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## Manglona to US- implement tuna policy as agreed during 902 talks

by Ronel B. Concepcion

Acting Governor Benjamin T. Manglona has written the Assistant to the President and Secretary of the Cabinet Ede Holiday to immediately consider appropriate means of implementing the tuna policy for the Northern Mariana Islands.

Manglona's letter is pushing for the recognition of the result of the ninth round of the 902 talks, which is the signing of a memorandum of understanding between special representatives of the CNMI and the US Government to include the Commonwealth in conducting negotiations and will be assisted on the

conservation and management of tuna resources.

"We are preparing to convene the tenth round of our consultations, in preparing, we would like to appreciate the opportunity for members of our delegation and staff to meet with you to explore means of implementing the policies you have announced," he said.

Manglona is referring to Holiday's letter dated September 17, 1990 regarding Pacific tuna fisheries.

The assistant to the President and Secretary of the Cabinet, in that letter, indicated that the US Administration "agrees" with the 902 special representatives joint

recommendation that the CNMI should become more actively involved on international negotiations regarding the conservation and management of tuna.

Manglona stressed that because of that letter, the memorandum of understanding calling for the CNMI's participation in tuna management as assisted by the US was agreed and signed.

Donald C. Woodworth, the Commonwealth's legal counsel will immediately contact the White House to request federal officials to meet with him, together with the CNMI 902 talks co-chairman and resident representative Juan N. Babauta, to discuss the implementation of

the policy.

Manglona's communication is also asking assistance from Ms. Holiday regarding the matter.

Manglona also provided again the White House a copy of the signed memo of agreement, which only reiterates that the CNMI be included in the US delegations negotiating on the South Pacific Tuna treaty and the drifnet convention.



Lt. Gov. Benjamin Manglona

## Hotels to assist the educational system

by Teri M. Flores

A program designed to extend help to both private and public schools in the CNMI was launched with representatives from the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and members of the Public School Systems in attendance.

The "Adopt-A-School" program was launched yesterday at the Hall of the Hotel Nikko.

The program involves about 13 members of the HANMI who have pledged their support to help uplift the educational system in the Commonwealth by helping various schools in their programs and needs.

The hotels will provide and extend help to their "adopted" schools depending upon the needs and priorities set by the learning institutions.

Commissioner on Education Elizabeth Diaz Rechebei termed

the project launching as "a milestone and the start of a cooperative venture between the PSS and the HANMI."

She also termed the project as one which will bring a lot of advantage to the CNMI, both in the economic as well as educational aspect of growth.

Rechebei also termed the program as one which will open the doors of opportunity of students through the hotel and tourism industry.

Association President Hideo Sugiyama said that through the program, HANMI members will provide training and expertise to the children in the CNMI so that they can be trained in hotel management and about the tourism industry in general.

Past Association President Toshimi Yoshida said that the program, which was conceptualized last year during his term,

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Hallelujah! Hossannah! The successful entrance of Jesus in Jerusalem was enacted Sunday through the ritual of the blessing of palm fronds. Sunday marked the beginning of the observance of Holy Week throughout the world.

## Handicapped statutes call for equality for the disabled

by Teri M. Flores

The laws addressing the needs of the handicapped do not change the community but, it provides the tool by which a community could be changed, a leading advocate of the handicapped said.

Guam-based attorney John Wisenburger also said during the Developmental Disabilities Forum held Friday at the Diamond Hotel, said that the current laws on the handicapped have been designed so as to put an end to the existing segregation between

the disabled and the so-called "normal" people.

The Americans with Disabilities Act, Education of the Handicapped Act and the Protection and Advocacy Program are designed to help in the integration of the disabled in the mainstream of society, Wisenburger said.

He said that although statutes have already been designed to safeguard and assure the rights of the disabled, there are still hindrances to the full implementation and enactment of the law.

Wisenburger said that the

hindrance lie among those who have been tasked to implement the law.

"The problem is that people who are serving within the implementing body of the law are not pushy and aggressive enough. But, I see that this will eventually change with time," Wisenburger said.

He also took note of the fact that the segregation of the handicapped is massive and that there is no legal recourse by which discrimination could be redressed.

Regarding the American With Disabilities Act, Wisenburger

said that the statute, which is breathtaking in scope, was designed to protect the developmentally disabled from discrimination from employment and all the other public services that is provided by the government.

He said that the AWDA provides a clear mandate to the disabled and provides a clear-cut effort to bring the handicapped towards the mainstream of society.

The AWDA was passed in 1990 by the US Congress and was signed into law by President Bush amidst the

participation of \$3,000 special citizens.

Lulu Malone of the Developmental Disabilities Council said that the forum is one way of making the community, as well as those who are disabled, become aware of their rights as mandated by law.

Representatives from the business sector and government agencies including several handicaps were present during the all-day discussion.



## CUC-Cable TV conflict may lead to increased cable rates

Subscription to the island's only cable network will have to be increased as a result of the on-going dispute between the management of Saipan Cable T.V. and the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation.

According to a press release issued by the management of Cable T.V., the increase is impending since the CUC is proposing for a 71% increase in its pole rentals.

According to the press release, Saipan Cable TV does not want to incur the additional expense of pole rental since it has a number of expenses which

mainland Cable TV systems do not have.

Among the things which Cable networks in the Mainland do not incur include program taping expenses, air freight and the cost of replaying the tapes in a studio.

Also, Saipan Cable TV has to incur high typhoon insurance rates and high maintenance rates caused by power fluctuations on Saipan, according to the press release.

The Cable management said that they have initiated efforts to find solution to the impending increase by conducting talks with

CUC officials since 1987 regarding the actual cost for poles of which Saipan Cable TV's pole rental are based.

The press release stated that the national average pole rental is under \$3 per pole a year however, CUC still insists to raise the Cable TV's annual \$3.50 pole rental rate to \$7.50.

The suggested increase is 114% higher while a 71.4% increase will be felt should the \$6 rental fee be implemented, the press release stated.

"Pole rentals are supposed to be just and reasonable but, Saipan Cable T.V. recently

found out that from 1981-86, while the Saipan Cable TV is being charged with \$3.50 annually per pole MTC was only paying \$2.50 for a much heavier telephone cable," the press release stated.

CUC has estimated that the increase from \$3.50 to \$6 will add \$2.40 annually to Cable T.V. bills. However, this will not be the case, as according to Cable officials, there is considerably more involved because CUC is now putting in 40% more poles.

The average subscriber will be paying \$4.70 more per year

since the price of renting the poles will have jumped from 250 to an exorbitant \$490, the press release stated.

Saipan Cable TV is proposing that instead of the \$6 rate which CUCV wants, the cost should instead be placed at \$2.41 per pole a year and that the company should receive a credit of \$1 per pole per year starting from 1981 to 86 to match the rate that is being paid by MTC.

According to Cable TV President Lee Holmes, both the CUC and Cable TV are working hard to find a solution to the dispute.

## Gov. Guerrero signs CNMI day of prayer proclamation

CNMI Governor Larry I. Guerrero has declared May 2 as the CNMI day of prayer in a proclamation signed on March 19, 1991.

According to the proclamation, the people of the Commonwealth are deeply mindful of their dependence on the Almighty... "from our very beginnings as a Commonwealth, we have relied upon God's strength and guidance."

"Entrusted with the holy gift

of freedom and allowed to prosper in its great light, we have a responsibility to serve as a beacon to the world."

Gov. Guerrero then, through the proclamation, is encouraging all the people of the CNMI to give thanks to God for his Mercy and goodness and asked for His continued help and guidance to the CNMI.

"let us pray this day, and every day here after, for peace..." he stressed in the proclamation.

## 65 new weather monitoring buoys moored in the Pacific Ocean

AP - It's described as an effort to improve weather forecasts. Officials say 65 new weather monitoring buoys will be moored across the Pacific Ocean over the next two years. The joint effort by France, Japan and the U.S. is expected to cost two-and-a-half million dollars.



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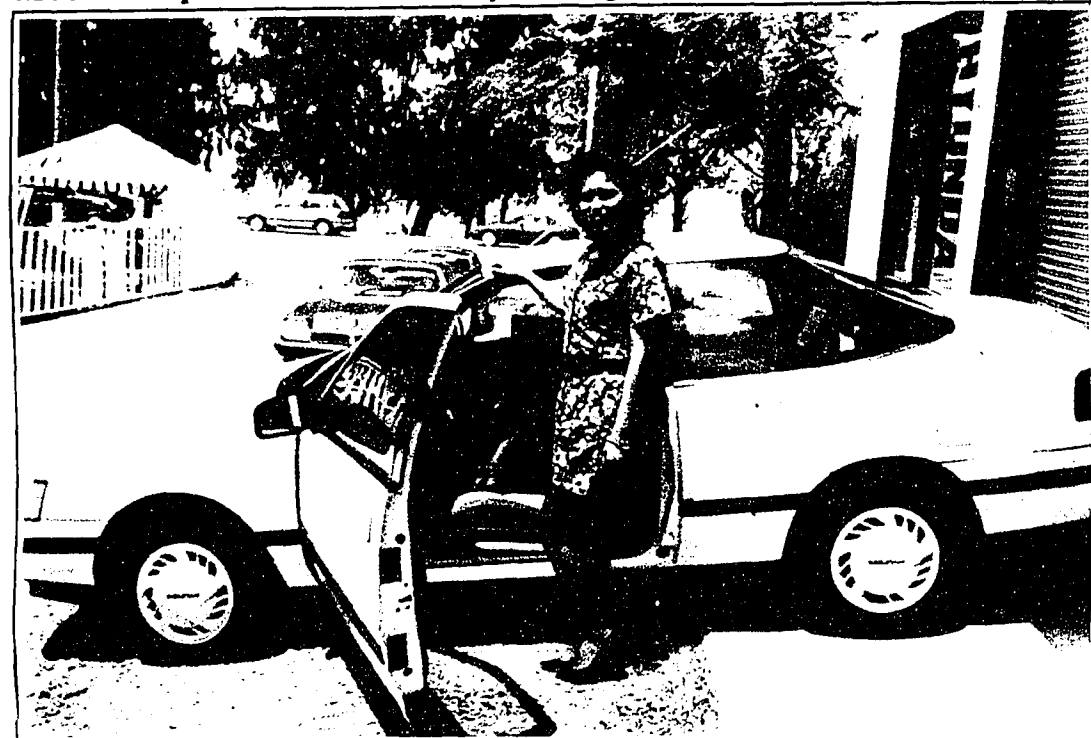
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Newly-crowned Miss CNMI-Universe Sharon Rosario posing before her brand new 1991 Hyundai Coupe car, recently turned over courtesy of the Triple J Motors. She will have the chance to use the car only during her reign as the Miss Northern Marianas.

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## Public Hearing on Labor Cases Today

by R.B. Concepcion

vited to forward to the oversight committee their written testimonies:

Labor hearing officer, Commerce and Labor Director, Chief Immigration officer, Attorney

General, Filipino Community representative, Korean Association representative, the

Commonwealth Superior Court, and those that have cases in the

A proposed measure that will provide for more expeditious resolution of complaints filed by non-resident workers, and provide for removal of cases to the Superior Court in times the Commerce and Labor fails to immediately address the complaint filed by non-resident workers will be presented today before the general public for comments.

The committee on immigration and labor will hold a hearing on Senate Bill 7-21 today at 9 in the morning at the Senate Chamber, the committee is chaired by Sen. Jose Mafnas.

The proposed bill, otherwise known as the Nonresident Worker's Complaints Expeditious Resolution Act of 1990 was introduced by Sen. Herman Guerrero.

The bill states that the Department of Commerce and Labor "has great difficulty rendering expeditious decisions" on cases filed by a large number of nonresident workers.

"In many cases, complaints are filed by them simply to artificially extend their stay in the Commonwealth...It is the purpose of this act to make the process of resolving complaints by workers more efficiently."

It said that the bill will be for the benefit of both workers and employers with legitimate grievances.

The following officials are in-

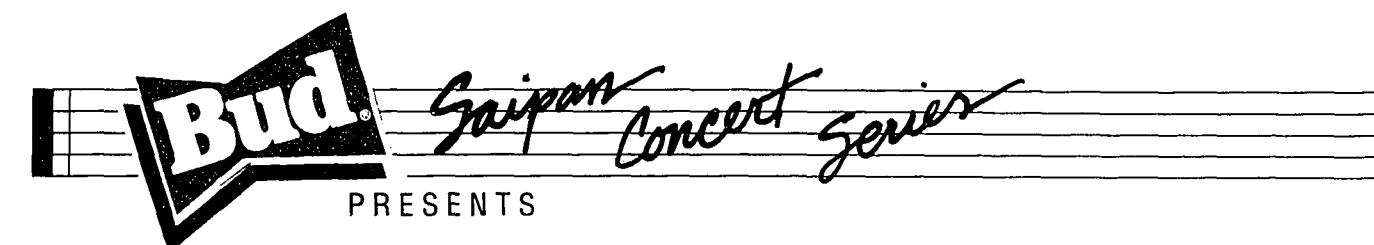
### Saipan Chamber meets April 1

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular monthly meeting on April 1, 1991, at 11:45 a.m. at Oceana House, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Coastal Resources Management Administrator Jack Villagomez has been selected to be the guest speaker. He will talk on the role of CRM in the community with special emphasis on the business community which will include regulations, laws, programs and projects.

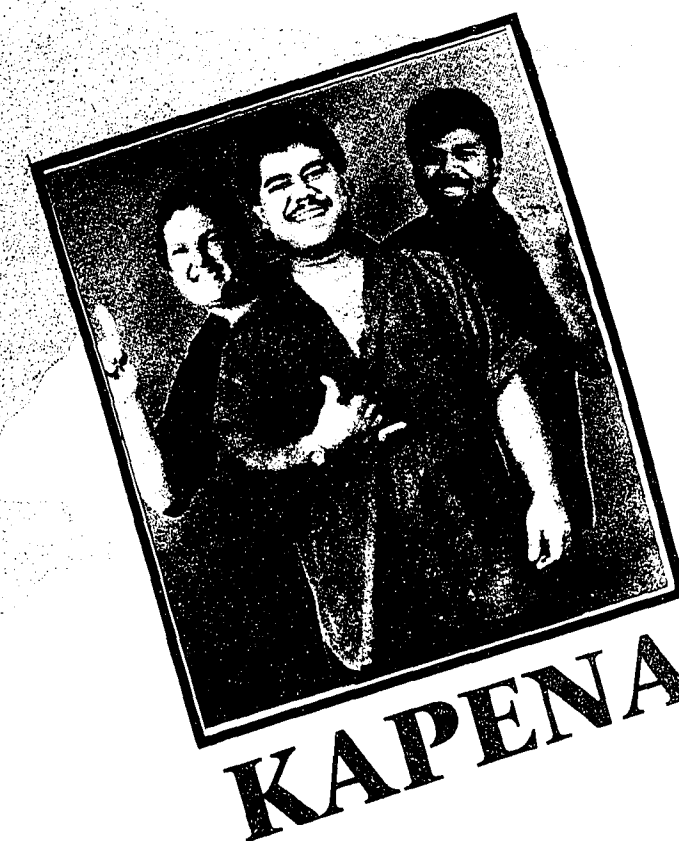
Chamber President Joe Ayuyu urged all members to attend this important meeting.

### Veterans seeks volunteer instructors

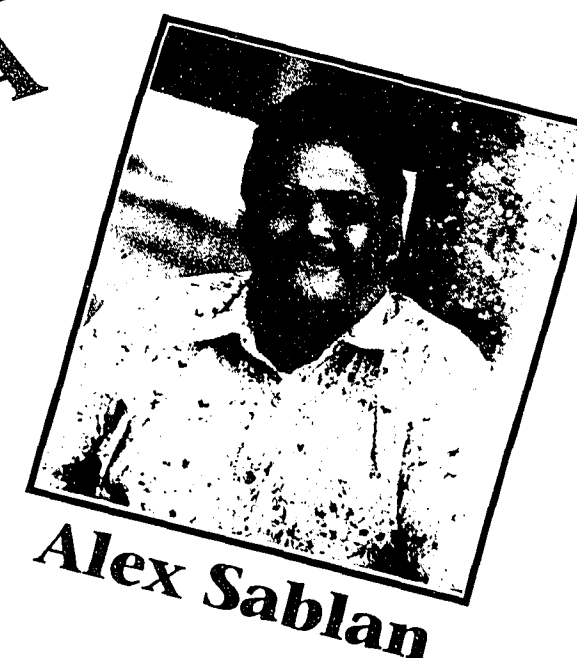
The Veterans Officer is soliciting the assistance of veterans interested in teaching special skills and knowledge to our Young Boy Scout troops in their upcoming summer camporee. Your contribution will assist them develop and enhance their talent and sense of responsibility to become leaders of tomorrow. Your time spend with them will be voluntary. For more information, please call Donald M. Fleming at telephone numbers 322-3474 or 9556 or call Mr. Carl Reyes, Youth Services Outreach/Boy Scout Unit Supervisor at telephone numbers 234-1283 or 322-9366.



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# Red Cross honors "Juan Pan" as fund-raiser of the year

Juan T. 'Pan' Guerrero was recently awarded as the Red Cross Volunteer Fund Raiser of the Year during the recently held kick-off dinner for the Club 200 fund raising campaign for 1991 which was held at the Aqua Resort.

Guerrero, who is a long time

Red Cross activist, was selected from the names of people throughout the United States who have been actively helping the Red Cross with its projects, according to a press release from the Red Cross.

The kick-off dinner, which was attended by 450 persons, was the

appropriate setting for the announcement since the Club 2000 event was the centerpiece for the CNMI Red Cross fund raising in recent years.

Participants in the Club 22 purchase \$200 tickets which entitles them to an elaborate evening with a sit-down dinner and a drawing which has thousands of prizes at stake for the winners, according to the Red Cross release.

NMI Red Cross Chapter Chairman Jerry Facey said that "Club 22 speaks for itself and the credit goes to Juan Pan's hardwork and persistent effort."

Facey said that in 1988, 300 guests were involved and the Red Cross cleared \$35-\$40,000. Last year's event brought in 970 guests and more than \$94,000 was in-

involved.

Facey said that for this year, they are aiming to break \$100,000 of which the proceeds go back to the community in times of disaster and calamity, the press release stated.

Guerrero will formally receive the award during the Red Cross National Convention which will be held in May in San Diego, California, according to Constance McAdam of the Red Cross.

"Even in a national competition, it will be hard to overlook a fundraiser like Juan Pan," Facey said. He noted that for last year alone, Guerrero sold more than 400 tickets.

One of Guerrero's major accomplishments has been expanding the community's in-

volvement with the NMI Red Cross Chapter. Members of the Korean, Japanese and Chinese communities now serve in the Board of Directors and are now working on this year's fundraiser, the press release stated.

Guerrero is a former Chairman of the Red Cross NMI Chapter and is now serving as an ex-officio chairman of the Club 200.

The number of volunteers working for the 1991 model of Club 200 has nearly doubled, the press release stated.

Facey said that a major effort is underway this year to make the fund raising more profitable to the Red Cross. This will be done by urging the business contributors to underwrite a larger portion of the prizes, the press release stated.

## Battle of the Bands success to benefit the youth

by Teri M. Flores

People from all walks of life came and enjoyed the warm afternoon breeze and the music of ten bands during the first "Battle of the Bands" held Sunday at the Cowtown.

People continued to arrive as band after band took centerstage playing country to rap to jazz sounds, during Sunday's concert.

The venue literally went alive as teen-agers, parents, and entire families watched, sang and cheered the top names in local bands who performed to the crowd's delight.

Also present during the concert was Lt. Governor Benjamin Manglona who lent support both to the concert organizers and to the youth who will be benefited by the proceeds of the event.

"This type of concerts is a demonstration that we have a lot of talented people here in the CNMI," Manglona said.

Manglona, who was with his wife and several grandchildren, said that he hopes that more events such as the "Battle of the Bands" concert would be organized so that the local artists will be given the opportunity to showcase their talents.

Among the featured bands whose performances were all well applauded include Galvin

Guerrero and the Natural High who entertained the crowd with their rap and jazz music, Frank and Rey and the CM Serenaders with their island music and Jess Pangelinan and the Third Generation.

Other performers who also wowed the crowds include Russell Rankin, the Island Set and the Orian Butaud.

"I really am happy that a lot of people showed up for the concert. It is one way of supporting not only our youth but also the artists that we have here on island," Elizabeth Ann of B&E Productions said.

Brad Clemen, the other half of B&E Productions said that all their efforts and hardwork paid off since a lot of people showed up to enjoy the sounds and music of the participating bands.

Ann said that Sunday's concert was the first time in a number of years that some of the top local bands have appeared together in one major show.

Portions of the live concert was aired over station KCNMI while folks who want to hear portions of the show will be able to do so through taped portions which will be aired on KZML.

The concert will also be telecast over Saipan Cable TV at a later date.



Battle of the Bands organizers Brad Clemen and Elizabeth Ann of B&E Production together w/ Lt. Gov. B. Manglona during last Sunday's Concert. In the background is part of audience who trooped to Cowtown to watch the performance of 10 local bands.

### Message of Appreciation

WE, the family of our dearly beloved mother, **MARIA C. ATALIG**, would like to express our sincerest thanks and Dangkulo Na Si Yuus Maase to each and everyone who in one way or the other gave us moral support, condolences, and unending prayers during our time of bereavement.



Dangkulo Na Si Yuus Maase!

- Our Bishop Thomas Camacho
- Father Patrick and the altar boys
- Mrs. Margaret Dela Cruz and choir
- CHC Staffs
- Governor's Office
- Mayor's Office
- Vice-Speaker Pedro Guerrero
- Cong. Atao and Stanley Torres

Those whom were with us at the nightly Rosary, funeral, and burial services.

We will always remember you in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless You All.


Mass for our beloved mother will be held at Kristo Rai Church on Wednesday, March 27, 1991 at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be served after mass at the family's residence in Garapan.

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# Saturday kicks-off little league baseball season

by R.B. Concepcion

Sports lovers, get yourself ready for another season of what baseball enthusiasts termed as "better than any other sport activity."

The official opening of the 1991 baseball season in three divisions, namely the Little League, Senior Little League and Big League was held last Saturday morning at the Civic

Center Ball Field.

President of the CNMI Little League Baseball Association Jess Pangelinan was master of ceremonies and introduced the various teams which all paraded at the ball field.

Teams for the Little League Division- Little Padres, San Antonio Vikings, Tanapag Braves, San Vicente Amigos, and the San Vicente Reds.

The Big League Division are

the Garapan Central, CK Bears, Tarzans and Strikers. The Senior League division, on the other hand, is comprised of the San Vicente Reds, Saipan Cougars, Tanapag Groupers, and the San Vicente flyers.

To add to that, Little League members are only limited up to ages 9 years to 12, senior league from 13 to 15, and big league ages 16 to 18 years.

Local leaders were also present during the opening ceremonies

and provided their own remarks, all congratulating the officials behind the reality of the event and hoped for a healthy competition among the youth.

The association's president Jess Pangelinan also announced that two games will be held every Saturday starting at 10 in the morning for both the Senior League and the Big League divisions, while Sundays will be for the Little League division.

According to a referral-book

from the group, "the Little League is a program of service to youth, geared to provide an outlet of healthful activity and a training under good leadership in the atmosphere of wholesome community participation."

It further said that the "movement is dedicated to helping children become good and decent citizens...establishes for them rudiments of teamwork and fair play."

## South Pacific Games Roundup

The South Pacific Games are now only 5 months away and the Marianas Team has a long way to go financially. We are barely half way there at this time.

There are several fundraising activities planned over the next few months, such as Basketball and Volleyball Tournaments, a Battle of the Bands, Special SPG Nights at the OIC and Hyatt Hotels - and we still need more.

We would like to thank those businesses and the current Legislators for their contributions to date and hope that more will make contributions in the future. Is your name on the list? The following contributions have been made to date:

CNMI Legislature	\$50,000
MTC	100
Congressman and Mrs. D. Benavente	100
Advance Marketing Corp.	100
Saipan Stevedore Co.	300
Kintetsu Buffalo Baseball Team	1,000
Niizeki International Saipan	1,000
SNE Saipan Co., Ltd.	1,000

Other businesses who are contributing are:

Hyatt Regency Saipan (thru sports events)

Pacific Islands Club (thru sports events)

Microl Corporation \$10.00 for every car sold beginning April 1, 1991.

Several sports have been practicing for a long time already, they are: Track and Field - MWF at 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. at the Hopwood Track. Swimming - Daily from 4-6:00 p.m. at the Kan Pacific Pool. Yachting and Windsurfing - Races every Sunday and Tactics during the week. Table Tennis - Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the gym, 7-9:00 p.m. Volleyball - Sunday mornings at the Gym Tennis - Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at the American Memorial Park Courts.

Next week we hope to have schedules of the other sports.

## Greg Camacho pitching for California city college



Greg Camacho

In recent correspondence from Pasadena City College, in Southern California, the following information was received;

GREG CAMACHO of San Roque Village and one of Saipan's best Little League players recently made the Varsity Traveling Team at Pasadena City College, one of the southlands tougher college athletic teams.

The season for the PCC Lancers began in San Diego Mesa Baseball Tournament where the team lost two games on February 8, and 9, 1991. To date they carry a record of 6

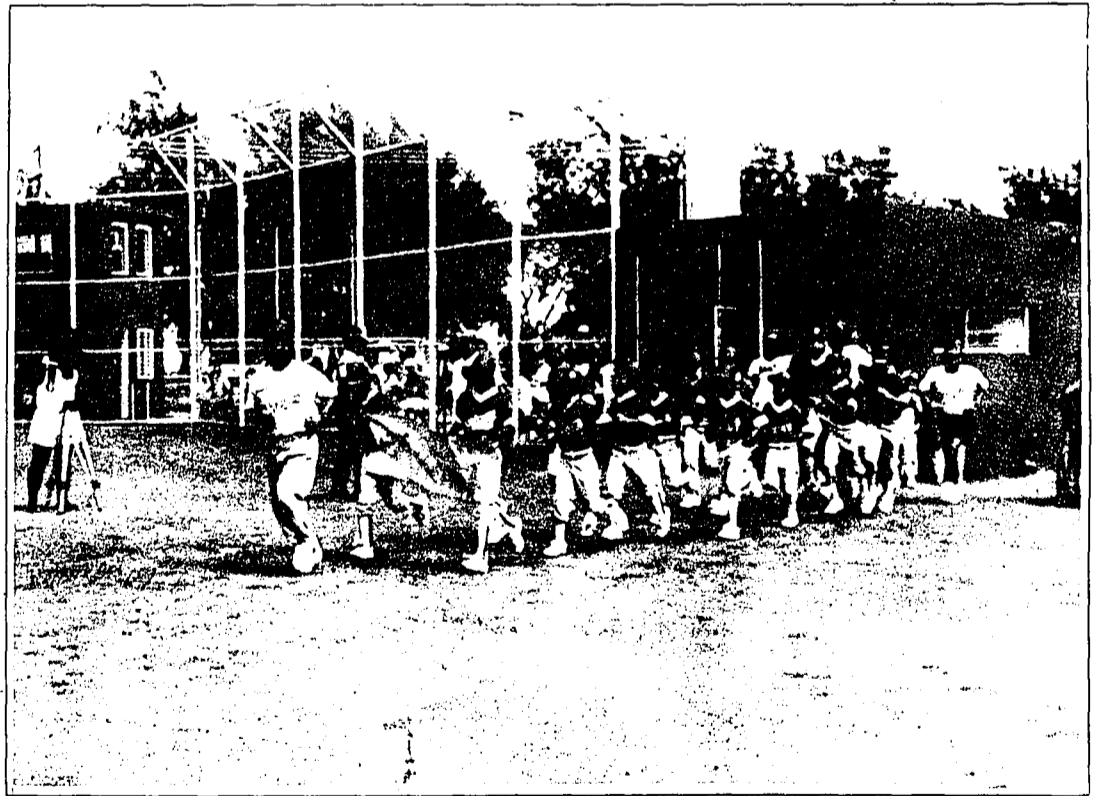
Wins and 11 Losses. According to Coach Scott Spector, "they are all good players, but need to learn to play together and play Basic Baseball, they they will win more games".

Greg had pitched three innings in 7 games with no walks and averages 1.5 Strikeouts and hits per game and about .5 runs. He says playing college ball in California is much harder than in the Marianas.

Greg is the son of Louis and Ursula Camacho of San Roque and was an All-Star and MVP during his playing in the CNMI Little League Program.



Mayor Jesus Deleon Guerrero delivering his remarks with officials attended the opening ceremony of the Little League last Saturday.



The Padres team enters the field to join the officials for the opening ceremonies opening the games season of the Little League

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