

Referral costs hit \$23M

By Ferdie de la Torre

THE CNMI government has been overrunning its medical referral program budget by some \$14.5 million, spending a total of \$22.8 million to exceed the \$8.3 million total budget for the past three fiscal years.

A source at the Department of

Public Health & Environmental Services revealed that a recent draft audit report on the medical referral program for FY 1993, indicated a rise in costs of medical referrals, resulting in a significant financial drain on the government's resources.

The draft audit report, the source said, focused on medical patients

referred to the San Diego Health Care Association (SHARP) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1993.

The 20-page document indicated that although the three-year budget for medical referral stood

at \$8.3 million, government spent a total of \$22.8 million, meaning overspending of around \$14.5 million.

In fiscal years 1991, 1992 and 1993, the medical referral program was budgeted at \$2.2 million, \$3.24 million and \$2.9 million, respectively.

But after the totals were cleared up, figures provided showed that government spent \$6.25 million, \$8.54 million and \$8 million, respectively for the three fiscal years.

According to the figures cited in the report, from 1991 to 1993, the government referred a total of 1,337 patients to Guam, Hono-

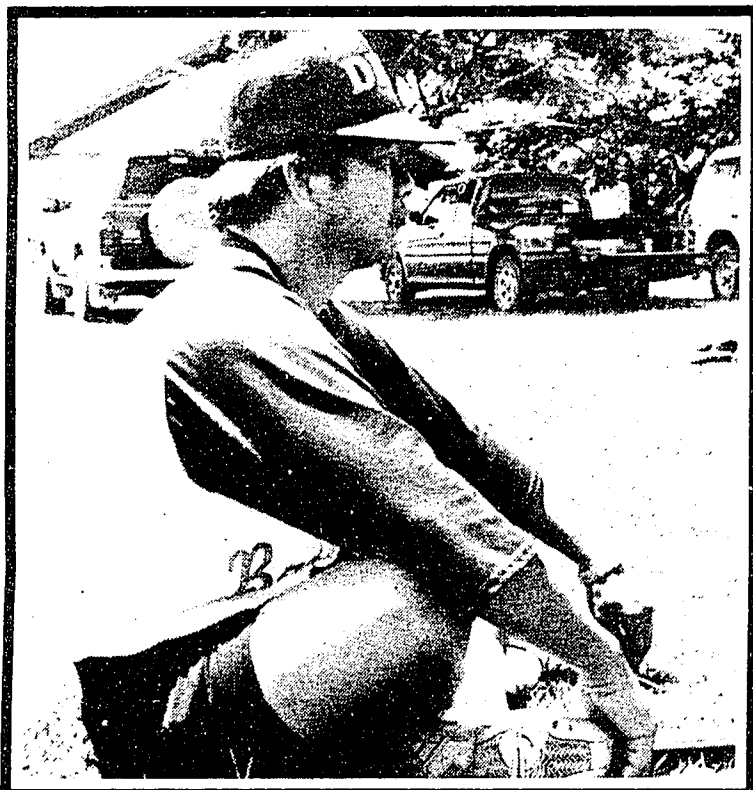
lulu, and San Diego for medical care.

The average medical referral cost for a patient has gone up from about \$13,700 in fiscal year 1991 to about \$18,000 in fiscal year 1993 or a 31 percent increase.

The source pointed out that for the past three fiscal years, medical referral costs always exceeded the local annual budget by an average of \$4.8 million a year or almost \$14.5 million.

In fiscal year 1991, the CNMI government entered into an agreement with SHARP to provide off-island treatment to local patients.

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DPS Director Jose M. Castro takes a relaxing position on the ground while watching his team, the Baby Blues "fighting" against the Golden Babes in Saturday's inter-agency women's softball tournament at Garapan field. (see story on sports page)

2 arrested in parking lot brawl

TWO PERSONS were arrested shortly after they engaged in a fight at the parking lot of Saipan Grand Hotel in Susupe Thursday afternoon, the Department of Public Safety said.

In Friday's regular press briefing, DPS spokesperson Sgt. Edward Manalili said arrested were Edwin Pangelinan, 27, of Dandan and Vicente Dela Cruz, 24, of Chalan Kanoa.

Manalili said both were nabbed for assault with a dangerous weapon and disturbing peace.

Police said Pangelinan complained Thursday at 1:44 p.m. that during their argument with Dela Cruz at the hotel's parking lot, the latter grabbed a baseball bat and tried to hit him.

Dela Cruz however, filed a counter-complaint later, stating

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Sablan asks court to reconsider its ruling

By Rafael I. Santos

OUSTED. Senate President Jesus R. Sablan has asked the Superior Court to reconsider its decision on a lawsuit which he filed against the commonwealth legislature, the governor and Sen. Juan S. Demapan.

Sablan claimed among others that the right to equality in voting power is a fundamental right in the international sense and that the application of the Insular Cases doctrine was incorrect.

"While it was entirely correct for the court to employ the Insular Cases doctrine as the rule of decision for this case, its application of the doctrine reached the wrong result," Sablan's motion filed last Thursday read.



Jesus R. Sablan.

In his July 18 ruling, Presiding Judge Alex Castro stated that the "one person, one vote" rule is not fundamental in the International Sense and so he refused to order a reapportionment of the upper house as

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Hocog exhorts CNMI to treat visitors better

By Rafael H. Arroyo

ROTA Senator Eusebio A. Hocog called on his fellow Rotanese to be more vigilant in the manner off-island guests are being treated on the island, be they tourists or alien workers.

Visibly irked by recent media reports about alien labor abuse in the island, Hocog in a press statement Friday urged for more sobriety among residents to make

sure Rota remains a pleasant place to stay for guests.

"I encourage the people of Rota and the CNMI to embrace the differences of our guests, as it is from these differences that we define ourselves and culture and enjoy a greater admiration from our guests," said Hocog in his one-page news release.

He said by listening and appreciating guests, the people will mature as an international voice and grow stronger as a Commonwealth community.

The Rota senator's statements were in reaction to recent allegations of widespread abuse and labor exploitation in Rota, which officials said were "unfairly magnified" to the detriment of the island's image.

The allegations carried by the local media weeks ago tend to picture Rota as an island of exploitation, where non-resident workers are being denied of their human and civil rights, some by

their employers.

According to Hocog, though

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Eusebio A. Hocog



Saipan Mayor Jesus Deleon Guerrero receives a Golden Anniversary banner of the World Junior Chamber International from J.C.I world President Arnaud Godere in a ceremony Thursday at the mayor's office. Also in photo are (r-l) Tyrone J. Taitano, Pacific J.C. I President, Choo, Young Suk, Saipan J.C.I. President, Chang, Byung il, vice president, and Yang Youn Kuen, secretary.

Jealous lover cuts off man's organ

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - A seamstress at a garment factory wacked off her boyfriend's penis with a pair of shears after accusing him of cheating on her. Police said Gina Espina, 21, checked into a motel Friday with her boyfriend, Donald Jacolo, 39, a co-worker at a local garment factory. After he drank a few beers and fell asleep, she snipped off his penis with a pair of shears and then tried to flee.

Attendants accosted her, searched her bag and found the bloody shears, police said. The organ was found on the floor, but doctors were unable to attach it. Espina told police she had lived with Jacolo but broke up when she learned he had a wife working abroad. She said she also caught him kissing a female co-worker at the factory. Organ mutilations have been reported here long before the highly publicized Lorena Bobbitt case in the United States. Ms. Bobbitt cut off the penis of her husband, John Wayne Bobbitt, but the organ was re-attached surgically.

Floods force 18,000 from their homes

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Floods in the central Philippines have forced more than 18,000 people from their homes, the government said Sunday. At least two people have been killed. Heavy rains began falling last Friday in the western portion of the Visayas Islands, located in the central part of the country about 500 kilometers (300 miles) south of Manila. The Department of Social Welfare and Development said the hardest hit areas were the southern areas of Panay Island and Negros Island. Both deaths occurred in southern Panay. Elsewhere, heavy rains last week on Luzon Island, which includes Manila, triggered floods and volcanic avalanches from Mount Pinatubo 110 kilometers (60 miles) north of the capital. Officials said more than 14,000 people have been evacuated to government shelters in central Luzon and that some towns would have to be evacuated.

Ex-teacher charged with spreading N.Korean ideology

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - South Korea on Thursday formally charged a former college lecturer with spreading North Korean communist ideas among student leaders. Under South Korea's national security laws, which ban any sympathy with North Korea's ideology, Ahn Jae-ku, 61, could be sentenced to up to life in prison. Ahn led an underground organization affiliated with North Korea's ruling Workers' Party, the government intelligence agency said when he was arrested earlier this month. He is charged with helping to create an alumni organization of former student leaders last December to exert influence on campus movements, a prosecution spokesman said Thursday. South Korean officials have alleged that the students are directly controlled by Kim Jong Il, son and designated successor of the late North Korean leader Kim Il Sung. Kim, 82, died of heart failure July 8, and the government has called for stern measures against students engaged in pro-North Korean activities in the name of eulogizing him. Students charge, however, that the government is using charges of pro-North Korean ideology to oppress student movements. The two Koreas have been bitter rivals since the division of their peninsula in 1945. They fought a bloody three-year war after the North invaded the South in 1950, and still are technically at war.

Rebels say encamped soldiers should go home

MAPUTO, Mozambique (AP) - Rioting by soldiers demanding to be demobilized has prompted Mozambique's rebel movement to suggest pushing back the deadline for creating a new, unified army. The AIM national news agency reported Thursday the Mozambique National Resistance movement had recommended allowing thousands of government troops and guerrillas now in holding camps to go home. A rebel spokesman told AIM that troops for the unified army could be recruited after the nation's first multiparty election in October. Under a 1992 peace plan ending 15 years of civil war, a 30,000-strong army comprising former guerrillas and government soldiers was to be in place before the election. But as of Wednesday, AIM said, only about 6,000 troops had been assigned to the new army. Efforts to build the army have been hampered by administrative and financial problems, and by a shortage of volunteers. Some 28,000 soldiers and guerrillas have been demobilized, but thousands remain at assembly points awaiting word on whether they are to go home or to training camps for the new army.

A series of mutinies have broken out at the assembly points. Men weary of war have taken hostages, blocked roads and attacked commanders to press their demands to be paid and sent home. An estimated 600,000 people died in the civil war and another 1 million Mozambicans fled as refugees to neighboring countries.

Defense officials confirm ceasefire

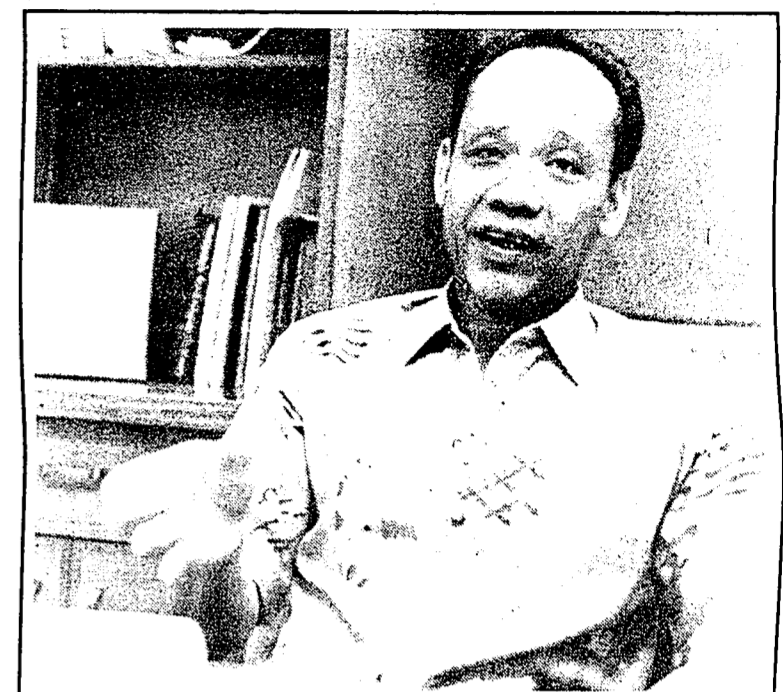
YEREVAN, Armenia (AP) - Military authorities of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Nagorno-Karabakh have signed a pledge to observe a cease-fire in the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, officials said Thursday. The Armenian Foreign Ministry issued a statement saying defense ministers of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Nagorno-Karabakh Wednesday confirmed their commitment to adhere to the Russian-brokered cease-fire, signed in May. "The sides also agreed to prepare another document which would determine conditions for deployment of international observers to monitor the cease-fire," the statement said. The war for Nagorno-Karabakh, a mountainous Armenian enclave located inside Azerbaijan, is the worst ethnic conflict in the former Soviet Union. It began when Nagorno-Karabakh sought independence from Azerbaijan in early 1988. More than 20,000 people have died more than 1 million have become refugees from the six years of fighting.

CRM awaits La Fiesta move

On its recent warning for immediate CUC hookup

By Rafael I. Santos

OFFICIALS of the Tropical Plaza Ltd., owner of the La Fiesta, have not responded to a recent warning made by the Coastal Resources Management regarding the need for the shopping mall to hook up to CUC power. This is according to CRM Administrator Manuel C. Sablan. The administrator made the statement almost two weeks since he issued a warning against La Fiesta that it may be fined of up to \$10,000 a day if it did not hook up to the electrical system of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation. La Fiesta has until about August 20 to hook up to CUC power or the fine would be imposed, Sablan said last Friday. Sablan sent a letter to La Fiesta on July 20, informing its director that the shopping center has one month to comply with the condition L of its permit. According to Sablan, La Fiesta's Coastal Permit SMS-90-X-06 Condition L requires the shopping complex to hook-up to CUC's power system if the utility firm has sufficient capacity to supply the mall's needs. But so far it has been sustaining its power needs through a private company that provides electricity. The administrator has earlier warned Katsunoi Yoshiro, President of Tropical Plaza that a \$10,000 fine per day may be assessed for non-compliance of the permit condition. "By copy of this letter, I am ordering La Fiesta San Roque to hook-up into CUC's electrical power system within 30 days..." Sablan said in his July 20 letter addressed to Hiroshi Takagi. Takagi has told the Variety that Tropical Plaza will issue its official comments following consultations with Hotel Nikko officials. Tropical Plaza officials must act as soon as possible and discuss the issue with CUC representatives, he said in his letter. "I strongly urge that La Fiesta initiate contact with CUC at the earliest possible to work out the details for obtaining power service from CUC," said the administrator. CUC has said it has sufficient electrical capacity to hook up the shopping center, and that it can service La Fiesta's full load immediately. CUC Executive Director Timothy Villagomez said La Fiesta has to submit an electrical service plan first to the utility corporation to facilitate the connection. The utility firm's current daily peak load on Saipan is between 42 and 44 megawatts. At present, it has 105MW total installed capacity on Saipan, and can service a daily peak of at least 66MW with guaranteed 24 hour service, Villagomez said.



Manuel C. Sablan, with guaranteed 24 hour service, a daily peak of at least 66MW Villagomez said.

Bill subjects each Pagan landing to mayor's nod

THE HOUSE Committee on Natural Resources will soon be submitting to public comment and scrutiny a bill which will restrict any landing on the island of Pagan unless permission is granted by the mayor of the Northern Islands. House Bill 9-115, authored by Representative Malua Peter, seeks to make sure no one is allowed aircraft or personal landing on Pagan, as the island has remained off-limits according to a recent government declaration. "The purpose of this act is to ensure there are no landings on Pagan without the approval of the mayor of the Northern Islands. Any person wishing to land on the island must apply for permission from the mayor, stating the purpose, the number of persons and the duration of the planned landing," the purpose section of the legislation indicates. Pagan, whose residents have all been flown to Saipan after a volcano on the island showed signs of activity years ago, has been said to be a favorite place for hunters and livestock growers. Although the island is still off limits, there have been reports that some enterprising farmers continue to go there to raise goats and engage in other farming activities. This has raised an issue of safety and whether it is fair to restrict Pagan residents from going there while others can go there on their own. The bill proposed by Rep. Peter seeks to provide for a statute that would subject Pagan visitors to the consent of the mayor, similar to the current procedure required of visitors to Aguigan or Goat Island. Under 2 CMC, Section 5201, no aircraft or personal landings are allowed on Aguigan without first obtaining written permission from the mayor of Tinian and Aguigan. Aguigan is a favorite hunting ground for goat, coconut crab, fruit bat and other game. Peter's bill will be among three bills to be discussed in a public hearing planned this month by the Natural Resources Committee chaired by Rep. Manuel A. Tenorio. (RHA)




Malua Peter

Saipan, Korean city forge sister-city ties

A SISTER-CITY relationship between Saipan and a South Korean city has been established aimed at fostering friendship and increasing the cultural and social exposure of the island to the international community. Saipan established sister-city ties with Yeoung Dok, a city in Yeoung Dok County on the southeast coast of Korea. A Friendship Agreement between the two cities was signed recently by Kim Woo Yoen, Chief of Yeoung Dok County and Saipan Mayor Jesus Deleon Guerrero. During the ceremony which culminated the sister-city ties between the two cities, both officials exchanged plaque of commemoration and souvenirs. Kim hoped that through the establishment of sister-city relationship, cultural and economic exchanges will be realized. "This tie-up will bring the two cities together, create a basis to promote industrial, economic and cultural exchanges that will lead to developments beneficial to both cities," Kim remarked. Mayor Guerrero responded by promising cooperation. "As sister-cities linked by the Pacific and with geographic similarities having miles of white beaches, we will work closely and do our utmost to develop marine resources and exchange local people and products. The Korean Association of Saipan and Saipan Jaycees were instrumental in realizing the sister-city relationship. Saipan has already established sister-city ties with the city of Kawit, Cavite County in the Philippines. It was in Kawit where the First Philippine Republic was declared. As sister cities, Yeoung Dok and Saipan are now all set to launch various programs such as; development of local economy, develop marine resort resources and exchange ideas thereon, student exchange, sister Jaycees and exchange and market local products. People in Yeoung Dok have shown much interest in the affiliation as sister-cities and wish for the continuous and productive exchanges in the future.



Wilbrant Norita (left) and his brother Gus Jr. have fun playing their toys on the beachside at Hyatt Hotel in Garapan.

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PSS fora on year-round program set



William S. Torres

MEMBERS of the general public will have a chance to learn more about alternative class scheduling, which is also known as year-round education, during forums set for next week by the Board of Education.

With all of the Commonwealth's public schools working on plans to implement year-round education, the Board and Education Commissioner William S. Torres want to make

sure that the public is informed and given a chance to air any concerns.

The schedule for the public forums are as follows:
-Tuesday, Aug. 2, 1994, at 6 p.m. in the San Antonio Elementary School cafeteria.

-Wednesday, Aug. 3, 1994, at 6 p.m. in the Marianas High School cafeteria.

-Thursday, Aug. 4, 1994, at 6 p.m. in the Tanapag Elementary

School cafeteria.

Members of the Board of Education and Commissioner Torres, along with several school principals, will be on hand at the forums to answer questions, and to listen to any concerns or input.

All members of the community, particularly parents and those who will be directly affected by the planned schedule changes, are encouraged to attend these public forums.

Jet skis not allowed near Managaha waters

THE COASTAL Resources Management Office (CRMO) wishes to remind the public that the operation of jet skis near Managaha is not allowed. This applies to both rental and private jet skis.

All jet ski operations, both rental and private, are subject to the CRMO jet ski rules and regulations published in Volume 8, Number 8 of the Commonwealth Register on November 17, 1986

and the Boating Safety Act of 1982 as amended.

With regards to Managaha, the CRMO jet ski rules and regulations state that the area surrounding Managaha Island bounded by lines running at latitude 15 degrees 14 minutes 0 seconds North; latitude 15 degrees 14 minutes 45 seconds North; longitude 145 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds East; and longitude

145 degrees 42 minutes 50 seconds East is an exclusion area where no jet skis may be operated.

The CRMO office has maps available for public viewing showing the Managaha and other jet ski exclusion areas within the Saipan lagoon.

For more information telephone the CRM office at 234-6623, 234-3907, or 234-7320.

Jetskis timan ma'petmiti guato giya Managaha

I COASTAL Resources Management na Ofisina (CRMO) sumen magof na para huna fan man hasu i pupblika es desit i man-ma'nunugon Jetski guato Managaha timan ma'petmiti. Este ha'apliplika kon todo i manman atkikila yan i pribet na Jetskis. Todos Jetski ni man

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Shultz named to DBEDT
HONOLULU (AP) - Deputy Director Jeanne Shultz will succeed Mufi Hannemann as director of the state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism. Gov. John Waihee announced Friday.

Hannemann resigned the position to run for City Council.

Shultz, who previously served as a deputy director in the Department of Transportation, has been deputy director of DBEDT since last year, overseeing the \$30 million state tourism budget.

Women's Affairs Office reminds on Labor survey

THE WOMEN'S Affairs Office last Friday issued a reminder to all working women in the CNMI that they could still drop by the WAO headquarters and fill out a questionnaire in line with the working women's survey being conducted by the Women's Bureau of the US Department of Labor.

Women who have not filled

out a survey form are encouraged to fill one questionnaire form up and drop it off, mail it or fax it over to the WAO office in Capitol Hill.

The survey, is part of a national survey that asks working women what they think about their jobs and their suggestions in improving them.

Results of the survey will be

presented to President Bill Clinton and the US Congress.

For more information, call or stop by the WAO in Capitol Hill with Phone No.s 322-5090/4102. Survey respondents can also fax their questionnaires at Fax 322-4168 or mail them to Women's Affairs Office, Caller Box AAA 100007 C.K., Saipan MP96950.

Island leaders meet to save Pacific paradise almost lost

By GEOFF SPENCER

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Soaring populations, disappearing rainforests and polluted waters comprise part of the grim agenda for leaders of tiny South Pacific island states meeting this week in Brisbane.

Heads of government from the 15-nation South Pacific Forum start their annual conference on Monday and plan to tackle an alarming array of social, economic and environmental problems.

Officials say a dangerous mix of soaring population growth and near stagnant economic growth threaten an uncertain future threatening the beauty of many islands.

"Whatever policies we've been following in the South Pacific...are demonstratively not working," Australian Pacific Island Affairs Minister Gordon Binley said recently.

Unique rainforests are fast disappearing and fish stocks are being exploited at an alarming rate by foreign companies which provide little cash benefit to indigenous populations.

Coral reefs are dying off from pollution and sewage.

Some islands are regularly hit by disasters, such as hurricanes and earthquakes. Others, according to worst case scenarios of Greenhouse Effect advocates, could disappear under rising seas levels triggered by global warming from the industrialized world's air pollution.

The islands are distant from markets. Apart from Papua New Guinea, which is rich in minerals and oil, most islands have few natural resources or can produce little in the way of manufactured exports.

These cash-strapped economies have small hope of meeting raised consumer expectations among young islanders inspired by satellite television and better education.

Urban slums and poverty are becoming commonplace as traditional village lifestyles break down.

Years of foreign aid has done little to alleviate the situation and in many cases things are getting worse, argues Australia, the region's largest aid donor.

The forum groups Australia and New Zealand with Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Vanuatu, Western Samoa, Tonga, Niue, Cook Islands, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands and Nauru.

Some islands states have total land masses smaller than that an average city but are scattered over an area equal to almost a fifth of the world's surface.

When it began in 1971, forum gatherings were humble international meetings. Heads of government literally sat together on woven mats and quietly discussed common issues.

Most island states had just achieved independence or were still preparing to shrug off colo-

nialism. Over time the event took on the trappings of other summits and became grander every year.

Hotels and hard to justify conference facilities were built on isolated atolls for forum meetings just so alternate island hosts could outdo the efforts of their predecessors.

Now Australia, which is eager to tap into the rapid economic growth of booming Asia, wants to concentrate on fixing problems instead of grandstanding.

It has offered "resource management" as this year's topic warning that international aid dollars in the after Cold War are scare and will get scarer.

"The lack of economic development, when combined with high population growth rates, unsustainable exploitation of natural resources and rapidly rising community expectations, has led to a growing range of social and economic problems, including permanent environmental degradation," said Binley.

Since the forum's inception political unrest has scarred the region. Racial tension between indigenous people and the descendants of imported Indian laborers in Fiji remains after two indigenous-backed coups in Fiji in 1987.

Hundreds of people have been killed over the past five years on the island of Bougainville where rebels want to secede from Papua New Guinea.

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Fire at Hawaii state library little damage

HONOLULU (AP) - The State Library was evacuated late Saturday afternoon when a fire broke out on two racks holding old newspapers in a basement work area.

Acting Capt. Leon Laba of the main fire station said there were no injuries in the fire that was discovered by library workers shortly before 4:30 p.m.

Workers used extinguishers to fight the fire until firefighters arrived to extinguish it.

Laba said investigators are trying to determine what caused the

fire in the area which is not open to the public.

Battalion Chief John Souza said the fire created a lot of smoke and firefighters remained at the scene for more than an hour to get it out of the building.

Laba said there was only a little water damage, but some smoke damage and soot.

The state Library, located next to Iolani Palace in Honolulu's Capitol District, underwent a two-year, \$16 million renovation that was completed in May of 1992.

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Wesley Foster, All'i Club head adviser, demonstrates before James Pua and Absinte Algaier how to make monoprints during a recent workshop.

Vietnam needs \$1.7M to join ASEAN

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Vietnam will need to pay at least \$1.74 million and sign various regional pacts before it can join the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, a Philippine official says.

Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs Rodolfo Severino said Friday he expects Vietnam to become a member of ASEAN within a year since the regional group has agreed in principle to admit it as soon as it is ready.

But Severino, who is involved in ASEAN affairs for the Philippines, said Vietnam must be able to raise \$1 million to pay the ASEAN fund and another \$740,588 to pay the secretariat upon entry.

He said Vietnam must also have sufficient funds to attend the 250 meetings and

conferences and also enough to host some of them.

ASEAN members include the Philippines, Brunei, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia.

Severino said Vietnam also has to sign several regional agreements, including the Zone of Peace, Friendship and Neutrality, the 1976 Bali Declaration, which is the

ASEAN's code of behavior, and the ASEAN Industrial Joint Venture Agreement.

He said Vietnam has so far signed the Treat of Amity and Cooperation, making it an

observer to some ASEAN meetings.

Brunei, which became a member in 1984, was the latest country to join the ASEAN. It was an observer for two years.

Abducted man surfaces after 14 years

HONOLULU (AP) - A young man feared dead after being kidnapped in Hawaii in 1980 at the age of six along with his brother has surfaced in Buenos Aires where they were taken by their father to join a controversial religious cult, a Honolulu television station reported Friday.

Christopher Pickus telephoned the U.S. Consulate in the Argentina city Friday to say he was alive, making the call after seeing his sister on television, according to KHON Television.

Pickus, now 20, said he went into

hiding after escaping from the Children of God sect seven years ago, fearing they would kill him for leaving, KHON said.

Pickus and his brother, Shaqued, reportedly were kidnapped by their father, Brian Pickus, from their mother's home on Oahu's North Shore

14 years ago.

Shaqued, now 22, was among 30 adults and 200 children detained last year after a series of raids by Argentina authorities on a home of the cult in that South American country. Christopher Pickus, however, was not among them.

Former members of the cult at the time told stories of rape, sexual abuse and corruption of minors during their lives with the cult.

Christopher Pickus' mother and grandmother, who never gave up looking for him, are arranging for his return to Hawaii, KHON said.

Sovereignty group fails in first T-shirt sales try

HONOLULU (AP) - Leaders of a Hawaiian sovereignty group say they may seek a federal court order to allow them to sell T-shirts at several locations on Oahu, including near the King Kamehameha Statue.

The initial effort by the Ohana Council to set up tables and sell shirts bearing the emblem of the Independent and Sovereign Nation of Hawaii near the statue Saturday was short-lived.

Police officers appeared and said the group had to leave because it had no permit to be on the state land.

Maltbie Napoleon said he was

threatened with arrest by police who said the T-shirts would be confiscated if he didn't leave.

"We chose this spot because this is part of our cultural heritage," Napoleon said.

Saturday's effort was to see what police would do and then see what legal steps can be taken to set up their T-shirt sales operation, he said.

The group's attorney, Keith Kiuchi, said the Ohana Council hopes to work out an agreement with the city and state on whether it can operate.

If nothing can be resolved, protection will be sought in federal court, Kiuchi

said.

The group is the same one whose members occupied Makapuu Beach until under the threat of forced eviction agreed recently to move to state agriculture land in Waimanalo.

Napoleon said his group is invoking the same First Amendment right that allows nonprofit groups to sell T-shirts on the sidewalks in Waikiki, although a federal judge has ruled the city could restrict those sales to certain areas.

Napoleon said selling the T-shirts is an attempt to spread the message about the Hawaiian sovereignty movement to the rest of the world.

Health gets intertwined with sovereignty issues

HONOLULU (AP) - Speakers at a first-ever conference on native Hawaiian health issues say the health of the people is intertwined with the growing sovereignty movement.

Any Hawaiian nation will have to look beyond traditional models of health to find out how health specifically affects native Hawaiians, said Ku'umeaaloha Gomes of the University of Hawaii's Student Health Services.

"As we claim what is ours, the challenge is to look beyond the traditional medical model," Gomes

said.

One example Gomes used Friday at the Native Hawaiian Health Research Conference at Kamehameha Schools is that the definition of health should mean there are no more homeless Hawaiians.

Native Hawaiian leader Collete Machado of Molokai said native Hawaiians must take action soon or their race eventually will become extinct.

As awareness of Hawaiian issues increases, more emphasis is being placed on health research, Gomes said.

Native Hawaiians are among the

least healthy people in the state in terms of obesity, heart disease and life expectancy.

Machado, the conference's keynote speaker, said early Hawaiians basically followed vegetarian diets, and suggested today's generations learn from that.

"Up until this point, I thought we only lived on Spam and corned beef," Machado said, adding native Hawaiians should be eating healthier foods like poi, broccoli and carrots.

"These are decisions Hawaiians should be making, but they're not," she said.

Traveling public increases

HONOLULU (AP) - Hawaiian Airlines says passenger miles flown increased 16.4 percent in June compared to the same time last year.

The airline said Friday it flew at 74.9 percent capacity, up 1.1

percent from June 1993.

A total of 388,108 passengers flew on Hawaiian in June, a rise of 13.3 percent over the similar period last year.

The carrier also reported a 60.2 percent increase in the number of

cargo ton miles for the month, to 2.6 million.

For the first six months of the year, passenger miles are up 6.7 percent to 1.36 million, while the number of passengers is up 6 percent to 2.15 million.

Hawaii troops may be off to Rwanda

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii (AP) - Hawaii-based troops could be heading to Africa to aid relief efforts in Rwanda.

Troops of the rapid-deployment 25th Infantry Division (Light)

based at Schofield Barracks haven't been put on alert, but a unit spokesman said humanitarian relief is among the duties assigned to the infantry division.

"They are the type of troops

that could be deployed there, and their mission is to respond to contingency missions, primarily in the Pacific, but worldwide if needed," John Fairbank, spokesman for the Army's Pacific command in Honolulu, said Friday.

Army officials in Washington say they will need some light infantry to provide security for convoys and distribution sites, and that members of the Hawaii divi-

sion are likely candidates.

Truck convoys are expected to move supplies over 1,100 miles of remote and rugged terrain that will take them from the port city of Mombasa, Kenya to the refugee camps in eastern Zaire.

The 25th Division has about 12,000 members. Some soldiers say rapid deployment is part of their job and they're prepared to leave as soon as ordered.

"In our jobs we just have to be ready to go like that," Spec. Joel Stewart said Friday. "Rapid deployment means we roll out in two, three days. We're already packed and our paperwork is already done."

Some looked forward to the expected call. "That's what I signed up to do," mechanic David Prewitt said. "That's my job."

Body found off cliff not of missing hiker

HONOLULU (AP) - Family and friends of Simon Owen say they don't believe a body discovered near the Nuuanu Pali Lookout on Friday is that of the missing 21-year-old hiker. Therefore, they say, they're going ahead with their own search for Owen.

Family members and friends say the descriptions of the body and clothing found by two hikers late Friday afternoon do not match Owen's.

Authorities say the body was dressed in an Army jacket, camouflage pants and hiking boots with \$260 cash and a billfold found nearby.

Family members say Owen, who disappeared June 29 after going to hike in upper Manoa Valley, does not own any military clothing and left his money and wallet at home. They also say he has no gold teeth, as did the body.

The City Medical Examiner's Office, meanwhile, was waiting to get dental records on Owen from his hometown of Fort Worth, Texas to make comparisons in an effort to identify the body.

Jimmy Gomes, who heads a private search effort now being financed by Texas billionaire Ross Perot, said high winds hampered a planned helicopter search today in the Nuuanu Pali area.

Gomes said because past searches in the Manoa Valley area have turned up no sign of Owen,

the new search will concentrate in the upper Nuuanu Valley area.

County, state and military units searched for more than a week with scores of volunteers to look for Owen, who had moved to Hawaii from Texas in April.

Police detectives said foul play isn't suspected in the death of the man's whose body was found in a stream bed.

The man could have died as he tried to climb down a waterfall, said Lt. Gordon Lum Kee.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Trustees, NMI Retirement Fund/Workers' Compensation Commission, will hold a **REGULAR MEETING** on Thursday, August 4, 1994, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fund's Conference Room, 1st Floor, Naunū Bldg., Susupe. Interested persons are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 234-7228.

AGENDA

A. Call to Order
B. Adoption of Agenda: August 4, 1994
C. Adoption of Minutes: July 15, 1994 and July 22, 1994
D. Report of the Hearing Officer (if any)
E. Report of the Legal Counsel (if any)
F. Report of the Administrator (if any)
G. Correspondence
H. Old Business
1. MHL - Second Mortgage
2. Committee Formation
3. Early Retirement Bonus
4. Fund Pension Account
5. Lizama Hotel Project
6. Rules and Regulations Amendment: Complete Separation from Service
7. Office Building

I. New Business
1. FY95 Revised Budget
2. Global Market Funds- Futures
3. Re-employment Exemption: L. Otopai

J. Miscellaneous
1. News Clipping: ETI's
2. Senate Joint Resolution No. 9-8
3. Financial Markets Update: July 18, 1994
4. Notice of Satisfaction of Judgment: Civil Action no.: 90-143
5. George D. Bjurman & Assoc.: Investment Portfolio
6. Money Managers Performance Report: Month Ended 5/31/94

K. Adjournment

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Kiribati gov't in doubt after polls

BAIRIKI, Kiribati (AP) - The former ruling and opposition parties both suffered setbacks in a general election in this tiny Pacific island nation - leaving the final composition of the next government in doubt, Radio

Kiribati reported Sunday.

The former ruling National Progressive Party (NPP), which has been in power since the former Gilbert Islands gained independence from Britain in 1979, suffered the biggest blow

after counting in the second and final round of voting on Friday.

The NPP retained only seven of its 19 seats in the 39-seat House of Assembly, which was dissolved after the government lost a vote of no-confidence in May over

allegations cabinet members had misused public funds. Five of the last government's 10 ministers lost their seats, Radio Kiribati reported.

The opposition Maneaban Te Mauri (MTM) has 13 confirmed seats, not enough to take control without forming a coalition.

Which party forms the next government will depend on the 19 newly-elected members, whose allegiances are as yet largely unclear. Party groupings in Kiribati are very loose and depend more on personalities than on ideology.

The vast distances between Kiribati's 33 scattered coral atolls

also mean it will take time for allegiances to be confirmed.

Much will now depend on which four candidates from the new assembly are chosen to contest the presidential elections in September - the final stage of Kiribati's complicated electoral process.

Former president Teatao Teannaki polled second to another successful NPP candidate on the island of Abaiang and is not considered likely to be put forward for a second term.

About 78,000 people live on Kiribati's scattered atolls. The most populous island, Tarawa, is about 1,180 miles north of Suva, Fiji.

14 file bids for Honolulu special mayoral elections

HONOLULU (AP) - Fourteen people filed nomination papers before Friday's deadline to enter the special election to replace Frank Fasi as mayor for the last two years of his term.

Fasi resigned the office earlier this month to run for governor. Acting Mayor Jeremy Harris, Fasi's managing director for eight years, is one of those entered in the race.

Others in the race include former state Democratic Party Dennis O'Connor, who narrowly lost to Fasi in 1992; former state Sen. Ann

Kobayashi; former City Council chairmen Gary Gill and Arnold Morgado; and former state Rep. Whitney Anderson.

Also entered are Memento Alban; Patricia Camara; Danny Deocampo; Felix Guess; Lillian Hong; Riley Medeiros; Solomon Nalua; and Warner Kimo Sutton.

The special election will be held Sept. 17. It is a nonpartisan race, so voters will get to choose candidates from across the political spectrum - the first such nonpartisan mayoral race in the city's history.

Overseas worker gets robbed, takes hostage

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Narciso Dapat had a bad day, a very bad day.

Dapat returned to the Philippines Friday after completing 10 years of work in Saudi Arabia, and things started to go wrong. First, he lost his luggage and souvenirs he had brought home from the Middle East.

Then, on the way out of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, robbers held him up, taking the money he saved from his overseas job.

He decided he needed a drink, but ended up getting so drunk that he started chasing people with a club. Soon a mob was after him.

So he ducked into a nearby house, where he armed himself with a kitchen knife and grabbed an 11-

year-old boy to keep people from coming near him.

That started an 11-hour hostage drama that ended Saturday at the Manila domestic airport, where he tried to get on a plane to his home province of Capiz in the central Philippines.

Police arrested him before he could get on the plane.

Dapat's misfortunes were carried by local radio stations, which urged airport authorities help him. An investigation was conducted, but Dapat failed to file a complaint about his missing luggage and the robbery.

The radio reports said the boy's parents decided not to file charges against Dapat.

Coast Guard fails to locate reported body

HONOLULU (AP) - Coast Guard units searched without success Saturday night a person seen floating face down 60 yards off the Nimitz Beach at Barbers Point Naval Air Station.

A man reported shortly before 7 p.m. seeing someone wearing a white T-shirt and a yellow bandana.

He told authorities he saw the person three times in a 20-minute period and reported it

to Coast Guard personnel at the air station.

A helicopter and 41-foot rescue boat searched the area for nearly two hours, but ended the effort shortly before 9 p.m., the Coast Guard said.

A Honda CRX was found parked in the vicinity of the sighting and officials are looking for the owner, the Coast Guard said.

The search may resume at first light Sunday, a spokesman said.

RP improves, but outlook uncertain

By EILEEN GUERRERO

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - In the capital Manila, the electricity crisis is past, business is booming and glitzy shopping malls are jammed. In many provinces, people still subsist without electricity, clean water and telephones.

President Fidel Ramos has boasted that Filipinos are finally "putting our house in order" after nearly 30 years of economic decline and social unrest.

Using the cheer leader slogan "Philippines 2000," the government has mounted a public relations campaign abroad to spruce up the country's image and encourage investment.

The slogan promotes the goal of transforming the Philippines into a Newly Industrialized Country by the year 2000.

As evidence the goal is obtainable, the government cites a 4.8 percent growth in the Gross National Product in the first quarter of this year, pro-business policies and a decline in Marxist, Muslim and military insurgencies.

In fact, however, the seeming boom has been largely limited to pockets around Manila, Cebu and a few other areas. Throughout much of this archipelagic nation of 65 million, life remains a daily struggle for food and other basic necessities.

"Our leaders mouth 'Philippines 2000,'" the Rt. Rev. Romulo dela Cruz, bishop of Basilan province, told The Associated Press. "But the poor people here are only concerned about what they can eat today, not about 'Philippines 2000.'"

This disparity illustrates a fundamental truth about the Philippines which has existed since the arrival of Spanish colonizers in the 16th Century: it is a nation of

the very rich and talented, and the very poor and ignorant.

"There are obviously two countries in the Philippines," left-wing Sen. Wigberto Tanada said.

"One is of the gung-ho picture of growth and development and the other is one of decay and disillusionment."

Much of the image of a Philippine renaissance is the product of a slick public relations strategy. Ramos and several key aides who served together in a psychological warfare and propaganda unit in Vietnam have used their skills to enhance the nation's image.

Unlike his aristocratic predecessor, Corazon Aquino, Ramos courts the national and foreign media to accentuate the positive.

Casual visitors to the Philippines can easily misjudge the country. In the financial suburb of Makati, with its gleaming skyscrapers, smart boutiques and opulent homes, tycoons conduct business abroad by cellular phone in the back seats of their chauffeur-driven limousines.

About 80 miles (130 kilometers) to the south, the nearly one million residents of Mindoro Island have no private telephones.

Even in the Manila area, some estimates place the number of squatters, who live in filthy, clapboard shacks without lights, toilets and running water, at nearly 30 percent of the urban population.

"The government wants health care for all in the year 2000? What we will have is health care for all in 2,000 more years," grumbled Dr. Redempta Cortes, one of only six doctors in the provincial hospital of Siquijor, 400 miles (640 kilometers) south of Manila.

Her hospital is supposed to have 19 doctors. The rest left because of low salary: 5,000 pesos (\$192) a month.

Overall, conditions have improved since the turmoil which began during the 20-year rule of the late strongman Ferdinand Marcos. Marcos dismantled democratic institutions when he declared martial law in 1972.

That fomented armed uprisings by the Communist Party of the Philippines and the Muslim minority in the south. Those insurgencies continued after Marcos was ousted in the 1986 "people power" uprising which installed Mrs. Aquino as president.

Her six-year administration was

also plagued by seven revolts by disaffected military officers.

Ramos, who took office in 1992, claims restoring political stability as one of his main accomplishments.

Ramos resumed talks with both Muslim, Marxist and military insurgents. Little has resulted from those talks. More importantly, the insurgent movements have weakened because of internal rivalries which emerged before Ramos was elected.

Nevertheless, Ramos has liberalized the economy and improved conditions for growth. They include a relaxation of currency controls, allowing foreign banks to operate, improving the electricity supply, reviving the population control program and tax reform.

What remains unclear, however, is whether the government can implement the reforms in the face of chronic problems of corruption, nepotism, a sluggish bureaucracy and powerful special interests.

For example, Ramos promised to streamline the bureaucracy. But most of the departments, commissions and other state agencies can only be abolished by Con-

gress, whose members have vested interests in preventing such moves.

A few small commissions have been abolished by executive order. But the law requires that new jobs be found for displaced civil servants, meaning they get shuffled from one post to another.

Apart from that, Ramos must contend with a government structure which is unresponsive to public service and seemingly immune to change.

A banner promising a new spirit of service in "Philippines 2000" hangs in the main post office in Manila. Last month, this reporter inquired how to ship a surface package. No one seemed to know.

After being sent from window to window, I asked a male clerk, who was chatting with colleagues, what to do. He said I could receive the information at the next window.

But no one was there. Exasperated, I began to leave. The same clerk I had spoken to moments before called me back. This time, he was at the window.

"Couldn't you have just answered my question the first time," I asked? He stared back at me with a dull, uncaring expression.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

SEALED BIDS FOR ARFF BUILDING EXPANSION AT ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ROTA, MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP Project No. 3-69-0003-06, 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., August 5, 1994, at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of building an expansion to the existing ARFF Building at Rota International Airport all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority and from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within two (2) months from the date of bid opening. Depending upon availability of funds, CPA reserves the right to hold such bid in effect for three (3) months from the date of bid 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 bid 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 bidder must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (AIP 3-69-0003-06) the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause," a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities" (See Specifications).

Required Notices for All Contracts.

a. The bidder must supply all the information required by the proposal forms and specifications.
b. The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, hereby notifies all bidders that they (bidders) must affirmatively insure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids 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 bidder's attention is called 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 Nonsegregated Facilities.

The apparent low bidder and any known first tier subcontractor will be subject to a pre-award, equal opportunity compliance review for the purpose of determining whether the bidder and/or his subcontractors are able to comply with the provisions of the equal opportunity clause.

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

A bidder or prospective prime contractor or proposed subcontractor shall be required to submit such information as the Executive Director requests 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 Director requests.

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 TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) for each set of plan documents. The amount is non-refundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference and site visit will be held at the ROTA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING, at 10:00 a.m. on July 14, 1994, 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 conference, with a copy of same mailed simultaneously to the Executive Director, CPA. Attendance at the pre-bid conference and site visit are considered essential to the potential contractor's understanding of the project elements.

Each prospective bidder shall file with CPA, a notice of his/her intention to bid 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 bids.


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

/s/ROMAN T. TUDELA
Executive Director/Contracting Officer
June 29, 1994

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demand by Sablan. Sablan earlier claimed that the composition of the commonwealth Senate is unconstitutional because it is "malapportioned." He said since about 90% of the people of the CNMI are residents of Saipan, then the most populous island must be represented by eight senators while the islands of Tinian and Rota must be represented by one.

The existing equal representation in Senate does not only violate the principle of "one person, one vote" but also violate his right to equal protection of the laws as guaranteed by the Fourteenth Amendment of the US Constitution, he claimed.

Castro ruled that based on the implicit teaching of the Reynolds court, "the bicameral system where one house gives equal representation to political subdivisions with disparate population levels can be democratic where the apportionment is necessary to form a union among distinct political entities which otherwise would not be willing to concede sovereignty to a central government."

In making the judgment, the court cited the history of the political union of the CNMI with the United States. Rota and Tinian had refused to join then proposed commonwealth, fearing that Saipan might dominate them. So

both islands demanded that there should be an equal representation in Senate, to which Saipan agreed to form a commonwealth.

The court added that the US Senate was not formed based on the "one person, one vote" rule, rather it was organized based on a system that provides equal representation to States with widely different populations. Otherwise, he said, there would have been no Union of 50 states if leaders of each state insisted on "one person, one vote" principle. He also found such right not to be "fundamental in international sense."

Atty. Theodore R. Mitchell, counsel for Sablan, argued in his motion for reconsideration that such a phrase was coined "to say that it included...personal rights which are the basis of all free government."

He said the court must look for the standards of human rights which are recognized as basic and fundamental, in the international sense. Mitchell was referring to the personal rights embodied in the UN Declaration of Human Rights which states among others that "All are equal before the law and are entitled without discrimination to equal protection of the law..."

Mitchell indicated that in making the Sablan ruling, the court should have considered this provision in the Declaration which

he said has been relied upon by the U.S. Supreme Court in a 1963 case.

"Given these authorities, there can be no doubt that the right to equal voting power is a fundamental right, in the international sense," his motion said.

The court's application of the Insular Cases doctrine was incorrect, according to Sablan. He claimed the "implicit teaching" used by the court did not exist.

The Reynolds court did not say or hold that the federal government was fundamentally democratic, he said. Rather the prevailing opinion has been that a state legislature modelled on the federal congress was "categorically discriminatory."

Mitchell stated that the forma-

tion of the legislative branches of the United States and the CNMI are not analogous. The Covenant did not involve the formation of a union among distinct political entities and that Rota and Tinian were not distinct political entities, he said.

He added that the two islands had no sovereignty to concede. Even if they had, the CNMI government is not, itself, a federal system with a central government and subordinate political units like states in a federal system, he said.

Judge Castro has ruled that changing the Senate by judicial order would be "impractical and anomalous" based on the determination made on the issue of "one person, one vote."

Mitchell however insisted in his motion, which will be heard on August 17 at 9:00 a.m., that the malapportionment of the upper house was a political deal which he described as unfair and unconstitutional.

"All future generations of the commonwealth should not be burdened with this injustice," he said. "To eliminate this...discrimination would not destabilize the commonwealth. To continue it almost certainly will," he warned.

If the Superior Court would reconsider its decision and rule in favor of Sablan on the "one person, one vote" principle, special elections for the Senate would have to be held to "correct" the malapportionment.

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By the end of fiscal year 1993, costs related to SHARP referrals totaled \$6.9 million or almost 30 percent of the total medical referral costs.

It was also noted that in this fiscal year, SHARP referral cost was 51 percent of total medical referral cost.

"Contrary to sound fiscal management practice, the DPH did not have any program evaluation or cost study to determine whether the SHARP medical referral contract had delivered the needed medical service in a prudent and cost effective manner," source said quoting the audit report.

Based on the average medical referral costs for the past three fiscal years, the source stressed that the government will again incur a huge deficit in its medical referral budget for the current fiscal year.

With an annual average of about \$7.6 million, the report indicates that medical referral costs will exceed the proposed medical referral budget of \$2.9 million for fiscal year 1994 by about \$4.7 million.

The factor that is attributed to the condition is the policy of the

government to shoulder all costs incurred by patients who are referred to off-island treatment facilities.

Under the CHC's existing set up, referral patients are not required to pay anything. All medical bills are paid by the government except for the portion covered by private insurance or by the Medicare or Medicaid program.

Transportation and hotel costs are also shouldered by the government. A patient is also entitled to be accompanied by an escort, if his or her medical condition warrants personal care and assistance.

Referral patients and their escorts are entitled to a daily subsistence allowance of \$20 each. On the other hand, local patients treated at the CHC have to pay for their own medical costs.

Source said according to the report's analysis, the situation only encourages patients to insist on getting referred to avoid payment of medical costs.

The audit report says that a review of major cost components shows that professional fees, which consist mainly of hospital charges and doctor fees, consti-

tute the largest portion of medical referral costs.

In fiscal year 1993 alone, SHARP referral patients incurred almost \$3.75 million in professional fees.

Other major cost components included patient and escort transportation costs, hotel accommodations, and subsistence allowances.

In fiscal year 1993, the CNMI government spent approximately \$700,000 for transportation, hotels, and subsistence allowances on SHARP referrals alone, according to the report.

Last January 28, DPHS Director Isamu J. Abraham terminated its agreement with SHARP effective July 1, 1994.

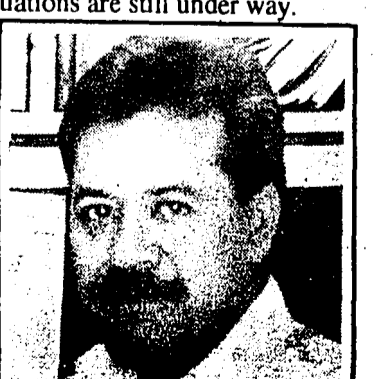
The SHARP agreement, which was essentially a cost reimbursement contract without a fixed price ceiling, accumulated more than \$8.3 million in medical referral costs as of January 1994.

The huge cost involved was apparently one of the reasons why Abraham asked for the termination of the agreement.

Another reason cited, source said, was that the DPH did not have an assurance that the total cost was properly incurred because DPH did not conduct utilization review procedures.

Utilization review is now a standard control procedure on health care providers. Under this procedure, DPH could have hired a health professional to review medical referral billings to ensure that only those medical services requested to be performed on referral patients are rendered by the health care provider.

At present, Abraham said the DPH is evaluating several proposals from other health care providers to take the place of SHARP. No particular health care provider however, has been chosen. Negotiations are still under way.



Isamu J. Abraham

Radio personality Danielle Tucker pleads guilty to selling cocaine

HONOLULU (AP) - Radio personality Danielle Tucker pleaded guilty Friday to five counts of selling cocaine and one more count of attempting to sell the drug.

Tucker, 41, was arrested three years ago and charged with selling an ounce of cocaine to an undercover police officer.

At the time, she faced a mandatory 20 year prison sentence, but Gov. John Waihee this year signed a new law that allows judges to instead give 10 years' probation to certain first-time drug pushers.

Tucker's attorney, Michael Green, said Circuit Judge Wilfred

Watanabe has indicated he's inclined to put Tucker on probation, but the prosecutor in the case, Thomas Koenig, said he'll likely ask for prison time.

Green said the change in the sentencing law in drug cases

was critical to Tucker's decision to plead guilty. Sentencing is scheduled for November.

Green said Tucker was under a terrible addiction to cocaine at the time and had been

entrapped by police, who he said had also supplied Tucker with the drug.

Tucker co-hosts the news for I-94 and does traffic reports for that station and KHVH.

Kaimuki bank robbed

HONOLULU (AP) - Police and the FBI are seeking a man who robbed The Territorial Savings and Loan Association's Kaimuki branch Friday afternoon.

The man handed a teller a note

shortly before 2 p.m., demanding money, the FBI said. He fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

There were no injuries and no weapon was seen, the FBI said.

The robber was a caucasian, 5-

feet-11 and 170 pounds with sandy brown hair worn with a ponytail, the FBI said. He was wearing a tan shirt, dark pants and dark shoes.

It was the state's 20th bank robbery this year.

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some reports have offered timely and accurate accounts of the island's alien labor situation, there still remains a large amount of reporting that "offers little accuracy and truth but an abundance of tabloid-like sensationalism."

"though I do not deny some truth to these allegations, I would implore reporters to adhere to their fiduciary duties regarding truth and objectivity," said the senator.

"This is not to say that Rota

does not need room for improvement in this matter. In fact I believe this incident will cause rise for a new sense of social and community awareness on Rota, thereby, facilitating a more comfortable and inspiring place of employment for our guest workers," Hocog said.

The lawmaker from Rota pointed out that as a commonwealth of the US, Rota and the CNMI is subject to international scrutiny, a reason why the Rotanese should be more vigi-

lant on such issues.

"Though we may appear as an isolated chain of islands in the vast Pacific Ocean, our actions speak volumes to the international community," said Hocog.

"Everytime we greet a guest to the Commonwealth, be they tourists, business people or laborers, we must be aware of the fact that our actions will be reported across the Pacific and all seven continents. It is truly a small world when you consider this reality," the lawmaker added.

Hocog is the latest island official who has criticized the allegedly "exaggerated manner" the alien labor situation in Rota has been reported.

Among those Rotanese who earlier issued statements on the issue were former Lieutenant Governor Benjamin T. Mangiona, Rep. Vianney B. Hocog, Rota Mayor Joseph S. Inos.

They generally believed the allegations were "blown out of proportion."

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that during their verbal tussle, Pangelinan pulled the taxi sign and struck it at him but missed.

Meanwhile, police said a male individual believed to be a juvenile entered at the Poker Arcade near J. M. Cinema in Chalan Kanoa Thursday afternoon.

The kid opened the pinball machine and took undetermined amount of coins, police said.

In Koblerville, a 56-year-old man said another male person assaulted him by pushing and punching him in the mouth.

Also in Koblerville, a man

sought police help after a gray 1990 Mazda B2200 pick-up belonging to Design Age Co. was reportedly taken by an unidentified person.

The man said he parked the pick-up in the front yard of a house when someone drove it Thursday morning.

In Dandan Homestead, a child molestation was reported Thursday at 10:15 p.m. No other details were given.

Again in Dandan Homestead, a 32-year-old man said unknown responsible took his four roosters worth \$600 Thursday afternoon. (FDT)

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PSS IFB 94-0014

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6. Price quotation can be on a \$ per square foot of interior space or a bulk figure. If bulk figure is given, the available interior space must be given.
7. The lease period must be for one year.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope facemarked IFB94-0014 Attn: PSS Procurement & Supply Officer, Lower Base, Saipan MP 96950, no later August 05, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. local time. Any bid received after the aforementioned date and time will not be considered. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the time and place mentioned above. Fax are not accepted.

A non refundable fee of \$25.00 U.S. dollars must accompany the bid. The twenty five dollars may be a certified check, cashier's check, or other forms acceptable to the Public School System and made payable to the Treasurer, CNMI Public School System. The bidder is requested to submit with his bid a copy of his business permit. The PSS has the right to reject any or all of the bids if in its opinion to the best interest of the Public School System.

Inquiries to this bid may be directed to Mitch D. Ioanis, HeadStart Director at telephone number 322-4051/4052/4053 during regular working hours.

/s/William S. Torres
Commissioner of Education

/s/Louise C. Concepcion
PSS Procurement & Supply Officer

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
PSS-RFP 94-009

The Public School System is soliciting a competitive sealed proposals from interested construction companies for the upgrading of Hopwood Junior High School Special Education toilet facilities, Saipan. Proposals in duplicate copies will be accepted at the Public School System Procurement and Supply Office in Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 3:00 p.m., local time, August 18, 1994. Any proposals received after the above date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. The scope of work will include the electrical and mechanical plan. All references documents and specifications are available on or after July 18, 1994 at the PSS-CIP office, Lower Base, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$150.00 is required for each set. The selection criteria will be made on the basis of qualifications, previous work experience on similar project, project duration, project cost, latest audited financial statement, and a business license. A pre-proposal meeting for this project will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 9, 1994 at the Public School System, Board of Education Conference Room, Lower Base, Saipan.

The Public School System reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the proposal in the interest of the Public School System, CNMI.

/s/William S. Torres
Commissioner of Education

/s/Louise Concepcion
Procurement/Supply Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CIVIL ACTION NO. 93-300
TRIPLE J SMPAN, INC., dba TRIPLE J MOTORS, Plaintiff,
v.
JUDY SELAP ELLIOTT, Defendant.
Third Amended
SUMMONS
To the above-named defendant:
You are hereby summoned and notified to file an answer you wish to make to the second Amended Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you herewith, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Third Amended Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to WHITE, PIERCE, Malmann & Nutting, the Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.
Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.
If you fail to answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
By Order of the above Court:
/s/ Clerk of Court
Dated, this 22nd day of July, 1994

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CIVIL ACTION No. 94-723
Mariano M. Fallg and Remedio Q. Fallg, Plaintiffs,
vs.
Yamamura Bussan, Ltd., a Corporation, Defendants.
SUMMONS
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By Order of the Above Court:
Dated this 18th day of July, 1994.
/s/Deputy Clerk of Court

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CIVIL ACTION No. 94-559
BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff,
ANTHONY C. REYES AND JOANNE P. REYES, Defendants.
First Amended SUMMONS
TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
You are hereby summoned and notified to file an answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you herewith, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this First Amended Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to WHITE, PIERCE, MALLMAN & NUTTING, the Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.
Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.
If you fail to answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
By Order of the Above Court:
Dated this 21st day of July, 1994.
/s/CLERK OF COURT

Heroic battle remains alive, gets full respect

By ANDRZEJ STYLINSKI

WARSAW, Poland (AP) - With the dauntless spirit of adolescence, Zofia Kuratowska set out at age 13 for what she thought would be a "great adventure" - the Warsaw Uprising of 1944.

It was a bold but doomed enterprise, done in by a Soviet decision not to back the resistance fighters up. When it ended two months later, 200,000 Poles were dead - including Kuratowska's boyfriend - and the city was in ruins.

She wept bitterly when the uprising ended. Soon after, she and her mother were huddled in a freight car as the Nazis shipped 700,000 people out of the city.

Half a century later, Poles are holding solemn ceremonies and making sure the younger generations know what happened.

Attending commemorations starting this weekend are Vice President Al Gore, German President Roman Herzog and British Prime Minister John Major.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin said he was too busy to attend, but will send a representative.

On Aug. 1, 1944, the date that Poland's government-in-exile chose to begin the fight to free the capital, Poland had been occupied by the Nazis for five years and the Soviet army was nearing Warsaw's eastern suburbs.

Kuratowska, who grew up to become speaker of the Polish senate, said it was a "natural thing" to join the Home Army, the country's biggest resistance force. Thousands of other youngsters felt the

same way. She joined the Dromaderki (Lady Dromedaries), a 100-strong unit commanded by her aunt that delivered bulletins and messages to fighters and field hospitals.

Josef Stalin did not share the Poles' desires. He ordered the Red Army to halt on the east bank of the Vistula River and let the Poles bleed themselves out in 63 days of futile battles with the Germans. "Everyone counted on Soviet troops," Kuratowskarecalled, sitting in her office. "We did not expect them to stop."

When the Soviets marched into Warsaw in January 1945, they found a gutted city whose population had been evacuated by the retreating Germans. Poland then was to endure 44 years of Communist dictatorship.

The 40,000 Home Army soldiers in Warsaw had great spirit but pitifully few weapons. Only about 10 percent had anything at all - Molotov cocktails, rifles, a handful of submachine guns and scarce ammunition.

They faced well-armed regular German troops and an elite Panzer unit, the SS Herman Goering Regiment.

Kuratowska recalled her daily rounds under fire, crawling through basements and sprinting past barricades. "Since I was 13 I did not fear anything but I had a feeling of a great adventure," she said.

The Home Army initially took control of much of the city, but the Germans soon regained the upper hand with brutal counter-

attacks and public executions. By early September, only part of central Warsaw remained in Polish hands, the insurgents having been forced to flee the Old Town district through the sewers. Kuratowska remembers watching the ocean of flames from her roof.

One September day, hope was revived. "It was a nice sunny day ... we heard the sound of heavy transport aircraft," Kuratowska said.

"Suddenly, the sky blossomed with hundreds or thousands of parachutes and crowds rushed to the streets to watch."

It was the only daylight Allied airdrop, but most of the supplies missed the mark and were seized by the Germans. Other aid drops, at night, were also unsuccessful.

Stalin refused to let the Americans and British use Soviet air strips to supply the insurgents.

The Foreign Ministry in Moscow branded the uprising "political adventurism," favoring the Kremlin-installed Polish administration in eastern Poland.

Most official history books published in Poland until the late 1980s blamed Home Army commanders for sending thousands of people to a "needless death."

Only after the Communist regime was toppled in 1989 could Home Army members wear their decorations without fear of repression.

"The uprising played an enormous role in Poles' identity," Kuratowska said.

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Alcohol and Vitamin A unhealthy combination

MONTREAL (AP) - Imbibers beware: Alcohol and vitamin A could make for an unhealthy cocktail.

Alcohol can amplify the toxic effects of normally harmless substances such as vitamins and non-prescription painkillers, Dr. Charles Lieber told delegates to the 12th International Congress of Pharmacology.

Not only the chronic drinker is at risk.

"One doesn't have to be an alcoholic," Lieber, an expert on alcoholism, said in an interview.

"Just a binge or just heavy drinking may enhance the toxicity of let's say acetaminophen, which is a commonly available over-the-counter painkiller - actually the most popular painkiller sold in the United States."

Lieber, of New York's Mount Sinai School of Medicine, said experts "are now getting a handle on some of the major complications associated with alcohol" - including its complex interaction with other substances.

In the case of vitamin A, for instance, alcohol has a dual effect. It depletes the body's stores of the vitamin, while increasing its toxicity.

Military probes alleged arms shipments to Tamil rebels

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - The Philippine military is investigating reports that Chinese-made weapons have been shipped through this country to Sri Lankan rebels, it was reported Sunday.

The Philippine Star quoted unnamed military intelligence

sources as saying the weapons were apparently purchased in China by representatives of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Elam and then shipped to the southern Philippines.

There the weapons were loaded on vessels which shipped them across the Indian Ocean to Ti-

gers' strongholds in the north of Sri Lanka, the newspaper said.

It did not say when or how frequently the shipments were made.

The Philippines has a longer coastline than the continental United States but only a primitive navy to patrol the waters.

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The Saipan Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 7:00 p.m. at the Kristo Rai Church Social Hall Kitchen in Garapan, across from the Horiguchi Building. If you have a drinking or drugging problem call 234-5100 and they will put you in contact with someone who might be able to help.



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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William Clark (1770-1838), U.S. explorer; Francis Scott Key (1779-1843), poet;

Richard Henry Dana (1815-1882), writer; Herman Melville (1819-1891), writer; Jerry Garcia (1942-), musician, is 52; Gregg Jefferies (1967-), baseball player, is 27.
TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1992, according to all five judges' scorecards, U.S. Olympic boxer Eric Griffin won a bout against Spain's Rafael Lozano, but he lost anyway thanks to a new computer scoring system.
TODAY'S QUOTE: "All wars are boyish, and are fought by boys." — Herman Melville

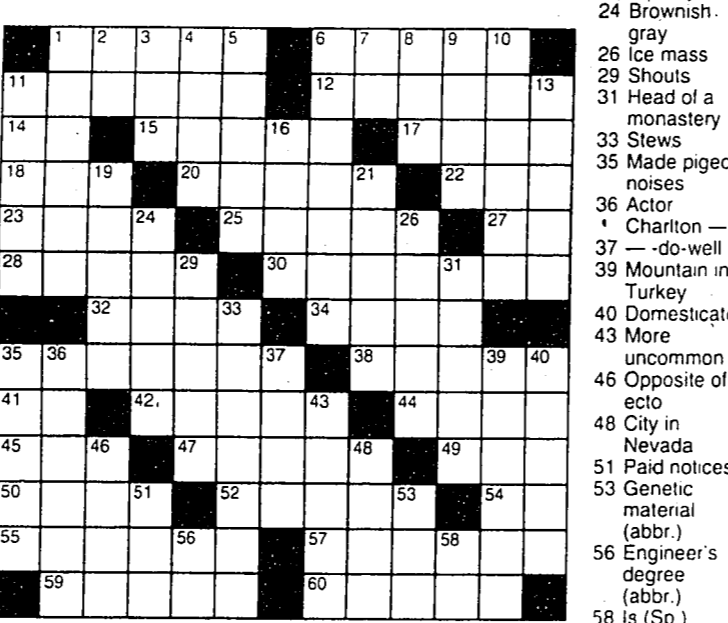
TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1983, a thunderstorm microburst (which could have caused a crash) of probably more than 145 mph hit Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, reportedly less than 10 minutes after Air Force One with President Reagan aboard had landed.
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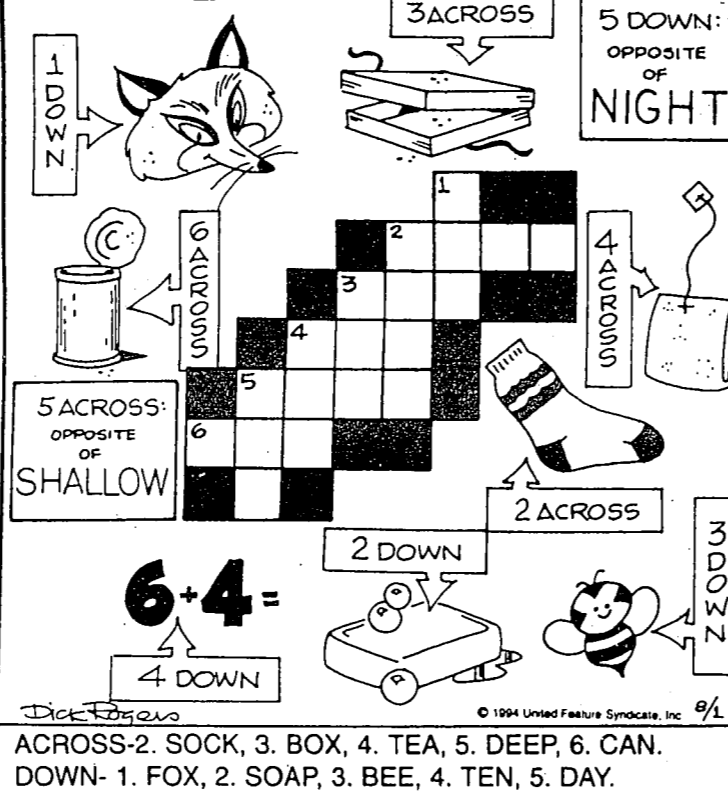
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Angels snap 8-game lose streak

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The California Angels' offense has been a bust for most of the season. Saturday night was different. Chili Davis homered twice, including a grand slam, and drove in a career-high seven runs as the Angels snapped an eight-game losing streak with a 14-4 victory over the Texas Rangers.

"I'm one of the worst losers in the history of the game," Davis said. "Tonight was fun. It's been a pretty down locker room for the past week to 10 days."
Davis gave the Angels a 4-0 lead with his third-inning bases-loaded homer, added a sacrifice fly in the five-run fourth, then connected for a two-run shot in the sixth, his 23rd of the season. Davis homered from both sides of the plate in the same game for the eighth time in his career and moved past Ken Singleton and into fifth place on the all-time switch-hitting home run list with 247.

Sacramento Miners in 3rd straight win

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Dave Archer completed 15 of 34 passes for 310 yards and threw three touchdowns Saturday night to lead the Sacramento Gold Miners to their third straight Canadian Football League win, a 30-27 victory over the Saskatchewan Roughriders.
Trailing 27-23 with 1:34 left in the fourth quarter, Archer drove the Gold Miners 56 yards on five plays, with the winning touchdown coming on Rod Harris' 18-yard reception with 1:04 left.

Sacramento, which had 465 total yards to Saskatchewan's 375, scored on its first three possessions and held a 13-0 lead after the first quarter. Following two Roman Anderson field goals, Archer drove the Gold Miners 46 yards on seven plays, the last 18 on a touchdown pass to Harris with 1:52 left in the opening period.
But the Roughriders switched roles with the Sacramento in the second quarter. Burgess threw 55 yards to Thompson to begin Saskatchewan's first touchdown drive, with Mike Saunders running the final three yards.

After completing only 8 of 19 attempts in the first half, Archer drove the Gold Miners to a 20-13 lead only 1:23 into the third quarter on two long passes.
Archer first threw 45 yards to Tony Hargin, the wide receiver recently released by the San Francisco 49ers. On the next play, the Gold Miners scored on a 38-yard completion from Archer to Tre Everett.

Chad Curtis went 3-for-5, including his career-high 11th homer in the ninth, and the Angels had 18 hits, four under their season-high.
The Angels' offense hits its low point of the season Thursday night when Texas' Kenny Rogers threw a perfect game.
"The perfect game, that was the bottom of the barrel," Davis said.
"Tonight kind of makes Kenny Rogers' effort that much more impressive," Angels manager Marcel Lacheman said. "Some-

Harris now has five touchdowns in his last four games, including the team's winning touchdown the last two weeks.
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Dave Ridgway followed with field of 38 and 13 yards, the second with four seconds left in the second quarter to produce a 13-13 halftime tie.

Hargin had four receptions for 79 yards for Sacramento, which lost its opener, but is now 3-1.
Tom Burgess, who pushed the Roughriders into the lead with two fourth-quarter touchdowns, completed 19 of 33 passes for 279 yards for Saskatchewan, which fell to 2-2.

Paul Thompson had a game-leading five receptions for 110 yards for Saskatchewan.

The Dodgers got a first-inning RBI single by Eric Karros and the Astros tied it in the sixth when Jeff Bagwell led off with a single, stole second and scored from third when Luis Gonzalez grounded out weakly to second base with the infield in.

Notes: @ Kile is 7-8 since his no-hitter last September against the Mets, and Gross is 23-21 since his no-hitter against the Giants in August 1992. Those were the last shutouts by either pitcher. ... With a team-high 113 strikeouts, Gross is trying to join Don Sutton and Fernando Valenzuela as the only pitchers to lead the L.A. Dodgers in strikeouts for three consecutive seasons.

Sutton did it four straight times and Valenzuela six years in a row. ... Brett Butler tried to bunt his way on in the fifth and avoided a diving tag by Kile, but was called out by first base umpire Greg Bonin for running out of the baseline.

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SPORTS



Baby Blues still unbeaten



Baby Blues' Esther Delos Reyes aims to hit the ball during Saturday's game at Garapan Softball Field.

By Ferdie de la Torre

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Safety's Baby Blues has remained the only team unbeaten in six games in the government first in-

ter-agency women's softball tournament.

The Baby Blues defeated the Golden Babes of the Women's Affairs Office and Community and Cultural Affairs via 18-7 during the interesting match up Saturday at Garapan Softball Field.

Tracy Allison was the key player of the Baby Blues' triumph over the hard-fighting Golden Babes as she made three for three hit.

It was however, the powerful Bertha Tudela's base hit in the last inning that gave way for the three Baby Blues coming in to secure the round rule.

"We just work hard and play together," said the team's captain Cathy Sheu after the game.

With the win, the Baby Blues is now 6-0 and secured of a slot in the championship round.

They will just play two more non-bearing games before going into the "real battle," another player said.

The presence of DPS Director Jose M. Castro, cheering his players in the game, boosted the morale of the Baby Blues.

"I don't want to see or hear them losing," Castro said, smiling.

The players include Cathy Sheu; Regina Pangelinan; Nadia Lizama; Bertha Tudela; Elma Tenorio; Tracy Allison; Esther Delos Reyes; Shirley Camacho;

Beverly Camacho; Sharlene Sablan, and Carmen Santos.

Other teams to beat are Looney Tunnies of the Northern Marianas College, Emergency Crew of the Commonwealth Health Center and Buenas Marianas of the Department of Public Works and Commerce and Labor, which were 3-1, 3-2 and 3-1 respectively as of last week's standing.

In other Saturday's games, the

Rev. and Tax competed against Just for Fun 2 of the Legislature while the NMC's Looney Tunnies battled the CHC's Emergency Crew.

In the last game, Governor and Lt. Governor's Office Silver Babes took against the Buenas Marianas.

The results of the three games were not immediately available as of press time.



The DPS Baby Blues gather together to show their teamwork after winning over the Golden Babes.



A member of the DPS Baby Blues runs for the base.

2 int'l volleyball coaches hold clinic

THE NORTHERN Marianas is playing host to the F.I.V.B. (Federation International de Volleyball) SPORTS AID PROGRAMME, which will bring two international coaches to Saipan for an 8 day clinic.

According to a release from the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association, the clinic will take place daily from July 29-August 5, 1994 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Participants will number about 30, coming from the Public and Private School Systems and our local Volleyball Association, and will include Tinian, and Rota.

Conducting the clinic will be Kurt Radde from Germany and K.A.K. Wijepala from Sri Lanka. The focus of the course will be on teaching our P.E. teachers and coaches the fundamentals of volleyball. However, the skills and techniques learned in this clinic will help them to be more productive for our children in the school grounds as well as in the community. The clinic was made possible through the help of Tony Rogolofoi and the membership of the Saipan Amateur Volleyball Association.

The Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association had also played the important role in coordinating the clinic for the teachers and coaches.

Dodgers open with 2 victories

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The Los Angeles Dodgers are glad to be home.

After going 3-10 on their first road trip following the All-Star break, the Dodgers have opened their homestand with two victories. The latest was a 6-1 win over the Houston Astros on Saturday night that kept Los Angeles in first place by one game in the NL West.

"It nice to be home," said Kevin Gross, who earned his first victory

in over than a month. "A lot of guys look forward to this, especially after the road trip. We can only do what's in front of us and that's play well on this homestand and finish real strong."

Henry Rodriguez ended an 0-for-20 slump with a tie-breaking double and two RBIs. Houston's loss dropped it 1 1/2 games behind Cincinnati in the NL Central.

Gross (8-7) allowed a run and five hits over six innings before

being lifted for a pinch-hitter in the Dodgers' three-run sixth. The right-hander, who hadn't won since June 26 at the Astrodome, struck out three and walked none.

"I had no idea how either team (the Giants and Rockies) had done today going into our game. And that's a good sign, because that means I was concentrating on what I was doing," Gross said.

Rodriguez's ground-rule double in the sixth snapped a 1-1 tie and

gave him his first extra-base hit in 37 at-bats since July 9. Rodriguez and Raul Mondesi both scored later in the inning on a passed ball by Tony Eusebio for a 4-1 lead.

The Dodgers completed the scoring in the seventh against David Veres with a sacrifice fly by Karros and an RBI single by Rodriguez.

Loser Darryl Kile (7-6) allowed four runs, two earned, and four hits over six innings. The right-hander struck out four and walked five,

increasing his NL-leading walk total to 82.

An angry manager Terry Collins reprimanded his team on its sloppy play.

"We went into our toughest series of the year against the Reds and played great, then we came in here and played flat. This team has not gotten into contention by screwing up plays and dropping balls and not making pitches. That's

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