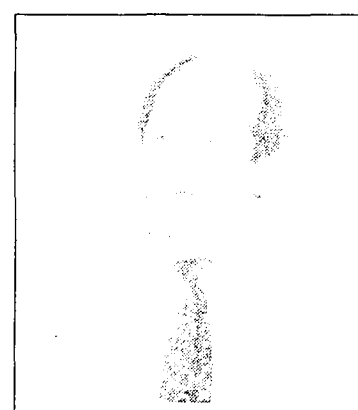
He reiterated the PIA's stand that the charges were not totally justified "in view of the fact that CPA has a substantial cash hoard."

"We think that the smaller and the weaker commuter airlines should not be having to pay such large fees in the face of their very successful cash hoard," said.

The PIA claims the CPA, with \$18-million assets, had a \$2-million profit in the past year.

"What will you do with the \$2-million profit?" PIA chairman and chief executive officer Robert Christian had said.

The PIA has initiated the process for getting a federal transportation subsidy



Robert Christian

in the face of "escalating operating costs."

Christian had said the subsidy was necessary to maintain affordable plane ticket prices to Rota and Tinian.

The CPA has justified the facility charges, saying they had not been raised since the mid-1980s.

Juan Guerrero, chairman of the finance committee of the CPA board, said the charges went to the building and maintenance of airport facilities as well as salaries of employees.

But Stowell said the excuse that the charges had been there for many years was not a good excuse.

"Marcos was ruling as a dictator for many, many years. Does that mean we don't try to have liberty and justice in the Philippines?"

Why buy that argument that something that has been a fact for many, many years is good or necessarily should remain the same?" he said.

When asked if this applies to rates, which normally goes up instead of down, he said rates "don't necessarily tend to go up."

"In fact," he explained, "when those rates were put in place, how much traffic was there into the Saipan airport? How much growth has been there in the traffic? Fact of the matter is, the growth and traffic has been substantial, so even with the same rate they have made more and more money," he said.

He claimed the CPA has \$12.8 million cash in the bank, while small commuter airlines have to pay "an unfair (charge) for the operation of the airport."

Last of aquaculture workshops slated

THE last of the series of aquaculture workshops sponsored by the Division of Fish and Wildlife will deal with growing giant clams and other shellfish in the CNMI.

The workshop will be on Dec. 12 in Saipan, Dec. 13 in Tinian, and Dec. 14 in Rota, and will have for its speaker Steve Lindsay, regional aquaculture extension agent, of Pohnpei.

Mark J. Brotman, of the Northern Marianas College Land Grant, said in an announcement that giant clams and other shellfish, such as snails, are popular for food and in aquariums.

Shellfish can bring a good income when grown under the right

conditions, he said.

The series of workshops has been conducted with the aim of helping prospective fish farmers start their own fish farms right in their backyards.

According to Brotman, techniques will be discussed for growing the kinds of shellfish most suitable to the CNMI during the forthcoming workshop.

Brotman also said that he and Lindsay will be available in the morning on each island for site visits and consultations.

Brotman can be contacted at the NMC at 234-9023, ext. 1430.—Rick Alberto

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Oil spills from Mobil tanker

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According to a Mobil spokesman; "The leak occurred when wind and wave action caused a cargo hose to scrape along the coral shoreline and develop a 3/4 inch hole leaking approximately between two-hundred (200) and four hundred (400) gallons of diesel fuel. Mobil responded immediately to contain the oil spill and notified the appropriate CNMI agencies and the United States Coast Guard."

The winds and waves forced most of the oil spill into the north side finger of Smiling Cove where it is being contained with oil absorbent booms and pads.

"The spill did not flow into the marina, onto Micro beach, or Managaha Islands," according to government officials. CNMI officials say; "we will be assessing the effects of the oil spill on the marine and shoreline environment."

About forty (40) personnel from EMO, CRM, DEQ, USCG, are monitoring the cleanup operations while CUC, Mobil, and Shell are currently in the process of cleaning up the fuel oil.

About thirty (30) percent of the spill has been cleaned up with major "pockets" of oil being cleaned up by tonight.

Cleanup personnel will work until dark. Another assessment will be conducted at first morning light with a follow-up cleanup to commence until it's completed.

Weekly DEQ water report

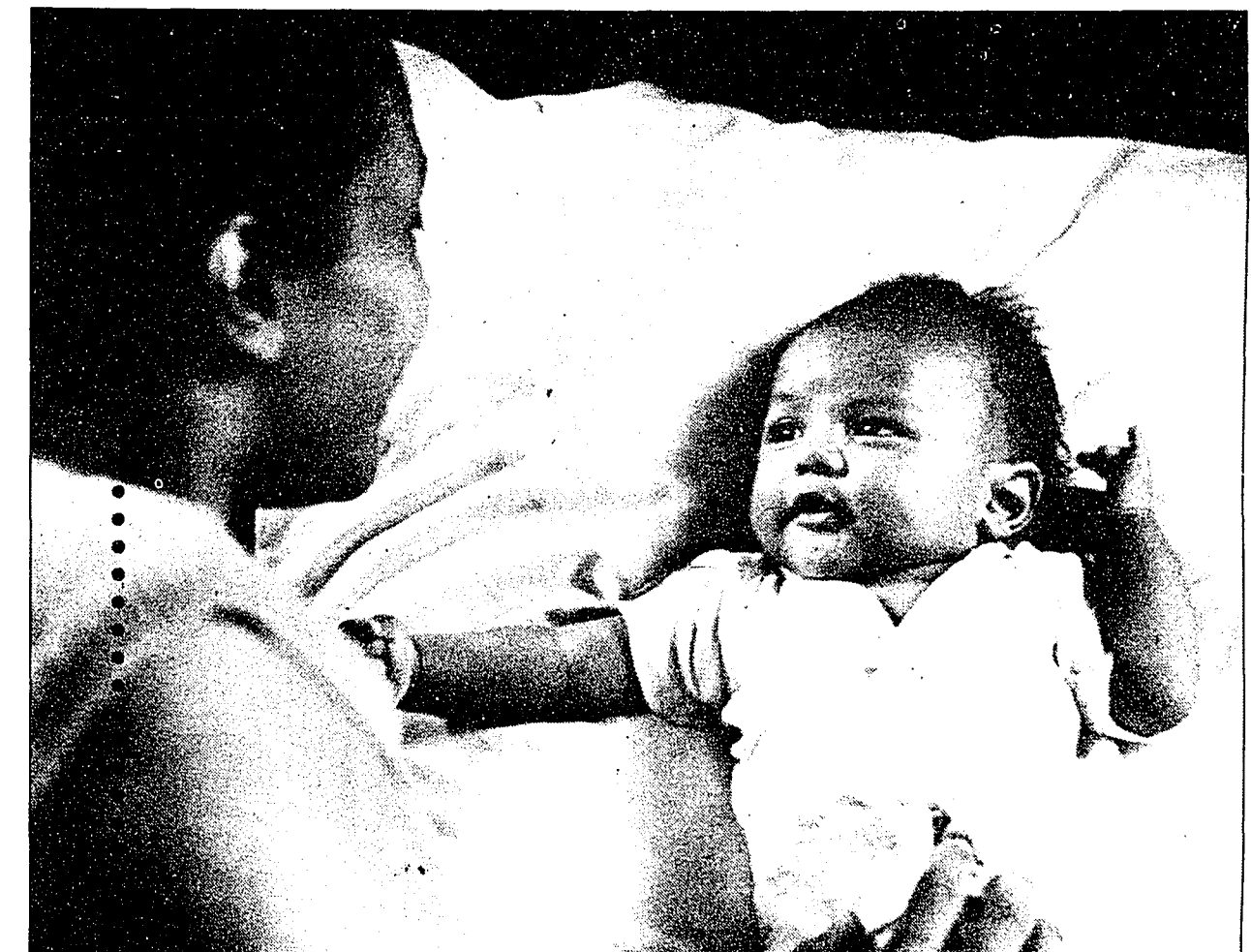
THE DIVISION of Environmental Quality (DEQ) analyzed water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainages this week. The samples collected from the following locations contained excessive concentration of fecal coliform bacteria, which exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standard.

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Power outage today

CREWS from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) will be installing new high voltage wires in two sections of Chalan Kiya and Dandan Friday and Saturday resulting in minor power outages.

In order to protect the lives of the men installing the high voltage wires, the power will be turned off at the business of Black Microl and the Kanat Tabla area behind Black Microl. Power will also be turned off for six homes located behind the

former "El Toro Club" building. Linemen will start the projects at 9 a.m. both Friday and Saturday. The power will be restored as soon as the men have safely cleared the electrical lines, at approximately 4 p.m.

PSS to hold parents summit at Hyatt

THE PUBLIC School System is working with the Council of PTAs and the Pacific Regional Education Lab in sponsoring a parent summit designed to help parents better understand the wealth of home and in the community.

The parent summit features presentations by educators and community leaders with special expertise on a wide range of subjects including: improving children's reading & writing skills at home, discipline with dignity at home, school-to-work readiness, health and fitness for parents, new visions for PTA members, environmental issues

& parents, etc.

Commissioner William S. Torres stated that "behind every successful student is a supportive parent." He noted that this parent summit will present the latest theory and best practices in raising your child to succeed in school, in the community and how to help your child to develop an innate love of learning.

Torres stated that parents exert powerful influences on the development of their children and that this conference will focus on how the home environment can enhance the performance of the child in school.

The Commissioner also stated

that the conference will underscore the critically important partnerships between schools-parents-teachers and the community all focused upon how to make our schools the very best they can be through increased parent involvement in the education of their children.

The conference is from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 1995 and will be held at Gilligan's in the Hyatt Hotel.

Parents and interested members of the community are cordially invited to attend this parent summit according to Commissioner Torres.

Public Works moves to repair coral road

PUBLIC Works Secretary Edward DeLeon Guerrero dispatched a repair crew Tuesday to do emergency on the gravel road leading to Laulau Beach.

A concerned citizen brought to the Secretary's attention the sorry state of the road. Just an hour after receiving the complaint, Guerrero, accompanied by John C. Tudela, operations and maintenance director of the Department of Public Works, personally went to check the road.

Guerrero then ordered Felipe Fejeran, DPW Director of Roads and Ground, and Ben Camacho, DPW Director of Transportation and Heavy Equipment, to immediately send people and equipment to take care of the problem.

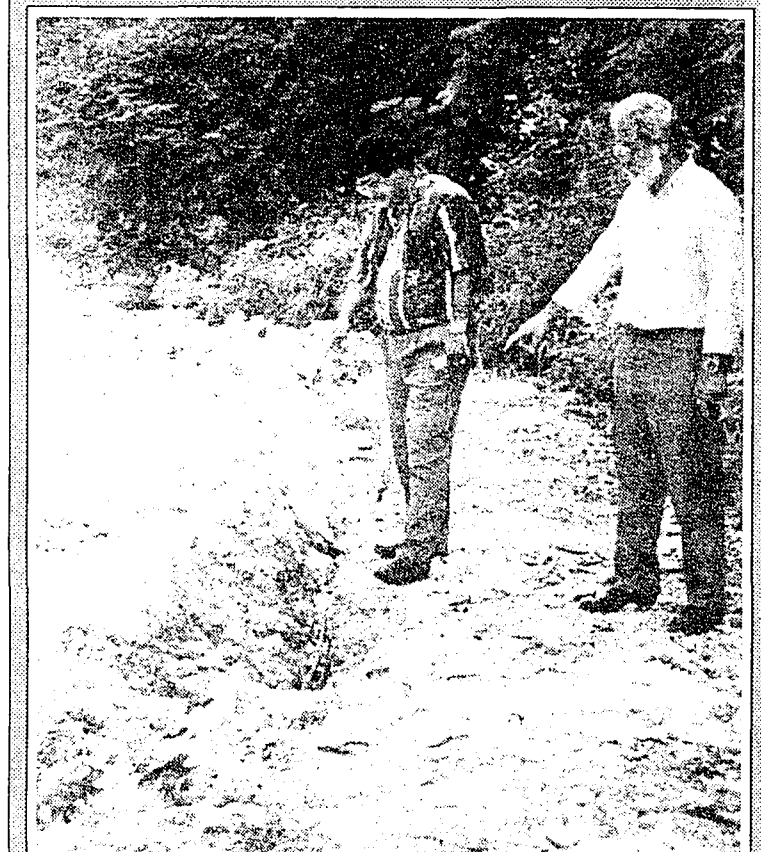
He found the road hardly passable by ordinary vehicles because of cracks and very rough surface. Immediately, the Secretary asked a DPW maintenance crew to do emergency repair.

Guerrero thanked the person who personally brought to his attention the problem with the Laulau road.

"We need people to tell us about such problems. And I can assure them that DPW is always there to help," the Secretary said.

Although it is a remote road located at the back side of the island, Chalan Laulau is frequently used by tourists and even by local residents who go to the Laulau Beach for picnics or sightseeing.

As of yesterday, the repair crew was almost halfway through the entire stretch.



Public Works Secretary Edward DeLeon Guerrero, with John C. Tudela, Operations and Maintenance Director, inspecting a damaged portion of the road leading to Laulau Beach. (Photo by Manasses S. Borja).

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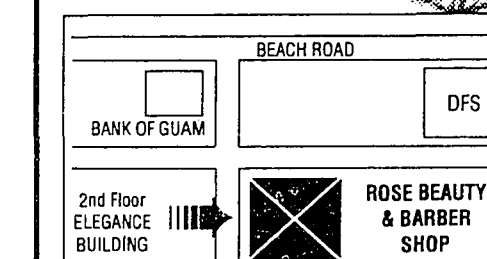
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Bank of Guam stock split

ANTHONY A. Leon Guerrero, President of Guam, yesterday announced that there has been a two-for-one split of Bank of Guam stock.

In its regularly-scheduled meeting on Monday, November 27, 1995, the Board of Directors of the Bank approved the two-for-one split of the Bank's Common Stock.

This is the fifth time that Bank's of

Guam stock has been split since the Bank's founding in 1972, so that one original share of the stock will now be represented by 48 shares.

Leon Guerrero said, "Bank of Guam has grown tremendously over the past few years. Although our growth can principally be attributed to the diligent efforts of

the Bank's Directors, its officers and employers, we also owe our success to the patronage of the communities that we serve and support of each of the Bank's shareholders. Without each of these, we could not have become the premier financial institution in the Western Pacific, the status which we now enjoy."

The Bank President went on to explain that, in a stock split of this kind, each outstanding share of the Bank's stock will be replaced with two shares.

For instance, a shareholder currently owning 10 shares of the Bank's stock will now own 20 shares.

Although a stock split does not have a direct impact on the value of the Bank or of the shareholder's shares, it does increase the number of shares outstanding.

This, in turn, may cause a rise in total shareholders' value because of the increased liquidity of the stock. With more shares available, transactions in the stock will be correspondingly easier.

"That is the main objective," Leon Guerrero said. "We have always been proud to be The People's Bank, and we want to make it easier for everyone throughout the Pacific to own a piece of the Bank."

The stock split was effective as of Monday, Nov. 27, 1995, and shareholders may exchange their existing stock certificates reflecting their new number of shares beginning on Monday, Dec. 4, 1995 at the Trust department, 2nd floor, Bank of Guam Headquarters in Agana.

Anyone interested in buying or selling Bank of Guam shares may contact the Bank's Trust Department at (671) 472-5140 or 5142.

Holiday festival of lights on at La Fiesta San Roque

FAMILIES on Saipan do not have to travel far to experience a bit of the holiday spirit! Everyone can enjoy festive illumination every night until January 8th with San Roque's "Holiday Festival of Lights" ending at La Fiesta San Roque Shopping Plaza, the premier shopping mall, said in a news release.

Among some of the more original features of this spectacular light exhibit is a Rock Star Gorilla, Spouting Whales w/ Santa Hats, Nikko's own

'x'mas styling' crab, and the specialty entrance arch signifying a colorful "birthday cake" celebration of LFS's Dec. 18th beginning.

La Fiesta also has made specialty flight arrangements with JAL "between the north pole and Saipan" to bring Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus to our plaza.

All boys and girls on Saipan are invited to visit with Santa regardless if they have been naughty or nice!

Visiting hours are every Saturday until Christmas from 5

p.m. to 8 p.m. at Santa's Chair by our Large Decorated Christmas Tree. Don't forget your camera for this free photo opportunity with Santa himself.

Topping off the season will be La Fiesta's 3rd Anniversary & Christmas event. An exciting program has been planned for the enjoyment of local residents and tourists alike.

Festive entertainment and a dance contest will take place over the Christmas weekend of Dec. 23rd and 24th.

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Education Roundup

Study grants offered

THE Commissioner of Education, William S. Torres, is pleased to announce that as part of a Nation-wide program nine scholarships will be available in the CNMI; three at each of the following award levels, \$2,500, \$1,250 and \$500.

These scholarships are only for Juniors that will graduate in school year 1996-1997 and applications are available at PSS.

Both public and private school students are eligible but you must have a 2.75 GPA and plan on continuing your education after graduating from high school. The Deadline for application is January 10, 1996.

For further information or applications for this Junior scholarship opportunity please contact William Matson of the PSS Central Office at 288-0757.

Drug-free program on

HOPWOOD Jr. High School Drug Free Club in cooperation with the Drug Free Program of the Public School System cordially invites you to do the media coverage of our celebration of the 7th Annual Drug-Free Awareness Week on November 27-29, 1995.

We will have a Flag Ceremony on Nov. 28, (8:00-11:50 a.m.), a Peer Teaching Peer Session in the afternoon (12:50-2:30 p.m.), and the highlight of this event is the scheduled Parade For a Cause on Nov. 29, at 8:00-11:45 a.m., from Mt. Carmel Field to Hopwood and Awarding Ceremonies in the afternoon for our Drug-Free Hilltop Contest promoting Hopwood Jr. High School as a Safe and Drug-Free School and to give a clear and definite message to our CNMI youth that it is okay to say "There Are Better Things To Do In Life Than Drugs."

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Mt. Carmel PTA elections

ON Wednesday, November 2nd the Mount Carmel PTA held its first meeting of School Year 1996. The main agenda item was the election of new officers.

The results: President- Judge Edward Manibusan; Vice-President- Esther Fleming; Secretary- Francisca DLR Pangelinan; Treasurer- Elizabeth S. Balajadia. After the election the floor was opened for general discussion.

A number of key concerns and recommendations was voiced. Among them: Acquaint everyone with the PTA Bylaws and amend them if necessary; Meet at least quarterly; and if possible schedule the meetings well in advance so everyone knows the dates and can plan to attend; Better communication between the school and parents; Placing the PTA President on the MCS Board of Directors; Establishing key committees made up of parents to work with MCS on various key areas needing improvement such as communication between parents, teachers, school administrators and the MCS Board of Directors, and the importance of fund-raising.

MLSC moves office

THE Marianas Office of

Micronesian Legal Services Corporation has moved from its location across the street from DPS to the former Revenue & Tax Office at Civic Center, Susupe.

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Vets loan program ceiling hiked

THE NORTHERN Marianas Housing Corporation and the CNMI Veterans Affairs Office yesterday announced that the loan

ceiling for the Veterans Affairs (VA) Administration's Native American Direct Loan Program (NADLP) has been increased

from \$80,000 to 120,000.

At the same time, the interest rate for single-family residential housing loan program was recently reduced again, and currently has the lowest interest rate at 7 percent.

The sentiment to increase the previous loan limit was echoed over a couple of years ago, to accommodate the high cost of construction in the CNMI, due to importation of materials from distant suppliers.

"Northern Marianas Housing Corporation would like to acknowledge the efforts of Governor Froilan C. Tenorio, the Ninth

Marianas legislature and the Honolulu Veterans Affairs Office, whom were very instrumental in the eventual increase of the loan amount," the NMHC said in a news release.

Eligible CNMI-descent veterans are encouraged to take advantage of this program. Only honorably discharged veteran may participate in this program.

Prospective applicants are initially required to present their DD-214 and Certificate of Eligibility for eligibility determination purposes.

For preliminary determination purpose, applicants are required

to submit a completed Uniform Residential Loan Application along with the land document, property map current pay statement, 1040 for the two previous years, Borrower's Certification and Authorization, Verification of VA Benefit-related Indebtedness, Credit Report Authorization, Individual Life Insurance Policy, if any, and judgement, if applicable.

Interested applicants may contact offices of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation at 234-7689/7670/6866/9447 on Saipan, 532-9410 on Rota and 433-9213 on Tinian.

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Aid donors focus on economic woes

By Giff Johnson

MAJURO-Marshall Islands and Federated States of Micronesia officials will meet with leading aid donor countries and agencies in Manila next week to discuss economic needs and problems in these north pacific nations at a special meeting organized by the Asian Development Bank.

The ADB is taking the lead to coordinate donor response to the Marshall Islands and FSM, where the ADB has become a major aid partner. Since 1992, the ADB has lent the Marshall Islands more than \$40 million for projects or technical assistance. The United States, Japan, a variety of United Nations agencies and other nations are expected at the Manila meetings.

Marshall Islands Finance Minister Ruben Zackhras will head a delegation that will include Ministry of Finance, Office of Planning and Statistics and ADB Policy Advisory Team members who are based in Majuro.

Both the Marshall Islands and FSM are faced with "grave" economic conditions, according to ADB advisors. Chuuk State, in the FSM, failed to make its government payroll last month (Oc-

tober), and a bloated government salary structure is seen as the key factor in the Chuuk government's financial collapse. While conditions are not as dramatic in the three other FSM states, or the Marshall Islands, both countries are faced with an impending drastic reduction in American aid, which currently underwrites both economies. Little in the way of productive economic ventures have developed in either country to replace U.S. aid that, by treaty, ends in 2001. The Marshall Islands has lost tens of million of dollars by financing international jet service to Honolulu since 1990, and tuna exports have failed to generate sufficient revenue to make a dent in the Marshalls' import-export ratio imbalance which stood at about 30-1 in the early 1990s.

It is the first time for international aid donors to meet specifically with Marshall Islands and FSM officials to discuss the economic outlook of the Marshall Islands, and to consider a policy plan that has been drafted by the governments for dealing with the serious economic problems anticipated in the next five years.

There will be a meeting be-

tween the donors and the Marshall Islands on Monday, and a similar meeting Wednesday between Federated States of Micronesia officials and the donors. During the week, Marshall Islands and FSM officials will also consult and compare notes, said Dr. H.M. Gunasekera, the ADB's project coordinator at the Office of Planning and Statistics in Majuro.

The Marshall Islands and FSM are the only two countries in the Pacific with ADB-sponsored Policy Advisory Teams (PATs) assisting the governments to develop economic plans and coordinate with foreign aid donors.

"The meeting (in Manila) gives the Marshall Islands the opportunity to tell donor countries and agencies about developments here, constraints and what the

governments to development economic plans and coordinate with foreign aid donors.

Gunasekera said that although requests for aid for specific projects would likely be left to later meetings, the Marshalls will be seeking donor aid at next week's meeting for making reforms to the public service. He explained that as the government reduces in response to foreign aid cutbacks, there needs to be transition period for employees and the country to adjust to the changes, for which donor aid is essential.

he indicated that this meeting would be the first in an ongoing series of meetings over the next five years to deal with economic needs in the

Marshall Islands and to coordinate and focus international donor assistance.

Zachhras will present a government policy paper at Monday's meeting outlining strategies that the government plans to implement over the next five years for developing the economy in the face of declining foreign aid, particularly that from the United States, which will drop by \$5 million beginning with the next fiscal year (October 1).

"To the extent that the Marshall Islands is making changes in the public service, it shows we're serious (about reform)," Johnson said. "It will make donors more conducive to supporting the program."

Tribal fighting makes gun smuggling lucrative in PNG

TRIBAL fighting in Papua New Guinea's Highlands Region has created a lucrative market for firearms smugglers in the country, police in the Region have told the National news-

paper.

According to senior police officers, firearms are in great demand in the region with people offering huge sums of money to buy guns and ammunitions to use in tribal warfare.

The officers say the lack of effective surveillance at air and sea ports have made it easy for smugglers to bring in guns and ammunitions to the highlands.

Eastern highlands police commander Titus Pamben said sophisticated equipment and trained men are

now building up arms among the tribes.

Acting police chief in Enga Ambrose Willie said police were trying to seize what was already in the country but nothing was being done to stop the smuggling of guns from outside.

His Western highlands counterpart, John Wakon, said people were hiring helicopters to fly guns and ammunitions to fighting areas, but police are unable to stop this. ...Pacnews

Tahiti riot damage pegged at \$3.3-M

THE French Polynesia government's compensation commission has received 292 requests for financial compensation to the damage done during the September riot in Papeete, RNZI reported Thursday.

The commission has evaluated the damage which stands at US\$3.3 mil-

lion.

But this will probably double once the remaining requests are examined. The riot caused damage to shops and goods were stolen.

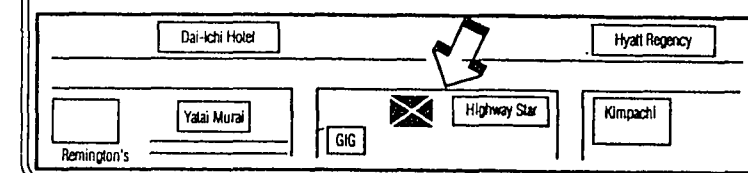
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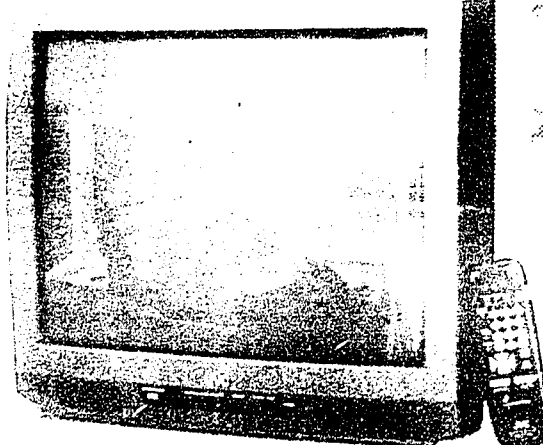
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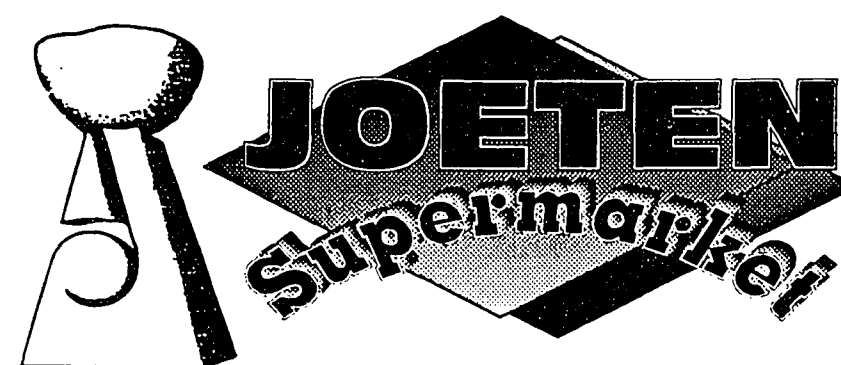
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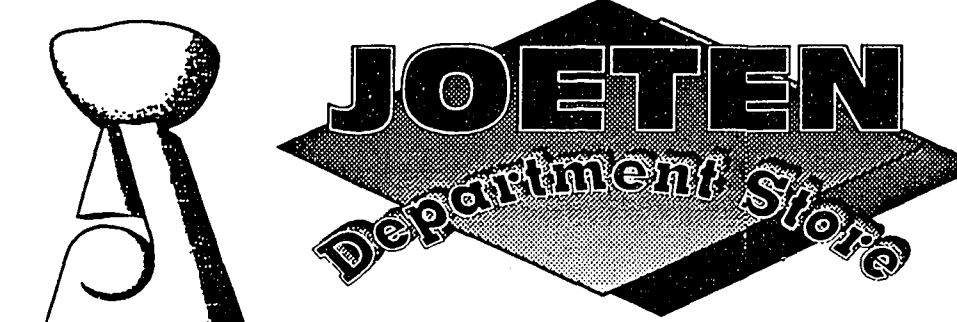
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Majuro prepares for dry season

By Giff Johnson
For the Variety

MAJURO - Majuro's 20 million gallon fresh water reservoir is so full it's overflowing. But the capital's water company is cautiously rationing water to husband what is Majuro's most precious resource when the dry season hits.

Water remains on all day, every other day and that isn't likely to change, despite continuing rain in Majuro. Majuro Water and Sewer Company's acting general manager Bill Roberts explained that. "We want to go into the dry season with a full reservoir."

Currently, there are 19 million gallons in the reservoir, with more than two million gallons estimated to be still on the airport catchment area, waiting to be pumped into the

reservoir as space permits.

There's no way to know when the dry season will start. Generally, Majuro's dry season runs from December or January through April. And depending on the year - like 1992, when "El Nino" was at its peak - the dry seasons here can be, well... dry.

"In the 1992 drought, Majuro received less than one inch in four months; the reservoir was bone dry; deodorant and perfume sales skyrocketed as the option of taking a shower declined; and islanders turned to digging ground wells for fresh water. While nobody is predicting a repeat of 1992 next year, Roberts said it's better to conserve now and be prepared.

"If it suddenly stops raining and we're down to seven million gallons

because we've been pumping everyday, we'd look pretty silly," Roberts said. When water is on, about 1.5 million gallons are consumed daily.

An interesting downside to the rains that have deluged Majuro over the past few months is that collections by MWSC are down. "With all the rain, collections are off," Roberts said. "We expect a bonanza when the dry season hits.

Many residences have been disconnected for non-payment of water bills. But because people are able to catch their own water from the rain now, they aren't bothering to pay off their bills and get reconnected, Roberts said.

The dry season is expected to improve MWSC's financial outlook, he said.

Bill shuts foreign law firms' participation in land dispute

PAPUA New Guinea's mining and petroleum minister, John Giheno, has introduced legislation in parliament aimed at deterring the involvement of foreign law firms in PNG landowner compensation claims, the National reported Thursday.

The controversial revised Ok Tedi Eight Supplemental Agreement for through the second reading without any debate.

The bill seeks to make a proposed US\$80 million compensation package legally binding, but demands landowners to choose between accepting payments from government or continuing with their claims in an Australian court.

The bill, when passed, will give landowners along the affected areas of the Ok Tedi and Fly river systems six months to make their decision.

Meanwhile, the Australian law firm representing the landowners

in the multi-billion dollar legal battle, Slater and Gordon, says it would challenge the bill in the PNG supreme court if the ombudsman commission does not take any action.

John Gordon, a partner in the law firm, has described the bill as undemocratic and unconstitutional saying it infringes sections of the PNG constitution.

BHP, however, released a statement brushing aside the comments by Slater and Gordon and describe its agreement with the PNG government as fair.....Pacnews

Solomons newspaper resumes its operations

SOLOMON Citizen newspaper which has suspended publication for some time will return to business next week, SIBC reported Wednesday.

And it has decided to engage sacked Solomon Star reporter Duran Angiki as its senior reporter.

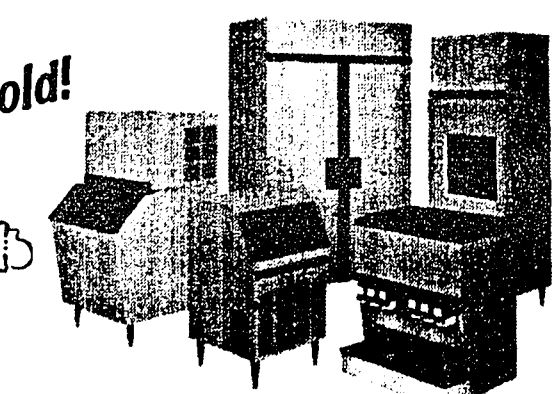
Solomon Star sacked Mr. Angiki Monday following the publication of his stories which alleged involvement by government ministers in scandals and secret deals with foreign companies and nationals.

A spokesman for Solomon Citizen, Mathias Sitana, says Mr. Angiki would be encouraged to continue with his investigative reporting....Pacnews

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Ramos thanks Suharto for peace bid

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - President Fidel Ramos thanked Indonesian President Suharto on Wednesday for helping his government find a peaceful end to the Muslim insurgency in the southern Philippines.

Ramos cited Suharto's role as a "prime peacemaker" after the Indonesian leader said his country would support demands by Filipino Muslims for autonomy but would not back an independent Muslim state.

The government and the Moro National Liberation Front, the main rebel faction fighting for Muslim self-rule, are holding their third round of formal talks

in Jakarta.

Ramos said he remains optimistic that the weeklong talks, which began Monday, will succeed despite reports they had been marred by bomb explosions in two southern cities earlier this week.

Ramos said the two bombings were unrelated to the insurgency.

"I am glad to hear that the negotiation is off to an auspicious start," he said. "I am confident that a forward momentum would be gained as the plenary sessions ensue within the week."

Nur Misuari, chairman of the rebel front, also has said the discussions have made some

progress although major disagreements remain.

Ramos also replied to critics who say military and police movements in the south have heightened tension.

"Far from it. Such efforts are being done to preserve the environment of peace and stability," he said. "We're doing our best to preserve the peace against those who are bound to derail it, for their selfish if not irrational ends."

He said the military and police actions were not directed at the Muslim rebels, and that a ceasefire "continues to hold firmly." Indonesian Foreign Minister

Ali Alatas said less than 20 percent of the issues remain to be solved, but they are "the most contentious and the ones that bear the greatest weight."

One of them is the holding of a plebiscite.

A 1976 agreement reached between the two sides in Tripoli, Libya, committed Manila to granting autonomy under a provisional government to 13 provinces. Currently only four have autonomy.

But the Philippines interpreted the words "constitutional process" in the Tripoli Agreement as meaning the holding of a plebiscite.



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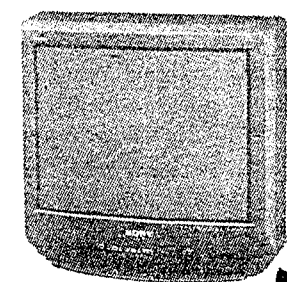
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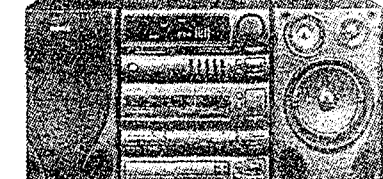
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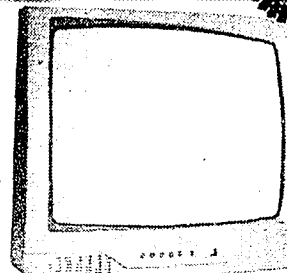


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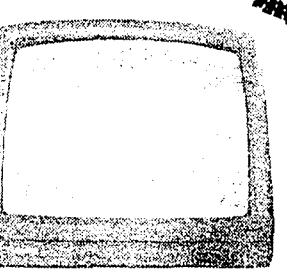


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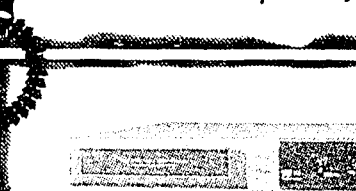


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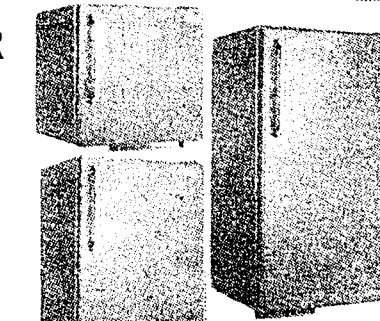
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US to hike tobacco exports



U.S. trade representative Mickey Kantor, center, arrives with unidentified aides at Osaka's Kansai International Airport. Kantor participated in the APEC summit last month. (AP Photo).

By RANDALL CHASE RALEIGH (AP) - Despite the Clinton administration's plans to tighten regulations on tobacco products in America, it will continue efforts to increase tobacco exports, U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor said.

The Food and Drug Administration has proposed regulating nicotine as a drug and strengthen restrictions on tobacco advertising. But those restrictions should not hamper exports, Kantor said Tuesday at an agricultural summit of state officials, educators and industry representatives.

"We're going to make sure that you have every right to be treated as not only a legal product, but a product of the United States, and treated fairly in foreign markets," Kantor said.

Gov. Jim Hunt noted said a government task force recently concluded recently that the entry of American cigarettes into for-

ign markets does not increase the number of smokers in those markets.

"There is no basis at all not to continue to push tobacco exports," Hunt said.

The U.S. is continuing to fight protectionist laws that have inhibited sales of American tobacco products in China, and has cut imports of cheaper, foreign tobacco, Kantor said.

Fred Bond, head of the Flue-Cured Tobacco Stabilization Corp., was pleased by the task force report. The stabilization corporation wants to see increased tobacco exports, especially to Asian countries such as Japan and China.

"China is a big thing," said

Bond, adding that it took pressure from Kantor's office before Japan opened up its markets to American cigarettes.

Enforcement is a key factor in any trade agreement, Bond said. "That will probably be the key in China. You can work out any kind of agreement, but you have to enforce that."

Kantor said North Carolina and other states with strong agricultural economies will benefit in coming years as foreign markets, particularly in Asia and Latin America, continue to open up.

"Agricultural exports have always led the way for the United States, but now it's even more pronounced than ever," he said.

Ex-president's brother asks more time to explain wealth

By ANITA SNOW MEXICO CITY (AP) - Attorneys for Raul Salinas de Gortari, the jailed ex-president's brother whose \$84 million in Swiss bank accounts are under investigation, are asking for more time to explain the source of the funds.

Attorney Eduardo Luengo Creel asked the government on Wednesday to extend from 12 to 45 days the deadline given for explaining the source of Raul Salinas' wealth, including the Swiss bank accounts and dozens of pieces of property around Mexico.

There was no immediate word on whether the request would be granted.

If Raul Salinas cannot show he came by the wealth legitimately, the government can start proceedings to confiscate it.

Former President Carlos Salinas de Gortari says he has no idea how his brother, a murder suspect, got his fortune. But former federal comptroller Maria Elena Vazquez Nava said Tuesday that she had advised the president in 1992 that his brother was rumored to be in-

involved in shady deals.

Raul Salinas is in jail, charged with masterminding the September 1994 murder of Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu, the No. 2 man in the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI.

The official Notimex news agency said late Wednesday that Creel told the government that another defense team member, attorney Raul Campos Gonzalez, has traveled to Switzerland to gather more information and meet with lawyers representing Raul Salinas' wife, who was arrested on Nov. 15.

Swiss authorities arrested Paulina Castanon as she allegedly tried to use phony documents to withdraw money from Swiss bank accounts containing \$84 million.

The documents bore the photograph of her husband, but were in the name of a Juan Guillermo Gomez Gutierrez, authorities said.

Mexico and Switzerland said they are investigating possible money laundering, and some other Mexicans with possible ties to Raul Salinas have had their accounts frozen.

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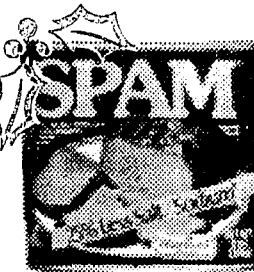
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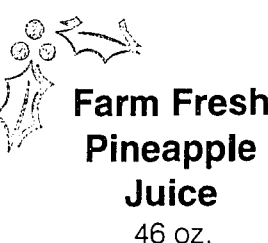
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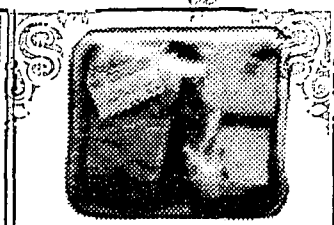
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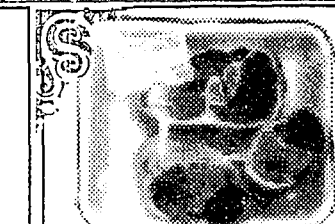
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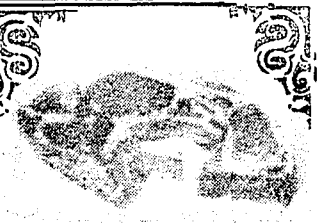
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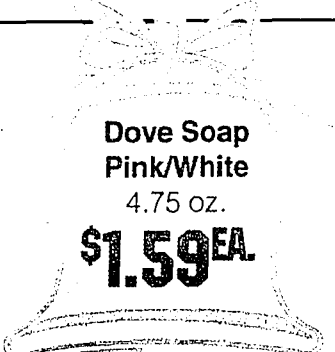
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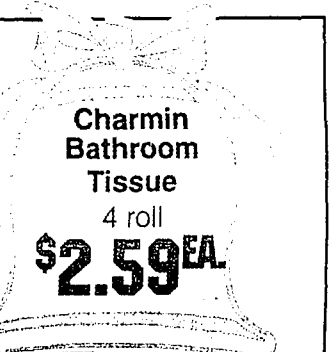
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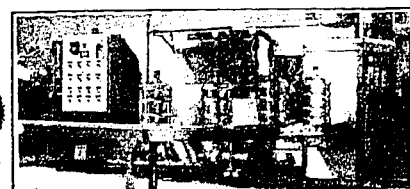
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Opposition takes early lead in Dominican Rep.

By SAUL PIMENTEL
SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) - Two opposition presidential candidates are early favorites in this Caribbean country ruled for decades by one man.

A poll released Wednesday shows Jacinto Peynado, the 54-year-old vice president representing the party of long-standing President Joaquín Balaguer, far behind the other two contenders with only 16 percent of the votes.

Jose Francisco Pena Gomez, 58, a former Santo Domingo mayor, was the preferred candidate for 37 percent. Leonel

Fernandez, a 42-year-old lawyer running for the small Dominican Liberation Party, received 36 percent.

The poll, conducted by a local subsidiary of the U.S.-based Gallup Organization, surveyed 1,200 registered voters between Nov. 3 and 13. The margin of error was about 3 percent.

The results were published in the magazine Rumbo with six months to go before presidential balloting.

The 89-year-old Balaguer, who is blind and in frail health, has been president for 21 of the past 29 years.

Pena Gomez, who represents the Santo Domingo Accord Party, lost to Balaguer in 1994 by 20,000 votes out of 2.5 million cast. Foreign observers and the U.S. government reported fraud and Pena Gomez claimed 200,000 people couldn't cast ballots because of altered voting lists.

After local and international protests, government and opposition leaders agreed to halve Balaguer's four-year term and hold new elections in May 1996.

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Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposal determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification, and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussions and revisions of proposals and such revisions may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

The CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reasons and to waive any defect in said bids if, in its sole opinion, to do so is in the best interest of the CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

Timothy P. Villagomez
Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-96-0005 November 10, 1995

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting proposals from qualified engineering firms for the complete design of ISLEY/SAN VICENTE/OLD HOSPITAL WATERLINE PROJECT in the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island (CNMI).

The proposal shall address the A/E firm's ability to perform the following essential elements:

1. Complete design of the project within 120 days from the receipt of Notice to Proceed. The design shall include study of the existing water system, hydraulic analysis and calculations.
2. Prepare construction documents consisting of plans, specifications, and project cost estimates.
3. Perform topographic and horizontal surveys for the pipeline route.
4. Perform limited soils analysis at intervals along the pipeline route.
5. Prepare O&M Impact Statement.

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2. The waterline design shall include appurtenant valves, fittings, fire hydrants, telemetry system, and service laterals.
3. The submittals shall be made at 50%, 90% and 100%. All submittals shall be in two sets, except for final submittal. Five sets will be required for the final submission.

Proposals will be evaluated and selection made based on the following criteria:

1. Qualification of the principal and proposed staff (25%).
2. Experience in similar projects (25%).
3. Proposed project approach (20%).
4. Time frame of the work (15%).
5. Completeness of the proposal (15%).

A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room in Saipan, CNMI at exactly 10:00 a.m. on November 27, 1995.

Proposals shall be marked CUC-RFP-96-0005 and submitted as an original and five copies to Mr. Frank T. Flores, Special Advisor-Procurement and Supply, CUC, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 4:00 p.m., local time, December 11, 1995. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any defects in the said proposals, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest. All proposal will become the property of the CUC.

All inquiries shall be directed to Mr. Ernesto L. Villarin, Water Division Engineer at telephone number (670) 322-9383.

TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ
Executive Director, CUC

US panel wants new television standards

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL
WASHINGTON (AP) - The next generation of television, which will boast movie-screen clarity and sound to rival that of compact disks, is one step closer for Americans with a high-level committee's recommendation for a federal standard.

The high-definition TV system, proposed by a group of companies called the Grand Alliance, "is superior to any known alternative system in the world," the Federal Communications Commission was told Tuesday by the advisory committee.

The Grand Alliance proposal was the only one considered by the committee, which was formed in 1987.

"Today is a historic moment in the annals of American broadcasting," said FCC Chairman Reed Hundt at the advisory group's final meeting. "We can only begin to imagine the many possibilities for delivery of entertainment and information that this flexible, dynamic digital standard can provide."

He called the possibilities "eye-popping," and said they range from stunning high-resolution images, to thousands of pages of text, to uses still unimagined.

A number of legal steps remains before the government formally establishes the system as the standard to be followed by television manufacturers and broadcasters selling equipment in the United States. Congress also is considering legislation.

Richard Wiley, chairman of the advisory committee, said the new standard "will assure the United States continues to lead the world in digital television technology."

Digital signals use the language of computers - zeros and ones - to

transmit information. The technology is more efficient than existing analog technology, which operates like radio.

Top broadcast executives say they support HDTV, but they don't view it as their savior. That's because advances in digital technology mean that broadcasters could put four to six digital channels in the same airwaves space that one analog channel takes.

That, in turn, offers more opportunities for broadcasters to bring in more revenue by offering new services, such as transmitting sports scores to personal computers, offering home shopping or movies on demand.

As they convert to digital television, broadcasters will operate two TV channels, transmitting in analog on one and in digital on a second to be allocated by the FCC. That way existing TV sets won't be rendered useless immediately.

The FCC is considering whether broadcasters should be able to use their digital channel as they see fit.

There was no surprise in Tuesday's recommendation. In 1993, the developers of four distinct high-definition television systems pooled their talents in the Grand Alliance to produce "the best of the best."

The final report concluded from laboratory and field tests that the system it recommended is better than any of the four original HDTV systems and surpasses even the goals set by the committee.

Members of the alliance are AT and T, General Instrument Corp., the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Philips Consumer Electronics, the David Sarnoff Research Center, Thomson Consumer Electronics and Zenith Electronics Corp.

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US, Haiti faces refugee surge

By MICHAEL NORTON
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)
-The tide of U.S.-bound Haitian refugees, stemmed last year when American troops landed, appears to be surging again just weeks before a crucial election and three months before U.N. peacekeepers are scheduled to leave.

The U.S. Coast Guard has picked up more than 1,000 boat people in the past two weeks, surpassing the total for the previous 10 months combined. No one expects the departures to stop as long as political and economic uncertainty prevails in Haiti. "Life was mistreating me. Misery was in my bones," said Jackson Dorelus, a 15-year-old orphan who was among 577 refugees returned home Wednesday by two Coast Guard cutters.

His tone did not reflect the hope in a message on his T-shirt

"Operation Uphold Democracy" a reference to the U.S. mission that restored then-exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power in 1994.

Instead, his tone reflected the disenchantment of migrants caught in the two largest interceptions of Haitian refugees since the Coast Guard began keeping records in 1981. Officials seized 520 people from a single boat on Nov. 21, and 577 more from another boat on Sunday. Jackson was among them.

"If this keeps on, it will become an issue, as it was in 1994," said U.S. Embassy spokesman Stan Schragar.

That summer, the refugee surge peaked as an estimated 21,000 Haitians were turned away from U.S. shores in less than a month. They braved the passage on makeshift rafts and leaky sailboats,

desperate to flee a military regime responsible for the killings of some 4,000 civilians and an economy collapsing under international sanctions.

In September 1994, President Clinton sent troops to Haiti with the twin objectives of stopping the killing and halting the exodus. The multinational intervention succeeded on both counts, forcing the surrender of the dictators who ousted Aristide in 1991 and paving the way for the president's return.

More than a year later, hundreds of Haitians are fleeing their restored democracy, still plagued by chronic poverty, rather than vote in Dec. 17 elections to choose a successor to Aristide.

Former President Leslie Manigat, now in the opposition, suggested that Aristide has been "permissive," perhaps even en-

neering the new exodus, as a message to the Clinton administration to ease pressure on him to leave office. Many Aristide supporters want him to stay in power for three years to make up for the time lost in exile, but U.S. officials insist he leave.

Schragar did not rule out the possibility that the departures are related to street violence sparked by Aristide's Nov. 11 call for total disarmament. In two weeks of violence, millions of dollars worth of homes and businesses were ransacked and torched, and at least seven people were killed.

The violence boded ill for the elections, which are being boycotted by major political parties and have been overshadowed by Aristide's vacillation on whether he will step down.

Last week, Aristide hinted he wanted to stay on. This week, he

once again pledged to hand over power to his successor on Feb. 7, 1996.

Aristide also has been ambivalent about selling state-run enterprises, a condition tied to millions of foreign aid dollars. On Wednesday, the Inter-American Development bank approved a \$50 million loan to sustain an emergency program to revive the economy and rehabilitate basic infrastructure.

Nevertheless, private investors' wait-and-see attitude has doomed hopes for a quick economic turnaround to improve the lives of Haitians, the Western Hemisphere's poorest people.

The cost of living continues to rise and more than half the work force is jobless or underemployed. "There is general discontent throughout the country. Hopes of a better life have been dashed, and patience is wearing thin," said Privat Precil, co-director of the official National Migration Office.

Medical workers strike in Ecuador

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) - Public hospitals attended only emergency cases during the first day of a 48-hour strike called by health workers demanding more pay.

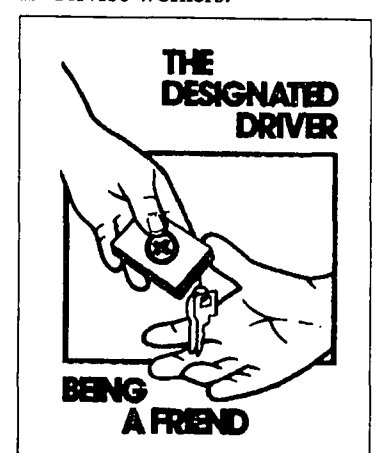
Nurses, medical technicians, dentists and obstetricians paralyzed state hospitals Wednesday, in some cases chaining the hospital doors. Small health centers around the country were also affected.

Leaders of the National Confederation of Health Workers said the strike was called to pressure the government to heed demands for an increase in wages and to direct 10 percent of the national budget to health expenses.

The confederation did not say how many workers were involved, nor how much of a salary increase they want, but they were reportedly seeking to triple wages.

Some of the health workers earn salaries as low as 250,000 sucres (or \$90) a month.

The strike comes only three days after Ecuadorean voters rejected a referendum question aimed at eventually banning strikes by public service workers.



Subic Base conversion hailed

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT, Philippines (AP) - Vietnamese President Le Duc Anh praised the Philippines for transforming this former U.S. naval base into an industrial zone and trade center.

"In the past, (the) United States used this facility to attack our country," Anh said after a tour of the former base on the second day of his visit to the Philippines. "Now Subic Bay ... serves as a bridge of friendship between Vietnam and the Philippines."

Anh, who once served as deputy chief of staff of the Vietnamese people's army, was taken to the airport, a garments factory, the former naval magazine, duty-free shops, a casino and a golf course.

As a military base, Subic, 80

kilometers (50 miles) west of Manila, was used as a supply and logistics depot and a recreation center for U.S. forces during the Vietnam war.

The Philippine Senate in 1991 refused to extend the lease on the base. In November 1992, the U.S. Navy sailed out of Subic Bay, ending nearly a century of U.S. military presence in this former American colony and paving the way for its economic conversion.

More than 180 foreign and Fili-

pino companies have set up factories and other businesses in Subic, including Federal Express, which has made it its Asian hub.

"I would like to underline the importance of the successes in terms of regaining the old independence of this port as well as the economic successes that you have registered so far," Anh said.

On Wednesday, Anh and President Fidel Ramos agreed in principle to hold a workshop on joint maritime scientific research in the

disputed Spratly Islands.

Earlier this month, Manila and Hanoi agreed on a code of conduct setting down peaceful means to settle their dispute over the islands in the South China Sea.

China, Vietnam and Taiwan claim all of the islands, believed to be rich in minerals and oil. The Philippines, Malaysia and Brunei claim some of the islands.

During their meeting, Anh told Ramos that Vietnam will continue bilateral talks with China on

the Spratlys to draw up a similar code of conduct. China and the Philippines agreed on a separate code of conduct earlier this year.

On Wednesday, Vietnamese and Philippine officials signed an agreement to expand trade and technical cooperation.

The accord includes continued Vietnamese help in solving the Philippines' persistent rice shortage. Philippine aid to Vietnam includes English-language training for foreign service officers.

American worker is stabbed to death in Taipei, ROC

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - An American working for Taiwan's largest computer manufacturer was found dead with multiple stab wounds Wednesday at his house in Taipei, police said.

Police identified him as Philip Demiller, 45, of Pontiac, Michigan, a technical document writer at Taiwan's Acer Inc.

Demiller's body lay at the door to his house, on top of a knife, police said. They ruled out suicide.

They said they were looking for two women and a man who were seen visiting the house at about 3 a.m. Wednesday.

Police said they found bloodstains in the house and bloody footprints on a staircase leading to an elevator, suggesting Demiller may have grappled with the assailants.

Henry Wang, senior specialist at Acer, said Demiller joined the company in 1988 and got along with his co-workers.

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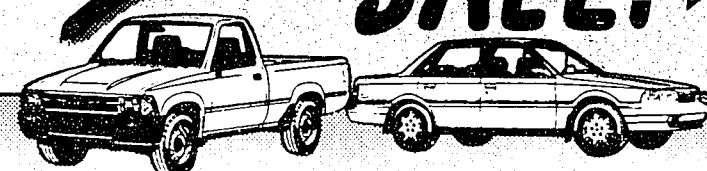
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Okla. bombing suspect had guns, gov't surplus

By PAUL QUEARY

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) - Terry Nichols owned \$10,000 worth of guns and government surplus when he was arrested as a suspect in the federal building bombing, according to a document unsealed Wednesday.

Nichols also listed a monthly income of \$1,000 and assets of \$5,000 in cash, \$5,000 in coins, a \$1,500 pickup truck and \$3,000 equity in his Herington, Kansas house. He also listed \$45,000 in debts in the affidavit, which is required to qualify for a government-paid attorney.

The affidavit was released after

attorneys for The Associated Press and other news organizations challenged the seal on hundreds of documents in the case against the men accused of the April 19 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah federal building.

More than 300 documents in the case remain sealed with little or no explanation.

U.S. Magistrate Ronald Howland held a hearing Wednesday on the sealed documents, but only the financial affidavit was released because defense attorneys objected that Nichols and fellow suspect Timothy McVeigh were not allowed to attend the

hearing. Howland set a Dec. 13 hearing on the issue that the defendants will attend.

Also on Wednesday, Nichols' attorney Michael Tigar asked an appeals court reviewing whether to remove U.S. District Judge Wayne Alley from the case to consider an interview he gave to a newspaper in Portland, Ore. Alley was quoted in The Oregonian on April 20, one day after the bombing, as saying that the thought that his grandchild might have been in the federal building's day care center was "the thing that was the most chilling about all of this."



Judy Richards of Lexington, N.C., left and her 4-year-old daughter Linsay, in red coat, get an up close and personal look at the 68-foot tall Quick Bunny balloon as it passes by during Macy's 69th annual Thanksgiving Day parade in New York. (AP Photo)

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US State hits Afghan air raids

By CARL HARTMAN

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration deplored continuing "senseless violence" in Afghanistan and urged other countries Wednesday to stop arming contending factions in the embattled central Asian country. U.S. State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns mentioned no specific factions in his prepared statement but pressed "all

warring parties" to stop fighting and work with the United Nations for a cease-fire and a temporary governing mechanism.

"We also call upon all concerned countries and parties to desist from providing arms and assistance to the various groups," Burns told reporters. "Such actions only prolong the conflict and contribute to instability in the region."

Amnesty International released a report in London on Wednesday blaming arms supplied to Afghanistan's militant Islamic factions by several countries for what Amnesty called catastrophic violations of human rights in more

than 16 years of war.

The human rights watchdog group named among the worst offenders the former Soviet Union, the United States and its west European allies, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Iran.

On Sunday, rebel jets bombed the capital Kabul four times, killing 35 people and wounding 140, an Afghan government spokesman said. It was the worst violence against the city in three years.

Cincinnati zoo claims world's first birth of test-tube gorilla

CINCINNATI (AP) - Rosie is the proud mother of a 3 1/2-pound (1.6-kilogram) daughter and people are going ape about it. Rosie is a gorilla at the Cincinnati Zoo and her daughter is the world's first test-tube gorilla.

The Cincinnati Zoo and the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha collaborated to preserve gorilla species. The western lowland gorilla was born Oct. 9 and her arrival was announced Wednesday.

"We're excited," said Betsy Dresser, the project's scientific

director. "It's a pretty big accomplishment."

The baby was five weeks premature. The normal gestation period is about eight months, said Dresser, who also is research director of the Cincinnati Zoo's Center for Reproduction of Endangered Wildlife.

Dresser said it was the Cincinnati zoo's first attempt at a test-tube gorilla birth. There have been about 10 unsuccessful tries worldwide, she said.

In March, researchers recov-

ered 12 eggs from Rosie and fertilized them with sperm taken from a gorilla at the Omaha zoo. Eight usable embryos resulted. Three were put back into Rosie's uterus and five were preserved at the Cincinnati Zoo.

Two of the five frozen embryos will be transferred into surrogate mothers at the Cincinnati Zoo and the other three will be shipped to zoos around the United States, Dresser said.



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A South Korean environmentalist hurls an egg over a squad of riot police toward the French Embassy in Seoul as riot police during a protest against France's fourth nuclear test in South Pacific. More than 20 protesters attended the protest. (AP Photo).

Nobel winner opts to boycott Concon

By AYE AYE WIN
RANGOON, Burma (AP) - Aung San Suu Kyi's party boycotted an official constitutional convention Wednesday because the military government has not agreed to dialogue with her, the government said.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner's boycott and the government's warning that it will not tolerate any disruption of the convention could increase tensions in this poor Southeast Asian nation. Suu Kyi remains widely popular in Burma.

Without giving any timetable, the government has said it will turn over power to civilians after the convention draws up guidelines and a new constitution is drafted. Despite the boycott, the convention will go on as originally arranged, it said.

All 86 seats allotted to Suu Kyi's

National League for Democracy were empty in the convention hall Wednesday, the second day of the national convention's current session. It is the first time the convention has convened since Suu Kyi was freed July 10 after six years of house arrest.

Since her release, Suu Kyi has been "continuously expressing opposition to the national convention to foreign journalists and visitors," the convention coordinator, Religious Affairs Minister Lt. Gen. Myo Nyunt, told the gathering Wednesday.

"One of the reasons for the boycott was non-compliance by the authorities for dialogue. Her dialogue has nothing to do with the national convention."

Her opposition to the national convention became more intense after her private talks with the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Madeleine Albright, who met her in (Rangoon) on Sept. 9," he said.

The general noted that Albright urged the government to enter into dialogue with Suu Kyi.

"The national convention has been going on since January 1993 and it will continue with the remaining delegates in accordance with the original arrangements," he said.

The government came to power after violently crushing a pro-democracy uprising in 1988 that Suu Kyi helped lead. Suu Kyi's party easily won a general election in 1990, but the military refused to cede power and instead called the constitutional convention.

Suu Kyi has said that "the basic principles of the proposed constitution include some which are not consonant with a truly democratic state." She has repeatedly called for dialogue on national reconciliation since the first day of her release.

Other opponents have denounced the convention as stage-managed by the military to ensure its hold on power.

Convention guidelines guarantee the military "a leading role" in politics, and bar anyone married to a foreigner from assuming the post of president. Suu Kyi is married to Michael Aris, a British academic.

Her party recently returned Suu Kyi to her old post as secretary general, but the government ruled that illegal.

Myo Nyunt used his opening address Tuesday to call for pushing forward with the convention's work.

"The State Law and Order Restoration Council will not tolerate any attempt to disrupt or destroy the progress and achievements made so far. SLORC will not allow any organization or group to destroy or disturb the national convention," he said, using the government's official name.

In a rare public protest, not directly related to the convention, about 50 members of an illegal students group held a ceremony at a monastery Tuesday to mark Rangoon University's Diamond Jubilee.

Security tightens in Colombo

By DEXTER CRUEZ
COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - Police sealed off Parliament to visitors in their latest security measure Wednesday, as government troops seized more ground

in the Tamil rebel stronghold of Jaffna City, officials said.

Three soldiers were killed and 26 wounded Tuesday as the troops moved deeper into Jaffna, where an unknown number of rebels

were holding out against the seven-week campaign to capture the city, a military statement said. Rebel casualties were not known.

"Troops supported by battle tanks and artillery were progress-

ing cautiously due to the heavily built up area, enemy mines, booby traps and resistance," said Major Tilak Dunuwille in the statement.

The ban on visitors came as the legislature discussed the defense budget for 1996, which would grow by nearly 20 percent under the government's proposal.

Only lawmakers and their personal staff will be allowed inside the Parliament building until further notice, said Parliament speaker Kiri Banda Ratnayake.

The rebels have frequently targeted public buildings in the capital. Earlier this month, two suicide bombers set off explosives at the military headquarters in Colombo, killing 12 civilians. Last month, guerrillas set fire to the nation's largest oil depot.

The military fears more guerrillas attacks in Colombo after the rebel leader, Vellupillai Prabhakaran, rejected President Chandrika Kumaratunga's conditional offer to reopen peace talks, military officials said on

condition of anonymity.

Prabhakaran vowed to continue the fight for an independent Tamil homeland even if government forces capture Jaffna. "As long as the Sinhalese army occupy our land, our doors for peace talks will be tightly closed," he said on rebel radio this week.

Police have repeated an offer of 25 million rupees (\$500,000) reward for information leading to Prabhakaran's arrest and added rewards of 500,000 rupees (dhs 10,000) each for nine other rebel commanders.

In a separate incident in the eastern Batticaloa district, three civilians were killed when rebels fired mortar shells at the village of Pavakkudichachainai on Monday, the military said Wednesday.

Tamil rebels have been fighting for a homeland in the north and the east, saying that the minority Tamils are discriminated against by the majority Sinhalese.

WB warns about AIDS epidemic all over Asia

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Asian countries must invest heavily in AIDS control programs now, while the epidemic is still in its early stages, the World Bank says.

"The center of gravity of the infection is shifting from Africa to Asia," said a health advisor of the bank, Dr. Richard Feacham. "But both large and small countries in Asia have the opportunity to take effective action now and avoid facing a crisis in the future."

The fewer the number of AIDS cases, the more effective control programs are, he said - "Countries as yet little affected should be investing heavily."

Yet while eight in 10 infections worldwide occur in developing countries, only 10 percent of glo-

bal expenditure to fight the infection is spent there, bank specialists said.

Feacham and other experts were quoted in a World Bank statement, received in Bangkok Thursday, marking World AIDS Day, Dec. 1. The bank is supporting six HIV-AIDS projects in Asia and expects to add more.

Particularly populous countries including China, India and Indonesia are most at risk, the statement said. Current infections are

concentrated in India, Cambodia, Burma and Thailand. Cambodia is especially vulnerable, with infection rates outstripping those of Africa.

"With 60 percent of the world's population, Asia will come to dominate the HIV picture in terms of total numbers infected," said another bank specialist, Dr. Michael Porter. "The expected future human and economic costs to Asian society are barely recognized by many people."

Thailand revokes all reservations on UN pact

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - Thailand has scrapped all its reservations to a U.N. agreement on ending discrimination against women, the state-run Radio Thailand reported Wednesday.

The Cabinet's decision Tuesday eliminates two reservations Thailand had attached to the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Those concerned educational opportunities and equal rights in political and civil areas.

The Foreign Ministry proposed scrapping the reservations to boost Thailand's image as a democratic country, the broadcast said.

Most government ministries have improved regulations to allow women to assume high positions. However, the Ministry of Defense still bars women from senior non-combat posts and from enrolling in all military academies.

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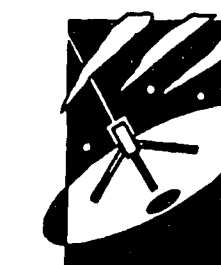


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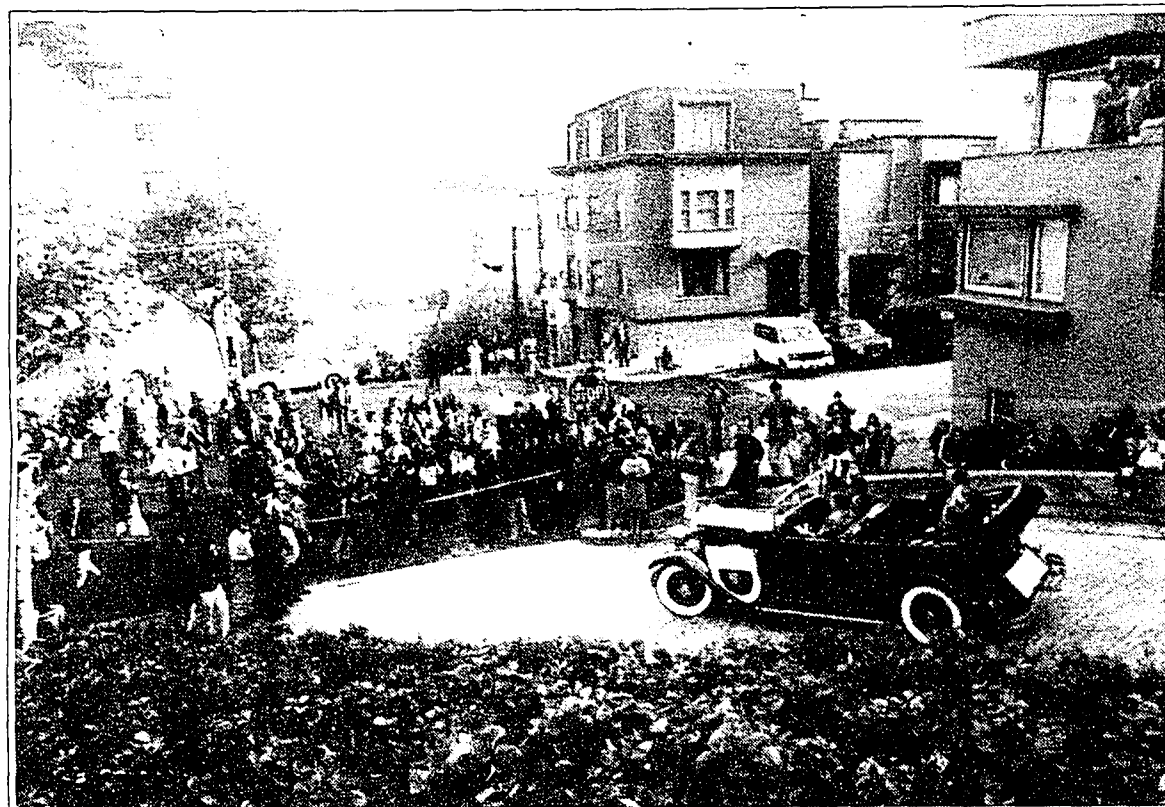
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Man paid for daughter's rape



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BOSTON (AP)- A man who paid a friend to rape his 9-year-old daughter was sentenced Wednesday to four life terms in prison.

Elisha Charles allegedly held his daughter's legs while she was raped by Dexter Pratt, who also was sentenced Wednesday to 15 to 18 years in prison.

A state social worker who lived with Charles but was not charged in the case was fired last week by the Department of Social Services.

Police said they were contacted by a man who said he had refused an offer from Charles to rape his daughter for \$ 200. When police

investigated, they found that Pratt had agreed to rape the girl for \$ 300 in May of 1994.

Charles, 41, was convicted last week of seven counts of rape, attempted rape and indecent assault. Pratt, 26, was convicted on six counts.

The girl, now 11, is living in a foster home.

The social worker, Luther Fraser, was fired by the DSS. He denied knowing of the rapes or of any abuse, although he shared the home with Charles for years and admitted taking part in sex parties there.

2 moderate quakes jolt North California

HOLLISTER, California (AP) - Two moderate earthquakes jostled the central California coast on Wednesday, the result of natural slippage along the San Andreas Fault. No damage was reported.

A magnitude-4.1 tremor hit midday, centered three miles (4.8 kilometers) southeast of San Juan Bautista. Four hours earlier, a magnitude-3.8 temblor shook the same area near Hollister in San Benito County.

People reported feeling the shaking as far north as Burlingame on the San Francisco peninsula, about 70 miles (112 kilometers) north.

That section of the fault is known for frequent, but moderate quakes, U.S. Geological Survey seismologist Dave Oppenheimer said. Since 1969, the agency has registered 116 earthquakes within six miles (10 kilometers) of there.

Fugitive shot dead in P. Rico

LAJES, Puerto Rico (AP) - A man wanted in a 14-year crime spree of robberies, rapes, kidnappings and murders was killed Wednesday in a shootout with police Wednesday.

Francisco Antonio Garcia Lopez, 52, died during a police raid on a ranch, where he had been working as a coffee picker, in the mountain town of Lajes, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) west of San Juan.

Police stormed the ranch following a tip, said Superintendent Pedro Toledo in San Juan. Garcia Lopez was killed when he fired on police, he said.

The exploits of Garcia Lopez, who had "I Hate You" tattooed on his left arm, inspired two films, a book and a song.

He was convicted of the 1973 murder of his wife, escaped from prison in 1981 and narrowly avoided arrest in dozens of man-hunts - at times with the help of women whom he was accused of assaulting.

Garcia Lopez also allegedly killed a cousin, a stepfather and a Lajes resident, police said. He also committed several robberies, assaults and kidnappings, they said.

Save Power

Prison for two ex-Korean presidents?

Chun may join Roh in jail

By JU-YEON KIM
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) -

The prospects of one former president joining another in jail increased Wednesday as one legal obstacle to prosecuting them was cleared, but the possibility of further hurdles remained.

Former President Roh Tae-woo already is in jail, charged earlier this month with corruption.

He and his immediate predecessor, military buddy Chun Doo-hwan, could face treason charges in connection with a bloody military crackdown on a pro-democracy uprising in the southern city of Kwangju in 1980. Prosecutors could seek the death penalty.

As army generals, Roh and Chun seized power in a 1979 internal coup and later sent tanks and paratroopers to suppress the nine-day Kwangju uprising. By official count, at least 240 people were killed and more than 1,800 others wounded.

Efforts by civic and opposition groups to punish them have faced many legal problems. Earlier this year, prosecutors decided against indictments against them and their aides on the grounds that "a successful coup d'etat cannot be punished."

A lawsuit then asked the Constitution Court to overturn the decision. President Kim Young-sam intervened last week by ordering special legislation against his two predecessors.

But confusion arose after word leaked out that the court planned to rule Thursday that the 15-year statute of limitations for most of those involved in the Kwangju massacre expired earlier this year.

To get around the legal pitfall, the lawsuit was dropped Wednesday, leaving the court with no action upon which to rule.

The move cleared the way for political parties to enact a special



Roh Tae-woo

law to punish those involved in the military crackdown on the Kwangju massacre.

However, it was unclear whether Roh and Chun could file their own lawsuit, and whether the court would exempt their time in office from the statute of limitations.

The development is a new twist to a snowballing slush fund scandal involving Roh.

He admitted he had amassed \$ 650 million during his 1988-93 term but claimed that it came from donations.

About half of the money has been accounted for. On Wednesday, media reports said prosecutors have uncovered 13 new secret bank accounts that may belong to Roh. The government also has asked Switzerland for help in determining whether he has money stashed there.

President Kim stands to gain a huge political victory if Chun and Roh stand trial for their role in the Kwangju massacre, one of South Korea's most divisive political issues.

A longtime opposition leader, Kim has come under increasing criticism since he joined Roh in 1990 in a three-party merger that resulted in the creation of the current ruling Democratic Liberal Party.

Deserters nabbed after seizing arms, hostage

VLADIVOSTOK, Russia (AP) - Three Russian soldiers on Wednesday were caught after seizing arms and taking a hostage while trying to desert their unit in the Russian Far East about 6400 kilometers (4,000 miles) east of Moscow.

The three servicemen, serving with unit from the Interior Ministry stationed in the suburbs of Vladivostok, attacked a sentry box and seized three Kalashnikov assault rifles before dawn.

They also commandeered a military vehicle, took its driver hostage and drove away, the

Interfax news agency reported.

Army and Interior Ministry troops were put on alert and soon surrounded the deserters in a nearby forest, forcing them to surrender. The hostage was unhurt.

Military authorities refused comment on the deserters' motives. Many previous similar incidents have been linked to hazing, a widespread problem within the Russian armed forces.

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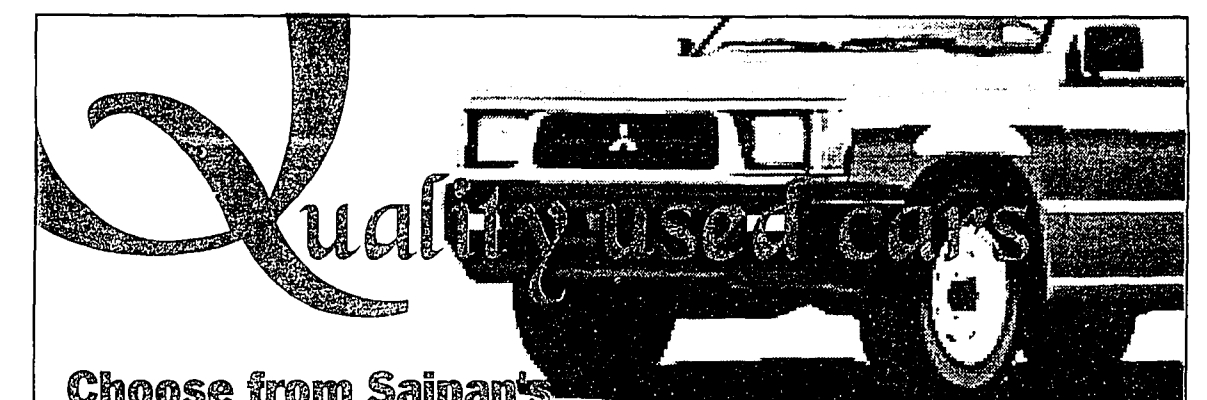
Kim went on to win the party's nomination and the 1992 presidential election.

But in spite of the political and financial reforms he has put in place, Kim had been harshly criticized for refusing to punish Chun

and Roh. He had said history should judge the Kwangju crackdown.

When Roh's money scandal erupted last month, Kim's party was unable to escape Roh's legacy, and opposition parties portrayed it as a hotbed of corrup-

tion. Kim's about-face last week in ordering the enactment of a special law to punish Roh and Chun was seen as an attempt to deflect attention from the slush fund scandal, which also threatens to envelop him.



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Photographer linked to 1992 model's slay

By JEFF WILSON
LOS ANGELES (AP) - A photographer charged with murdering a model was linked to the slaying of another woman whose remains were found in the same forest in 1993.

Investigators are also looking at other unsolved murders around the country for links to the photographer, Charles Rathbun.

Rathbun, 38, led investigators to the body of Linda Sobek in the Angeles National Forest on Nov. 24, two days after claiming he accidentally ran over the former Los Angeles Raiders football team cheerleader and buried her in a panic.

Another model, 20-year-old Kimberly Pangelios, was also dumped in the forest, about five miles (eight kilometers) from Sobek's makeshift grave. Her skeleton was found by a hiker in 1993, a year after she disappeared. Rathbun "is a suspect in that

case," Sheriff Sherman Block said Wednesday. "People have placed them together on at least two occasions in meeting situations. Whether she ever went with him for a photographic session or whatever, we have not established that yet."

Block said the task force investigating the Sobek killing is also looking at slayings in other states. Sobek, 27, disappeared Nov. 16.

Preliminary autopsy results cast doubt on Rathbun's claim that Sobek was run over by a car. The Sobek family was told the model was asphyxiated, but an official cause of death hasn't been announced.

In another development, the Sheriff's Department disclosed that Rathbun told a reserve deputy hours before his arrest that he was involved in Sobek's death, but the deputy - a friend of Rathbun's - never alerted detectives.

Son plays pool as his dad lay dead

WHITE PLAINS, New York (AP) - A 20-year-old man charged with breaking his father's neck played pool with a friend while the father lay dead in an upstairs bedroom, law enforcement sources said Wednesday.

Reiko Imazaki, a former high school wrestling star, and his father, Hiroshi Imazaki, 51, had argued in their Greenburgh home Saturday afternoon, according to the Greenburgh police report. The details of the report first appeared in Gannett Suburban Newspapers but were confirmed by law enforcement sources Wednesday.

During the argument, the son allegedly put his father in a bear hug, said he loved him and broke his neck. The report said he then carried his father's lifeless body to an upstairs bedroom and covered it with a blanket.

During the four hours before police were called, Reiko played pool with an unidentified friend before his younger brother, Seijo, 18, came home and found the body, the report said.

The brothers contacted the wrestling coach from Woodlands High School, where both brothers had been on the team, and the coach called police, the report said.

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NASA foresees better space plants

By ELIZABETH TENNYSON
RALEIGH, North Carolina (AP) - If long-distance space travel is to become a reality, people aren't the only ones who will have to adapt to life without gravity. Plants, which could provide food and oxygen, are sure to be sent on voyages taking years to complete.

Scientists at North Carolina State University are about to begin research that could ultimately design plants suitable for space travel.

The university will receive \$5 million from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration over five years to study gravitational biology. The money will be used to establish a NASA Specialized Center of Research and Training on the North Carolina State campus.

The center's mission will be twofold - to research how plants perceive and respond to gravity, and to educate high school teachers about gravitational biology so they can pass the information on to their students.

The research aspect of the project will focus on how calcium affects the ability of plants to respond to gravity.

"The focus is on calcium because it seems as though it may be the most important individual chemical in plant responses to the environment," said Eric Davies, head of N.C. State's botany department and director of the new

NASA center.

Davies explained that plants work hard to keep calcium levels low within cells, but also store large supplies of calcium in the cell walls. Those stored supplies can be released suddenly, leading to dramatic changes in the cell's calcium content within just a few seconds.

"Perhaps most impressive is our ability to measure changes in calcium in specific parts of a living cell as it changes in real time. We'll be able to say which cells and where within those cells calcium plays a role in responding to gravity," Davies said. "We now have the best facility in the country to be doing this kind of work."

To view changes within the cells, researchers will use fluorescent microscopy, an advanced microscopic technology which allows scientists to focus a specific wavelength of light on the subject to reveal only the substances they wish to see.

As part of these experiments, researchers will mount a special microscope on a wall so they can view changes as they rotate the growing plants. For instance, researchers will be able to determine how plants respond to gravity by turning the plants sideways and watching to see what happens within cells as the plants try to send roots downward.

The researchers also will genetically alter plants to change their ability to manage calcium.

Those changes will allow the scientists to see exactly how the signaling process works. Once they have succeeded in genetically changing plants to alter their calcium levels, the scientists will see how those changes affect other vital functions such as electrical signaling, hormone transportation and carbohydrate metabolism.

"It should help ultimately develop plants which are more suitable for space travel and help us find out what characteristics are totally unsuitable," Davies said.

Davies believes the experiments, set to begin in January, will be the first of their kind in plants. Although all of the planned experiments are ground-based, Davies hopes they will lead to future studies aboard the space shuttle.

And, he says, the project is unique because it involves a dozen professors with widely varied areas of expertise working together. But while it could be years before the effects of their experiments are felt, project designers hope the outreach aspect of the program will have an immediate impact on the community.

The NASA grant will allow the university to sponsor eight post-doctoral researchers, 11 graduate students and up to 11 undergraduates over a five-year period. The money also will allow 15 to 20 teachers to take classes at the university each summer. The high school science teachers will learn

about the latest in gravitational biology and use that information in their classrooms.

Working with N.C. State researchers will be experts from Wake Forest University, the City University of New York and the

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Two other universities will receive similar grants to set up specialized research centers. They are Rice University in Houston and Rutgers University, the state university of New Jersey.

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KOBLERVILLE TURNKEY HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) has for sale, a four (4) bedroom concrete house and the lot it is situated on, located at Koblerville, Saipan. The property is described as:

Lot Number 0051027, and containing an area of 1,014 square meters, more or less, as shown on Cadastral Plat Number 005101, the original of which was registered with the Land Registry as Document Number 16706 on March 11, 1983, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

The sale will be conducted on December 1, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. at NMHC's Central Office in Garapan, Saipan. The property is being offered for \$100,000.00. The purchase price shall be made in cash, certified or cashier's check by the highest qualified bidder, within 72 hours after the sale. The house will be sold as is, without any expressed or implied warranty.

NMHC reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to cancel or extend the date, time and place of sale for such property. Any prospective buyer must be a person authorized by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to hold title to real estate in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. Interested individual(s) may contact Diana P. Crisostimo, Manager, Mortgage Credit Division, at 234-7689.

KOBLERVILLE TURNKEY HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) has for sale, a four (4) bedroom koblerville Turnkey housing unit, situated on Lot No. 0051524, containing an area of 748 square meters, more or less, for \$75,000.00 to eligible homesteader(s).

The house will be sold **as is**, without any expressed or implied warranty. The purchase price shall be made in cash, certified, cashier's check or partially financed by or through NMHC, depending on the successful bidder's repayment ability. Minimum down payment shall be fifteen percent (15%) of the highest bid amount. Maximum financing term for the balance shall be ten (10) years. Interested individual(s) may contact Diana P. Crisostimo, Manager, Mortgage Credit Division, at 234-7689 on or before December 1, 1995.

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2 Israeli troops abducted, freed

By SAID GHAZALI

JENIN, West Bank (AP) - Palestinian gunmen kidnapped two Israeli troops in this PLO-ruled town and handed them to Palestinian police early Thursday after a tense standoff of several hours.

Security sources said vigilantes from the Palestinian group Black Panthers had kidnapped the two Israelis to force the release of their commander. The commander was holed up in a coffee shop in the nearby town of

Qabatiya and refused to surrender to Israeli troops surrounding the building.

After lengthy negotiations overseen by Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres and PLO chief Yasser Arafat, the Black Panthers commander, Samir Zakarneh, was handed to Palestinian police.

The siege and kidnapping marked the first crisis since Israel began its withdrawal from Palestinian towns in the West

Bank last month, and Israeli right-wing politicians quickly called for Israel's pullback to be halted.

The incidents underscored the complexity of the agreement which has Israeli and Palestinian forces operating side by side in many parts of the West Bank, often without clear definition of authority.

However, it also showed a degree of cooperation, with the two sides resolving the showdown without violence.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-96-0004

November 10, 1995

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting proposals from qualified engineering firms for the complete design of TATACHOG/SONGSONG WATERLINE PROJECT in the Island of Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The proposal shall address the A/E firm's ability to perform the following essential elements:

1. Complete design of the project within 120 days from the receipt of Notice to Proceed. The design shall include study of the existing water system, hydraulic analysis and calculations.
2. Prepare construction documents consisting of plans, specifications, and project cost estimates.
3. Perform topographic and horizontal surveys for the pipeline route.
4. Perform limited soils analysis at intervals along the pipeline route.
5. Prepare O&M Impact Statement.

The key elements of the design are the following:

1. Design of approximately four (4) miles of underground waterline from Tatchog to Songsong Village. The new waterline shall be laid parallel to the existing paved Airport Road.
2. The waterline design shall include appurtenant valves, fittings, fire hydrants, pressure control devices, and service laterals.
3. The submittals shall be made at 50%, 90% and 100%. All submittals shall be in two sets, except for final submittal. Five sets will be required for the final submission.

Proposals will be evaluated and selection made based on the following criteria:

1. Qualification of the principal and proposed staff (25%).
2. Experience in similar projects (25%).
3. Proposed project approach (20%).
4. Time frame of the work (15%).
5. Completeness of the proposal (15%).

A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the CUC Office in Rota, CNMI at exactly 10:00 a.m. on November 24, 1995. Proposals shall be marked CUC-RFP-96-0004 and submitted as an original and five copies to Mr. Frank T. Flores, Special Advisor-Procurement and Supply, CUC, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 4:00 p.m. local time, December 8, 1995. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any defects in the said proposals, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest. All proposal will become the property of the CUC.

All inquiries shall be directed to Mr. Ernesto L. Villarin, Water Division Engineer at telephone number (670) 322-9383.

/S/ TIMOTHY P. VILLAGOMEZ
Executive Director, CUC

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Department of Public Works (DPW) in coordination with its consultant, W.B. Flores & Associates, wishes to inform the general public that it will be conducting a public hearing on the island of Saipan to solicit input in the development of the CNMI Highway Master Plan. The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 1995 at 6:30 p.m., at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. The project consultants will be on hand to present information and discuss issues relevant to the plan's completion.

For further information, please contact the Department of Public Works at Telephone Number 322-9570.

Date: 11/29/95

/S/ EDWARD M. DELEON GUERRERO
Secretary of Public Works

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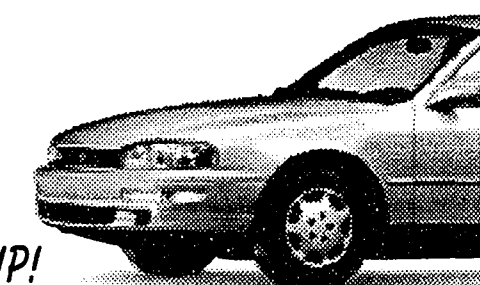
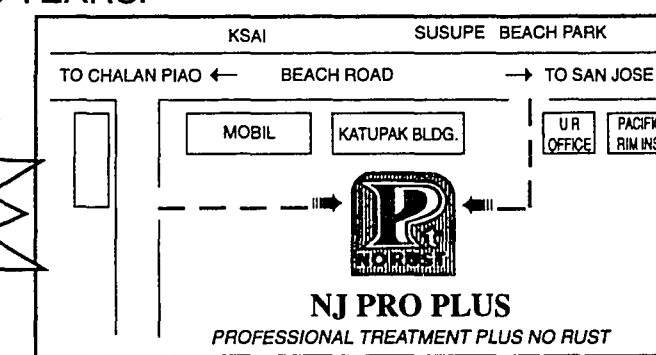
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NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for AIR-CONDITIONING AND RENOVATION FOR THE MAIN HOLDROOM AND CUSTOMS/BAGGAGE CLAIM AREA, AT SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS. CPA Project No. CPA-SA-003-95 will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, until 2:00 P.M., Thursday December 21, 1995, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of architectural enclosure, air-conditioning and associated renovation and ADA code upgrades to the existing Main Holdroom and Customs/Baggage Claim Area at the main terminal building at Saipan International Airport all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within two months (2) from the receipt of proposals. Depending upon availability of funds, CPA reserves the right to hold such proposal in effect for three (3) months from the date of proposal opening.

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

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

Each proposer must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (CPA Proj. No. CPA-SA-003-95) the "Proposer's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause," a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities" (See Specifications).

Required Notices for All Contracts.

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

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

The apparent low bidder and any known first tier subcontractor will be subject to a pre-award, equal opportunity compliance review by representatives of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, before the award of the contract for the purpose of determining whether the proposer and/or his subcontractors are able to comply with the provisions of the equal opportunity clause.

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

A proposer or prospective prime contractor or proposed subcontractor shall be required to submit such information as the FAA or the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance, request prior to the award of a contract or subcontract. When a determination has been made to award the contract or subcontract to a specified contractor, such contractor shall be required, prior to award, or after the award, or both to furnish such other information as the FAA or the Director requires.

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

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING, at 10:00 A.M. on, Wednesday December 6, 1995 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant, in writing, at least five (5) days in advance for answers at this pre-proposal conference, with a copy of same mailed simultaneously to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority. Attendance at the pre-proposal conference and site visit are considered essential to the potential contractor's understanding of the project elements.

Each prospective proposer shall file with the Commonwealth Ports Authority, a notice of his/her intention to propose in a form substantially similar to that supplied in the specifications, not less than six (6) calendar days prior to the date hereinabove designated for opening of proposals.

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

Carlos A. Shoda
Executive Director
Date: November 16, 1995

Business & Trade

Toyota exporting more jobs but fewer vehicles

By BRAVEN SMILLIE

TOKYO (AP) - Under pressure from the high yen and trading partners worried by Japan's record trade surpluses, the country's largest automaker is scrambling to export more jobs and fewer autos.

Toyota Motor Co.'s decision to build a fourth North American auto plant, to be announced Thursday in the United States, is part of an overall trend in which Toyota is playing catch-up with other Japanese automakers to shift production abroad.

"Toyota is behind the curve in moving production overseas, but it will probably be on a par with major competitors by the end of 1998," said Enda Clarke, an auto industry analyst at Kelnwort Benson Securities in Tokyo. That is when Toyota is scheduled to finish the new plant, expected to cost up to \$1 billion, and to be able to make 100,000 T-100 trucks each year for sale in North America. It could create up to 1,700 new jobs that would have gone to Japanese workers if it were built in Japan.

"Over the past two years, Japanese automakers have been trying to strike a balance between the need to lower production costs and their own domestic employment needs," Clarke said.

Facing dull earnings and a sluggish economy, Toyota and other manufacturers have been struggling to reduce their bloated payrolls without resorting to layoffs. Toyota currently commissions

the manufacture of the T-100 at a factory owned by Hino Motors Ltd., Japan's largest truck maker, of which Toyota owns 11 percent. Last year, it made 19,000 T-100s.

In June, Japan promised to do more to reduce its annual \$66 billion trade surplus with the United States, most of which is due to an imbalance in auto and auto parts trade, resulting in pressure to boost the locally-produced content of Japanese cars sold in North America.

In August, Toyota announced a \$230 million plan to expand engine parts plants in Missouri and Kentucky as part of efforts to put more U.S.-built parts in its vehicles, and create up to 150 new U.S. jobs.

The shift of production overseas has been under way in earnest for the past two years, during which the yen has gained about 20 percent against the U.S. dollar. That has boosted the relative cost of building at home and cut into

the yen value of money made abroad.

"American automakers usually have operating profit margins of about 6-7 percent, while in Japan it's more often 2 percent," Clarke said.

For the half-year ending Sept. 30, Toyota's total exports plummeted 23 percent on the year to 567,133 vehicles, while overseas production surged 19 percent to 647,561. Toyota said the weak export earnings and the high yen also cut net profits for the half by 55 percent on the year to 30.76 billion yen (\$307.6 million). Monthly figures since then have shown that the trend is continuing.

Also in August, the company announced that it was replacing ailing president Tatsuro Toyota with Executive Vice President Hiroshi Okuda, putting Japan's largest automaker in the hands of a non-member of the Toyota family for the first time in almost three decades.

US speed limit falls

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton signed a \$6 billion road bill Tuesday that ends the 22-year-old federal 55 mph (88-km/h) speed limit and gives states the power to set their own.

Advocates of the change said it means nothing more than changing the numbers on signs to reflect the faster speeds motorists are already driving.



Bill Clinton

Business & Trade

NYSE fines Nomura Inc. \$1-M

By FARRELL KRAMER

NEW YORK (AP) - Nomura Securities International Inc. has been fined \$1 million by the New York Stock Exchange for filing inaccurate financial reports and other violations, the NYSE announced Wednesday.

It was the third-largest fine in NYSE history and the largest ever levied by the nation's biggest stock market against a foreign brokerage. Nomura is owned by Japan's Nomura Securities Co., Ltd., the world's biggest brokerage.

In a monthly report on disciplinary actions against member firms, the exchange said Nomura had consented to the fine and other penalties without admitting or denying guilt.

Earlier this month another big Japanese financial institution, Daiwa Bank Ltd., was indicted and ordered evicted from the United States for covering up more than \$1 billion in losses over 12 years.

While Nomura's troubles with appear far less serious than Daiwa's, the violations represent yet another blow to the reputation of Japanese financial institutions operating in the United States. Coincidentally, Nomura is Daiwa's biggest shareholder with a 3.3 percent stake. Unlike the Daiwa scandal, however, the NYSE charges against Nomura involved no trading losses.

"The action involved technical violations of financial responsibility, margin and books and records rules," Nomura said through a spokesman.

The exchange said that like all the disciplinary actions disclosed Wednesday, the Nomura case may be subject to review by the Securities and Exchange Commission, which polices the stock market. The SEC declined through a spokesman to comment.

Nomura's transgressions, the NYSE said, involved trading in Mexican bonds that began in 1990 and ended in early 1993.

The brokerage was buying bonds in transactions completed in a single day and at the same time selling the securities in transactions to be settled in two to four days.

The size of the daily unsettled transactions increased from about \$20 million to more than \$200 million between 1990 and 1992, the NYSE said.

Troubling for the NYSE was Nomura's accounting of the transactions. Nomura recorded them as separate purchases and sales, but an NYSE panel determined they should have been considered a single transaction called a reverse repurchase.

By NYSE accounting practices, the reverse repurchases required a \$212 million charge against the firm's net capital base. That is the minimum amount of capital a firm is required to keep.

Such a charge would have given Nomura a net capital deficiency of \$150 million as of Oct. 31, 1992.

"Throughout the time that Nomura engaged in the transactions, it did not consult with its regulators, outside counsel, or outside accountants," the NYSE

said in its report.

In addition to filing inaccurate financial and operational status reports, the NYSE charged Nomura failed to: maintain its required, minimum net capital;

comply with securities ownership requirements; reasonably supervise some of its business activities; and other specifics. Beyond the \$1 million fine, the NYSE censured Nomura and re-

quired the firm to ensure that for five years one of its directors would be an independent, outside director, who would chair its audit committee and serve on its compliance committee.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY ROSARY

We, the family of the late

MARIA M. SABLAN



Would like to invite all of our relatives and friends to join us for the first anniversary rosary of our beloved mother, beginning Monday, November 27, 1995.

Nightly rosary will be held at the family residence in Garapan at 8:00 p.m. Also, daily mass will be offered at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00 a.m. On the final day, Tuesday, December 05, the rosary will be held at 11:30 p.m. and the Mass of Intention will be offered at 6:00 p.m. at Kristo Rai Church. Dinner will follow immediately at their residence in Garapan. Your presence and prayers will be greatly appreciated. Kindly join us. Thank You.

The Family

Dollar rises vs Yen

TOKYO (AP) - The U.S. dollar rose against the Japanese yen Thursday on expectations for lower interest rates in Germany. Tokyo share prices rebounded, boosted by the yen's retreat.

The dollar's strength carried over from a similar overnight trend overseas ahead of a German central bank meeting that was expected to bring lower interest rates.

The focus on Europe led traders in New York and elsewhere to

largely ignore the Japanese yen, making it drift lower against the dollar.

The Bundesbank's policy-setting meeting is scheduled for later Thursday. Expectations that the bank will cut its key lending rate have been growing recently in the currency market as German inflation appears stable.

A lower interest rate in Germany could lower the value of the mark, boosting the dollar.

Warner-Lambert fined for hiding drug defects

WASHINGTON (AP) - Drug manufacturer Warner-Lambert Co. will pay the government \$10 million to settle a felony charge that it hid problems with the quality of an epilepsy drug.

The Food and Drug Administration does not know of anyone injured by the poor-quality batches of Dilantin.

But the government told a federal judge Tuesday that Warner-Lambert shipped batches of the drug that were of different strengths, and then hid the manufacturing problems from FDA

inspectors.

The Dilantin fluctuations were uncovered in late 1992 when FDA inspectors were investigating similar quality problems in three other drugs, which Warner-Lambert has since stopped making.

It is important that each batch of epilepsy drugs be identical so fluctuating chemical levels don't cause patients to have seizures. Federal law requires that a company notify the FDA immediately when a drug fails quality tests, so that it can be kept from consumers while the problem is corrected.

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Would like to extend our deepest and sincerest appreciation for all who have given us kindness, love, support and words of comfort during our time of sorrow. Your thoughts, prayers and presence as well as contribution and in-kind, one way or the other, the daily and nightly rosaries, special intention masses, the funeral mass and final interment has helped us in our most difficult time.

Special thanks to: The Most Excellency Bishop Thomas Camacho, Father Salvador A. Dumas, Tinian Pastor, The Honorable Froilan C. Tenorio, CNMI Governor & Staff, The Ninth Commonwealth Legislature, The Honorable Herman M. Mangiona, Mayor of Tinian, The Fifth Tinian Municipal Council, Department of Public Safety, Tinian, Mr. & Mrs. Jose P. San Nicolas, (Chandia), Mrs. Cardad O. Kiyoshi, Mr. Jose Palacios, Mr. & Mrs. Ricardo M. Atalg, The Tinian Lito Print Shop, Senator Esteven M. King & Staff, Mr. Nico Delacruz, Cabrera's Funeral Services, Pacifica Funeral Home, Freedom Air, Pacific Island Aviation, Mr. & Mrs. Kevin McQuiston, Mr. & Mrs. Silvestre C. Palacios, Mr. Joseph M. Mendiola & Family, Mrs. Joaquina M. Mendiola & Family, Koichi Family, (Saipan) Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Tinian Office of personnel Management, Tinian, and Mrs. Rosa P. Aquino, (Techa).

We would also like to thank those individuals who contributed their Special Gifts and Flowers during our bereaved moment and at the day of sorrow. Also, a very special thanks to the People of Tinian, Visitors from Saipan, Guam & Rota who have helped one way or the other in contributions and in-kind donations.

Lastly, we would also like to extend a Special Thanks to our uncles, aunts, god-sons/god-daughters of our late father and close relatives, especially to our brothers and brothers-in-laws, sisters and sisters-in-laws, nieces and nephews. Please ensure that you will always be remembered in our prayers.

MAY THE ALMIGHTY GOD BLESS YOU ALL!
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DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

JOSE TERLAJE

BORN: APRIL 26, 1925 +DIED: NOVEMBER 27, 1995
WAS CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL REST ON MONDAY,
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Maria Aquiringot Terlaje (Mother)
Pedro Palacios Camacho (Father)
Nieves Lizama Camacho (Step-Mother)
Nicolasa Babauta Camacho (Mother-in-law)
Juan Naog Camacho (Father-in-law)
Alejandro L. Camacho (Brother)
Maria Camacho (Sister-in-law)

Juan B. Camacho (Brother-in-law)
HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN:

Vicente C. Terlaje (Maria Lizama)
Maria T. Palacios (Antonio)
Jose C. Terlaje (Elizabeth Quiutigua)
Rita C. Terlaje (Julian Reyes)
Annie T. Pickelsimer (Frank)
Magdalena T. Hazen (Mark)
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Rosita T. Pangelinan (Mark)

REARED CHILDREN:

Helen C. Sablan (Jesus)
Soledad Terlaje

Edward Terlaje (Carla)

And 29 Grandchildren, 15 Great-Grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews and cousins.

Also Survived by his Brothers and Sister:

Manuel T. Castro (Linda)
Isidro L. Camacho (Maria)
Dionicio L. Camacho (Merced)
Carmen C. Crisostomo (Luis)

Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 pm. at Mr/Mrs. Mark Pangelinan's Residence at As Terlaje Hill (Across the Northern Marianas College). Last Respects may be paid on Tuesday, December 5th beginning at 8:00 am at Mr/Mrs. Mark Pangelinan's Residence at As Terlaje Hill. State Funeral will be held at the Multi-Purpose Building at 2:00 pm. The Mass of Christian Burial will be offered on the same day at 4:00pm. at Mt. Carmel Cathedral. Burial will follow immediately at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.
finaton miyu yan I tinayuyot miyu ma sen agradesi.
Si Yu'us Ma'ase, ginen I Familia.

Vicente Terlaje (Brother)
Antonia C. Sablan (Sister-in-law)
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Rita B. Camacho (Sister-in-law)
Luis Crisostomo (Brother-in-law)
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Jose B. Camacho (Jessica)

Toyota eyeing new US plant

By KEN KUSMER
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Toyota Motor Corp. was expected to announce Thursday that it has selected southwest Indiana, an area hurt by a declining coal industry, as the site for a \$1 billion pickup truck plant and its 1,300 jobs.

Toyota on Wednesday scheduled what it billed as "a major business announcement" for Thursday afternoon in Princeton, Indiana.

State and local officials, cautioning that a deal had not yet been signed as of Wednesday, nonetheless celebrated the prospect of new jobs.

Local media reports said Toyota has chosen a site just outside Princeton, which is about 20 miles (32 kilometers) north of Evansville, Indiana, about midway between Louisville, Kentucky and St. Louis.

The community is served by

two railroads, CSX Transportation and Norfolk Southern, and by two utilities, PSI Energy and Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Co., which would give the automaker options for striking favorable power and rail agreements.

Among states competing with Indiana for the plant were Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky.

Toyota has said that its fourth plant in North America would produce T100 mid-size pickup trucks, which are now made only in Japan. Toyota makes passenger cars in Georgetown, Kentucky and Cambridge, Ontario; and at a plant in Fremont, California that is jointly owned by Toyota and General Motors Corp.

Toyota has said its new pickup plant, to be completed in 1998, will be able to make 100,000 trucks each year for sale in North America.

Firm that pioneered bubble gum closes

By WAYNE WOOLLEY
PHILADELPHIA (AP) - In 1928, a junior accountant at the Frank H. Fleeer Co. developed the gooey pink substance that was to become the joy of American school children and the bane of their teachers - bubble gum. Sixty-seven years later, Fleeer Corp. has closed the plant where Walter Diemer's creation - Dubble Bubble Gum - was first mass-produced and will instead focus on sports and collectible trading cards.

Fleeer is the latest in a string of

companies that have abandoned factories and towns they called home for decades and moved their production elsewhere.

Dubble Bubble and other candy will be made in an existing Fleeer factory in Byhalia, Mississippi, company spokeswoman Sonia Moyer said.

Employees reporting for work Monday found the North Philadelphia plant locked up. The roughly 90 workers - whose salaries averaged \$ 24,000 a year - were allowed inside and given the bad news.

Upward...

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purchasing power in as much as adjustments on their wages could not be mandated.

"I am really worried about the purchasing power of those individuals and how the wage hike might impact them. Because if they don't get a corresponding increase, their purchasing power decreases as a result of a general rise in prices of goods and services," said Torres.

The board that Torres chairs is mandated by Public Law 9-50 to come up with recommendations to the governor and the Legislature on the local minimum wage level and whether upcoming increases in the basic pay would not jeopardize the economy.

Under Public Law 8-21, enacted in 1993, the CNMI minimum wage is to rise by 30 cents January every year until it reaches \$4.25, the current federal hourly minimum wage.

So unless legislation is passed between now and January 1, 1996, the CNMI minimum wage is set to be raised from the current \$2.75 to \$3.05 effective the first day of the coming year.

However, during Tuesday's hearing, concerned citizen Ed Diaz asked the Board if the increase will cover those earning slightly above

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adverse consequences, particularly for Guam and the CNMI.

Having significant populations of residents from the freely associated states of Palau, Marshalls and the Federated States of Micronesia, regional leaders concede that increased immigration has had long-term effects on the economies and communities of the two island entities.

While citizens from the FAS are making valuable contributions to Guam and the CNMI, the continued influx of people has resulted in significant economic burdens, particularly in the areas of infrastructure, public education, housing and health care, it was said.

"Guam and the CNMI have only limited resources in these areas and are legitimately concerned about the growing pressures placed upon them," the joint communique read.

Under the Compacts' enabling legislation, the US is required to act "sympathetically and expeditiously to redress such adverse consequences of the compact."

Also, the US is required to prepare annual reports on compact impact, to identify the adverse consequences and to make recommendations for "corrective action to eliminate these consequences."

However, the leaders of the region have observed that the US has not heeded the comments, complaints or requests for assistance from Guam and the CNMI.

"The US has not prepared the required reports nor made the necessary recommendations," they said.

Among those who signed the joint communique were Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja and Rep. Manuel A. Tenorio (CNMI); Gov. Carl Gutierrez and Vice Speaker Ted S. Nelson (Guam); Education Minister Billy G. Kuartei and Senate President Peter L. Sugiyama (Palau); External Affairs Sec. Asterio R. Takesy and External Affairs Committee Chairman Isaac V. Figir (FSM); and APIL President Haruo H. Esang.

the minimum wage, at the same time stressing there should also be corresponding increases for those who are currently earning, say, \$3.25 or \$3.50.

Torres responded that wage adjustments may not be forced upon employers in the absence of a provision in the law that mandates them.

"We're concerned about that. I am not sure at this time if the board will be making any recommendation on this. But I think it would be an issue, although I don't know whether the board will opt to address that," said Torres.

"I hope that employers would look at that problem. That's the dilemma that I have right now," said the chairman.

Asked if he plans on making a recommendation on it, Torres said he is not sure if that's part of the board's job.

"I am not sure at this time if the board will be making any recommendation on this, as this is not part of its mandate. But I think it would be an issue, although I don't know whether the board will opt to address that."

"Nevertheless, I am pretty sure there will be discussions on it," he added.

Meanwhile, Torres on Tuesday

brushed off insinuations from those who doubt his objectivity as chairman of the wage review board, especially since he is working for influential Saipan businessman, Willie Tan.

There has been talk that Torres, who is personnel director for Tan's L&T Corp., may be having a conflict of interest in deciding on the wage level issue.

L&T Corp. in the early 1990s was taken to court by the US Department of Labor over unpaid wages. The case ended with Tan agreeing on a \$9 million settlement with aggrieved garment workers.

Asked if he sees any conflict of interest with him serving a chairman of the wage board, Torres said no.

"You should just take me as I am. The work that I do for this board should speak for itself. I don't see a conflict of interest. I believe I can be fair and impartial. What I do is what I do," said Torres.

"I am not representing Willie Tan. I am representing the interests of this board and that's where it starts and where it ends. When I'm with the board then, I work for the board and pursue its mandate," said Torres. "Judge me when I am done with the job."

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November 28, 1995, at the age of 57.



In her death, she now joins her father, Antonio M. Camacho; foster-mother; Rosa Camacho; son-in-law, Ramon B. Santos; Grand-daughter Salita Sablan; brothers/sisters/stepbrothers/in-law: Manuel Camacho, Daniel /Joaquina Borja, and Olympio T. Borja.

Her peaceful spirit and memories will live in the hearts of her:

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Children/Spouses/Grandchildren :

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Step-brothers/sisters/in-laws : M/M Ricardo Borja, Victorino/Trinidad Borja, Carmen Borja, M/M Perdro Borja, and Concepcion/Nicolas Manibusan.

Rosary is said nightly at 8:00 at the residence of Francisco & Estefania Chong. Last respect may be paid on Wednesday, December 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Chong's residence. Mass for a Christian Burial will be held at the same day, 4:00 p.m., at the Kristo Rai Church. Interment will follow at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.
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We the family of the late Joaquin C. and Rufina L. Babauta cordially invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the Anniversary of our Beloved Mother and Father. Nightly Holy Rosary will commence on Saturday, November 25, 1995 until Sunday, December 03, 1995 at the residence of Juan L. and Manuela A. Babauta in San Roque at 8:00 p.m.

On the final day, Sunday, December 03, 1995, Mass of Intention will be said at San Roque Church at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served immediately after mass.

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Daily masses will be said and will commence on Tuesday, November 28, 1995, at 6:00 a.m. at the Mount Carmel Cathedral. The final mass of intention will be on Wednesday, December 6, 1995, at 6:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served immediately after the mass. Your presence, thoughts and prayers are most appreciated.

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MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Five Communist rebels have been killed and two army soldiers seriously wounded in a clash in the northern Philippines, the military reported Thursday.

The report said an army patrol on Wednesday encountered about 30 guerrillas of the New People's Army in Pamplona town, Cagayan province, 430 kilometers north of Manila.

A running gunbattle lasted until nighttime following the initial clash around noon, according to a report by Lt. Col. Felipe Tabbad, commander of the army's 5th Infantry Battalion.

The troops recovered five assault rifles and documents from the slain rebels, the report said. There have been fewer clashes between government forces and the rebels since 1992 when the

Communist movement was wracked by factionalism and the government initiated peace talks.

The military estimates the guerrillas now number around 12,000 nationwide, down from a peak of about 25,000 in the mid-1980s.

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While drinking, Chomoky pulled a knife from his pant's pocket and stabbed Takao in the chest.

Takao grabbed Chomoky's hand holding the knife and pulled the weapon off his chest and ran away.

Chomoky chased but failed to find Takao.

The suspect got into his pick-up and drove around looking for Takao. When Chomoky didn't find him, he went home.

Chomoky later confessed to his wife Telet Sotam he was responsible for the killing.

He then decided to go back to

Chuuk.

Sokau said last Oct. 31 Sotam told him in an interview that Chomoky arrived at their house around 6 a.m.

Chomoky told her to take a knife out of their pick-up for something was going to happen.

Sotam took the knife out of the pick-up and placed it in the kitchen sink. That was the last time she saw the weapon.

On a Sunday, Sotam said while Chomoky was driving her and their daughter to the Community Church for a mass, he

told her he was scared of going on the road for he got into a fight with a Palauan guy and doesn't know if he was alive or dead.

The next night, Sotam said after reading a newspaper about the Palauan being killed, she asked Chomoky why he did it.

Chomoky replied he didn't know why.

Last Aug. 13, police said Chomoky allegedly told his friends who were drinking beer at a San Jose beach he was the one who killed Takao.

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day to discuss with Philippine officials the prospect of Manila lifting the ban on CNMI-bound workers.

The Philippine government has expressed willingness to lift the ban on certain categories of workers, upon the recommendation of the Duke mission.

Lloyd believes the newspaper report would not in any way stall the lifting of the ban.

"All the indications are that the ban is on the way out," Lloyd said in a telephone interview.

As for the "food-stamp" issue,

Lloyd said labor regulations and law allow food stamp recipients to employ a maid "to help care for a family member who totally disabled."

He wrote: "Our recent visitors from the Philippines have all conceded that Filipino workers in the CNMI enjoy a wide range of protections unique to OCWs anywhere in the world regardless of what household they live."

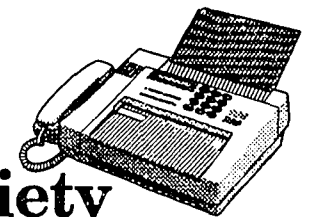
Workers in the CNMI, Lloyd said, are protected by US Constitution and other federal laws.

US federal agencies have expanded their presence and improved enforcement of relevant law in the CNMI "at the urging and in some cases at the expense of this administration," Lloyd said.

"Despite highly negative publicity in Manila, Filipinos have made it very clear they still want to work here," Lloyd said.

At any rate, he said the plan to lift the ban against the CNMI "is a matter we leave to the discretion of the Philippine government and its citizens."

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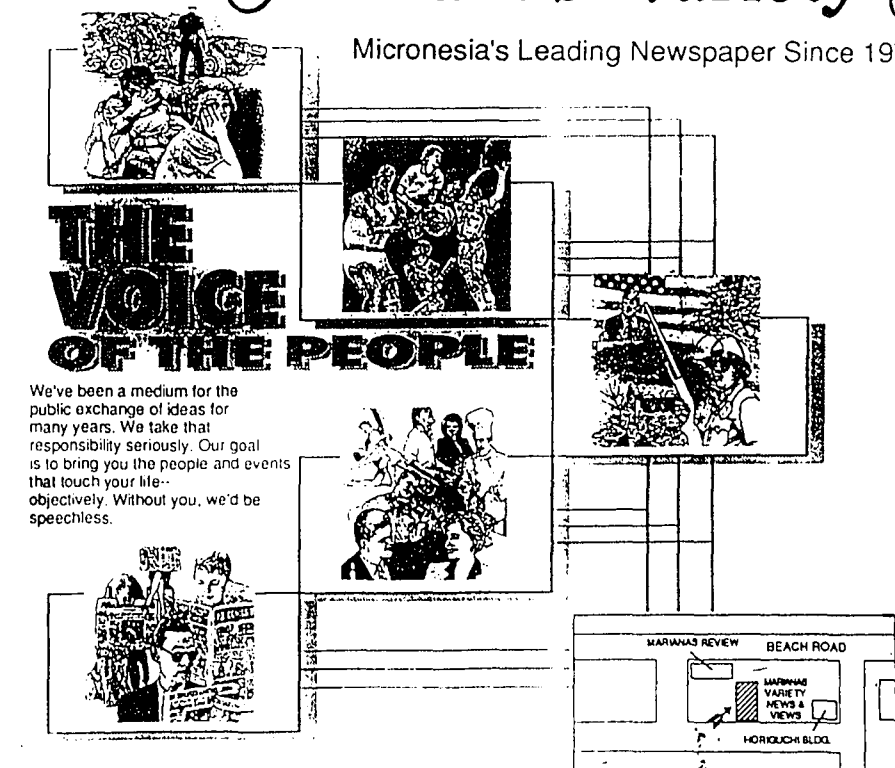
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POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Manager, Program & Housing Division

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) is soliciting employment applications for the aforementioned position for the Central Office in Garapan, Saipan. It is a policy of NMHC that equal opportunity be given to all qualified applicants without regard to age, sex, marital status, place of origin, religion, handicap, or political affiliation. NMHC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: These include, but are not limited to the following:

Administers, supervises and coordinates the overall administration and management of a variety of programs such as the Section 8 Housing, Section 8 Certificate and Voucher, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and other federal programs.

Prepares the CNMI's Consolidated Plan and CDBG annual grant applications for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; conducts public hearings in accordance with CDBG program requirements.

Prepares Section 8 application packages for submission to HUD.

Interprets and disseminates information relative to federal requirements for various housing and community development programs.

Establishes appropriate procedures and recommends policies for Section 8 housing applicant screening, recertification of tenants, leasing; and monitors tenant/landlord compliance with Section 8 program requirements.

Works with community-based organizations to plan and implement needed housing programs for lower income families.

Prepares a variety of reports required by the various federal programs and coordinates with NMHC's Fiscal Division and the Department of Finance with respect to expenditures of federal funds and preparation of financial reports.

Ensures compliance with federal labor standard provisions applicable to CDBG activities; monitors employers' payroll activities and interview workers employed in CDBG-assisted projects; takes corrective action on payroll discrepancies and reports serious violation to appropriate agencies.

Coordinates with NMHC's Technical and Maintenance Division for needed repairs and maintenance in the Section 8 housing program to ensure continued occupancy of the housing units.

Coordinates with NMHC's Fiscal Division to follow-up on delinquent tenants and to initiate collection efforts, according to established procedures.

Supervises employees and provides guidance in work planning, execution, and maintenance of performance standards; evaluates employees on their performance and provides counseling or enforces disciplinary procedures as required.

Prepares a variety of routine to moderately complex correspondence and reports for the Executive Director, Board of directors and/or the Governor.

SALARY: Salary commences at PL 35, Step 1, \$28,808 per annum to a maximum PL 35, Step 5, \$35,013 per annum, commensurate with qualifications of the applicant. Salary beyond Step 1 requires the approval of the NMHC Board of Chairman.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: a) Bachelor's Degree in business, public administration, or accounting / finance from a U.S. accredited university plus four (4) years of progressively responsible administrative experience of which two (2) years was in a supervisory capacity; b) Graduation from High School plus six (6) years of progressively responsible management/administrative experience, of which two (2) years was in a supervisory capacity; or, c) any equivalent combination of educational, experience and training to satisfactorily perform the required duties and responsibilities. Computer literacy is a must-most of Section 8 and CDBG requirements, programs for implementation and reports are through HUD-issued software.

WHERE TO APPLY: NMHC Employment Application form can be obtained at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, which must be submitted together with an official school transcript, diploma or certificate for all education and training claimed, and police clearance, no later than December 6, 1995, to the Corporate director, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, P.O. Box 514, Saipan, MP 96950. For further information, call telephone numbers 234-6866/9447/76789/7670 or write to the above address.

"NMHC IS AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT AND FAIR HOUSING PUBLIC AGENCY"

/s/ MARYLOU ADA SIROK
Corporate Director

O'Donnell having best season as QB

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Neil O'Donnell, who has thrown only three interceptions in his last 12 games, is having his best season since becoming the Steelers' starter in 1991. Still, the lingering question persists: Will this be his last season in Pittsburgh?

With the Steelers facing critical salary-cap questions during the offseason, they must decide if they can afford to lose a quarterback who has outplayed all but a few NFL quarterbacks this season.

"I've always felt a quarterback should be judged on the success of his team," Steelers coach Bill Cowher said. "This has been Neil's most accurate year throwing the football. A lot of that has to do with him feeling very comfortable with what we're doing and who we're doing it with."

In many NFL cities, fans would be outraged if their team hadn't re-signed a quarterback with O'Donnell's numbers: 2,018 passing yards, 10 touchdowns and 284

yards per game in November.

But, perhaps because his style often is regarded as more workmanlike than wondrous, O'Donnell has heard mostly silence—not only from the fans, but from the Steelers' front office.

Usually, a free agent shops himself and looks for the best offer. O'Donnell, by contrast, hopes to sell himself to the Steelers (8-4) and avoid the potentially high-gain but equally high-risk world of free agency.

"Sure, I'd like to stay here," said O'Donnell, who is finishing a three-year, \$ 8.1 million contract. "Not many players play for the same team their whole career, and we've got something good, something special going on here right now. I like it here, and my wife likes it here. I'm very comfortable here."

It appears the streaking Steelers' offense is just as comfortable in his still-healing but nonetheless steady hands. Since missing four

games with a broken right hand, O'Donnell has outplayed every AFC starting quarterback.

During the Steelers' 4-0 November run, for example, O'Donnell's 1,136 passing yards were surpassed only by Minnesota's Warren Moon and Atlanta's Jeff George. Four NFL quarterbacks threw as many interceptions Sunday as O'Donnell has all season.

But when agent Leigh Steinberg made overtures about a new contract for O'Donnell, he was told the Steelers don't negotiate during the season. The policy apparently didn't exist in September, when they signed safety Darren Perry to a four-year contract.

For now, O'Donnell will play out the final weeks of the contract he signed in 1993 and wait—mostly for the Steelers to make up their minds.

"I just want to be treated like any other player," O'Donnell said.

Marianas Variety fun 3-on-3 tourney Art Buffs gun for 5th straight defeat

ART Buffs team vowed to give its worst shot to post a fifth straight defeat in the continuation of the First Marianas Variety 3-on-3 Fun Basketball League tomorrow at the Younis Court.

Sporting with pride his group's 0-4 win-loss record, team captain Ross "Thriller" Garcia said that with their sole "leadership" at the bottom, they are sure to get the Sportsmanship Award "which is, by tradition, always given to both losers."

Art Buffs playing coach and manager Boying Hernandez refused to speculate about the ability of his team to maintain its record.

"It's hard to tell, other teams might grab that honor from us by forfeiting their remaining games by saying all their players are sick," he said.

After four weeks of stiff competition, Circulation Late Runners, Administration Cash Makers and Maintenance Muggers ended sharing the top spot with identical 3-1 records.

Editorial Errata is all alone in second spot with a 2-2 performance, followed by Productions Sots with 1-3 record in third place.

In the opener last Saturday, Edi-

torial Errata tore to pieces the Art Buffs, 71-53, after closing the top half with a 10-point lead, 34-24.

The opener was highlighted with the presence of Ric "Tuliro" Alberto who was shy to play in the first three weeks.

Alberto, a frustrated priest, sent the spectators chanting at the top of their voice when he converted his game-high 2-point shot—his only score in the game—that lifted the team's interest to consider inviting him to play again after his coverage in Japan. As expected, Ferdie "Cassanova" Dela Torre masterminded his team's victory with 50 points spread in the game. He was aided with 19 points by Sonny-Tex Daleno.

Hernandez led the Art Buffs' resistance with 25 points. He was backed by Mike D' Escapo Temperante with 22 points. Garcia forced in 6 points.

Game two
In the second game, the Cash Makers junked Production Sots, 94-70. The Cash Makers led by the Younis Brothers, Bany and Amir, closed the top half with a seven-point lead, 36-29 after combining 34 points.

Jun "Shock Kill" Carandang led the Sots offensive in the first half with

16 points. Tany "Patakia" Timbol tried to pull a rally in the last half with five triples in a losing effort.

Game three
In the last game, the Muggers pulled a come-from-behind victory over Late Runners, 89-73, after trailing one bucket at the end of the first half, 37-39.

Late Runners' Sonny-Bagan Ranola exploded 29 points, but the score's impact was not enough to shock Muggers' Armand Dela Cruz who countered with 30 points. Mark Borja supported Ranola with 19 points but his effort was matched by Zeilo "Big Boy" Hernandez who pumped in 22 points.

Roger "Yoyong" Zandueta who was nursing a hangover during the game, managed to score 24 points.

On Saturday, Art Buffs will clash with the Late Runners in the opener. Errata will test the patience of the Cash Makers, while the Sots will invite the Muggers for a night-life the night before the game to sabotage the Muggers winning form the next day.

Quizon takes his hat off to Taisacan

TONY Quizon took his hat off for Bino Taisacan who defeated him in the latest nine-ball tournament last Tuesday at Remington Club in Garapan.

Taisacan bested Quizon in the final game to win more than \$200 worth of assorted prizes.

Before taking on Quizon, Taisacan won over Wayne Shimabukuro in the

first round and Joe Cabrera in the second.

Cabrera finished fourth overall.

Tony Quizon made it to the final match by defeating Joe Llorea and Roy Durumpili in the first and second round, respectively, only to bow to Taisacan in the championship match of the single-elimination tournament.

Cabrera came in third overall in the tournament sponsored by Joeten Enterprise, Bobby Cadillacs, Pacific Islands Club, Marianas Seaside Circuit, Marpac, Tires to Go, Seagrams, and Ampac.

The next event is an eight-ball tournament, 7:30 p.m., on Dec. 5. Entry fee is \$15.

Preparation . . .

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player rosters and \$150 team entry fee is on Dec. 29.

The league was organized to promote the sport among the youths and to develop them to become better athletes and to instill the value of sportsmanship.

Lizama is soliciting the support of business entities to sponsor teams in

the league. Interested sponsors may contact Lizama at 234-1001 during office hours.

Meanwhile, the board of directors of the Government Men's Slowpitch Softball League will also have a meeting on Dec. 6 and 13 at 10 a.m., at the Gilbert C. Ada gymnasium conference room.

For more information, call Richard Borja at 235-7303 during working hours.

Cowboys, Smith want grass in Texas Stadium

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Emmitt Smith will be renegotiating his contract with the Dallas Cowboys next year. One thing he and owner Jerry Jones are sure to agree on is the need for a grass field in Texas Stadium.

Jones promised Tuesday that by 1997, "there will be grass—make no mistake about it."

Smith, the NFL's leading rusher, was injured trying to make a cut on the slick artificial Texas Stadium turf in the third quarter of a 24-12 victory

over Kansas City on Thanksgiving Day. Smith suffered a sprained knee and could play on Sunday against the Washington Redskins.

The near miss sent shudders through the Cowboys organization.

"There is a concern (about the turf) because we don't have the traction that should be out there," Jones said. "The turf is worn out enough that we're pushing the envelope. The turf is too slick."

However, Jones said he didn't think

the turf was an issue with Smith's injury.

Smith didn't blame the turf, but did say the injury probably wouldn't have happened on grass. "I think grass would have given when I planted my foot," Smith said.

Smith played all of the 1994 season battling hamstring problems that were aggravated by the artificial surface.

Jones said he hoped construction

would begin at the end of the 1996 season to lower the field by 15 feet (4.5 meters) and plant grass. He also wants the roof of the stadium closed. The Cowboys would have to find a strain of grass that grows indoors or put grass in for every game and remove it.

"I think grass is safer, and I like the aura of it," Jones said. "You go to ice hockey games to see play on an artificial surface. You go to a football

game to see a game on grass. We want it (grass) in there and I hope we'll have the grass surface ready to go by 1997."

Jones put a price tag of about \$ 35 million on getting a roof over the hole in Texas Stadium, lowering the field, putting in grass, and renovating some lower-level seating. He said the funds would come from his own pocket, an Irving bond issue and business partners.

Great 8 basketball tourney Massachusetts upsets Kentucky

NEW YORK (AP) Kentucky, despite its deep bench, found itself outmanned by Marcus Camby.

Try as it may, top-ranked Kentucky couldn't find a way to stop Camby and thus had no way to beat No. 5 Massachusetts in the Great Eight basketball tournament Tuesday night. With Camby scoring 32 points, grabbing nine rebounds and blocking five shots, Massachusetts beat the Wildcats 92-82 for its second straight season-opening victory over a No. 1 team. Last year, Massachusetts buried defending national champion Arkansas 104-80 in the Tip-Off Classic.

"We were intimidated by Marcus Camby, looking for him to block all our shots," said Kentucky coach Rick Pitino, a former UMass player. "He's such a great player, when you double him he can find the open man. He's a good offensive and defensive player, the complete package."

In other games involving Top Ten teams, No. 7 Memphis beat Jackson State 90-67 and No. 8 Mississippi State beat North Carolina-Wilmington 77-54.

In the Second Ten, No. 11 Iowa beat Drake 98-66, San Francisco upset No. 16 Stanford 59-58, and No. 17 North Carolina beat Richmond 83-76. Also, No. 22 Virginia Tech pounded Coastal Carolina 93-49, No. 23 UCLA beat Cal State-Fullerton 79-63, and Michigan State surprised No. 25 Arkansas 75-72.

"Our guards played terrific," Camby said. "We knew they would double and triple-team me, but our guards got me the ball and I was able to do something with it."

Did he ever. He hit 11 of 16 shots and 10 of 11 free throws, converting from outside and underneath.

"We've got a long way to go to get where we want to be, but tonight we played UMass style basketball," Massachusetts coach John Calipari said. "We played hard, and when you do that, you give yourself a chance to win."

Massachusetts ran off to an 18-point lead, only to have Kentucky battle back for a 45-45 halftime tie. The Minute-men bolted out 11-1 to open the second half and, while never headed, were never safe until the last minute, when Camby's last two free throws triggered a celebration.

Tony Delk led Kentucky with 21 points.

Dodgers . . .

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not exercise their option on 38-year-old Tim Wallach for the 1996 season, and instead try to find a third baseman through trade or free agency.

"We feel that Mike Blowers gives us a quality third baseman who possesses outstanding power," Dodgers executive vice president Fred Claire said. "His 23 home runs and 96 RBIs (in 1995) represent a breakthrough-type season for him."

In exchange for Blowers, the Mariners will get second baseman Miguel Cairo and third baseman Willis

No. 7 Memphis 90, Jackson St. 67

At Memphis, center Lorenzen Wright had 36 points and 18 rebounds as the Tigers (2-0) made quick work of Jackson State (0-2). Memphis led by as many as 19 twice in the first half and by 14 at halftime.

No. 8 Mississippi State 77, NC-Wilmington 54

At Starkville, Mississippi, Darryl Wilson scored 18 points to lead four double-figure scorers for the Bulldogs (2-0), who opened the second half with a 25-4 run. Darren Moore had 14 for NC-Wilmington (0-2).

No. 11 Iowa 98, Drake 66
At Iowa City, Russ Millard powered inside for 22 points and 10 rebounds, and reserve Chris Kingsbury hit four 3-pointers for the Hawkeyes (3-1). The Bulldogs (1-1) haven't won at Iowa since 1967.

San Francisco 59, No. 16 Stanford 58

At San Francisco, Michael Colter hit a short bank shot with five seconds left as the Dons (1-1) gave rookie coach Phil Mathews an unlikely first victory. "I'd be lying if I said I wasn't surprised," Mathews said.

John Duggan scored 23 points for San Francisco. Andy Poppink had 14 points and 12 rebounds for Stanford (2-1).

No. 17N. Carolina 83, Richmond 76
At Chapel Hill, Shammond Williams converted a three-point play and Dante Calabria scored eight points in a critical stretch of the second half for the Tar Heels (3-1). North Carolina led 47-24 at halftime, but Richmond (1-1), sinking nine 3-pointers, cut it to 72-71 before Williams' steal, basket and free throw with 3:42 to go. Calabria added five free throws in the last 4 1/2 minutes.

No. 22 Va Tech 93, Coastal Carolina 49

At Blacksburg, Virginia, Ace Custis had five dunks and scored 19 points and Jim Jackson added 15 for Virginia Tech (1-0), which scored 17 consecutive points to go ahead 19-4 only 6 1/2 minutes into the game.

No. 23 UCLA 79, Cal St-Fullerton 63

At Los Angeles, Toby Bailey, one of two returning starters from UCLA's first national championship team in 20 years, scored 23 points as the Bruins (2-2) won on the night that championship banner No. 11 was raised in Pauley Pavilion.

Otanez.

Blowers, 30, played in 134 games for the Mariners last season and hit .257. He had career-high totals in homers, RBIs, doubles (24) and hits (113).

Cairo, 21, played in 107 games for the Dodgers Class AA team in San Antonio and hit .278 with one homer, 41 RBIs and 33 stole bases.

Otanez, 22, began the 1995 season with the Dodgers Class A team in Vero Beach, Florida, where he played in 92 games, hitting .260 with 10 homers and 53 RBIs. He was promoted to San Antonio, where he played in 27 games and hit .240 with one homer and seven RBIs.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The **Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA)** is soliciting proposals for the procurement of one (1) new tractor for agricultural use and one (1) 15 feet Batwing Mower with hydraulic accessories. The tractor should be equipped with **2300/2500 RPM**, 70-80 gross HP, on PTO, two-wheel drive with the tire size 16.9 x24 x 89 reply gear, 7.50 x 16 x 6 front, power steering, dual stage clutch, hydraulic system, diesel fuel, 12 volt system with all additional standard equipment and transmission of eight forward and four speed reverse with sliding collars and helical gears industrial yellow color, four cylinders, 450 RPM PTO.

Proposals must be submitted to the **Commonwealth Ports Authority**, Office of the Executive Director, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, MP 96950, on or before December 1, 1995 at 10 a.m. at which time the proposal(s) will be publicly opened and read. The CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals pursuant to Section 3.2(7) of the CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations.

/s/ Mr. Joe B. Aldan
Acting Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

DPW96-RFP-004

The Department of Public Works is soliciting proposals from qualified Architectural and Engineering firms for the Design of the Women's Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposals shall include the following:

1. Updated Standard Forms 254 and 255;
2. Design Approach and Methodology; and
3. Time Frame for the Proposed Work

The evaluation of proposals will be based on the following factors:

1. Recent experience with projects of similar size and scope;
2. Past record of performance on contracts with the CNMI and other public and private agencies, in terms of control of cost, quality of work, etc.;
3. The firm's capacity to perform the work within the time limitations, considering the firm's current and planned workload, project staff of expertise to satisfactorily complete the scope of work, and the ability to meet schedules;
4. The firm's methodology or approach for addressing the scope of work;
5. Past record of responsiveness and cooperations to client's need;
6. Geographical location of the Architectural and Engineering firm; and
7. References from past clients, public and private, who can attest to the firm's ability and quality of service.

A copy of the preliminary space and programs and a location map may be obtained from the office of the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, Lower Base, Saipan.

Interested firms must submit four (4) copies of their qualifications and proposals no later than 4:00 p.m., December 14, 1995, to the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950. A selection committee will convene soon after the submission deadline to review and select the most qualified firm for the project.

"The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in the proposals and to waive any imperfection in the proposal in the interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands."

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

Date: 11/20/95

SPORTS



Specs to exploit Turtles' bye

TEAM Specs will aim to assert solo leadership in Division A in the continuation of the Palau Men's Slowpitch League on Sunday at the Koblerville Ballfield.

Specs will play against Peleliu in game five. Peleliu has a 2-2 win-loss record while Specs shares top place in the latest standings with the Turtles.

Specs has the chance to break away from Turtles which will take a bye

Division A solo leadership race

with Kautz Glass Glazers (4-1).

If Peleliu beats Specs, it will have the chance to break its two-way tie in third spot with Stevedore Waves if the Waves loses its match against Sedi Kau in game one.

In the same division, O&K Goods — which remained winless in three

games — will clash with Just For Fun (1-3) in game three, while the Ambassadors will try to end its tie at 1-3 with the Warriors in game seven.

Unlike in Division A, the race for solo leadership is tighter in Division B with top teams Koror Tigers and Red Torch (both 4-0) playing against

two other teams.

The Tigers will meet Wild Thing (2-2) in the last game, while Red Torch will test Chinatown Wolfpack in game six.

Red Torch and Tigers will remain at the top regardless of whether they lose to or beat their rivals. A tiebreak is possible only when either Wild Thing or Wolfpack will score an upset victory against the favored teams.

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Affares edges Mix Blood by one point

TEAM Affares improved its standing in the 1995-96 Rocball League when it defeated Mix Blood in three sets yesterday at the Marianas High School Pugua Court.

Affares downed Rocball by one point by taking the first two of the three-set matchup, 34-33.

It was a close match right in the first set of the game with Affares beating Mix Blood, 17-13. The second set

ended the same way with the first set. Affares took set two, 17-13, widening Affares' lead by eight points, 34-26.

Mix Blood came back stronger in the incomplete third and last set. Mix Blood was on its way to reversing the lead when the bell rang with Mix Blood by having a seven-point set-lead, 7-0.

The win was the second in six games by Affares, while the defeat

was the fifth in six games for Mix Blood.

Twenty-one aces, seven xunks, six kees, and two goals were scored in the game.

Shiela Kapileo of Mix Blood was the heavy hitter with five aces, one xunk and two kees.

Affares' heavy hitter was Kiechy Rano with four aces and one xunk.

The Loners will play against Sisters/Cousins today.

Monthly triathlon kicks off Sunday

A SERIES of monthly triathlons will kick off with the first event slated on Dec. 3 at Pau Pau Beach.

Named the Marpi Mad Dash Triathlon, event official Kristopher Gills said the monthly competition was organized to introduce beginners to the sport and to assist in training upcoming bigger triathlon events in the Commonwealth like the 3rd Rota Triathlon slated in early April and the 9th Tagaman All-Islanders Championship in mid-May.

The Rota Triathlon will have a 1.5-kilometer swim distance, a 40-km bike race and a 10-km running event. The Tagaman Triathlon will feature 2-km swim event, a 60-km bike competition and a 15-km running race.

The event this Sunday will have 500 meters of swimming competition along Pau Pau Beach, 20-Km bike from Pau Pau to Bird Island and back, and 5-km run from Pau Pau to Kan Pacific Pool area and back.

Sign-in time is 6:15 a.m. but early registration can be done at White Coconut Computers at 234-9443. Individual registration fee is \$5 and \$10 for teams. Interested athletes are advised to register early to avoid race day confusion.

Swim event will start at 7 a.m. For more information, call Kristopher Gills at 235-9443.

Triathletes are required to bring helmets.

Dodgers acquire Blowers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Dodgers ended their search for a third baseman Wednesday, acquiring power-hitting Mike Blowers from

the Seattle Mariners for two minor league infielders.

The Dodgers had said they would

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Mangatmag tops latest amateur 8-ball

JOHN Mangatmag stopped Joe Llorca in the decisive match to win the latest amateur eight-ball held Wednesday at the Remington Club in Garapan.

Mangatmag swept all five games to victory in the double elimination tournament.

He bested Rolando Aizon in the first round, then took on Cezar Bayonado in the second before defeating Eddy Blas and Mii Tekopua in the third and fourth rounds to clinch a berth in the final.

Mangatmag's top contender Joe Llorca had a bad start in the tournament.

THE CNMI Amateur Softball Association will have a meeting tonight, 5:30 p.m., at the Ada gym conference room to elect the association's officers. Association president Antonio Camacho urged all members to attend.

Amateur softball meeting

ment. He lost his first round game to Kimo Jordan but easily recovered in the succeeding rounds to meet Mangatmag in the decisive game.

Llorca downed Ismael Aguon in the second round, then won over Cezar Bayonado in the fourth after a

bye in the third round. He later hurdled the challenges of Eddy Blas, Kimo Jordan and Mii Tekopua in the fifth, sixth and seventh rounds before bowing to Mangatmag.

The next amateur eight-ball is on Dec. 6. Entry fee is \$15.

Philippine Bowling Association

(Week 14 of 24 statistics as of 11/15/95)

Team name	W	L	%	GB	Pins
Polini	36	20	.643	—	41036
RV Enterprises	36	20	.643	—	40822
RB Electrical	31	25	.554	5.0	40584
Taxi	30	26	.536	6.0	40539
Fun & Games	28	28	.500	8.0	40980
Ice Draft	28	28	.500	8.0	40666
CMS Inc.	27.5	28.5	.491	8.5	40750
Bud Ice	27.5	28.5	.491	8.5	40631
JG Sablan	25	31	.446	11.0	40302
Chemtek	24	32	.429	12.0	40185
Budweiser	22	34	.393	14.0	40685
Mark Shark	21	35	.375	15.0	40376

Last week's results:		3-4	Bud Ice 1, Budweiser 3
Lanes	Matchups	5-6	JG Sablan 1, RB Electrical 3
1-2	Budweiser vs RV Enterprises	7-8	Mark Shark 1, Ice Draft 3
3-4	Taxi vs CMS	9-10	RV Enterprises 4, CMS 0
5-6	Chemtek vs Ice Draft	11-12	Chemtek 0, Polini 4
7-8	RB Electrical vs Polini		
9-10	Fun & Games vs Bud Ice		
11-12	Mark Shark vs JG Sablan		

Dec. 2 schedule		Last week's top five bowlers	
Lanes	Matchups		
1-2	Taxi 1, Fun and Games 3	1. Rey Ferra, RV Enterprises	594
		2. Joe Guerrero, Bud Ice	592
		3. Rene Cabigao, Fun & Games	583
		4. Roman Mamauag, Fun & Games	578
		5. Efrén Puse, Polini	571

Sports Trivia

The fifteen easiest baseball players to strike out (career)

Player (main team, league, position)	Yrs.	AB	SO	I-atio
• Dave Nicholson (Chicago, NL, OF)	7	1,419	573	2.48
• Dave Kingman (San Francisco, NL, 1B)	10	3,833	1,139	3.37
• Richie Allen (Philadelphia, NL, 1B & 3B)	15	6,332	1,156	3.82
• Mike Schmidt (Philadelphia, NL, 3B)	9	4,261	1,077	3.96
• Reggie Jackson (Oakland, AL, OF)	14	6,863	1,728	3.97
• Bobby Bonds (San Francisco, NL, OF)	13	6,880	1,713	4.06
• Donn Clendenon (Pittsburgh, NL, 1B)	12	4,648	1,140	4.06
• Rick Monday (Chicago, NL, OF)	15	5,572	1,362	4.09
• Willie Stargell (Pittsburgh, NL, OF)	19	7,794	1,903	4.10
• Woodie Held (Cleveland, AL, SS & OF)	14	4,019	944	4.25
• Frank Howard (Washington, AL, OF)	16	6,488	1,460	4.44
• Deron Johnson (Philadelphia, NL, 1B)	15	5,902	1,307	4.51
• Jimmy Wynn (Houston, NL, OF)	16	6,653	1,427	4.66
• Mickey Mantle (New York, AL, OF)	18	8,102	1,710	4.73
• Harmon Killebrew (Minnesota, AL, 1B/3B)	22	8,147	1,699	4.80

SOURCE: Joseph L. Reichler, The Great All-Time Baseball Record Book. New York: Macmillan Publishing Company, 1981.—Taken from the Book of Lists 3

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