

RP senator conducts own probe

Prostitution report prompts Revilla visit

By Gaynor L. Dumat-ol

PHILIPPINE Sen. Ramon Revilla is in Saipan looking into the plight of Filipino contract workers particularly the estimated 3,000 Filipinas working in clubs, in the wake of reports reaching Manila that many of them have been forced into prostitution.

"There are reports in the Philippines that the women workers are having a hard time...that they are made prostitutes," Revilla said shortly after giving a courtesy call to Gov. Lorenzo I. Guerrero yesterday.

The movie action star-turned senator went to the entertainment strip in Garapan hours after he arrived Sunday night and inquired from Filipino bar girls and wait-

resses if the news reports were true.

Revilla, however, said not one among the girls he interviewed admitted being forced to engage in sex for pay.

His visit to Saipan is Revilla's first overseas travel since elected senator in the May 11 elections.

The senator said he was going back to clubs and sing-along joints last night without the company of Philippine consulate officials who accompanied him earlier, to talk to more Filipina entertainment workers and make sure that the Filipinas he talked to earlier were telling the truth.

He will submit a report of his findings to the Senate labor committee shortly after his return

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Philippine Senator Ramon Revilla (left), receives an official CNMI pin from Governor Lorenzo I. DeLeon Guerrero as Lt. Gov. Benjamin Manglona look on during a courtesy call at the governor's office yesterday.

Guerrero warns abusive bar, night club operators

GOVERNOR Lorenzo I. Guerrero yesterday warned owners of night clubs and karaokes against forcing their women workers to engage in prostitution.

Guerrero's stern warning was made following recent reports relayed to him by visiting Sen. Ramon Revilla that some Filipinas recruited as bar girls and waitresses had fallen into the prostitution trap.

"This is something I'll make clear to the employers," Guerrero

said. "No abuses," he stressed, adding that the CNMI government "will make sure" no worker is maltreated.

Guerrero said the reports were negative publicity for tourism-dependent Saipan. Employers causing the bad publicity, the governor said, will be "punished" with the full force of the law.

"I'll make sure we hunt for this type (of employer)," Guerrero vowed minutes after handing over to the visiting senator a pin bear-

ing the official seal of the Commonwealth.

"We cannot afford to be bombarded with negative publicity," said Guerrero. "We are sick of it."

The governor said that while he had been keeping in touch with the Philippine Consulate on-island, he expressed hope that there would be more coordination between the CNMI and Philippine governments to ensure that the overseas Filipino workers here are

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Clear US immigration policy for foreigners living in CNMI sought

By Rafael H. Arroyo

WASHINGTON Resident Representative Juan N. Babauta is seeking a clarification from the US Department of State regarding an "unclearly defined non-immigrant visa policy" for aliens residing in the CNMI.

In a letter to Richard H. Solomon, assistant secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Babauta sought explanation on

the various options available to NMI residents who are not US citizens but need to enter the US mainland on a temporary basis.

"Because of the Covenant relationship between the federal and the Commonwealth governments, I feel that policies and directives regarding the issuance of temporary visas to aliens residing in the CNMI are not so clearly defined," Babauta said.

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Car accident leaves 1 dead, another hurt

A FILIPINO contract worker died at dawn Sunday, less than a day after he was rushed to the Commonwealth Health Center for injuries sustained when the car he was driving went wayward, rammed at some trees and turned turtle off the newly-constructed As Lito road.

Felipe Regino, 29, was pronounced dead at 2 a.m., hours after he underwent abdominal surgery, Police Chief Antonio Reyes said. Regino's companion in the ill-fated car, Ruben Balgonia, 37, also a Filipino, suffered a small cut in his left foot and was believed to be recovering.

Investigation disclosed that Regino was cruising at 35 miles per hour when he lost control of the car, a blue 1982 model Toyota station wagon, while maneuvering a curve on As Lito road, Kobler at 6:26 Saturday morning.

The car was a total wreck.

Reyes said Regino first appeared to have sustained only minor injuries when found by a police officer minutes after the car crashed.

A police report said that Reyes was even able to answer questions by the police officer who rushed to the site near the

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The crumpled Toyota station wagon lies on the grassy side of the As Lito road as the mute witness to an accident that killed its driver and injured a passenger.

World Affairs

Serbs defy trade embargo, monitoring by naval ships

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - A Western flotilla monitoring ships off Yugoslavia's coast may not help end the war in Bosnia. But it is a pointed reminder of international sanctions that are devastating the Yugoslav economy.

At a meeting of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, the United States and its European allies agreed Friday to station the ships outside Yugoslav waters.

The action followed reports of repeated violations of the embargo imposed on Belgrade on May 30 to pressure it to stop abetting violence in the former Yugoslav republics of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia. The embargo is beginning to bleed an economy that already was in deep trouble because of the cost of financing federal army operations in Croatia and Bosnia. But despite the hardships, many Serbs remain defiant. "The sanctions and the naval monitoring and everything, it's biblical. David and Goliath," said psychologist Peter Brkic. "In this case we are David."

Yugoslavia's only access to the sea is along the Montenegrin coastline on the Adriatic Sea. It is uncertain just what, or how much,

has been getting into Yugoslavia from the coast. But the main port at Bar has virtually ceased functioning since the sanctions were imposed.

The foreign ships have no mandate to search vessels suspected of dodging the sanctions, only ask about their origin and cargo by radio.

But the patrols will likely have a psychological effect on Serbia, now alone with Montenegro in the new Yugoslavia. The ships' presence is intended to signal that the sanctions will remain in force until Serbia is brought to heel.

Eight vessels - seven from NATO's Mediterranean fleet plus a British frigate - were deployed to the Adriatic. The U.S. helicopter-carrier USS Iwo Jima and the destroyer Biddle, both under Sixth Fleet command, are already there to provide support for airlifts of food and medicine to Bosnia.

Since the sanctions were imposed, about 100,000 Yugoslav workers have been laid off or sent on leave, and the respected weekly Vreme suggested last week that up to 1 million workers could find their livelihoods in danger.

Some imported goods are becoming scarce, gasoline is rationed and industrial output is expected to drop 40 percent by year's end. Serbian leaders, who at first defiantly assured citizens the sanctions would not last long, now are taking measures to deal with the effects. The Serbian Parliament this week adopted legislation giving the government broad authority to limit trade in certain goods, a possible prelude to widespread rationing.

Serbian Premier Radoman Bozovic admitted the sanctions had caused "great disruptions and losses to the economy" when he unveiled a series of measures to help offset the effects of the sanctions and hyperinflation. The measures, introduced July 1, included a sharp cut in public spending and plans to reduce state-controlled salaries 40 percent in the next three months.

Prices of staples, utilities and transportation were frozen. The Yugoslav dinar was devalued by 84 percent, reducing the rate from 32 dinars to the dollar to 200 to the dollar.

It is unclear what has been getting into Yugoslavia from the coast, but a Western diplomat, speaking on condition of anonymity, said

Serbian businesses were trying to smuggle in oil and other materials.

Last week, the independent Borba daily quoted Borivoje Petrovic, a Serbian parliament deputy from the governing Socialist Party of former Communists, as acknowledging that oil was coming in from Romania. Some goods imported to Macedonia, another breakaway republic which borders Serbia to the south, reportedly are ending up in Serbia.

It is hard to tell to what extent sanctions are being broken along Yugoslavia's eastern border with Romania and Bulgaria. Both insist they are complying, but say the loss of trade is a severe blow to their own struggling economies.

On June 9, Romania's deputy transport minister, Valentin Mirescu, told The Associated Press that oil shipments to Serbia via the Danube River "are still going on."

But Romanian Premier Theodor Stolojan this week denied that Romania is violating the sanctions and said border controls were stepped up.

Democrats open convention in New York

NEW YORK (AP) - The Democratic National Convention opens here Monday night, aiming to jump-start challenger Bill Clinton's bid to dethrone President Bush in this year's unusual three-way race.

After a turbulent, triumphant primary season and weeks of buildup, Clinton's moment is at hand; Some 4,288 delegates will crowd Madison Square Garden for a four-day parley that will crown him the Democratic nominee.

All was remarkably calm, for a party known best for its bitter feuds. Clinton's choice of Tennessee Sen. Al Gore as his running mate was panned by some liberals, but for the most part was cheered for its moderate, generational message.

"We have a winner," said party chairman Ronald Brown, who would be bringing down the gavel to open the festivities. "That winner is Bill Clinton. We need to get behind him and support him."

Clinton was practically out of sight on convention eve, attending church before returning to his hotel to work on his acceptance speech for Thursday. On Monday, he planned a morning visit to a century-old program that provides health care and other services to the poor.

On Sunday, Clinton sounded the theme that will echo throughout the convention hall this week.

"(We) share a common goal of rebuilding America and putting people first," Clinton said. "Together our message of real change will restore dignity and purpose for all the American people."

Outside, workers scrubbed the plaza around the historic entertainment hall, police paced everywhere and delegates enjoyed a little sightseeing, shopping and partying before getting down to business.

As always, there were protests. Both sides in the abortion debate were massing throughout the event, as were advocates for other causes ranging from better treatment of the homeless to better treatment of women in the military.

Bush and expected independent candidate Ross Perot were lying low during the Democrats' celebration, but Republicans were on hand to critique the competition.

"Despite his claim to the contrary, Bill Clinton is a failed governor of a small state," said Republican Party chairman Rich Bond in his opening salvo.

Revelry was atop Sunday's agenda. There were parties and parties and parties, including 42 official delegation bashes.

Once the convention is called to order, there is little to debate, a drama shortage some delegates rue. Others praise it as a chance to skip the fighting.



Philippine Consul Julius Torres (left) listens to Richard Ceyzk, AIDS program manager of the Department of Health and Environmental Services, during a press conference called by Torres following a news report about prostitution in Saipan.

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to the Philippines later today.

A news report published by a Guam-based newspaper last Friday quoted Richard Ceyzk, AIDS program manager at the CNMI Department of Health, as saying that "most of the prostitutes (on Saipan) are Filipinos with a sprinkling of Koreans, Chinese and Thais."

The story, Revilla said, was picked up by newspapers in Manila. It also prompted the Philippine consulate to consider the banning of all Filipina club workers in the Northern Marianas.

"We (Filipinos) are already branded as manual workers and domestic helpers and if we are to be branded as prostitutes we might as well forget about it (sending women workers for Saipan clubs)."

Consul Julius Torres said in an interview last Friday.

Torres also said in a press conference yesterday that he would push through with his plan to recommend the banning of Filipina entertainment workers to the Philippine national government if the CNMI government does not move "to vindicate the tarnished image of Filipinos."

"The CNMI should recognize we are partners in the development of the island," the consul said.

Torres reiterated that the story damaged the image of Filipinos and was degrading and an insult to the Philippines.

"(The) CNMI government has a big stake in this issue, maybe

even bigger than ours," Torres said.

He explained that should the Philippine government decide to ban deployment of Filipina workers, "the entertainment business (on-island) which is a big attraction of the tourism industry would be adversely affected."

Revilla, on the other hand, said he did not agree with the idea of banning deployment of Filipina entertainment workers, explaining that such action "would deprive the women of their liberty" to seek better-paying jobs abroad.

What needs to be done to improve the women workers' plight, Revilla said, is for both governments to see to it that the workers are not exploited by their employers.

Banning the women workers would also affect their respective families which are mostly relying on the overseas workers for support, Revilla added.

The senator considers his trip to Saipan as his pilot project as member of the Senate labor committee. After Saipan, Revilla said he would prepare for trips to Saudi Arabia, the US mainland and other countries where there are big groups of Filipino workers.

Revilla, likewise, said his friends on the island like Dave Sablan, aspirant for a seat in the Legislature, planned to put up a foundation to be named after the senator, for the welfare of Filipino workers in the Northern Marianas.

Club exec proposes penalty for abusive night club owners

THE MANAGER of a night club in Saipan yesterday criticized a newspaper report (not the Variety) for making general statements regarding prostitution on the island.

At the same time, he said night clubs, massage parlors and bars that engage in prostitution should be prohibited from hiring foreign workers.

Babauta, who manages the Club Palace, a karaoke and discotheque in Chalan Kanoa, said the report should have identified the establishments that tolerate or even encourage prostitution

instead of making general accusations that hurt all other night clubs and similar businesses.

Club Palace employs 17 waitresses, all from the Philippines. "You can ask my employees if I force them to go out with customers," he said.

Babauta admitted he had been approached several times by club guests, asking him about the "bar fine," a sort of fee for the privilege of taking out a female worker at the club. "I don't do business with greasy money," he said.

He said he usually told this

kind of customers that they should talk to the women if the latter wanted to go out with their customers.

So far, he said none of his women employees had done "bar fine."

Babauta said he knew that some establishments engage in prostitution, but declined to identify them. He said the government should investigate these establishments and penalize them.

Club Palace, according to Babauta, attracts both couples and individuals as customers.

Workers not tested for AIDS virus

THE CNMI government's mandatory health examination for alien contract workers on-island cannot determine whether or not a person is infected with the dreaded HIV virus that causes AIDS, Richard Ceyzk, AIDS program manager of the Commonwealth's health department disclosed yesterday.

Only an AIDS test will determine if a person has the incurable disease but the problem is, the Commonwealth does not require such test, Ceyzk said.

Only a few persons in

Saipan have submitted themselves for the test, said Ceyzk.

An AIDS test costs an average of \$80, an amount that discourages most employers who usually answer for the health examination of their newly-hired workers, from submitting employees to the test.

Ceyzk said the AIDS test can only be made mandatory if a law is passed to that effect.

It may be recalled that Ceyzk was quoted in a newspaper last week as saying that most prostitutes in Saipan are Filipinos, which caused the

ire of the Philippine Consulate here.

During a visit to Philippine Consul Julius Torres at noon yesterday, Ceyzk confirmed he made the statement but stressed that he used the term "commercial sex workers," not the more derogatory term "prostitute."

The same news report likewise quoted him as saying that six percent of Saipan's population are prostitutes who are mostly club waitresses but Ceyzk claimed the statement attributed to him was a "projection," not a statement of fact.

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Peacekeeping force searches for Khmers

KAMCHAY MOUNTAIN, Cambodia (AP) - The search for the Khmer Rouge begins on a shaky wooden bridge where we leave open fields for an unnerving 10-kilometer (six-mile) drive into a mined stronghold of the secretive guerrillas.

Maj. Li Zhijun of China and Capt. Guillaume Ancil of France are among a number of unarmed military observers of the U.N. peacekeeping force given a delicate and dangerous task: find the Khmer Rouge and persuade the guerrillas to lay down their weapons.

It is the most crucial mission currently facing the U.N. peacekeepers. The Khmer Rouge, unlike the other three factions in Cambodia, has refused to disarm, thus threatening the entire peace

process.

The fanatical Communist Khmer Rouge slaughtered hundreds of thousands of people in trying to overturn traditional society when it ruled the country in the 1970s.

The two officers appear calm. But their eyes study every inch of terrain. They've been up the narrow path twice before without seeing any Khmer Rouge and this time are pushing five kilometers (three miles) farther up Kamchay Mountain.

For the local people, Kamchay and other mountains of the southern province of Kampot yield both life - bamboo, wood, fish - and death - the numerous land mines the guerrillas have scattered to establish their zone. Bandits operate here too.

It is two jarring kilometers (a mile and a half) over mud and rocks before we encounter a man cutting bamboo who tells the U.N. officers he never sees the Khmer Rouge. A half-kilometer (quarter-mile) later, another bamboo cutter says he has met the Khmer Rouge, but a long time ago. The deeper into the mountain, the more recently the guerrillas have been spotted.

"They know that we are here," Ancil says.

We drive slowly. Ancil peers up the mountainside, looking for signs of guerrilla camps. Li's eyes are fixed straight ahead on the road, watching for freshly cut bamboo strips - a sign that it is probably not mined because workers have just been on it.

Five kilometers (three miles) from the bridge, an old truck overloaded with several workers, two huge logs and batches of bamboo inches down toward us. One worker says the Khmer Rouge come once every month or two to collect a fee for allowing them to cut there.

"We are military observers of the U.N. and we want to meet the Khmer Rouge," Ancil tells them. "We want them to stop fighting. If you meet the Khmer Rouge, tell them we want to speak with them."

Li is a neutral U.N. officer but perhaps he can open the door because of his connection with China, which had been the Khmer Rouge's main backer. "Tell them I am

from China and I want to speak with them," he says. "If you want to meet the Khmer Rouge," the truck driver says, "you can go along this road because they come here, especially to catch fish." He points to the right, where the roadside plunges into a sparkling blue river cutting through the mountain.

We enter now where the U.N. officers have not gone previously. With each crackle of bamboo under the car and each splash of rain puddles, we gird ourselves for an explosion.

"The mud is very good for laying mines. You cannot see anything," Ancil says. "During the rainy season, the mines that are not solidly blocked float in the mud. A bad surprise."

Yellow and white butterflies waltz over a shallow creek in the still forest, except for the loggers its pristine beauty preserved by the isolation of war.

Ancil wants to press on, but the path is enveloped in foliage, the bamboo cuttings dry and brown. Li, who has had three years of jungle training, dissuades him.

"This road no one has gone on for a long time," Li says. "No bicycles, no cars, no workers. It is very dangerous."

We retrace our path back to the bridge. The U.N. officers still have not met the Khmer Rouge, but made it known again in the mountain that they are peacemakers and want to talk.

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He said it was necessary that an appropriate channel be identified for aliens living in the CNMI to obtain non-immigrant visas, especially in cases of emergency where there is an immediate need for these persons to enter the US mainland.

Babauta's desire to address this issue apparently stemmed from a recent case wherein a Filipino resident in the CNMI, Jessie Arizala, who is married to a US citizen was unable to travel from Saipan to the mainland where a member of his immediate family was hospitalized and had undergone surgery.

A subsequent letter dated July 9 from Babauta addressed to the director of the Office of Freely Associated States, William H. Barkell, pointed to the case of

Arizala who requested for a temporary visa from the CNMI to San Diego.

According to Babauta, Arizala was to visit his five-month old son who had just undergone open heart surgery and was listed in critical condition.

It appeared that Arizala, who has lived in the Northern Marianas for at least 15 years and has renounced his Philippine citizenship, was being made to travel back to the Philippines to obtain a visa.

A memorandum from Barkell indicated that although the CNMI was responsible for its own immigration policy and might admit anyone it wishes on that basis, US immigration law applies when such individuals wish to visit the continental US.

"Alien residents in the CNMI should apply for non-immigrant visas at the US embassy or consulate having jurisdiction over their last place of permanent residence outside the CNMI or the US, or at a US embassy or consulate at which they are physically present," Barkell's letter to Babauta read.

This means that Arizala would have to go home to Manila just to apply for temporary visa to San Diego.

After exhausting all avenues, from the Immigration and Naturalization Office in Guam to the State Department's liaison office in Palau, Arizala finally approached Babauta's office for assistance.

"I am sure the State Department's policy is not prac-

tical in this case. Mr. Arizala would have had to purchase a round trip ticket to Manila and be put on a lengthy wait for visas at the US Embassy, where there is a six-month waiting-list for people in the Philippines wishing to enter the US," said Babauta.

According to the Washington representative, when time is of the essence, as in this case involving a medical emergency, insistence on adhering to strict policy seems insensitive.

"I believe issues like this need to be addressed so that some kind of policy could apply in extreme cases. We could establish a framework by which the CNMI can cooperate and coordinate efforts within the context of US immigration laws," he added.

Guerrero denies making threats

COMMONWEALTH Utilities Corporation Executive Director Ramon S. Guerrero yesterday denied he had something to do with the reported "threats" to Saipan Cable TV anchorman JT Thompson.

In an interview yesterday at his Lower Base office, Guerrero clarified the statements he made during the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Feeder 7, where he chided the local media specifically Thompson, for "unfair reporting" of a recent oversight hearing conducted by the House of Representatives on the financial operations of CUC.

"I never threatened Mr. Thompson nor any other member of the media," said Guerrero. "In fact during my speech, I was asking that we set aside differences and work together."

"All I was saying was that when you attack a person, his family is feeling the hurt, as what is happening, when wrong and edited information is put out in the print and broadcast media," said Guerrero.

It was reported yesterday that Thompson has received threats to his person, prompting Saipan Cable top executive Lee Holmes to write to Gov. Lorenzo I. Guerrero, asking police protection for the newsman.

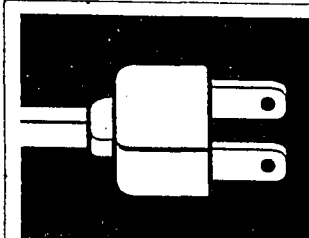
The CUC executive director recently gave a negative remark on the cable company's coverage of the oversight hearing on the utilities firm.

"Personally, I have nothing against Mr. Thompson. It's just that I find the (Saipan Cable) coverage one-sided that's why I tried to urge the company to do more responsible journalism," said Guerrero.

"That's all I was asking." He categorically said he never threatened Thompson, and explained, he only tried explaining to the media what happens if they do not report the truth.

He was particularly against Saipan Cable's alleged showing only of a portion of the hearing, excluding the parts where CUC officials gave answers to allegations hurled against them.

He pointed out that Marianas Cable Vision showed the whole coverage of the hearing. When sought to confirm the reported threats, Thompson declined comment.



Save Energy

CUC starts wastewater treatment project

THE COMMONWEALTH Utilities Corp. (CUC) will hold the ground-breaking ceremony for the new three million-gallon per day wastewater treatment plant at Agingan Point at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

"This new treatment plant will incorporate the latest and best technology," said Ramon S. Guerrero, CUC executive director. "When the plant is finished, the southern part of our island will be able to accommodate increased development and economic prosperity for a long time to come," he added.

Interested parties are cordially invited to participate. Contact CUC Wastewater Division for further information at 322-9371.

EVENTS

PPA conference

THE COMMONWEALTH Utilities Corp. is inviting the public to the opening ceremony of the Pacific Power Association conference at 9 a.m. on July 20 at the Saipan Diamond Hotel.

Parish meeting

PARISHIONERS and committee members of the Saint Jude Church Mission will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the Monsignor Ben Social Hall.

Important upcoming events will be in the agenda, including the 1992 Saint Jude fiesta.

Zoning seminar

THE COMMONWEALTH Zoning Board will host a zoning seminar tomorrow for members of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club.

The seminar will be an opportunity for those interested in gaining a deeper knowledge of how the proposed zoning law will function in Saipan.

The two-hour seminar will be conducted by zoning consultant Lee Kendig, zoning legal consultant David Callies and the zoning staff.

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Northwest picks Saipan as site of 28th WorldClub

NORTHWEST Airlines will open its first WorldClub lounge in Micronesia at the Saipan International Airport on Friday, this was announced by Pac Air Ltd., the airline's general sales agent in Guam and the Northern Marianas.

Pac Air administrative manager Yolanda G. Elliott said Saipan would join 27 Northwest WorldClubs in the United States and other major destinations, including Osaka, Tokyo, Seoul and Taipei.

Northwest's Worldclubs are open to passengers traveling on first or business class. Economy

class passengers may apply for membership by paying membership dues amounting to \$160 a year.

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The business center is a separate area where executives can do some paperwork or communicate with their offices or clients by telephone or fax machine.

WorldClub representatives will also assist with boarding passes, seat assignments, flight information, reservations and general travel assistance.

Elliott said the WorldClub at the Saipan International Airport would be located beside the Northwest ticketing office, to make it easy to provide ticketing and reservation services to passengers.

Invited to attend the grand opening of the WorldClub on Fri-

day are: Governor Lorenzo I. DeLeon Guerrero, Bishop Tomas A. Camacho, Marianas Visitors Bureau Chairman Pete J.L. Igitof and Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Roman Tudela.

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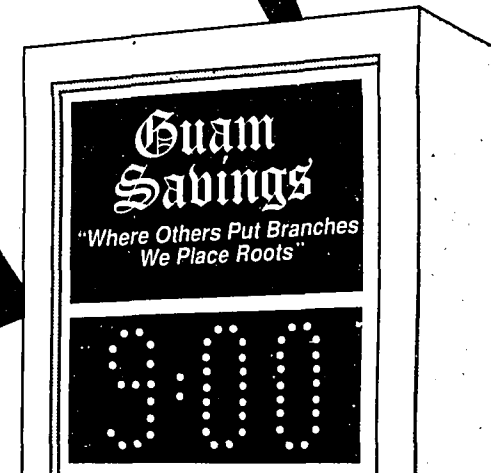
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PSS employees may not receive salaries

WITHOUT assurance that additional funds will be made available, the Public School System may be forced to place all of its employees on a "non-paid" status after July 24.

This was the grim scenario painted by Education Commissioner William S. Torres who, on account of the delay in the passage of fiscal year 1992 budget, gave overtures of a "payless payday" if prompt action was not taken.

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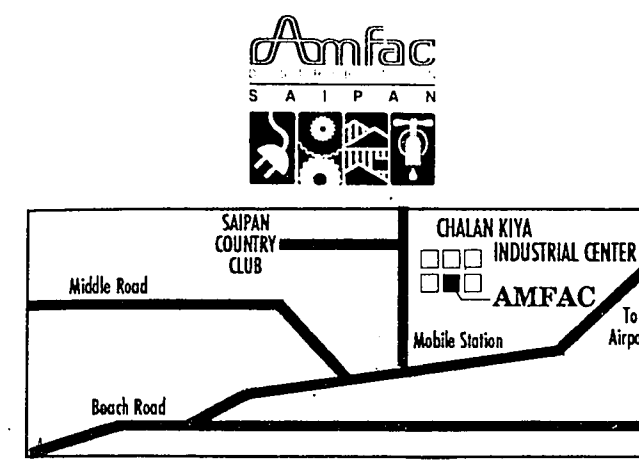
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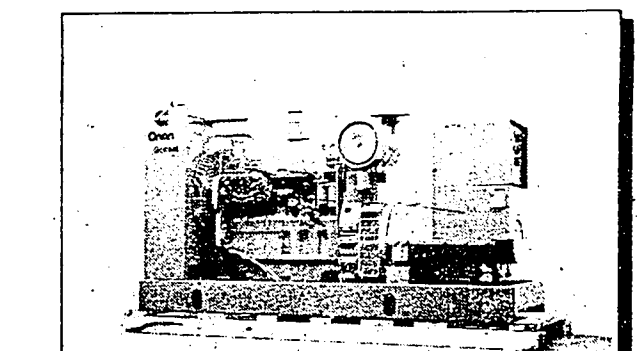
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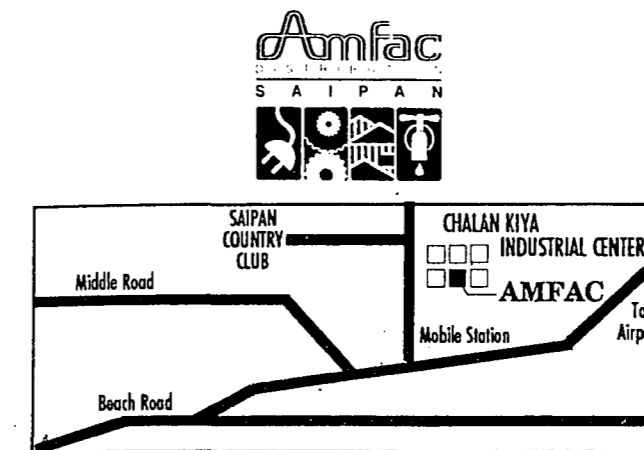
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PSS IFB 92-0017

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/s/William S. Torres /s/David P. Babauta
Commissioner of Education Procurement & Supply Officer

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San Antonio school to have 4 new rooms

THE SAN Antonio Elementary School will soon have four new permanent classrooms to accommodate an increasing number of students.

Public School System Commissioner William S. Torres thanked the Legislature and Governor Lorenzo I. DeLeon Guerrero for their continuing emphasis on education and the efforts to assure funding for a quality education system for the Commonwealth.

Both Guerrero and HEW Chairperson Ana Teregeyo (R-Saipan 6th Precinct) assured the commissioner, the parents of the public schools and the PTS president that quality education for Commonwealth children was their priority and they would see that all would be done to provide the best possible in facilities and instruction.

Teregeyo urged the Sablan Construction Co. officials to push to meet the construction February completion date because it is in the best interests of the children of the Commonwealth.

Sablan Construction was

awarded a \$288,000 contract for a 3,600 square feet concrete reinforced building containing four classrooms and toilets. Ceiling fans and louvered aluminum windows for cross-room ventilation are part of the installation to keep them comfortable and energy efficient. The structure is designed to accommodate a second floor in the event of the need for further expansion.

The classrooms are also designed with elementary teachers in mind. They contain sinks, running water, ample storage space with built-in cabinets and closets.

In a side note, Torres said there was a strong possibility for a second groundbreaking at the school in the near future for a public park adjoining San Antonio Elementary on the south side. The commissioner revealed an offer by ABIC to contribute \$60,000 for the construction of a park area that could be constructed in the interests of the public and San Antonio Elementary School.

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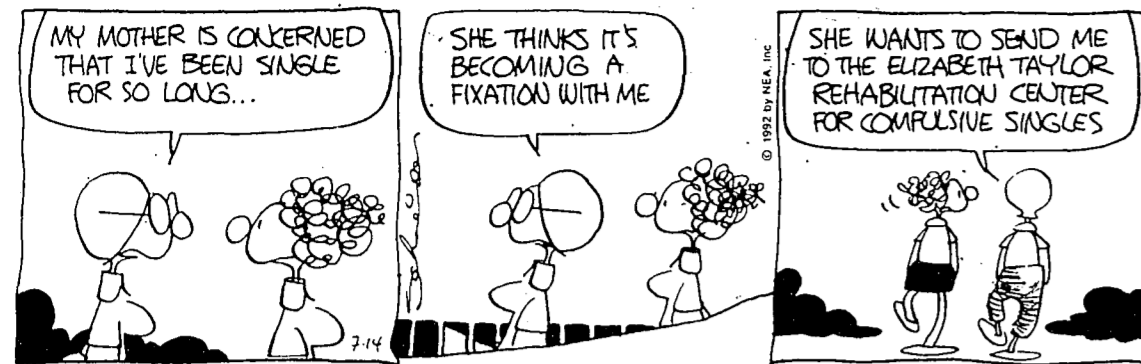
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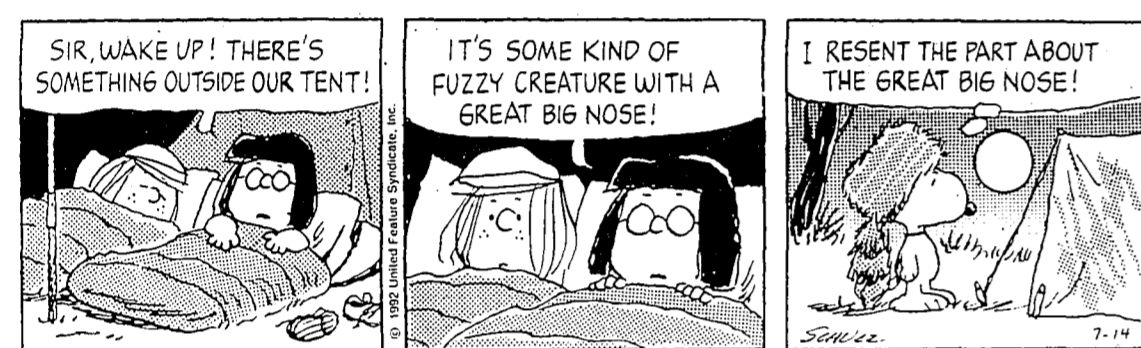
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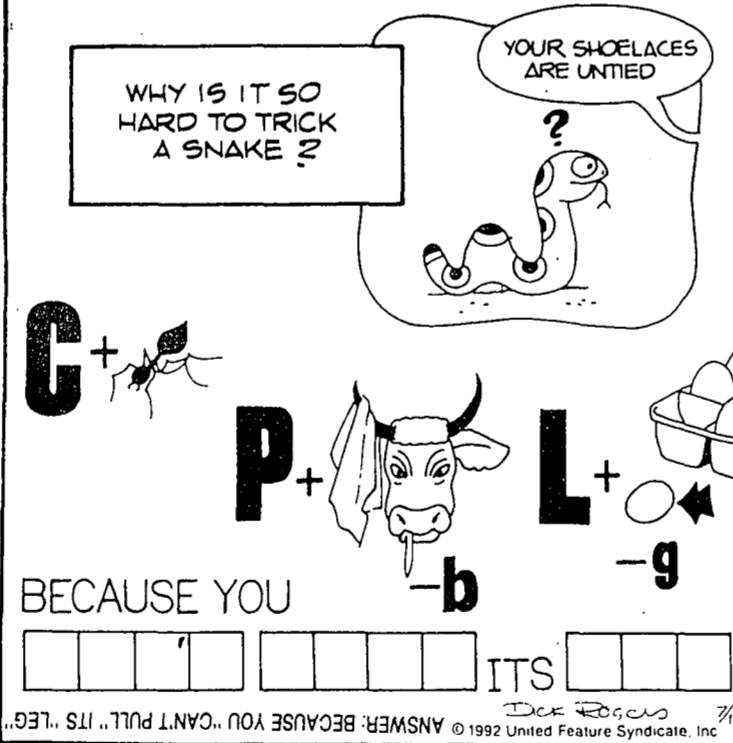
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Business/Finance

HSBC selling 10% of Cathay Pacific

HONG KONG (AP) - HSBC Holdings PLC, parent company of Hong Kong Bank, will sell its 10 percent share in Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. to two Chinese companies for 3.39 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$437 million U.S.), officials said Monday.

Hyundai to penetrate French auto market

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Hyundai Motor Co. said Monday it will become the first South Korean car company to sell automobiles in France.

Tokyo stocks surge

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SPORTS



11 NBA stars make US team unbeatable

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) - Forget that the 11 NBA superstars aren't familiar with each other. Forget their unfamiliarity with international rules. Forget that they haven't faced zone defenses. Forget that the United States hasn't won an international competition since 1984.

Michael Jordan. Magic Johnson. Charles Barkley. Karl Malone. David Robinson. Patrick Ewing. Clyde Drexler. Scottie Pippen. Chris Mullin. Slose some of the names around your brain for a few seconds and then let them sink in.

There's just no way anybody can beat them.

"We have so many weapons and it's very difficult for teams to cover all our weapons," coach Chuck Daly said.

As if the deck wasn't already stacked in the Americans' favor, the foreign powers whose victories over college players led USA Basketball to turn to the NBA are not so powerful anymore.

The political upheaval in Eastern Europe has had the effect of a giant machete chopping great basketball teams into small pieces.

The outstanding Yugoslavian team that won the 1990 world championship doesn't exist. The remnants of that team wound up in Slovenia and Croatia, although it's still a medal threat with Drazen Petrovic of the New Jersey Nets and Toni Kukoc, the best non-NBA player in Europe.

The defending Olympic gold medalist, the Soviet Union, also is history. The best of that team now plays for tiny Lithuania, which boasts Sarunas Marciulionis of the NBA's Golden State Warriors and Arvidas Sabonis, probably the only foreign player capable of giving Ewing and Robinson a real battle at center.

The acceptance of professionals in most Olympic sports and the success of the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia against young American talent is behind the debut of NBA players in the Olympics.

Revenge is not the word the NBA stars use when asked why they are playing. It's basically a desire to prove, once and for all, they are the best. "We taught the Europeans how to play basketball, but I don't think anyone can really run with this U.S. team," Daly said.

"I was watching when Russia beat our guys and they lifted the coach up like they had beaten America's best," Malone said. "I have an attitude about it now, and it's the same down the line."

LA Dodgers defeat St. Louis Cardinals

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The pitching was solid, the offense was disappointing and the defense was sloppy. The Los Angeles Dodgers' 22-game homestand was a microcosm of their season so far.

"It wasn't as easy as everybody thought it would be; I will be in my bed for three days and will not be moving out of it," first baseman Eric Karros said after playing all 66 hours and 202 innings of an 18-day marathon that included four doubleheaders in six days.

The homestand ended on the upbeat Sunday, however, with a 9-0 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Dodgers did not move out of last place during their longest-ever homestand in Los Angeles, and headed into the All-Star break in the National League West basement for the first time since 1986.

They trail division-leading Cincinnati by 13 games, losing a full game since beginning the homestand on June 25. A year ago at this time, they led the division by five games over Cincinnati.

"Everybody felt, well, we were home for 22 games, so we can make up a lot of ground," Karros said after the Dodgers ended the homestand 12-10. "I'd rather be on the road for 12 days than what we had to go through."

"We didn't come out of it the way we wanted to, but we didn't come out of it 20 games back, either."

The fact that the Dodgers lost their golden opportunity to climb into contention wasn't lost on Karros' teammates, either.

"We were looking for this homestand to really be something that could at least help get us back in the middle of the pack," said Mitch Webster, who had three hits and two RBIs against the Cardinals. "But that didn't happen, so that was discouraging."

When they return from their three-day respite, the Dodgers will have spent 27 consecutive days in last place - breaking their all-time record of 23 consecutive days established earlier this season.

"When you're so far out as we are right now, you just have to go one day at a time and concentrate on just playing good fundamentally," Webster said. "Otherwise, it gets too overwhelming."

The Dodgers outscored their opponents 81-73 in the homestand, despite being out-hit 197-187 and out-homered 11-3. They made 25 errors. Their starting pitchers had a 2.77 ERA, averaging 6.9 innings, while their offense averaged 3.7 runs.

The pitching was dominated by previously anonymous Dodger rookie Pedro Astacio and unheralded youngsters from other teams named Mitch Williams, Kent Bottenfield, Jonathan Hurst and Rheal Cormier.

Among the other highlights of this unprecedented homestand:

Jose Offerman was the victim of a hidden ball trick by the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Dodgers successfully executed the double steal six times in six attempts.

Ozzie Smith became the first player in history to steal 20 bases in each of his first 15 major league seasons.

Thirteen-year veteran Mike Scioscia lost track of the outs in an inning in which he committed a passed ball and a costly throwing error.

Webster, starting in place of Darryl Strawberry on a rain-dampened field Sunday, was one of four Dodgers who weren't in the opening day lineup but who drove in seven of the nine runs.

Juan Samuel, who was an opening day starter, had three hits and scored four runs for the Dodgers.

Five of the runs came off Donovan Osborne (7-5), who suffered his earliest exit in 18 career starts after 1 2-3 innings.

"He was getting behind the hitters," Cardinals manager Joe Torre said. "He was just trying to overthrow the ball, but that's inexperienced."

Kevin Gross (5-9) won for only the second time in his last eight starts, scattering nine hits while striking out five and walking four. The shutout was the right-hander's 13th in the majors and the Dodgers' third on the grueling homestand.

King wins four-way LPGA playoff

VIENNA, Ohio (AP) - Betsy King won a four-way playoff when she rolled in an 8-foot putt on the first extra hole Sunday in the rain-delayed LPGA Phar-Mor in Youngstown.

The win, worth \$75,000, was King's second this year and 27th of her career. She also won the Mazda LPGA Championship in May.

King finished 54 holes at 7-under-par 209, tied with Meg Mallon, Beth Daniel and Donna Andrews. Mallon was 8-under going into the 18th hole but bogeyed after hitting her tee shot into the rough behind the hole. Mallon would have won \$275,000 had she made par on the final hole of regulation, because she was also leading in the hunt for a \$200,000 bonus offered to the top combined finisher in two Phar-Mor tournaments this year. Instead, she won \$100,000, with the \$200,000 prize going to Pat Bradley.

King was surprised her 7-under score was good enough to get her into the playoff, because Mallon and Katie Peterson-Parker had waged a daylong battle for the lead while hovering between eight and nine strokes below par. Peterson-Parker, however, bogeyed three times in a span of four holes on the back nine, dropping out of the lead, and Mallon lipped several birdie putts that would have put the tournament away.

Bulletin 400th run

THE SAIPAN Hash House Harriers will hold its 400th run on Saturday, starting at 4 p.m. at the Bank of Guam (Garapan) parking lot.

Participants must pay \$30 (\$25 if paid before Saturday). Fee includes participation in the race, commemorative T-shirt, food and entertainment.

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Slow pitch

THIS is to remind all managers and coaches of the 1992 Slow Pitch Softball League that there will be a meeting tomorrow, at 4:30 p.m. at the Mayor Gilbert C. Ada gymnasium's conference room.

Topics to be discussed are: entrance fees, game schedules, membership dues and distribution of ground rules.

Lifters bear burden of drug abuse

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) - As if lifting twice their body weight weren't difficult enough, Olympic weightlifters have an additional burden to carry. The scourge of drug abuse.

According to the records of doping controllers worldwide, weightlifting has more drug cheats than any other Olympic sport.

Competitors at Barcelona are likely to be looking at each other for signs that they have been taking steroids or other performance-enhancing substances.

At the Seoul Games four years ago, Bulgaria's weightlifting team went home early after two of its competitors were caught in a doping scandal. Mitko Grablev, who won the bantamweight gold medal, and lightweight champion Angel Guenchev both tested positive for a diuretic used as a masking agent for steroids.

And as recently as April, a few days before the European Championships in Szekszard, Hungary,

six more Bulgarians were banned for two years by the National Doping Commission after tests turned up the prohibited diuretic Saluretin.

All six were banned for two years but the Bulgarians overturned the suspension and four of them - Plamen Bratoichev, Krastyo Milev, Petar Stefanov and Mitko Mitev - were reinstated to the national team. Bratoichev is one of the leading Bulgarian medal hopes in Barcelona.

But drug cheats are not restricted to Eastern Europe.

At the Southeast Asian Games in the Philippine capital, Manila, an Indonesian weightlifter who won the gold medal in the 60-kilogram class was disqualified after failing a dope test.

The competitor, Daryanto, broke a Games record in the snatch and jerk events, but his gold medal was taken away and given to the second place countryman, Sugiono.

Even some of the Olympic

champions from Seoul already had been mixed up in drug-taking or drug-selling.

Super-heavyweight champion Aleksandr Kurlovich was arrested by customs officials at Montreal, Canada, in 1984 and fined \$450 after he admitted importing anabolic steroids with intent to sell.

The Soviet weightlifting federation banned him for two years but he returned to action and won the world championship a year before gaining a gold medal and Olympic record.

Bulgarian weightlifters also have created a headache for administrators of another team - Australia.

Four top competitors, including reigning Olympic and four-time world flyweight champion Sevdalin Marinov, moved to Australia a year ago and have been trying to compete for their adopted country.

Thirty medals will be at stake from 10 categories ranging from 52 kilograms (flyweight) to over 110 kg (super-heavyweight).

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