

Senate wage bill unconstitutional?

THE MINIMUM wage bill passed by the Senate last week may be unconstitutional, according to the Saipan Garments Manufacturers Association.

Association spokesman Robert O'Connor, in separate letters to members of the Legislature, said Senate Bill 8-146, might result to the imposition of the US minimum wage across the board, spelling disaster for all business in the CNMI.

"The wage distinction between locals and aliens will require the courts to declare the bill unconstitutional and this will leave us

with the federal minimum wage across the board," O'Connor said.

The bill, authored by Sen. David M. Cing, seeks to raise the mini-

mum wage from the current \$2.15 to \$2.65 per hour upon enactment of the law, then to \$3 after two years.

According to O'Connor, the minimum wage measure, if enacted as it is, could be violating the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment to the US Constitution as it may be viewed to provide one minimum wage for locals and another for aliens.

"The bill does not come out and say: 'aliens get one wage, locals, another.' But it says that for those who get all their food, lodging, and medical insurance paid by their employer, they get the lower rate (alien); everyone else gets the mainland minimum wage (locals)," he said.

O'Connor said that should there be legal challenges to this particular provision, the courts will look to the effect of the law, not just its language. Since the effect of this law is to discriminate against aliens in favor of locals, it is flagrantly unconstitutional.

"If after two years any alien files suit to declare the act unconstitutional, the judge will rule that since the act discriminated unfairly against the alien, that provision of the law allowing a lower payment to the alien will be stricken or reinterpreted. If stricken, it will then require the judge to order the employer to pay the alien worker the higher rate for the previous two years

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Business drafts Article 12 reforms

A PACKAGE of proposals regarding implementation of Article 12 of the Constitution will be submitted by business leaders to the Legislature on Monday.

The proposals are being pushed by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce's Land Committee, Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, and CNMI Contractors Association, according to a source who helped prepare the proposals for the business sector but declined to be named.

The Saipan Bankers Association also met yesterday and unanimously supported the proposals.

According to the source, the SCC's Land Committee initiated and approved the proposals. The proposals were passed on to the hotel association which decided to endorse them. The contractors association also supported the proposals.

A copy of the proposals shows that the business sector wants passage of an "enforcement law" that would have three main goals:

- To set legal requirements and procedures for a plaintiff to be allowed to file an Article 12 lawsuit against a corporation;

- Establish a six-year limit for an original owner of a land to re-

claim a property by invoking Article 12; and

- Seek a remedy to the uncertainties of the status of land titles in the Northern Marianas as a result of the CNMI Supreme Court's decision that says a lease obtained by a person not of Northern Marianas descent using a front who is of Northern Marianas descent, is void from the start.

The need to set legal requirements and procedures was felt by the business sector which observed that in recent months and years, a number of lawsuits have been initiated in the CNMI which

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Guerrero approves Saipan zoning law

GOVERNOR Lorenzo I. Guerrero signed yesterday the Zoning Act or Saipan Local Law 8-7.

"This is a monumental achievement in the history of Saipan. For once we have laid down the rules for orderly, sustainable development of this island," Guerrero said.

The local law was prepared by the Zoning Board which was created in 1989 by the Legislature through Public Law 6-32, to establish a zoning code and come up with specific recommendations on how land use planning is to be pursued.

The new law classifies certain areas on the island into specific land uses to prevent development that may adversely impact any particular community, by taking aesthetic, economic and environmental concerns into consideration.

"This new law is a tool to be used to guide prospective developments for many years to come, and to prevent construc-

tion or activities that would adversely impact the communities," Guerrero said. "Although this measure may not be acceptable to everyone, some type of planned growth is a must to maintain the quality of life for our residents and protect the environment of the island."

"This basically establishes the guidelines under which development on the island must go with. I'd like the people, especially those in prime locations, to realize that the value of their properties will go up as a result of these regulations because they will be making sure that eyesore establishments will not be allowed to flourish in their midst," said Benigno R. Fitial, Zoning Board chairman.

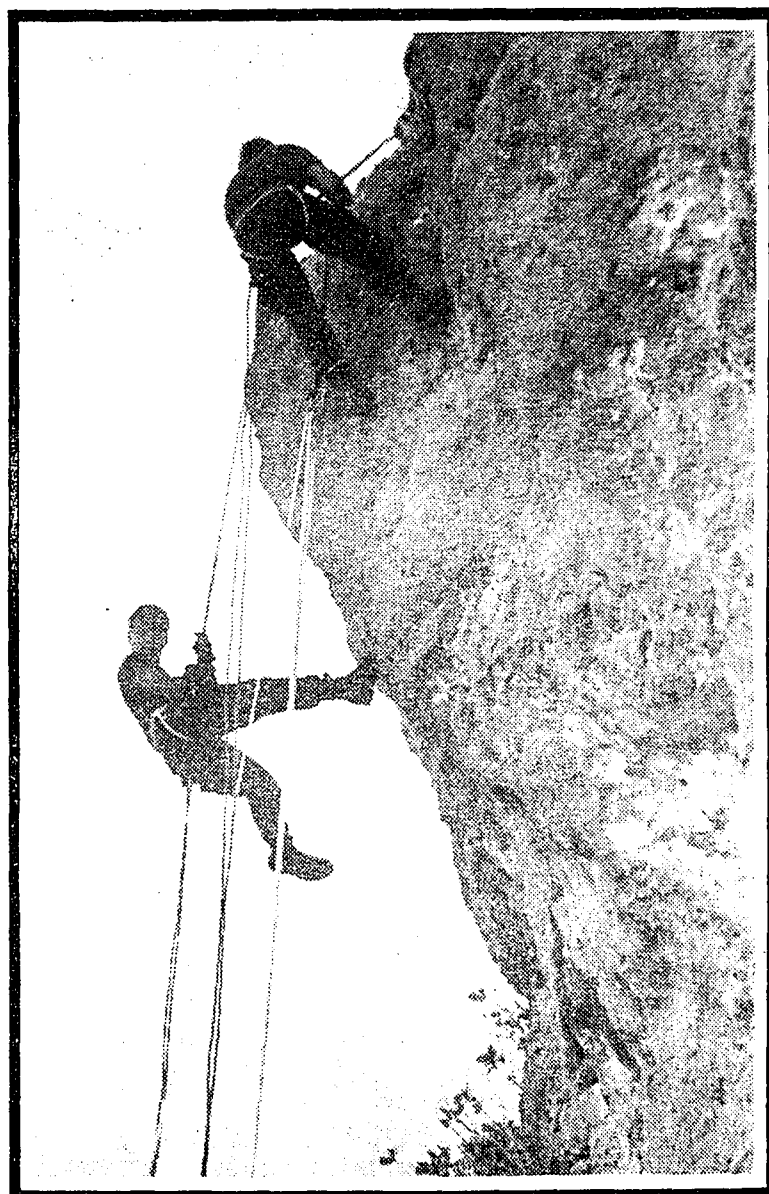
"Contrary to what a few members of the Saipan Legislative Delegation, Saipan will now become a nicer place to live in, where everything will be orderly and clean," he said.

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FIRE medics administer first aid to "fall victim" during rescue exercises at Ladder Beach yesterday. Story on page 32.



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MPLC urged to speed up Obyan hotel project

SENATOR Juan S. Torres has asked Marianas Public Land Corp. to exert all efforts to enable the golf course and resort hotel project proposed by Haas & Haynie in Obyan Beach move ahead as soon as possible.

Torres also urged MPLC Executive Director William R. Concepcion to ascertain the site boundaries for the proposed golf course and hotel complex to get the construction phase of the project going.

"The CNMI desperately needs quality development in our islands and yet some of us seem determined to discourage these developments with the way we manage our affairs," Torres said in a letter to Concepcion.

According to Torres, although MPLC is an autonomous corporation, the policy views of the Legislature and the executive branch can easily be worked out with MPLC to avoid unnecessary delays, so the islands can benefit from the increased economic activity that will result from the project.

Haas & Haynie's 25-year lease of public land in Obyan was approved by the Legislature early last year. An extension period of 15 years was approved in January this year.

According to Torres, the CNMI government and the Legislature



Juan S. Torres

have clearly expressed their vote of confidence in the development plans of Haas & Haynie and several other land lease proposals.

Torres said Haas & Haynie could not start the project because of the need to ascertain the site boundaries for their project, on account of constant changes in such boundaries.

"How do we expect them to continue their development plans when they never know from one month to the next month what area they are planning on," he said.

"Our integrity is on the line when we invite investment and

then proceed to deal in bad faith with those who offered to promote our economic development. We have to be supportive of these very large development projects," Torres said.

He said taxes and contributions from these projects will pay for the island's infrastructure and schools. He said although he appreciates that MPLC must also provide for land exchanges which are of direct benefit to certain individuals, public land lease payments and tax revenues on the development will benefit all the public of the CNMI. (RHA)



Tony DeLeon Guerrero

Forum to discuss responsible tourism

IT'S A MATTER of general agreement that tourism is our major industry in the Commonwealth, but there's some question about how much of us know about this growing changing field.

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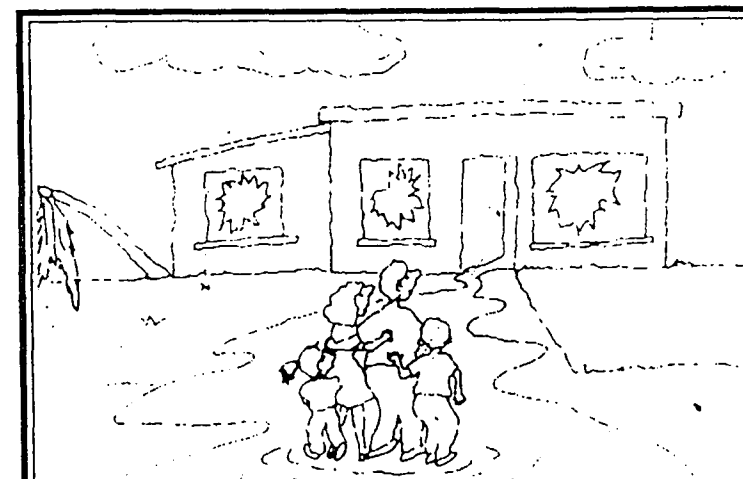
You may not have heard of these ideas or concepts, but within them, is probably the future of the largest industry in the world, which also happens to be our biggest business locally.

So it just may be that a better understanding of modern tourism may be the key to future paychecks or your business bottom line. That's why next Thursday's "Tourism Forum," a featured activity of 1993 CNMI Tourism Week is worthy of your time and attendance. "Tourism Forum" is scheduled for May 6, at Gilligan's in the Hyatt Regency Saipan, 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The focus is this year's central Tourism Week theme, "Joining Hands to Responsible Tourism."

Tony DeLeon Guerrero, director of the Visitor Industry Program at the Northern Marianas College, will moderate a panel, whose members will share their perspectives on the meaning of "responsible tourism." Discussions will follow the presentations. Panelists will include representatives of the Division of Immigration Services, Division of Customs, the Department of Public Safety, Department of Commerce and Labor, Continental Micronesia Inc., Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, Saipan Association of Tour Agents and the Marianas Visitors Bureau.

MVB Managing Director Bennet Seman urged government department heads, business managers, educators, students and trade association members to attend, as well as extending the invitation to all members of the public.



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Labor cases eyed as revenue source

HOUSE Minority Leader Mametto U. Maratita has proposed a \$35 non-refundable filing fee for every labor complaint filed by non-resident workers with the Department of Commerce and Labor.

House Bill 8-247 was prefiled Wednesday.

"Any alien worker who is aggrieved by the failure or refusal of his employer to comply with the employment contract may make a complaint. However, the director of Commerce and Labor shall assess a filing fee of not less than

\$35 for each complainant," Maratita said.

Under his proposal, the chief of labor will conduct an investigation and issue a decision within 30 days after the filing of the complaint.

In cases of appeal, Maratita's bill will amend section 14(a) of Public Law 5-32 to give the director six months to render a decision. At present, the director has only 15 working days to rule on appeals.

The bill also provides that when the employer is found to be at fault on the case, he will be liable for the health, safety and welfare

of the employee, pending his repatriation from the Commonwealth.

If the employee is found to be at fault, then the director will repatriate such employee to his place of origin within 15 days.

The employee or the employer's bonding company will be responsible for all repatriation expenses.

At present, whatever the outcome of any labor case, repatriation of any non-resident employee is the responsibility of the last employer, regardless of the outcome of the labor case. (RHA)

L&T donations exceed \$50,000

L&T GROUP of Companies began the year by contributing significant amounts of dollars and in-kind donations to various civic organizations and to the schools.

Major donations made were to the Red Cross, the Saipan Major League, Mt. Carmel School, NMC, Saipan Amateur Baseball Association, Northern Marianas Volleyball Association and many others. The donated amount to date has reached over \$50,000.

The committee that advises on the donation program has established the priorities for the year.

They are activities relating to community assistance, sports, specific education activities that will benefit a significant number of students or the school as a whole, religious donations to renovate or improve churches, senior citizens, environmental awareness projects and other projects that will improve the quality of life for the community in the CNMI.

Although the company is not able to respond positively to all the requests received on a weekly basis, efforts are made to concentrate assistance on deserving

projects or activities as much as possible.

L&T Group of Companies has improved its community donation activities since it started its business in the CNMI 10 years ago.

Future plans are to concentrate the donation program into one or two major projects being considered by the company. Some of the projects under consideration are a children's hospital, a vocational/technical training institute, and an art/music academy.

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EDITORIAL

Alternative to 4-year stay

PUBLIC Law 3-36, which limited foreign workers' stay in the Commonwealth to a continuous four years, was not aimed at controlling the number of non-resident workers here. As Senator Joseph S. Inos said earlier, it was enacted because of concern that a longer period of living in the CNMI might qualify them to become permanent residents with the right to participate in the local political process.

Inos now sees the restriction as an oversight and has recommended an amendment "because it was not the intent of the framers of that law to send home workers who are performing well in their respective jobs here."

Limiting foreign workers to a four-year, or even to one year stay in the Commonwealth will not necessarily reduce their number. When a worker leaves after the maximum allowable period, the employer just brings in another foreign worker.

Even under the present system, employers and employees do not have to wait for the fourth year to come before going their separate ways. An employer who is not satisfied with his worker's performance may send him home after a year's contract, and vice-versa.

On the other hand, employees who have shown dedicated and outstanding performance in their jobs should not be sent home just because they have been here for four years. Even maids, who have won the trust of their employers, will be very hard and costly to replace.

There is a better way to reduce the number of foreign workers, one that will not disrupt business operations or increase hiring costs. The women who call themselves a "group of mothers" lobbying the Legislature to keep the four-year limit cited in a recent letter to Senate President Juan S. Demapan the laxity in the enforcement of business licensing regulations as a contributing factor to the influx of foreigners.

Commerce and Labor Director Jack Torres cannot just deny applications to hire non-resident workers if the applicants have valid business licenses. But the department has succeeded in restricting the hiring of alien workers in some types of businesses, such as night clubs, massage parlors and garment factories.

The Legislature should take the cue, and explore this avenue as the better way to deal with the "excessive alien" problem, which has strained the Commonwealth's relationship with the federal government. This could be an effective way to show the feds that the CNMI can control immigration responsibly while at the same time maximizing the benefits of local immigration authority.



Jr's Agenda

by John DelRosario

It is highly encouraging to see our young people taking an active role on issues of interests to the Northern Marianas Community. It is even more gratifying to see them express their views on how our public officials handle substantive issues, specifically, expenditure public funds. At least there's hope that up ahead nothing will ever be swallowed without mastication.

I have nothing short of admiration for Ms. Caroline H. Aldan, Student Body President at Marianas High School for her forthright and incisive views of, i.e., the financially troubled Commonwealth Utilities Corporation or her views on the right of the legislature to subpoena documents from any and all government agencies. I know this young scholar personally. In fact, she's one of my pride among the many young people who has a grasp of events in and out of government. May I explain a recent legal case in point.

The Department of Interior's Inspector General's Office filed a lawsuit against the CNMI Government when the latter flatly refused to hand over certain

documents on taxes. While I disagree that the IG should intrude into private tax matters affecting CNMI residents and non-residents, the specific record being sought pertains to taxes withheld and/or rebated by the CNMI Government. We simply refused this request holding steadfastly to the view that it is in violation of the principles of self-government. Now comes the legislative power to subpoena documents.

The U.S. Congress subpoenaed these very same documents shortly thereafter. Guess what happened: We gave them! This legislative authority (power to subpoena) is unquestionable! When the legislature or the U.S. Congress subpoenas documents, you simply accord them the courtesy by giving them what is requested of you. If you refuse, you will be cited "contempt of the legislature or Congress" and you have nothing to gain except to secure more pressure and excess baggage than you deserve. Who is the executive director of CUC to refuse a legislative subpoena? Or does he have an inkling into what a republican form of government entails? And does he

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JACK ANDERSON and MICHAEL BINSTEIN

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Drug firms opt for an 'image' lobby

WASHINGTON — One month before President Clinton's health-care package is revealed to the nation, health-care lobbyists in the nation's capital are elevating "damage control" to new levels. The White House has seen the new enemy, and it's wearing Democratic colors.

Jody Powell is a prime example. He was White House press secretary during the Jimmy Carter administration. Now a partner in a Washington public relations firm, Powell has taken up the cause of one of the new administration's sworn enemies: the pharmaceutical industry.

No industry is more in need of an image enhancement in the current health-care debate than America's prescription drug makers. A decade of spiraling prices

and unkept promises have led Democrats from the administration and Congress to declare open season on drug-price inflation. Hillary Rodham Clinton's health-care task force is widely expected to make price restrictions on prescription drugs a component of the overall health package.

Clinton's onslaught has sent drug companies scrambling to make amends with the public and with key policy-makers. Some, such as industry giant Merck & Co., have gained favor with the new administration by agreeing to limit future price increases to the rate of inflation plus 1 percent on all its drugs. Others, frustrated with what they view as lackluster lobbying tactics by the industry's major mouthpiece, the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association,

have shifted tactics.

Enter RX Partners, a coalition of six pharmaceutical firms that has given Powell's firm a \$2 million budget to reshape the industry's image through a combination of public relations and "direct outreach to policy-makers." The campaign is being orchestrated by Powell, who is getting help on the project from several of his senior staffers. Powell has also enlisted the advice of another prominent Democratic strategist, Bob Beckel.

Powell's firm didn't mince words in outlining its plan to its new clients. "Health-care reform is the cornerstone of the president's economic program, and we all recognize that the Clinton Administration has cho-

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understand the very purpose and intent of the concept of separation powers?

The Oversight Committee headed by a very capable and straightforward member of the legislature (Representative Heinz S. Hofschneider) refuses to accept that every expenditure incurred by CUC totalling \$99 Million is all rosy. And not when the checks issued involving this amount bears only one signature (Mr. Ramon S. Guerrero's). Furthermore, there's no system of checks and balance or a strong system of accountability. In short, the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing. Only one person knows it—Mr. Ramon S. Guerrero.

If he has nothing to hide, why did he refuse turning over those records to the committee? Isn't this refusal suggestive of something he doesn't want us to know? I suppose that after paying his own company (CM Fabricators) over \$600,000 while refusing to pay Shell Oil Marianas and other big vendors he's scared that the largess may be denied him and loyal friends upon which to feed, true or false? What is even more mind numbing is his inability to justify the expenditure of some \$30 Million. Now, do we allow this blunder to go on? Are we saying that it is alright for our children to shoulder the burden of paying off millions of dollars in debts because we have failed to extricate the very problem within the organization?

But it is encouraging that we have young scholars who care about the lack of responsibility, accountability, integrity and commitment in government. Wow! Two wrongs doesn't make a right any which way you view it. I wish to encourage our young people to continue speaking their minds. It is through your efforts and commitment that I find the extra energy to focus my attention on the "way things ought to be". Let this dialogue continue through the years. It is a healthy exercise in keeping the "big boys" on their toes at all times.

While we're on the subject, it is good tidings to hear that some of CUC's employees have recently completed a course on accounting. It is also very interesting that the Acting Comptroller had some very well put words of encouragement for his people. Well, at least something's gone right, yeah? Is it?

I am just curious what CUC's newly trained cadre of accountants would do if their Big Boss comes around and says: "Hold it, please change that amount and insert my figure". Would you accede to his demands even if he's wrong? Or would you fight your case tooth and nail? Remember, your work ethics? It calls, mind you, for your personal integrity. I trust you will accede to your conscience. Thanks.

Letters to the Editor

Gallegly: Time for state-like treatment

Dear Editor:

After my recent introduction of H.R. 1622 in the US House of Representatives, you published a Letter to the Editor April 9, 1993 from Mr. Cliff Friedman which asks, "How can they propose unilaterally to alter or cease an agreement that was bilateral?" That seems like a reasonable question to ask. It appears the agreement Mr. Friedman refers to is the new seven-year multi-funding agreement negotiated by representatives of the former Bush Administration and the Governor of the CNMI pursuant to Section 702 of the Covenant to Establish A Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States. The Covenant remains a primary source for clarification of such matters.

Covenant Section 704 states that the annual direct grant assistance provided to the Northern Mariana

Islands by the United States "will continue until Congress appropriates a different amount or otherwise provides by law." The Covenant clearly recognizes that the Congress has the right to change the amount of the direct grant assistance.

Mr. Friedman seems to be confusing the bilateral negotiated agreement and responsibilities of the federal government under the Covenant. Even if he is referring to the Covenant, surely Mr. Friedman understands the Congress has the power to change this agreement, consistent with the limited mutual consent provisions, just as they made changes to the fundamental agreements negotiated by the executive branch which provided the framework for the Micronesian Compacts of Free Association.

Given the amount of local tax revenues available to the CNMI, it appears reasonable to expect the

people of the Marianas to absorb the cost of new infrastructure development rather than relying on other US citizens. Self-reliance is a sign of the development of self government which some cities and states in the United States have had difficulties with at times. In that respect, the situation in the Marianas is not unique.

The Northern Mariana Islands shares the nomenclature of "commonwealth" with five other states of the United States and one other territory, namely Puerto Rico. The political status of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is territorial, as compared to a state of the Union.

Even so, I believe that time has come for the federal government to interact with the territories more on a state-like basis, rather than with an intermediary office in Washington and I am considering legislation to this effect. Such a relation-

ship places the responsibility for self-government on the shoulders of the people themselves.

The United States has a responsibility for the rights of its citizenry wherever they may reside. The Congress in particular has the Constitutional prerogative to make all needful rules and regulations respecting territory of the United States. The Covenant is a special document which has been accepted to provide the framework of self-government for the CNMI. In it, direct grant assistance "will continue until Congress appropriates a different amount or otherwise provides by law," which is what I have proposed in H.R. 1622.

Sincerely yours,
/s/Elton Gallegly
Vice Chairman, Subcommittee on Insular and International Affairs

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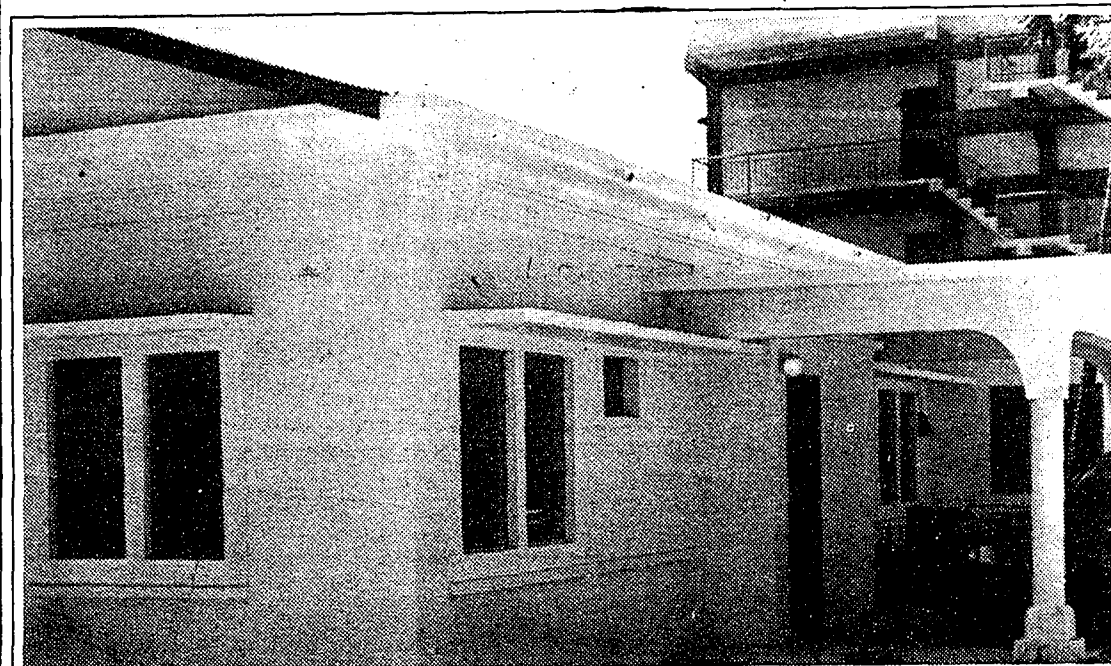
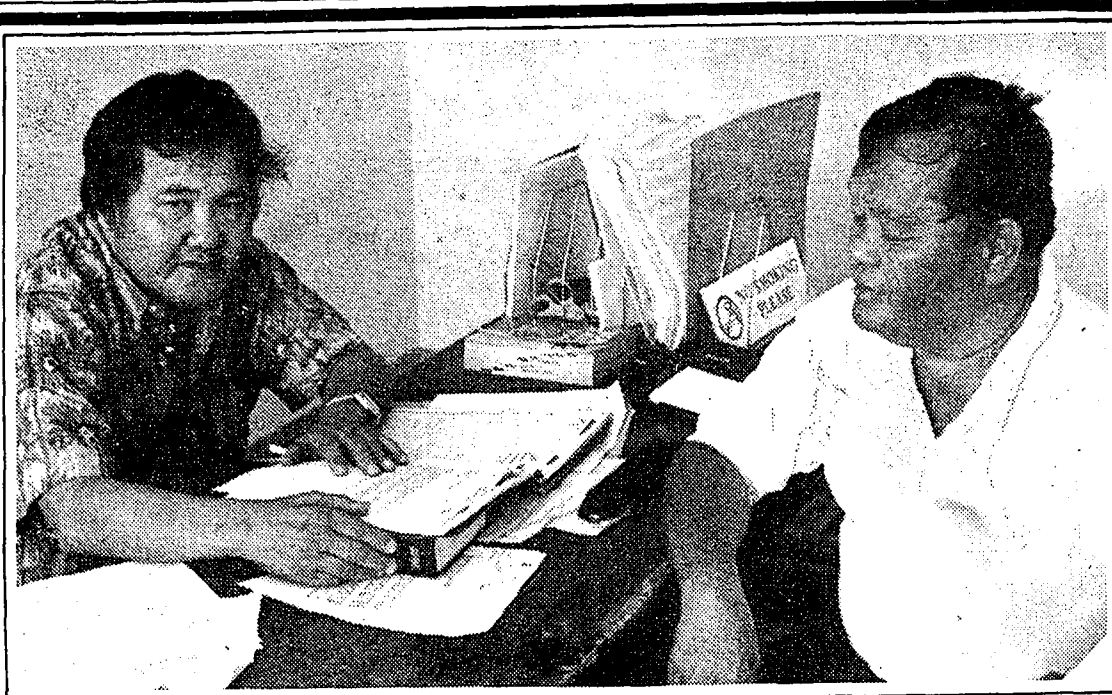
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SAIPAN Municipal Council Secretary Pete T. Nakatsukasa (left) with resident Jess Taisacan on a borrowed picnic table inside the newly renovated council building in Chalan Kanoa.

Municipal Council offices wait for water, furniture

THE SAIPAN Municipal Council has completed the renovation of the old public health building in Chalan Kanoa.

This was learned Wednesday from council secretary Pete T. Nakatsukasa who said the building was opened to the public Monday.

The council's offices were impressive. The white structure consists of eight rooms, two restrooms, a kitchen and a small lobby. The problem is that all of the rooms, except Nakatsukasa's are empty.

Nakatsukasa's room has an old wooden picnic table and an electric fan, both borrowed from the Duenas family of San Antonio. There are two old plastic chairs, also courtesy of a generous resident. The typewriter was borrowed from the nearby mayor's office.

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. provided the power connection, with the help of Lt. Governor Benjamin Manglona. But there is no water, because there is no money for connection fee, so anybody in the building who needs relief must go to the mayor's office or other neighbors.

Nakatsukasa, in an interview, said the first municipal council was not able to establish its permanent offices. Thus, when the second municipal council took office last year, it requested a budget of \$302,000, of which \$166,600 was to be used for "all others" (office, office equipment, furniture, a vehicle, communications and supplies).

The amount requested was equivalent to \$7.76 per Saipan resident. In comparison, Rota's municipal council spends \$180 per resident and Tinian, \$362 per resident.

Rota's council has 21 full-time employees (FTE), Tinian 30 and Saipan was only requesting five.

When the budget for fiscal 1992 was passed Rota's municipal council received \$462,400. Tinian got \$767,500 and Saipan \$156,597.

Nakatsukasa said the council used \$48,000 from its miscellaneous account to complete the renovation of the public health building. It was, however, not enough to buy the needed equipment for the offices.

He lamented that while Saipan has the most number of residents, the biggest revenue earner and has 16 representatives in the lower house, its municipal council receives the least support from the Legislature.

Because of lack of funds, Nakatsukasa said that in the past 16 months the council had to rely on Mayor Jesus DeLeon Guerrero's office for long distance phone calls, mail and other office needs.

Jess Taisacan, a resident who was helping Nakatsukasa, blamed the lukewarm attitude of Saipan's lawmakers for the council's predicament.

The council is requesting the same amount (\$302,000) as its budget for fiscal 1993. Based on previous experience Nakatsukasa expressed doubt the amount would be approved. (NL)

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sen the pharmaceutical industry as his "public enemy No. 1," according to a copy of the original proposal obtained by our associate Jan Moller.

"We need to sow enough doubt about the pretenses of the Administration's assault on pharmaceutical companies that Mrs. Clinton's task force other administration policy makers and key lawmakers will be obliged to give serious consideration to our arguments," the proposal states.

Powell's memo suggests drug companies are willing to pull out all the stops to get the administration to take notice of their plight. Besides recruiting "third-party signers for opeds in key publications designed to reach key lawmakers in Washington," the coalition also plans to counter the Administration's grass-roots campaign with one of their own. "We will launch a targeted grass-roots effort to influence the decisions of key lawmakers and to counter the Administration's grass-roots machine," the memo states.

Though we were unable to reach Powell directly, a spokesman for one of RX Partner's member companies Charles Fry, said the focus of the campaign was public relations, not lobbying. "Our effort really was to get a monologue turned into an absolute debate" on the role of drug companies in health-care reform.

Fry denies, as does the PMA, that the group was formed out of any animosity between the PMA and its member companies. "Everything we do is coordinated with the PMA ... it's just a group of interested companies that want to do what the PMA was unable to do at this particular time."

Powell might be picking a fight with James Carville. Clinton's campaign strategist who now acts as an informal adviser. Carville recently warned that any Democrat who opposes the president's economic plan can expect to be treated accordingly by the White House. One senior administration official recently told us that the same treatment can be expected for those who oppose the health-care plan.

Efforts such as Powell's have caught few members of Congress by surprise. Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., a leading critic of the industry, thinks these efforts pale in comparison with what's to come. "By hook and crook, [drug companies] are trying to get out of a major national reform effort. Once the plan gets up here in May, that's when the fat's in the fire."

While Powell is seeking to take the drug companies' argument straight to the people, pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson is taking its case straight to its shareholders. In a "Dear Stockholder" letter, J&J laments the attacks that Democratic policymakers have leveled against the drug industry. "In a climate of threats and misleading rhetoric, it has been claimed that pharmaceutical companies earn too much profit. We disagree." The letter ends with a call to arms: "We trust that you agree with our position and, if so, hope you will share your views with your elected representative."

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and thereafter," O'Connor said.

Likewise, the judge may rule that any alien could "opt" out of any contract requiring the alien to live in a barracks and instead "opt" for the US minimum wage.

"When this happens, it would bankrupt our industry," O'Connor said.

O'Connor also cited the inclusion of universal health insurance that is, in effect, mandatory to all alien workers in lieu of having to comply with the federal minimum

wage level.

"This was supposed to be a minimum wage bill but instead it became a mandatory health insurance/minimum wage bill," he said.

Under the bill, the employer may opt not to pay the health insurance if he pays the US minimum wage.

"But there's not much of a choice because either gets bankrupt because you cannot afford to leap up to the US minimum wage in two years, or pay millions of dollars in mandatory health in-

surance on top of the \$2,000 bond you now have to pay to guarantee medical payments," O'Connor said.

He said the idea is inappropriate and disastrously costly and unnecessary for the garment industry.

O'Connor said the provision on the establishment of industry wage committees is a good approach as it would allow for a gradual increase which takes into consideration future economic conditions

that cannot be forecast today.

"This is a good idea and is modelled after what Congress provided for the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico," he said.

O'Connor referred to the bill as one that "aims to be good sense and good politics" but one that will be an economic disaster for hotels, retail businesses, construction companies, small businesses and garment manufacturers.

"We urge public hearings," he said. (RHA)

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NOTICE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT OF HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT

This is to inform the general public that Mariana Islands Housing Authority (MIHA) is submitting an application for the new "Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) Program" available through Farmers Home Administration (FMDA).

Under this program, MIHA is requesting \$200,000 of HPG Program Funds for FY 1993, to assist low and very-low income families, in the repair and/or rehabilitation of their owned and occupied homes.

This notice is one of the requirements of the HPG application submission requirements to allow at least 15 days for the public to submit their comments. Deadline to receive comments from the public is no later than May 1, 1993, at 4:00 P.M.

Those interested in obtaining a copy of the program description and application should contact Mel B. Sablan at the MIHA Central Office in Garapan on weekdays from 7:30 through 4:00 P.M. or, for inquiries, by calling 234-6866/9447

JOHN M. SABLAN
Executive Director

4/30 (4490)



PHOTO during presentation of \$93,000 check by Nakamoto Enterprises to the government shows (from left): Finance Director Eloy S. Inos, Governor Lorenzo I. Guerrero, Masaji Nakamoto and Lt. Governor Benjamin T. Manglona.

Park project receives \$93,000 from Nakamoto

NAKAMOTO Enterprises Ltd. donated \$93,000 to the CNMI government for use in developing the American Memorial Park.

During a ceremony at the governor's office, Masaji Nakamoto, president of Nakamoto Enterprises praised the people of the CNMI for their patience and understanding.

He expressed "sincere gratitude to the government, the Legislature, MAPLC and others for the support that helped further" and accept the Nakamoto project in

the Garapan Samoan housing area. Nakamoto enterprises proposed to build a hotel in Garapan, a proposal that met opposition from various groups. Nakamoto apologized "for any troubles or inconveniences that may have been caused by misunderstanding between ourselves and the Legislature or the public."

"For the future, we wish to exchange opinions with as many people as possible on potential economic development projects and establish cooperative strategies for ensuring the preservation of the CNMI's natural environment," he said.

In attendance at the ceremony were Governor Lorenzo I. Guerrero, Lt. Governor Benjamin T. Manglona, Nakamoto and Eloy Inos.

Manglona accepted the donation as chairman of the effort to develop the American Memorial Park. He praised Nakamoto for his example. He encouraged others to do their part in helping to build the American Memorial Park.

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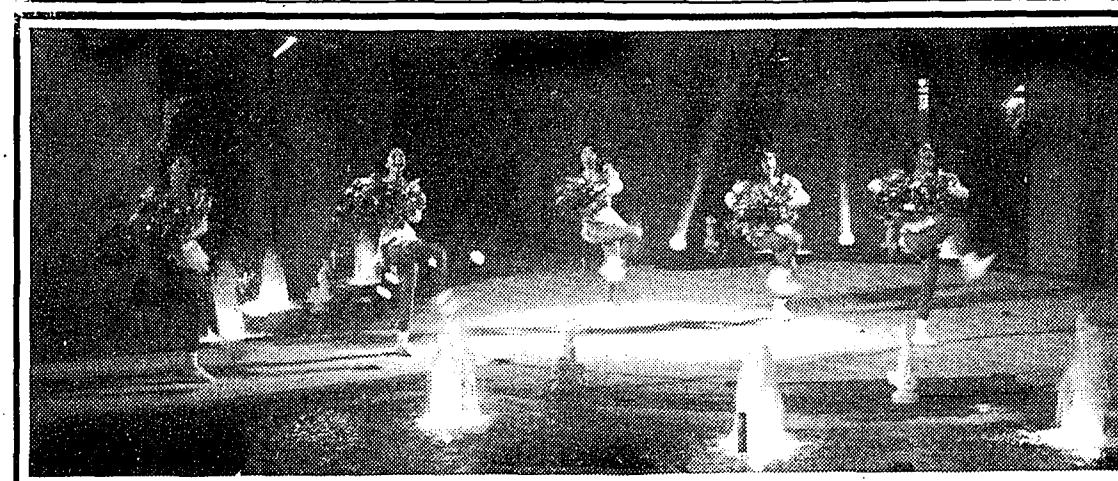


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MEMBERS of the Japan Airlines Jets Cheerleaders give spirited performance during the grand opening of the La Fiesta San Roque.

La Fiesta opens grandly

THE MANAGEMENT of La Fiesta San Roque Shopping Plaza and its owning company, Japan Airlines, had much to celebrate Monday as the \$35 million center officially opened with a grand opening fiesta.

More than 500 dignitaries and visitors gathered together from Japan, Saipan and Guam to attend the grand opening, which featured a dazzling laser light show, Polynesian revue, and a spirited performance by the Japan Airlines Jets Team Cheerleaders.

More than just a shopping mall, La Fiesta San Roque is a beautifully landscaped and decorated entertainment facility designed for the pleasure of tourists and local residents alike. Developed by Japan Airlines through its locally based Tropical Plaza, Ltd., construction started on the shopping plaza in March of 1991, and was completed and opened for business in December 18, 1992.

"This is an exciting development, CNMI's first shopping mall," said CNMI Governor Lorenzo I. DeLeon Guerrero. "Everyone is marveling at the creative design. The future of the

mall is a bright one. It's a shining star for our island."

La Fiesta San Roque is a spacious, open facility with what can be compared to a modern Southern California-Spanish architectural design. Boutique shops surround the fountain in a color scheme of water-blue. There are many comfortable places to sit and enjoy the scenery.

Some 38 stores and international restaurants are now open where one can find everything from popular international brands of clothing where one can find everything from popular international brands of clothing and gift items that are attractive and affordable to exclusive leather goods, travel accessories, perfumes and colognes that are in some cases available at no other locations on island.

Just in time for the grand opening, several new stores opened in the past week, including Benetton, which offers this popular brand of clothing; Swatch, a watch boutique; and Hot 98 boutique, which offers logo items and includes a satellite radio station.

"It is critical that our visitors

have a place to shop," said Mitsuo Kitajima, director and president of Tropical Plaza Limited. "We would like to thank Governor Guerrero and all the various departments of the CNMI who gave us the great support and cooperation that made this development possible."

Japan airlines currently owns eight companies that are part of the JAP Group that play a part in contributing to the CNMI's tourism and economic development. Hotel Nikko Saipan, a sister company located just across the street from La Fiesta San Roque, was opened in April 1988.

"For nearly 10 years, we, Japan Airlines, have been actively developing this northern part of Saipan," said Mitsuo Ando, managing director and senior vice president of Japan Airlines. "In the past years, the popularity of this beautiful island of Saipan has grown very much among the Japanese market. We truly hope that the opening of this La Fiesta San Roque will contribute in making Saipan an even more attractive place to visit. This is our grandest effort to support expansion of this island."



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Letters... Fear over alien control allayed

Open letter to Hon. Rep. Juan N. Babauta

Dear Sir:

This concerns your assertion (fear?) that the foreign worker population will someday take control of the CNMI. I think that because the Filipino workers make up the majority of the total alien workforce, your prediction is really aimed at this group more than any other. I am a Filipino and would like to offer my humble opinion that you need not fear this to happen because of the following:

1. Our group though numerically superior, does not have the political will to control the CNMI. We are contract workers. After our contracts expire, we are sent home. The CNMI residents among Filipinos are actually very few.

The Filipino community though large and the most organized does not have the ambition to control the CNMI. Most of the residents are only in small-to-medium scale businesses (unlike the Japanese whose investments run up to millions of dollars).

We set up various organizations mainly to socialize, to promote sports, and to fight homesickness. True, the aim of most of these formal organizations is to help our fellow Filipinos but to take control is an entirely different matter. One need only be familiar with the informal network which exists among the various Filipino groups here to conclude that all we need is to be able to work in peace.

2. Your use of the CHC statistics which shows that there are many more aliens born than locals is misleading. The statistics do not account for the large number of Filipino children sent home a few weeks or months after their birth. This is because the cost of living is cheaper in the Philip-

ines. One parent usually stays behind to send money to his family. There in the Philippines, medical care is much more available. It is actually a disadvantage to the worker if his entire family stays here. He earns in dollars but he also spends in dollars. However, if he sends his kids home, a dollar is worth more than 25 pesos.

Very few can afford to support their kids here, and a sworn affidavit is required which states that the kid will not be a burden to the CNMI or the Philippine government before the kid is allowed to come to the CNMI. A proof of income is required.

3. Workers who give birth here pay for their hospital bills. When their kids get sick, they also pay their bills. Nothing is free. I don't think the view that foreign kids take away benefits from US kids is fair. If an in-depth research is conducted, perhaps you will find out that many of the Filipinos prefer to send their kids to the Philippines for medical treatment.

The same preference goes for education. The Philippines has literally hundreds of colleges and universities with tuition fees way below the US, but with the quality of education at par if not better in some cases.

What I am concerned about is the effect that your public statements will make on the local population especially the young. Already, some students have spoken of their resentment towards foreigners. I have actually heard of a girl say she hates Filipinos. Will your fear influence others and fuel ill feelings against Filipinos?

Please understand that although the Filipino population is large, you, the local population are in charge. We are here mainly because we were hired to be here.

You mentioned that sporadic

strikes have happened. True, but this does not represent the entire worker populations. Workers, regardless of nationality or status, will strike if there are no alternative ways to express their grievances. Remember that at one time, even the men of the DPS threatened to go on strike?

CNMI Filipinos cannot control the economy because we have no large investments like the Japanese, yet, the Filipino community helps to keep the economy rolling through their purchases of goods. Just observe any major department store during a typical sale and you'll know why. The Filipino buys lots of goods to send home, and if hundreds of these workers would go home the stores' sales would drastically drop. It is not the tourists who keep these stores alive but Filipinos.

There are some Filipinos who have become permanent residents due to their marriages with locals. But most of the Filipino contract workers understand that their stay is temporary.

As a people, we believe that you must attain progress at the expense of others. Please study our history. We have not conquered other lands, nor made war with our neighboring countries.

You need not fear an uprising, but perhaps you need to dialogue with Philippine officials with regards to these problems. And we, as a group apologize for any problem we may have brought to you. We assure you that we only wish to improve our lives and contribute our humble efforts to help develop the CNMI into a strong, independent economy. We all realize that a weak economy benefits no one, but a strong economy benefits all.

Very truly yours,
/s/Juan Magtanggol
Filipino

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NMC play opens tonight

THE DIARY of Anne Frank,* the Northern Marianas College's first full-length play, will open at 7 p.m. tonight at the Convention Center.

Other performances will be on May 1, 7 and 8, at 7-9 p.m.

The play is based on the diary of a young Jewish girl whose family lived in hiding from the Nazis during World War II. Her story has been made famous into a book and movie.

Tickets are available at the college or at the door: adults \$5, students \$2. NMC students free admission with presentation of student ID.

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egation voted against the zoning measure in a recent session. The local bill, however, went through a second vote and got the required number to pass.

The bill, however, was amended to suspend implementation of zoning in residential and agricultural lands until after a decision is made by a special committee assigned to further study the merits of the concept.

"In compliance with the amendment, I have assigned Rep. Jesus P. Mafnas to chair the committee in further reviewing the proposed rules," said delegation Chairman Pedro R. Guerrero who was present during yesterday's signing ceremonies.

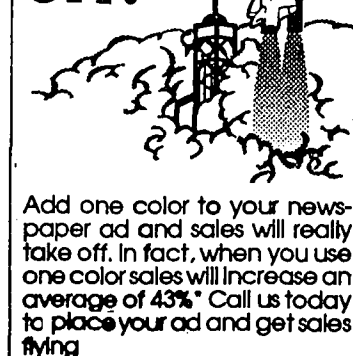
He said zoning would benefit the island not only today but also in the future.

"Our commitment here is not only to see where we could make the Zoning regulations better, but also how could we thoroughly educate our people about its pros and cons," Mafnas said.

Oops! Sorry

REPRESENTATIVE Heinz S. Hofschneider was not among the lawmakers who requested an investigation of the boat repair shop along Middle Road, as reported on page 2 of the Marianas Variety on April 23. He did not sign the letter sent to Miriam Sema, chief of the Division of Environmental Quality.

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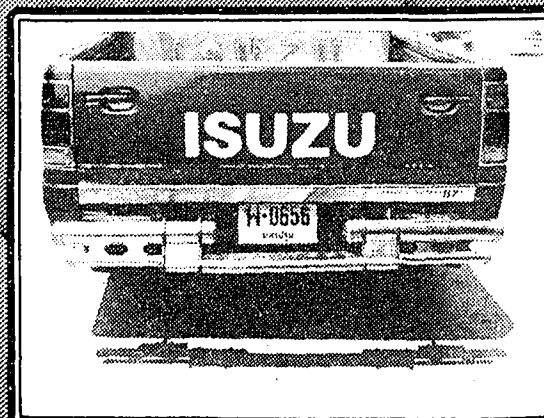
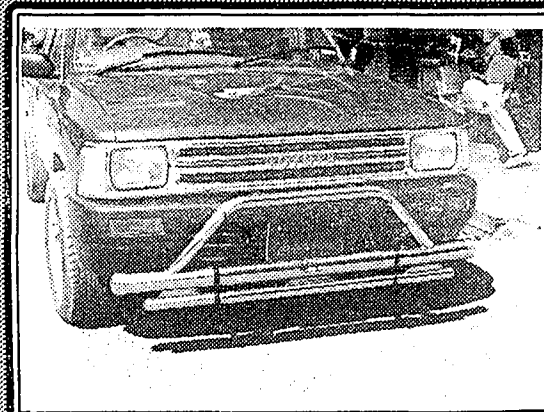
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Marianas Public Land Corporation PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of 2 CMC 4141 et sec. the PUBLIC PURPOSE LAND EXCHANGE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1987, notice is hereby given of Marianas Public Land Corporation's intention to enter into an exchange agreement involving the parcels of land described below. Concerned persons may request a hearing on any proposed exchange by contacting MPLC by or on May 19, 1993. If so requested, hearings on the transactions listed below will be scheduled on May 21, 1993 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of MPLC.

PUBLIC PURPOSE - Roadways Acquisition
PRIVATE LAND - Part of Saipan Lot/Tract No. 008 B 05
Containing an area of 1,570 square meters
As stated in CIVIL ACTION 92-1366.

- Part of Saipan Lot/Tract No. 013 B 19
Containing an area of 1,869 square meters
As stated in CIVIL ACTION 92-1366.

- Saipan Lot/Tract No. 013 B 20
Containing an area of 605 square meters
As stated in CIVIL ACTION 92-1366.

PUBLIC LAND - Saipan Lot/Tract No. 037 L 20
Containing an area of 3,000 square meters
- Saipan Lot/Tract No. 034 L 35
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Letters... Waste of time to debate about garment industry

Dear Editor:

It is obvious that everybody has lost sight of the most important economic development for this and the next generation. The NAFTA will be approved by the end of this year. Your garment workers need to understand and make other employment plans. Maybe they could be trained for other jobs.

It's a waste of time to debate about industries abusing employees if their days are numbered. The treaty would have been approved by now if it were not for heavy resistance from California (hit by hard times) and the unions. It will take some "political dancing" on the part of our politicians but this is a "slam dunk."

My concern is that you people are getting a lot of unreliable information from people grinding political and commercial axes.

Maybe some of you could find business that could be started. (I know very little about your economy. Obviously you need job skill training that casinos may be able to provide such as fixing plumbing, carpentry, etc.) However, casinos are in business to "win" the bets and could care less about training people for these better paying skilled jobs.

I hope this is taken in the right spirit and assure you that your situation has my fullest sympathies even if I can provide few solutions. I do know to put it another way that it would take an outright economic depression to sink the North American Free Trade Agreement. I think that the government does a lot of political double talking to buy time until the economy improves in California and other places.

/s/Sincerely Mark Hamilton

Manufactured grievance

Dear Editor:

The main problems lie with alien contract workers who have left their employment and have refused to return to their home country. They find laxity in the law and normally file an honest or manufactured grievance with the Dept. of Commerce and Labor. The Labor Division promptly is-

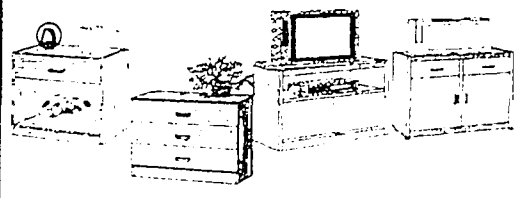
sued a temporary permit to work until case is heard and settled.

This temporary permit becomes an indefinite employment tool as these alien workers find ways and means to prolong settlement of their case and thus enable them to stay in Saipan indefinitely.

My conception here is that alien continued on page 15

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Group kidnaps woman; father abducts 2 kids

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) - A Christian group seeking to free a Spanish priest abducted a Muslim woman, and the distraught father of the woman kidnapped two children in retaliation, police said yesterday.

But police arrested the father, Solomon Mayang, and rescued his two young victims hours after the kidnapping Monday, said provincial police Superintendent Servando Hizon.

Monday's bizarre abductions on Basilan island, 16 kilometers (10 miles) south of here, stemmed from the March 18 kidnapping of the Rev. Bernardo Blanco, 65, from the province of Zamora, Spain.

Blanco's Muslim bandit abductors turned him over last week to Muslim fundamentalists when negotiations with another rebel group bogged down because of ransom demands.

The delay in the release angered a bandit Christian group, composed mostly of former government militiamen, who threatened to kill two Muslims they kidnapped April 7. The Christian group operates in an area where Blanco ministers.

The Christian group's threat

was relayed to authorities this week through a woman they released.

Hizon said the Christian group, in an attempt to pressure the release of the cleric, abducted a Muslim woman, Almason Mayang, 21, in the town of Malusu in Basilan.

After discovering his daughter had been kidnapped, Mayang flagged down a passenger bus and forcibly took two children apparently in a desperate move for revenge, Hizon said.

Police could not say whether the children were Christians or Muslims.

The children were rescued by police and kidnapping charges are being readied against Mayang, Hizon said.

Blanco is the fourth cleric and the third Spanish abducted in the southern Philippines since October. The other victims - two Spanish nuns and an American missionary - were eventually released.

In another violent incident, an unidentified man late Wednesday lobbed a grenade at a store in Zamboanga, killing the owner and two bystanders. The owner's wife was also wounded in the attack.

Family feud triggers ambush

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) - Gunmen killed a Muslim regional government official and wounded another Wednesday in an ambush that may have been triggered by a family feud, police said.

Inspector Vicente Salvador said three men shot and killed Sadali Abdusal, a district public works official of the autonomous Muslim government, as he was riding a van near the Zamboanga airport.

Jolo provincial board member Hector Bugclaw, a second cousin of Abdusal, was wounded in the attack.

Salvador said the two men were attacked at about 1:30 p.m. (0530 GMT) as they were being driven into the city shortly after they arrived from Jolo, 160 kilometers southwest of Zamboanga or about 945 kilometers (590 miles) south of Manila.

Their driver was not injured, police said.

Bugclaw told police at the hospital he recognized one of the gunmen as an officer of the Jolo police, whose family has been feuding with the Abdusalis, Salvador said.

The gunmen commandeered a motorized pedicab to escape after their jeep stalled, police said. No arrests have been made.

Letters...

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female workers used Saipan as a breeding ground. They got pregnant and refused repatriation to point of hire. These despicable workers complaint to the Labor Division that the employer will not shoulder the delivery expenses. They will fabricate stories to destroy the reputation and punish the employers.

The Labor Division, in some cases, is shortsighted of the shenanigans of these despicable act, will condemn the employers of reproach and out of context. How can the employer be the scapegoat, when in fact, the concurred employment contract is not stipulating about delivery of babies?

The blame should not be directed entirely on the respective director. I firmly believe Mr. Jack S. Torres is an able person to incredibly monitors many divisions under his helm. Many times without his knowledge, something

smells fishy down the line or some of the subordinates are playing Russian hard-liners.

It is very cognizant that many times employers release their alien workers to avoid expenses. They cannot afford to hire legal counsel when they encounters problems with their workers.

I believe that our lip-service elected leaders should focused on PL 3-66, "The Nonresident Workers Act". This act works only for the benefit of the alien workers and is appropriately titled for their protection thereof. The employers have no protection whatsoever under this act.

Because of the broad interpretation of this law, many loopholes have been found to enable an alien workers to perpetuate their stay in Saipan, I ask that PL 3-66 needs revamping and overhaul.

Si Yuus Ma'ase,
/Jonathan Aguin
Concerned Indigenous Citizen

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Dear Editor:

I would appreciate it very much if your good paper could print the following. Thank you for your time and effort.

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Volleyball Association, ghilisu for a very well organized and competitive tournament.

Sincerely,
Aiea Rangamar
Public Relations Chairman

Maratita pursues funds for doctors

SENATOR Edward U. Maratita has cited the need for continuing medical education funds to avert the departure of doctors from the Commonwealth Health Center.

At the same time, Maratita said the Legislature should not be blamed for dissatisfaction among doctors as this is mainly due to the poor treatment given to them by CHC officials.

In a letter, to Senate Fiscal Affairs Chairman Jesus R. Sablan on April 28, Maratita said continuing medical education for the hospital's physicians is an enticement for them to stay.

According to Maratita, CHC is currently relying on enticements such as paying for continuing education to keep physicians on staff beyond their two-year contracts.

"To take away such enticements would result in physicians leaving every two years, an eventual detriment to the island's well-being," Maratita said.

He cited Dr. Ann Bollay, who

earlier threatened to resign from CHC because the hospital could not live up to its promise to pay for continuing education. Bollay earlier this week submitted her resignation effective May 20, citing "personal and professional reasons."

Dr. Bollay was supposed to attend a conference on cardiology but was reportedly not given transportation money due to lack of funds.

Sources at CHC said continuing education have mostly been part of the terms and conditions agreed upon by doctors and CHC prior to employment.

"My understanding of CME is that it not only benefits our doctors but also our community, as they will be better served by more competent physicians," Maratita said. "We need to take a look into the situation and take appropriate action for the betterment of our people." According to Maratita, the reason being given by CHC in denying their doctors their CME

was that the Legislature has yet to pass the budget.

"This excuse is very misleading when you examine the testimony of the Department of Public Health and Environmental Services during the Senate budget hearings. They indicated that a pool of money used to pay for visiting surgeons, is the travel budget, which to my understanding, is used to pay for CME," Maratita said.

He said part of the reason why CHC depleted its funds for CME was because of the "hasty and needless" termination of a certain Dr. Koman from CHC last fall, resulting to CHC being left with no surgeons at that time.

"To solve that problem, CHC had to spend big money to bring in surgeons from Stanford University Hospital in California," Maratita said, quoting Public Health Deputy Director Ned Arriola during a Senate budget hearing. (RHA)

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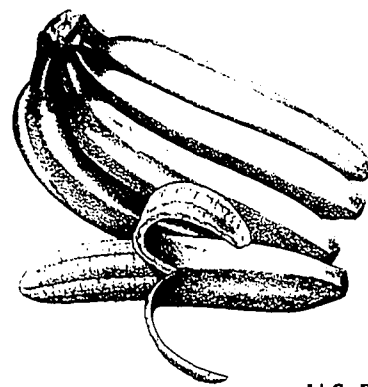
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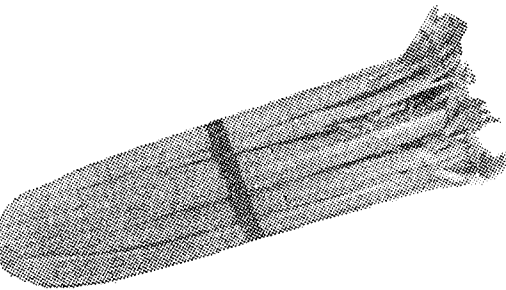
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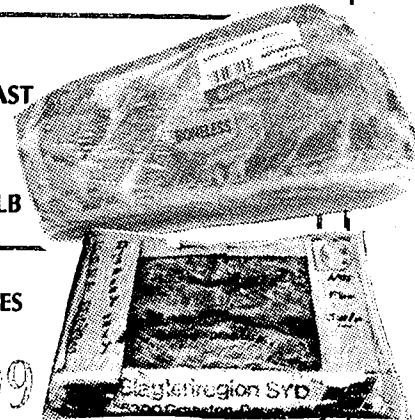
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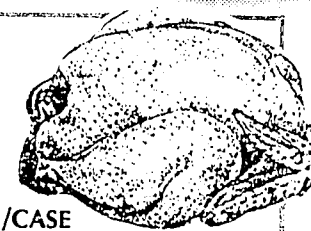
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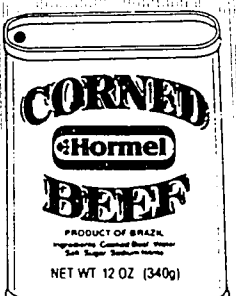
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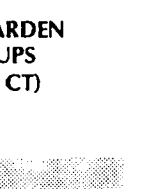
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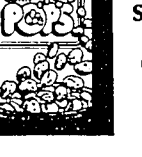
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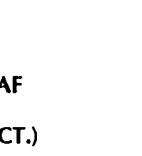
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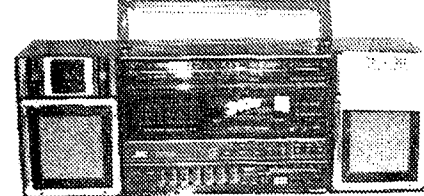


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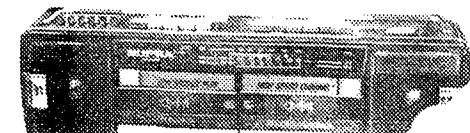
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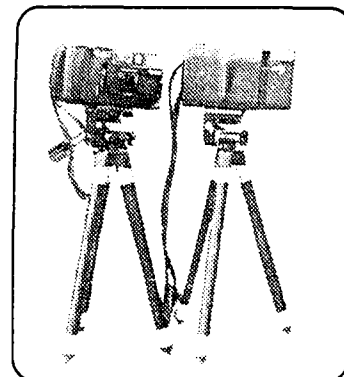
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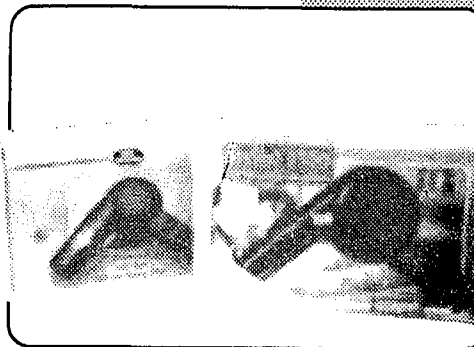
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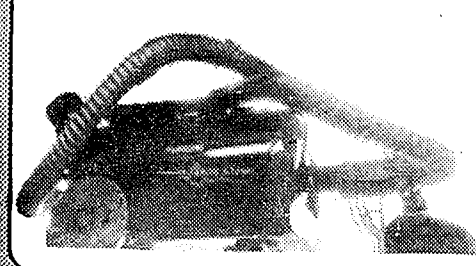
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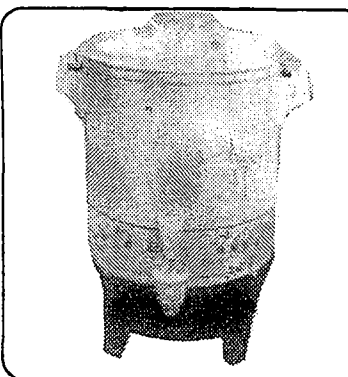
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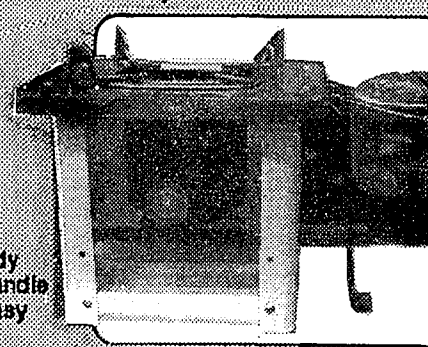
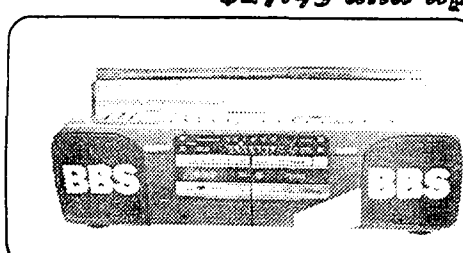
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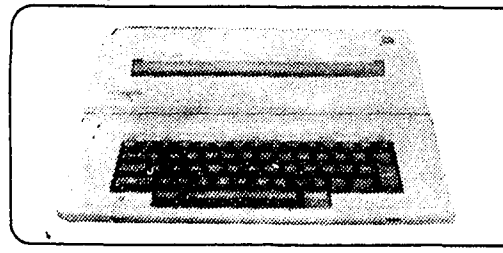
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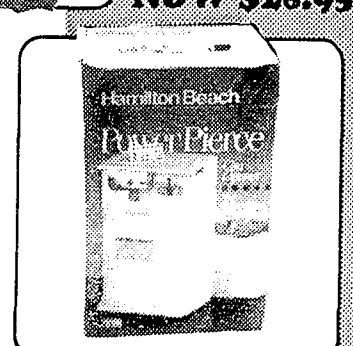
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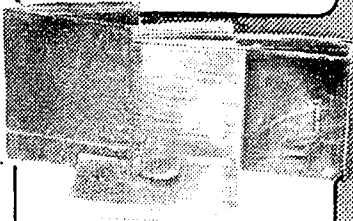
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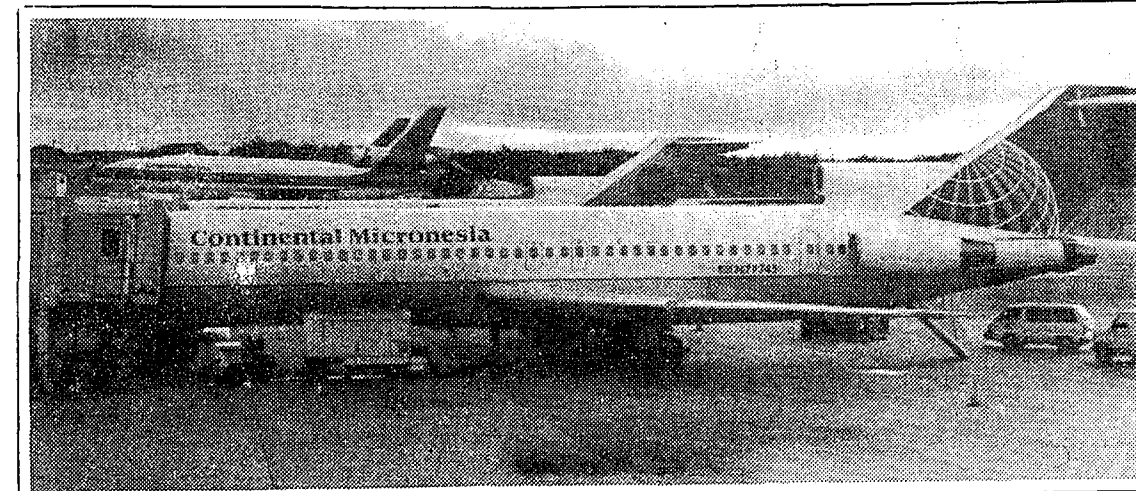
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NOW \$19.95**\$450M Continental buyout completed**

By Dan Blake

NEW YORK (AP) - Continental Airlines on Wednesday officially ended its second bankruptcy reorganization with Air Canada and a group of Fort Worth, Texas investors completing their buyout of Continental.

The \$450 million cash infusion from Air Canada and the investor group was made late Tuesday and final regulatory hurdles were cleared Wednesday morning, Robert Ferguson, Continental chief executive, said at a news conference.

Finalization of the investment was widely expected after US Bankruptcy Court Judge Helen Balick gave formal approval to the airline's reorganization plan earlier this month. A handful of appeals by creditors dissatisfied with the plan ultimately did not delay the reorganization. The deal represented another example of a U.S. airline exchanging access to its broad domestic route system for capital investment from a foreign airline.

British Airways recently formed an alliance with USAir and KLM Royal Dutch Airlines has been moving toward a virtual merger with Northwest Airlines.

Air Canada and the US investment group each own a 27.5 percent stake in Continental. Continental's creditors received 35.6 percent.

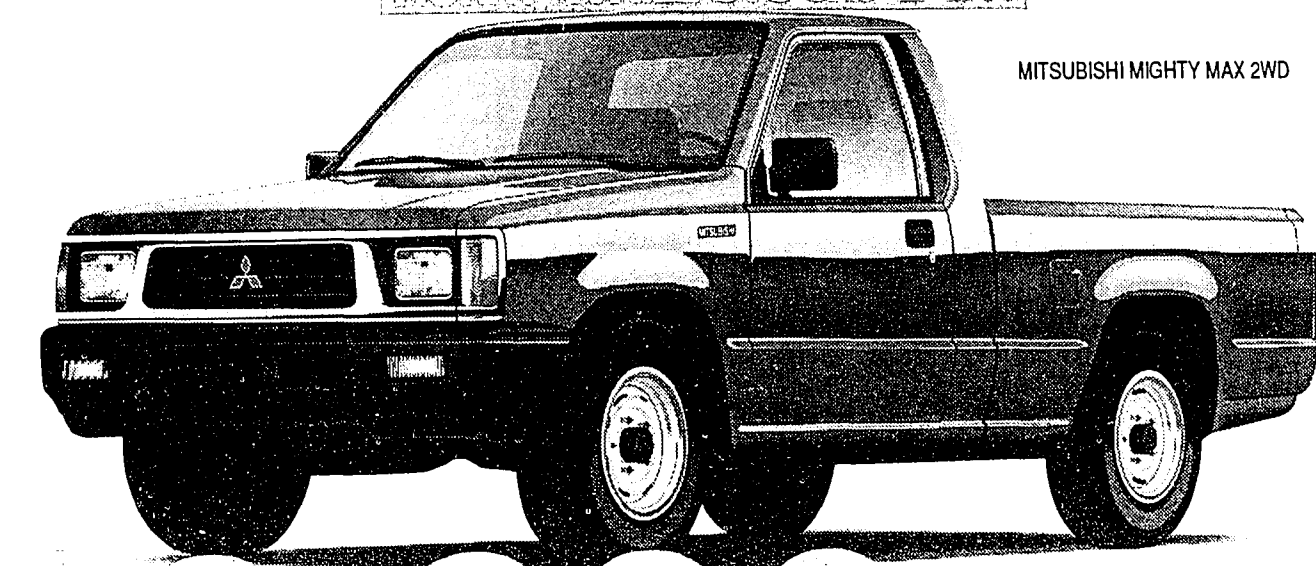
For Continental, the bankruptcy reorganization was the second in the past seven years and made it the first airline since then to survive the Chapter 11 process. Airlines like Eastern and Pan Am have died in bankruptcy court since Continental's first reorganization.

Continental and Air Canada hope to use their alliance as a springboard to more links with foreign carriers.

"We both are going global," said Hollis Harris, chairman of Air Canada. Once links between the two airlines are completed within the next 18 months, the alliance should bring in an additional \$400 million in revenue for the two airlines, Harris said.

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By Martin Crutsinger

That action, along with comments by Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, helped to push the dollar off a record low and allowed it to close in New York

Bentsen, testifying Wednesday before a House Appropriations subcommittee, said the United

In theory, a weaker dollar would help correct America's huge trade imbalance with Japan by making Japanese goods more expensive in the US market while making American products more affordable in Japan.

By C.W. Lim

South Korea's trade deficit with Japan was \$7.9 billion last year, and Kim said the deficit was increasing because of the structural dependence of Korean firms on Japanese technology, parts and equipment.

Kim said two-way trade between South Korea and China will amount to \$10 billion this year.

The dollar rose to a high of 112.50 yen in New York before
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NEW YORK (AP)—Foreign Exchange, New York prices.
Rates for trades of \$1 million minimum.

	FOREIGN CURRENCY IN DOLLARS		DOLLAR IN FOREIGN CURRENCY	
	MON	TUE	MON	TUE
Argent Peso	1.0100	1.0100	.9901	.9901
Australia Doll	.7120	.7250	1.4045	1.3793
Austria Schill	.0899	.0899	11.127	11.119
cBelgium Franc	.0306	.0310	32.66	32.31
Brazil Cruzeir	.00003	.00003	29325.01	29325.01
Britain Pound	1.5725	1.5768	.6359	.6342
30day fwd	1.5689	1.5730	.6374	.6357
60day fwd	1.5648	1.5691	.6391	.6373
90day fwd	1.5612	1.5653	.6405	.6389
Canada Dollar	.7862	.7879	1.2720	1.2692
30day fwd	.7849	.7867	1.2740	1.2711
60day fwd	.7835	.7853	1.2764	1.2734
90day fwd	.7820	.7839	1.2788	1.2756
yChile Peso	.002559	.002566	390.81	389.71
China Yuan	.1749	.1749	5.7190	5.7190
Colombia Peso	.001518	.001518	658.75	658.75
cCzechKoruna	.0361	.0358	27.70	27.93
Denmark Krone	1.1636	1.1653	6.1120	6.0505
ECU	1.23660	1.24630	.8087	.8024
ScEurdr Sucre	.000556	.000556	1800.02	1800.02
dEgypt Pound	.2994	.2994	3.3405	3.3405
Finland Mark	.1849	.1853	5.4085	5.3975
France Franc	.1867	.1874	5.3570	5.3350
Germany Mark	.6316	.6329	1.5832	1.5800
30day fwd	.6293	.6305	1.5891	1.5861
60day fwd	.6268	.6279	1.5955	1.5925
90day fwd	.6245	.6257	1.6012	1.5982
Greece Drachma	.004655	.004651	214.80	215.00
Hong Kong Doll	.1294	.1294	7.7268	7.7255
Hungary Forint	.0117	.0116	85.41	86.19
yIndia Rupee	.0321	.0321	31.150	31.150
Indnsia Rupiah	.000484	.000484	2068.04	2068.04
Ireland Punt	1.5398	1.5414	.6494	.6488
Israel Shekel	.3736	.3656	2.6770	2.7350
Italy Lira	.000680	.000676	1470.25	1478.50
Japan Yen	.008923	.008982	112.07	111.33
30day fwd	.008922	.008981	112.08	111.34
60day fwd	.008922	.008981	112.08	111.34
90day fwd	.008923	.008981	112.07	111.34
Jordan Dinar	1.4984	1.4984	.66738	.66738
Lebanon Pound	.000574	.000574	742.00	742.00
Malaysia Ringg	.3891	.3892	2.5700	2.5695
zMexicoN.Peso	.323154	.323154	3.0945	3.0945
N. Zealand Dol	.5433	.5448	1.8406	1.8355
NethrindsGuld	.5607	.5673	1.7835	1.7628
Norway Krone	.1492	.1507	6.7040	6.6370
Pakistan Rupee	.0376	.0376	26.57	26.57
yPeru New Sol	.5376	.5376	1.860	1.860
zPhilips Pesi	.0380	.0381	26.32	26.28
Poland Zloty	.000064	.000064	15725	15715
Portugal Escud	.006793	.006817	147.20	146.70
aRussiaRuble	.001232	.001232	812.00	812.00
Saudi Arab Rly	.2666	.2667	3.7504	3.7495
Singapore Doll	.6188	.6196	1.6160	1.6140
cSo. AfricaRand	.3167	.3178	3.1580	3.1470
fSo. AfricaRand	.2183	.2183	4.5800	4.5800
So. Korea Won	.001257	.001256	795.80	795.90
Spain Peseta	.008654	.008610	115.55	116.15
Sweden Krona	.1383	.1378	7.2305	7.2585
Switzerlnd Fra	.6991	.7019	1.4305	1.4247
30day fwd	.6978	.7007	1.4330	1.4272
60day fwd	.6967	.6995	1.4354	1.4296
90day fwd	.6956	.6985	1.4376	1.4316
Taiwan NT	.0386	.0386	25.91	25.92
Thailand Baht	.03976	.03976	25.15	25.15
Turkey Lira	.000105	.000105	9523.00	9550.00
U.A.E. Dirham	.2724	.2724	3.6715	3.6715
flUruguay Pso	.000257	.000257	3888.01	3888.01
zVenezul Doll	.0116	.0116	85.9700	85.8800
Yugoslav Dinar	.00195	.00195	512.00	512.00

NEW YORK (AP) - Spot nonferrous metal prices Wednesday:
Aluminum - 50.2 cents per lb London Metal Exch. Wed.
Copper - 0.9665 dollars per pound.
Lead - 32 cents a pound.
Zinc - 48.36-52.36 per pound, delivered.
Tin - n.a. per pound.
Gold - 349.70 per troy oz.
Silver - 4.110 dollars per troy oz.
Mercury - 205.00-210.00 dollars per 76 lb flask.
Platinum - 366.00-367.00 dollars troy oz., N.Y. (contract).

The talks followed months of bickering between London and Beijing on Hong Kong Gov. Chris Patten's proposals for wider voter participation in the colony's 1995 legislative elections.

Taipei: Share prices closed higher in what brokers said was a technical rebound after four sessions of de-

Singapore: Share prices closed mixed on profit-taking. The Straits Times Industrials (STI) index fell 6.71 points to 1,779.92.

Minus the Kodak action, stocks

Oil stocks rose after Chevron and Mobil posted strong first-quarter earnings on Tuesday. Oil-

The NYSE's composite index fell 0.03 to 241.90.

NEW YORK (AP) - New York Stock Exchange closing prices Wednesday:

A MR 68 1-4	B rMysq 60 3-4	D owCh 54 3-4	H ousInt 66 3-4	N avistv 2 1-2	S outhCo 42 3-8
A SA Ltd 45 5-8	B mwk 13 1-2	D pRess 20 7-8	I TT Cp 79 3-4	N fkoSo 61	S pellEnt 6
A bitLab s 27 1-2	B uilWat 52 3-8	D uPont 53	I W 71 1-2	N unCo 24 1-2	S upval 31 3-8
A etnLI 49 2-1	C BI 28 3-8	E Kodak 47 1-2	I mCera 26 5-8	O colPet 21 7-8	T RW 63 1-2
A lican 18 1-4	C BS 233 3-8	E aton 92	I MN 22 7-8	O lin 43 1-2	T rway 31 3-8
A idsgnt 62 1-4	C IGNA 60	E tXxon 35 7-8	I BM 49 1-4	P acGel 32 5-8	T yand 28 3-4
A kcoa 65 1-4	C PC 41 1-2	E xergy 65 7-8	I ntInfW 111 1-4	P acFe 51 1-2	T eldy 19
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A mhes 53 3-8	C ampSp s 38 3-8	F edHM 76 1-2		P enny 83 5-8	T exaco 64 5-8
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A mEP 27 5-8	C atarg 67 1-8	F luor 32 1-4	K elllogg 56 1-2	P hizer 68 1-4	T rextron 48 1-8
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A sarco 19 5-8	C icorp 27 5-8	G enEl 90 1-4	L ochkd 61	QuarkO 66 1-8	USXSU 41 5-8
A scaro 19 5-8	C oastal 26 7-8	G nMill 65 3-4	M Msa 122 1-2	Quantm 13 1-4	U Carb 20 3-8
A shoIl 25 1-8		G nMotr 42 3-8	M cDarl 26 1-8	R alsPu 47 1-8	UNisp 60 5-8
A Rrich 124 1-2	C ocaCl 39 1-4	G aPac 66 3-8	M cDonld 48	R aythn 57 5-8	UnPas 12 1-8
A von 53 3-4	C olPal 58	G ileit 51 3-4	M cDnd 59 3-4	R eyMw 44	UnTech 49 1-8
B akHu 26 5-8	v iColGs 23 3-8	G dille 46 1-4	M ckEs 41 5-8	R ockff 32 1-2	Unocal 31 1-8
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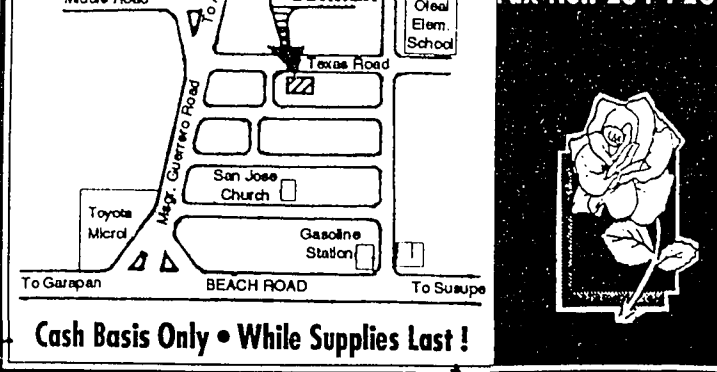
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Bids will be accepted in the Office of the Chief of Procurement & Supply at CUC, P.O. Box 1220, Lower Base, Saipan 96950 until 2:00 p.m., local time, May 21, 1993, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances. Bids must be marked "Sadog Tasi STP."

Contract time is 365 Calendar Days. All bids must be accompanied by a bidder's bond in the amount of 15% of the total bid price. Bid security may be bid bond, certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to and made payable to the CUC.

A non-refundable payment of \$350.00 is required for every set of plans, specifications and other bidding instructions which can be secured from the offices of Winzler & Kelly, Island Commercial Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP, on or after April 09, 1993.

The CUC hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority and women business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The contract awarded under this invitation is expected to be funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Neither the United States nor any of its departments, agencies or employees is or will be a party to this invitation for bids or any resulting contract. This procurement will be subject to regulations contained in 40 CFR 33 dated July 01, 1987.

The contract shall comply with Executive Order 11246 entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity" as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (41 CFR Part 60). The requirements for bidders and contractor under these orders and regulations are explained in the specifications.

A pre-bid conference for all prospective bidders will be held at 10:00 a.m., local time, April 30, 1993, at CUC's Lower Base Conference Room #1. Questions concerning the plans and specifications must be submitted in writing prior to the conference to Matt Breen, Construction Grants Manager, at the Wastewater Division, CUC, Lower Base, P.O. Box 1220, Saipan MP, 96950.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection or minor defects in the bid if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interests.

RAMON S. GUERRERO
Executive Director
Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

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Small US factories hire fewer workers

By John D. McClain

WASHINGTON (AP) - Small US manufacturers are not hiring many new workers because of fears of higher taxes, more government regulation and President Clinton's economic stimulus, a survey revealed Wednesday. "Uncertainties about higher taxes, increased regulations, legal costs and the Clinton economic plan are preventing small firms from generating meaningful job growth," Jerry Jasinski, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, told reporters.

Small businesses created most of the new jobs during the 1980s. But since the recession ended in March 1991, fewer than 1 million new jobs have been created, compared to about 8 million during the first two years of previous recoveries.

In a poll of manufacturers taken between February and mid-April, 45 percent of the 1,900 participants said they expected their payrolls to remain unchanged this year. About 20 percent expected job

growth up to 5 percent, while less than 10 percent predicted growth of between 5 percent and 10 percent. Five percent said they plan to increase their payrolls by more than 10 percent. But Jasinski said that while job growth will be moderate, the survey also found that "manufacturing employment has stabilized, that the worst of down sizing was over."

Jasinski repeated the association's contention that Clinton's \$16.3 billion economic stimulus program "is flawed and won't work because of excessive taxes on business."

Although the program provides about \$54 billion in tax incentives, he said, it also has about \$170 billion in new taxes. "Much of that hits small business," he contended.

The survey found that small manufacturers also fear additional government regulations, particularly from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

OSHA regulations and product liability costs were tied for first place among the key issues cited by the survey participants.

Reliance on Middle East oil to increase

By David Cray

PARIS (AP) - The world will become increasingly reliant on Middle East oil over the next two decades as production in the West declines and Third World consumption soars, according to a major report released Wednesday. The Middle East and Venezuela, which now provide about 30 percent of the world's oil supply, are likely to provide nearly 50 percent by the year 2010, the International Energy Agency said in its World Energy Outlook.

The IEA represents 23 industrialized democracies, including the United States, Japan, Canada and every major Western European nation. It is affiliated with the Organization of Economic Development, and includes every OECD member except Iceland.

Helga Steeg, the IEA's executive director, said at a news conference that the projections mean IEA member countries should expand their emergency stocks of oil and remain vigilant in preparing for possible supply disruptions.

The report said oil production by OECD members would drop from 15.9 million barrels a day to 13.8 million barrels a day by 2010, primarily due to declines in US and North Sea production.

By contrast, the Middle East and Venezuela, which in 1990 supplied 20 million of the world's daily production of 66 million barrels, will be providing 45 million of the world's projected daily production of 93 million barrels in 2010, the report said.

Demand for oil among OECD nations is projected to grow by 20 percent by 2010, from 37.9 mil-

lion barrels a day to 45.2 million, the report said. Combined with the expected drop in production, this could force an increase of more than 40 percent in oil imports.

OECD nations now account for more than half of the world's total energy consumption, including 56 percent of oil consumption. But by 2010, their share of oil consumption is projected to drop to 48 percent as population growth and urbanization doubles demand in developing countries.

Although global oil consumption is projected to increase by about 40 percent over the next two decades, oil's share of world energy requirements is projected to drop from 39 percent to 37 percent. Natural gas is expected to be used more widely, its share rising from 21 percent to 24 percent.

Coal is expected to continue supplying about 29 percent of global energy requirements and nuclear power 6 percent.

"Renewable energies, such as solar and wind power, are not expected to improve their cost competitiveness significantly," the report said. "Their contribution to world energy requirements over the outlook period is expected to remain very small."

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191-04-93	1990 Nissan Pathfinder, 4DR 4WD	Super Black	15,995.00
180-01-93	1990 Toyota Hilux Pick-Up	White	6,995.00
133-03-92	1991 Nissan Sentra, 4DR SDN	Sage Green	6,495.00
188-03-93	1991 Nissan Sentra, 2DR SDN	Burgundy	5,995.00
187-02-93	1991 Nissan Stanza, 4DR SDN	Sierra Green	11,295.00
189-02-93	1991 Nissan Maxima, 4DR SDN	Super Black	15,895.00
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190-03-93	1991 Toyota 4-Runner, 4DR 4WD	Blue Mica	14,495.00
75-03-93	1992 Nissan Sentra, 4DR SDN	Cherry Red	14,895.00
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INVITATION FOR BIDS/NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW COMMUTER TAXIWAY AND WORK FOR EAST APRON EXPANSION AT SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP PROJECT No. 3-69-0002-15 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 10:00 A.M., June 4, 1993, at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of constructing a new commuter taxiway and expansion of the east section of the existing International Apron at Saipan International Airport. The work shall include, but not limited to, demolition of existing cement and asphaltic concrete, removal of debris, excavation, grading, backfill, compaction, and preparation of base for the taxiway and apron expansion. The work also includes trenching and backfilling for conduits and installation of taxiway edge lighting systems.

All the above mentioned items are to be performed in accordance with the project plans and specifications. Prospective Bidder's attention is called to reference the project plans and specifications.

The project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority and by funds from the Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within two months (2) 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 Project No. 3-69-0002-15) the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Non-segregated Facilities" (See Specifications).

Required Notices for All Contractors:

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

Performance and payment bonds are required as specified in the specifications.

The apparent low bidder and any known first tier subcontractor will be subject to a pre-award, equal opportunity compliance review by representatives of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, before the award of the contract for the purpose of determining whether the 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 or such other period specified by the FAA or the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance, U.S. Department of Labor.

A bidder or prospective prime contractor or proposed subcontractor shall be required to submit such information as the FAA or the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance, request prior to the award of a contract or subcontract. When a determination has been made to award the contract or subcontract to a specified contractor, such contractor shall be required, prior to award, or after the award, or both to furnish such other information as the FAA or the Director 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. This amount is non-refundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Copies of the aforementioned contract documents may also be examined or obtained at the office of Efrain F. Camacho, Consulting Engineers:

Efrain F. Camacho, Consulting Engineers
Flame Tree Terrace
P.O. Box 2415 Saipan, MP 96950
Phone Number: 322-7814/7815

A pre-bid conference will be held at SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CONFERENCE ROOM, at 10:00 A.M. on May 18, 1993 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant, in writing, at least five (5) days in advance for answers at this pre-bid conference, with a copy of same simultaneously to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Each prospective bidder shall file with the Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the above Saipan address, a notice of his intention to bid in a form substantially similar to that supplied herewith, not less than six (6) calendar days prior to the date herein above designated for opening of bids.

Each bid shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Furthermore, each prospective bidder shall submit his/her qualifications statements not less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the date hereinafter designated for opening of bids.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority (Intend to Bid).

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

4/23/93
Date
JUL M. GUERRERO
Contracting Officer for CPA

- The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended, of September 24, 1965, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor Provisions.
- All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by the U.S. Secretary of Labor.
- Each bidder must supply all the information required by the bid documents and specifications.
- The EEO requirements, labor provisions and wage rates are included in the specifications and bid documents and are available for inspections at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.
- Each bidder must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (at submission of the bid), the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", and the "Certifications of non-segregated facilities" as contained in the bid Proposal.
- A contractor having 50 or more employees and his subcontractors having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of \$50,000 or more will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications.
- To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements which are contained in the specifications.
- In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 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 an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.
- Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards of requirements for the employment of minorities.

Dollar...

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falling back amid reports of strong selling interest at the 113-yen level. It settled at 112.12 yen from late Tuesday's 111.70 yen.

Earlier Wednesday in Tokyo, the dollar closed at 111.88 yen, up 1.40 yen from Tuesday's close. In London, it rose to 112.25 yen.

Many participants refrained from major moves ahead of Golden Week in Japan, a seven-day span beginning Thursday that includes four national holidays.

"We're not really seeing much evidence of anyone really positioning for an immediate surge in the dollar," said Ronald Leven, a global currency analyst at Morgan Guaranty Trust Co.

"The general attitude seems to be that the central banks are trying to slow and control the descent of the dollar, but are not prepared to defend a particular level."

The dollar slipped against the German mark despite a steeper-than-expected cut in the Germany Bundesbank's securities repurchase rate and cuts by Norway, Belgium and the Netherlands in key short-term rates.

Players traced the move to heavy cross-trading, in which traders sold yen and bought marks.

In London, the British pound fell to \$1.5720 from \$1.5770 late Tuesday. By 4 p.m. in New York, the pound was quoted at \$1.5730, more than late Tuesday's \$1.5775.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Tuesday: 1.5810 German marks, down from 1.5820; 1.4285 Swiss francs, up from 1.4250; 5.3360 French francs, down from 5.3650; 1.4640 Italian lire, down from 1.4780; and 1.2708 Canadian dollars, unchanged.

Gold rose in London to a late bid of \$351.60 a troy ounce, compared with \$350.75 bid Tuesday. In Zurich, the metal rose to \$351.55 from \$351.00 late Tuesday.

Ford reports \$572M profit in 1st quarter

By Alan L. Adler

DETROIT (AP) - Ford Motor Co. reported Wednesday it earned \$572 million in the first quarter, well above analysts' expectations.

The nation's second biggest automaker posted earnings of \$1.02 a share, nearly double analysts' expectations of 60 cents a share for the first three months of the year. A survey of 19 analysts showed estimates ranging from 10 cents a share to 80 cents a share.

The biggest contributor to the profit came from Ford's Financial Services Group, which reported record earnings of \$396 million.

Ford also had a huge turnaround in North American car and truck sales, earning \$113 million in the United States, compared with a loss of \$59 million in the year-ago quarter.

Outside the United States, Ford's automotive operations earned \$63 million, compared

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(Lola Pedro)



We, the family of the late Dolores (Lola) Aguon DeLeon Guerrero would like to invite all our relatives and friends to join us for the First Anniversary Rosary of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother beginning Saturday, April 24, 1993.

Nightly rosary will be said at 8:00 p.m. to be held at the residence of Melinda and Tito C. Alepuyo in Capitol Hill. On the final day, Sunday, May 02, 1993, rosary will be said at 12:00 noon. Mass of Intention will be offered at 5:00 p.m. at Kristo Rai Church in Garapan, Saipan. Dinner will follow immediately at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. Lita C. Alepuyo.

Please join us in prayers. Thank you.
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Trade issues stall China-Taiwan talks

By Kenneth L. Whiting

SINGAPORE (AP) - Talks between China and Taiwan were deadlocked over economic issues Wednesday and their first formal meeting since 1949 will be extended another day.

The two-day meeting between non-official agencies of the two governments, which was due to end Wednesday, was bogged down on investment and trade issues.

A Taiwanese spokesman said the two sides failed to agree on an investment guarantee for funds put into China.

A member of the Chinese delegation confirmed that the talks would resume Thursday morning in an attempt to iron out the difficulties.

Taiwan wants Chinese to provide measures to protect its investments in the mainland, through a treaty or some other means. China says Taiwanese red tape impedes investment and wants the joint communique to mention a specific date later this year for a conference devoted to economics.

Although consensus has not been reached on economic issues, and wider political concerns are not even open to discussion, relatively minor matters were agreed upon.

Separate documents on the verification of marriage certificates and a payment system for registered letters were approved by Wang Daohan, head of Beijing's Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Straits, and Koo Chen-fu, chairman of Taiwan's Straits Exchange Foundation.

More significant, they agreed to regular lines of communications - meetings every three months between lower-level officials and twice a year between the secretary generals.

The meeting in neutral Singapore appears to mark the beginning of high-level dialogue that both sides say could lead to eventual reunification.

Wang's association and Koo's foundation are quasi-official bodies that are allowed to make private contact in the absence of official links.

This lets them dodge Beijing's refusal to recognize the authority of the government in Taipei, while allowing Taiwan to insist that it has no political dealings with China.

The Nationalist followers of the late Chiang Kai-shek took refuge on Taiwan in 1949 after being defeated by the communists in a civil war.

Relations have eased in recent years as economic ties developed between the once bitter enemies. Last year, Taiwan's trade with China through Hong Kong rose 28 percent to \$7.41 billion. Taiwan's indirect exports to the mainland in 1992 totaled \$6.29 billion, while imports from China were worth \$1.12 billion.

China replaced the United States as the largest recipient of Taiwan's investments in 1992 after the Taiwan government approved \$240 million of indirect investment in the mainland.

Signs that economic issues might be a stumbling block came after Wang called for direct air and sea links between China and Taiwan to be put on the meeting's agenda.

Ford...

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\$33 million last year.

The report was released before the start of trading on the New York Stock Exchange. In the early going, Ford was up \$2.125 a share at \$54.75. Ford originally reported earnings of \$338 million, or 60 cents a share, in last year's first quarter. But that was restated to show the effects of a one-time accounting charge for future retiree health benefits, giving Ford a net loss of \$6.7 billion, or \$13.85 a share.

Worldwide sales and revenues were \$26.8 billion, up 9 percent from \$24.6 billion last year.

Ford's aggressive push to win market share from weakened Japanese competitors and No. 1 General Motors Corp. paid off in the first quarter. Ford's share of the combined car and truck market improved 1.6 percentage points to 25.7 percent.

Chairman Harold Poling said almost all of Ford's profits in cars and trucks came from increased volume. The company sold 75,000 more vehicles in the first quarter than a year ago, a 5 percent increase.

"We are seeing continuing signs of a slow recovery in the United States," Poling said. "For the recovery to be sustained, job creation and consumer confidence need to improve."

Before the earnings release, some analysts had criticized Ford for what they expected to be a subpar performance. They cited the fact that Ford ran many car and truck plants near capacity in the first quarter, possibly sacrificing profit for efforts to sell volume.

GM reports corporate earnings Thursday, and was expected to show a small profit after aggressive cost cutting.

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NAME	LABOR/AGENCY CASE NUMBER
1. ROMEO DELOS REYES PARICO	G.F. NO. 99-93
2. ARCELIE TOLENTINO	AGENCY CASE NO. 62-93
3. ROMEO FRANCISCO	AGENCY CASE NO. 85-93
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Failure to appear at the department on or before the date and time specified above shall be ground for dismissal of labor cases filed by the above named complainants or revocation of work permits, in case of nonappearance by Respondent, an entry of a default order. In the event any or all of these cases are dismissed and/or where permits are revoked, the office of immigration may institute deportation proceedings.

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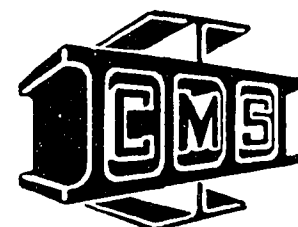
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1.1 billion people survive on income of less \$1 a day

By Carl Hartman

WASHINGTON (AP) - The World Bank on Wednesday issued a report showing that more than 1.1 billion people in developing countries live on an income of less than a dollar a day.

World Bank President Lewis T. Preston, presenting the book-length report on poverty in the world, said the number of people at this income level, classified "poor," increased by about 88 million in the five years before 1990.

The report did not include figures on the former Soviet Union, but found about 5 million "poor" in the former satellite countries of eastern Europe. The bank lends over 21 billion a year to

help the Third World, China and countries formerly under Communist rule, but not to more prosperous areas.

"If we're not helping to reduce poverty, we're not doing our job," Preston said.

The report singled out China and Indonesia as having made "impressive reductions in poverty" through the 1970s and 1980s. Malaysia also saw a large decline and Colombia significantly cut poverty in the 1980s, it said. "In East Asia and the Pacific, it is estimated that there were fewer poor people in 1990 than in 1985, while in South Asia there were more," it said. It found increased poverty in most of Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean.

To fight poverty it suggested higher prices for farmers, the bulk of the population in most poorer countries, rather than food subsidies for city people. The bank also wants to see an easing of regulations that discourage the hiring of labor, more money for infrastructure such as roads, and education - including education in farming.

On another matter, Preston said World Bank loans to Russia for oil development can go forward, but loans for farm production must wait until subsidies end.

He told reporters the oil loans would be submitted in "a couple of weeks" to the bank's executive board.

But he said the bank could not consider agricultural lending un-

less certain steps are taken.

"Twenty percent of the (Russian) gross national product is subsidizing agriculture in one way or another and until that's out of the way I don't think there's much point in our engaging in lending to that sector," Preston said.

The bank last week announced staff agreement on \$1 billion worth of loans to three oil producers in Siberia.

Loans can also be made to help transport, privatization of state-owned industry and setting up a safety net as prospects of unemployment rise, Preston said.

The World Bank, the biggest source of aid loans, has committed \$760 million to Russia so far and has promised \$4 to \$5 billion over the next couple of years.

Australian republic good for economy

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) - Australia's push to become a republic by the turn of the century would help both its economy and its indigenous aboriginal people, Prime Minister Paul Keating said Wednesday. "Australia has very clear domestic reasons for wanting to define more clearly and in more confident terms its national identity," Keating said in a policy speech.

He said the proposed move also would advance Australia's growing involvement in the Asia-Pacific region.

"The fact is, Australia will be taken more seriously as a player in regional affairs if we are clear about our identity and demonstrate that we really stand on our own feet practically and psychologically," he said.

Keating said Australia's legacy of injustice toward aboriginal people "shames us in the eyes of the world."

"Yet feelings of shame and outrage are not necessary to feel that things have to change," he said. "Pride should be all it takes."

Keating, who hopes Australia will cut ties with the United Kingdom by 2000, said he expected a president would replace the Governor General as Australia's resident head-of-state, although other options could be considered.

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WHO president likely to win new term

By Mort Rosenblum

GENEVA (AP) - The Japanese head of the UN World Health Organization appears likely to be re-elected even though the agency has been tainted with bribery allegations and critical audits under his stewardship. If so, some donors may cut back funds to WHO, which leads the world fight against AIDS, infectious diseases and tropical maladies that endanger

millions of people in developing countries.

Hiroshi Nakajima of Japan was elected to a second five-year term by WHO's Executive Board in January, by a vote of 18-13, but must be confirmed by the 183-member World Health Assembly in early May.

Japan made the vote a major foreign policy issue, citing the prestige of the position. Nakajima was also backed by the Japanese

medical association, pharmaceutical companies in Japan and others.

Afterward, an investigation by Britain's National Audit Office challenged several consultancy contracts with Executive Board members and other "shortcomings." Nakajima was not personally implicated.

"We are profoundly concerned by the audit," said Donald Henderson, named to be US

deputy assistant secretary of Health and Human Services. "How can we in good conscience provide money and know that it may be inappropriately expended or accounted for?"

Henderson, a public health specialist, is credited with a major role in wiping out smallpox while at WHO.

Other officials and diplomats made similar remarks but asked

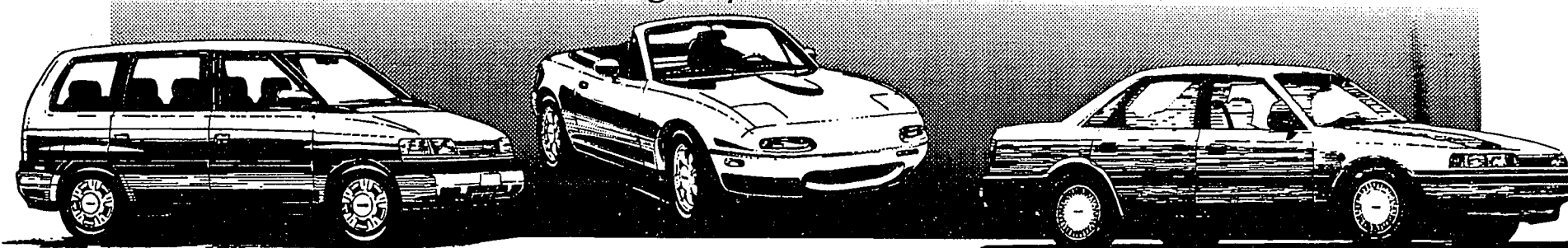
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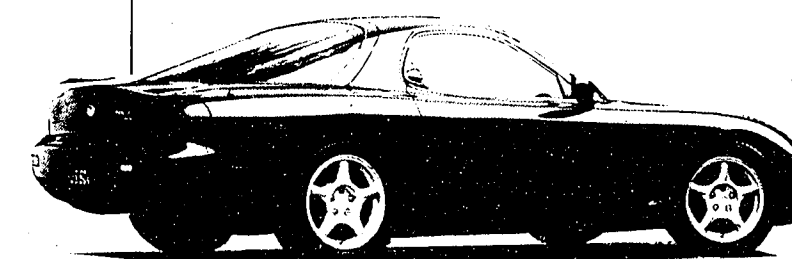
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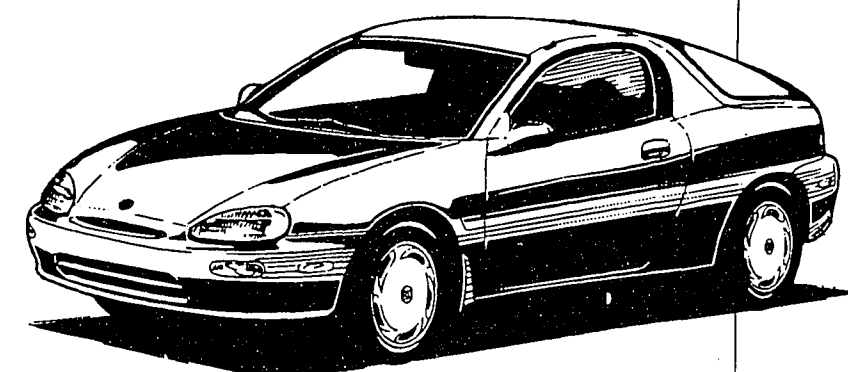
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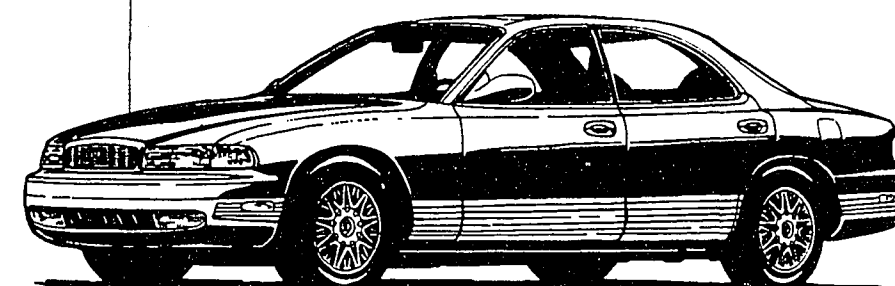
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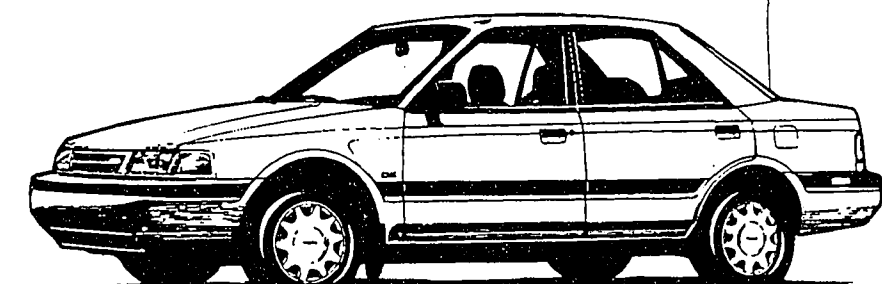
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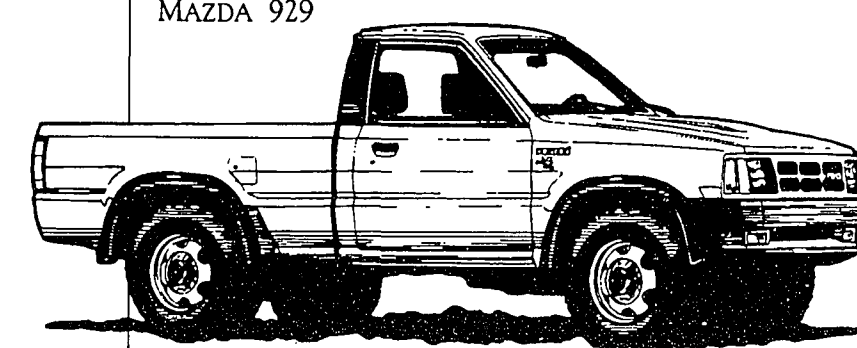
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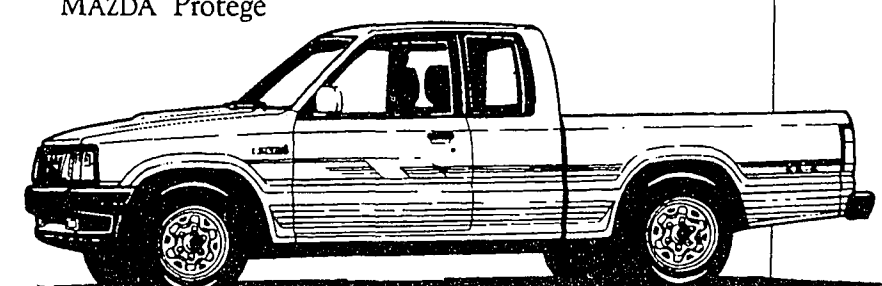
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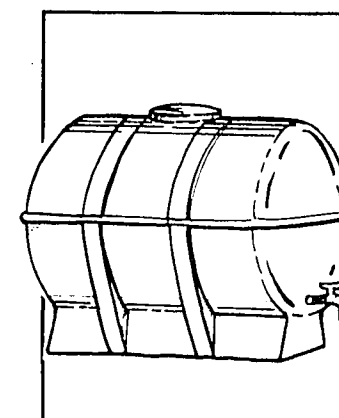
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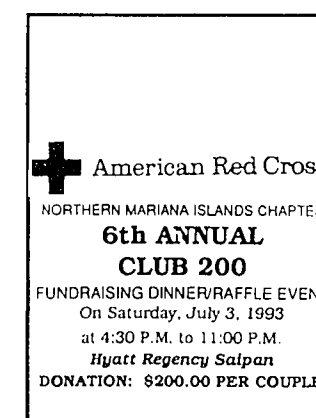
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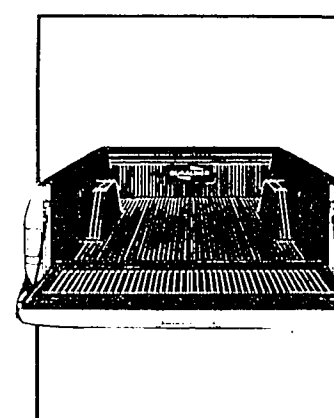
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CUC-RFP-93-0011

OLD HOSPITAL TO GUALO RAI WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT PHASE I

The Executive Director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified firms for the construction of the OLD HOSPITAL TO GUALO RAI WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, PHASE I, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sealed proposals shall be identified on the outside of the envelope by proposal number CUC-RFP-93-0011. Proposals to be submitted in triplicate will be accepted at the Office of the Manager, Procurement and Supply, CUC at Lower Base, Saipan, until 4:00 p.m., local time on May 07, 1993.

The Proposer is required to submit with his proposal, a copy of his Business Permit in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists, in general, of replacing approximately 2.5 miles of asbestos cement pipe with new PVC pipe (size ranging from 6-inch to 16-inch) including installation of new gate valves, fittings, fire hydrants, new house service laterals, new meters and other appurtenances.

Proposals will be evaluated and selection made based on (a) experience of the firm on related projects (10%), (b) qualification of key personnel (20%), (c) availability of equipment (15%), (d) work plan/schedule (15%), and (e) cost for the scope of work (40%). Proposal evaluation will be weighted in accordance with the percentage noted following each evaluation criteria.

A non-refundable payment of \$300.00 is required for each set of Plans, Specifications and Proposal Forms, available on or after April 20, 1993 at the Water Division Office, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Saipan. A pre-proposal conference will be held in CUC Conference Room, Lower Base, Saipan at 10:00 a.m. local time, on April 23, 1993.

Attention is called to the Labor Standard Provisions for Wage Rate Determination on the CNMI Classification and Salary Structures Plans and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Specifications must be paid on this project.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in the proposal if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals shall become property of the CUC.

For further information, please contact Mr. Ernesto L. Villarin at (670) 322-9383.

/s/RAMON S. GUERRERO
Executive Director

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INVITATION FOR BIDS/NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMPETITIVE SEALED BIDS for the PROCEDURE AND INSTALLATION OF AIRFIELD LIGHTING SYSTEM AT WEST TINIAN AIRPORT, TINIAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP PROJECT No. 3-69-0011-04 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., June 4, 1993, at which time and place the sealed bids will be publicly opened and read.

The project, in general, consists of the installation of the airfield lighting system at West Tinian Airport. The construction project also includes additive bids. Additive Bid Item 1 calls for the procurement and installation of three (3) apron flood lights. Alternative Bid Item 2 calls for the installation of all airfield lighting cable in conduit in lieu of direct buried cable. All of the above mentioned basic bid, additive bid, and alternative bid are to be performed in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority and by funds from the Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within two months (2) from the date of bid opening.

The prospective bidder's attention is called to the fact that the Additive Bid Item 1 and the Alternative Bid Item 2 will be awarded depending on the availability of funds. 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 Project No. 3-69-0011-04) the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Non Segregated Facilities" (See Specifications).

Required Notices for All Contracts

a. The bidder must supply all the information required by the bid 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 with respect to 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 601.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, to the contract and labor provisions as set forth in Section 152.55 and Appendix H, Part 152, of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the applicable provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) implemented by Part 21 of the Regulations of the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Also, the proposed contract will be subject to the Contractor's Certification of non-segregated facilities.

Performance and payment bonds are required as specified in the specifications.

The apparent low bidder and any known first tier subcontractor will be subject to a pre-award, equal opportunity compliance review by representatives of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, U.S. Department of Labor, before the award of the contract for the purpose of determining whether the 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 or such other period specified by the FAA or the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance, U.S. Department of Labor.

A bidder or prospective prime contractor or proposed subcontractor shall be required to submit such information as the FAA or the Director, Office of Federal Contract Compliance, request prior to the award of a contract or subcontract. When a determination has been made to award the contract or subcontract to a specified contractor, such contractor shall be required, prior to award, or after the award, or both to furnish such other information as the FAA or the Director 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. This amount is non returnable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Copies of the aforementioned contract documents may also be examined or obtained at the office of Efrain F. Camacho, Consulting Engineers.

Efrain F. Camacho, Consulting Engineers
Flame Tree Terrace
P.O. Box 2415
Saipan, MP 96950
Phone Number: 322-7814/7815

A pre-bid conference will be held at the office of the Executive Director, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, at 2:00 P.M. on May 18, 1993 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant, in writing, at least five (5) days in advance for answers at this pre-bid conference, with a copy of same simultaneously to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Each prospective bidder shall file with the Commonwealth Ports Authority, at the above Saipan address, a notice of his intention to bid in a form substantially similar to that supplied herewith, not less than six (6) calendar days prior to the date herein above designated for opening of bids.

Each bid shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Furthermore, each prospective bidder shall submit his/her qualifications statements not less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the date hereinafter designated for opening of bids.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority (Intend to Bid).

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

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Date

/s/J.M. GUERRERO

Contracting Officer for CPA

- The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended, of September 24, 1965, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor Provisions.
- All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by the U.S. Secretary of Labor.
- Each bidder must supply all the information required by the bid documents and specifications.
- The EEO requirements, labor provisions and wage rates are included in the specifications and bid documents and are available for inspections at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.
- Each bidder must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (at submission of the bid), the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", and the "Certifications of Non Segregated Facilities" as contained in the bid Proposal.
- A contractor having 50 or more employees and his subcontractors having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of \$50,000 or more will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications.
- To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements which are contained in the specifications.
- In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 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 an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.
- Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards of requirements for the employment of minorities.

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not to be identified.

The United States provides nearly a third of the funding for WHO, which spends about \$1 billion a year. European Community and Nordic states, which also question Nakajima's leadership, contribute more than 40 percent.

The officials, including Henderson, said they were convinced that Japanese supporters of Nakajima made cash payments and gifts of expensive jewelry to voting members.

"There have been payments made," Henderson said in Washington, citing as evidence WHO staff members who had witnessed the transactions and confirmation by others on the amounts involved.

Several other sources said that a number of delegates were paid between \$20,000 and 50,000 each, although they said they could not be certain about the source of the funds.

The forthcoming election, traditionally a unanimous endorsement by the assembly, is expected to be acrimonious with a number of "no" votes in secret balloting, officials and diplomats said.

The United States and Western Europe openly campaigned for

Mohammed Abdelmoumene, an Algerian, saying that Nakajima was a poor manager and communicator who had lost the support of WHO's 6,000-member staff. But Western governments have not pursued a diplomatic offensive since the January vote because of the overriding interest of not irking a major trading partner, diplomats said.

Among a wide range of specialists interviewed, few expected a majority to vote against Nakajima since many Third World countries, and others, depended heavily on good relations with Japan.

Nakajima's critics fear that if he is re-elected WHO could suffer from a drop in voluntary contributions, a morale crisis and a difficulty in recruiting top experts for its programs.

A survey sent to 1,500 members of the WHO staff association showed an overwhelming sentiment for change. The first 500 questionnaires tabulated showed 67 percent thought WHO leadership had gotten worse under Nakajima, 2 percent thought it had gotten better. Asked about morale, 73 percent said it had gone down, and 2 percent thought it had gone up. Seventy-one percent described as morale as bad, and 3 percent said it was good.

More than half of WHO's budget is made up of special funding outside of operational expenses. Donors who object to administration in Geneva could divert money to other organizations.

As the controversy heightened, there was also concern that the agency's leadership might be fragmented.

According to WHO officials, three regional WHO directors - in the United States and Latin America, Europe, and Africa - are quietly consulting member states about more regional autonomy.

The British accountants, contracted as WHO's external auditors, examined records after Helge Larsen of Norway, the internal auditor, reported what he called "quite deplorable" irregularities.

They found three times as many consultancy contracts with Executive Board members in the six months before the election as during a comparable period a year earlier.

In one case, a contract awarded \$150,000 to A.R.A. Bengzon, the Philippine delegate, for a history of health care under President Corason Aquino.

Spot checking revealed consultancy agreements with 15 of the 23 Executive Board members from non-industrialized countries.

Also, the auditors said, WHO's director of budget and finance, Edward Uhde, had blocked access to some records, including Nakajima's travel and expenditures.

WHO officials admitted some inadvertent mistakes in procedures and promised to improve controls.

Uhde, speaking through WHO spokesman Michel Barton, said the auditors were allowed to see everything but that some records had to be requested specifically.

Australia....

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The governor general, a post presently held by a former Labor Party leader, Bill Hayden, is officially the British sovereign's representative in Australia.

"Our head of state, the British monarch (Queen Elizabeth), cannot in the nature of things ever be a purely Australian head-of-state since she also holds that office in relation to a range of other countries," Keating said.

The move toward a republic represents a major break with Australia's colonial history in a country whose affection for the British royal family is still strong, even though recent polls now show that a majority of voters want Australia to become a republic.

"It implies no criticism of the monarch to question whether this arrangement remains meaningful and relevant to Australia today," Keating said.

Keating on Wednesday named seven members of a proposed 10-member committee of leading Australians to draw up options for the form a republic might take in Australia. The committee will report its findings by Sept. 1.

Many stop breathing while sleeping

By Daniel Q. Haney

BOSTON (AP) - Millions of people get up each day feeling exhausted because their sleep is broken by frequent spells in which they stop breathing and then briefly awaken, a US study shows.

The condition, called sleep apnea, has long been recognized as a problem, but this study found it is surprisingly common and largely undiagnosed. Though most people don't know it, the condition seriously disrupts the sleep of about 4 percent of women and 9 percent of men in their working years.

It probably contributes to car crashes and job accidents and may be an underlying factor in many other conditions, including memory loss and heart trouble.

"We found a high prevalence of sleep-disordered breathing that is unrecognized in the general adult population," said Dr. Terry Young of the University of Wisconsin, who directed the research.

The study raises the possibility of a potentially large new public health concern. However, it leaves many important questions unanswered, including just how important sleep apnea really is and whether doctors should try to treat it.

"What should we do with these folks?" asked Dr. Philip Westbrook, director of the sleep disorders center at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

"Should we try to find them?" he said. "If we do find them, do we need to do something about it?"

The study, published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, was based on 602 working men and women, ages 30 to 60, who spent nights in a sleep lab while connected to monitors. The subjects didn't know they had sleep apnea.

The study found that 4 percent of the women and 9 percent of the men stopped breathing at least 15 times an hour as they slept. These periods ranged from about 10 seconds to a minute. Young described this level of apnea as "clearly of clinical importance."

In an editorial in the journal, Dr. Eliot A. Phillipson of the University of Toronto wrote that the study "should lay to rest any misconceptions about the high prevalence of obstructive sleep apnea."

Sleep apnea occurs when the muscles that hold open the breathing passages relax. The airways can become floppy and be sucked shut. When this happens, breathing stops. After a few seconds, the sleeper snorts, gasps, takes a few breaths and awakens momentarily.

"Most people are not aware that they have a breathing disturbance during sleep," said Young. "Their cues come from bed partners who say, 'You stop breathing and scare me.'"

Among the study's findings: Nine percent of women and 24 percent of men stop breathing at least 5 times an hour. Sleep apnea is more common among habitual snorers, although snoring is not necessary for people to stop breathing.

Two percent of women and 4 percent of men were judged to have sleep apnea syndrome. Besides stopping breathing at least five times an hour, they said they regularly woke up exhausted, felt overly tired during the day and thought their sleepiness interfered with their daily lives.

One volunteer in the study experienced 89 episodes of apnea per hour.

Young recommends that people be evaluated by their doctors if they suffer uncontrollable sleepiness during the day and are told they stop breathing frequently at night.

The primary treatment is wearing a face mask during sleep. The mask is hooked to pressurized air that forces the airways open.

Frequent apnea decreases the amount of oxygen in the blood. It has been linked to memory loss, emotional disturbances, high blood pressure, heart attacks and strokes. However, whether the large majority of people with this common condition actually risk getting these problems is unknown.

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WSR projects win honors in Guam

By Yun Yuan "Lucy" Lu
Editor, Blue Jay News

TWO PROJECTS from William S. Reyes School earned honors in the Guam Science Expo '93 that took place at John F. Kennedy High School on April 23-25.

Kido Choi and Joanne Moses, both WSR 5th graders, won the first place for their project entitled "Can I Dye Cloth Naturally?" while Michelle Villfuerte and Susan Tamanao, 4th graders both, won the honorable mention for their project about the effects of smoking on the body.

These four students worked hard in making their projects. They garnered honors in the school-level science fair, then at

the CNMI-wide science fair wherein they were given trophies for "Most Outstanding projects". And on to Guam, they went to do a creditable performance. Indeed, their hard work paid off.

Two other science projects from the CNMI schools gained honors in Guam science expo, namely: Marianas High School and San Vicente School, which won 2nd and 3rd places, respectively.

Kido's and Joanne's project is about dyeing cloth with plant parts. They chose that project because people nowadays are not using the natural ways to do things. They believe everyone should preserve nature the way it is and do things the way it should be done.

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plaintiffs "purport to be enforcing provisions of Article 12 but are actually aimed at divesting the corporation or current owners or lessees of their property."

According to the proponents, most of the transactions with the corporations being questioned took place many years ago, and the corporations involved were organized in 1985 or before that year when a corporation could hold title to land if at least 51 percent of its shareholders and directors were persons of Northern Marianas descent.

A common scheme to divest a corporation of a land is for an Article 12 plaintiff to claim that the firm is a "sham," a dummy used by a non-Northern Marianas descendant to buy land, the proposal said.

In most cases in which the original owner has filed a suit, the corporations which acquired the property from the plaintiff have long since sold or leased the properties to third parties.

"As a result of the lawsuits innocent third parties are in jeopardy of losing their title or leasehold interests, some of which have been improved at a cost of millions of dollars," the proposal said.

The proposal said persons of Northern Marianas descent have lost their integrity as a result of the lawsuits.

The proposal said original owners seeking to divest current owners or lessees of their property "by simply alleging that a corporation is a sham" in an effort to get back property which they already received fair compensation, does not instill confidence.

Because of the Article 12 lawsuits, the proposal said a crisis in the Commonwealth land system exists.

The proposal said land titles have been "successfully attacked" on the basis of subjective claims inconsistent with what is in the records, therefore rendering a recorded title meaningless in connection with Article 12 claims, the suit said.

The business community will also propose in the next two weeks another legislation that would set

specific contingency fee limits for attorneys representing Article 12 plaintiffs. The suggestions will include

Thirty-three and one-third percent of the first \$50,000 worth of property recovered as a result of filing such lawsuit.(GLD)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

CPA Project No. A-CPA-S-001-93
Saipan International Airport

DEPARTURE BUILDING BAGGAGE CONVEYORS UPGRADE

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) is soliciting proposals from qualified contractors for the construction of a new Baggage Conveyors at the Departure Building at the Saipan International Airport.

The project, in general, consists of work to supply and install baggage conveyors on a turnkey, performance basis and related architectural and electrical work. Plans and specifications can be obtained from the Executive Director's Office at the Saipan International Airport with payment of a non-refundable amount of \$75.00 by cashier's check, certified checks or money order be payable to:

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
P.O. BOX 1055
SAIPAN, MP 96950

A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the Executive Director's office at 10:00 A.M. on May 14, 1993. All questions must be submitted in writing or by fax to reach the CPA at the above address no later than May 12, 1993.

Proposals must be received no later than 10:00 A.M. May 28, 1993, (local time) at the above office.

/s/ J.M. GUERRERO
Chairman/Contracting Officer
Commonwealth Ports Authority
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'Children, our most precious asset'

Speech By Ramon G.
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Good morning Governor Guerrero, Father Bradley, honored guests, parents, teachers, and students. Thank you for inviting me to share my thoughts regarding the youth in the CNMI.

Let me begin by declaring that, "our most important resource is our people."

People, like other living things, can be nurtured, cared for, and raised to become healthy, strong, intelligent, productive, and valu-

able. At the same time, people can be neglected, abused, suppressed, and end up becoming unhealthy, weak, unintelligent, unproductive, and burdensome.

To illustrate this point, let us consider the raising of a fighting rooster. Most of us have had some contact with or observation of people who raise fighting roosters. They wake up in the morning and the first thing they do is check on their fighting roosters. They feed their roosters with the best food available, not just any food. They put the rooster in a comfortable and safe environment. Some of them even talk to their roosters. They massage the roosters, train them, and some even feed them

vitamins. As a result, what happens to these roosters? They grow up to become very healthy, handsome, strong, larger in size than normal, and better fighters. Compared to a non-fighting rooster who did not get the same kind of treatment, the fighting rooster is superior.

The same principle applies to people. If parents treat and raise their children the way a man raises his fighting roosters, such children would also grow up to become healthy, strong, and well-rounded.

We have strong evidence that there is a direct correlation between how people are raised and how they turn out to be. Of course,

there are always some exceptions. Let me share with you the following observations.

People who are raised in a healthy and healthful environment, grow up to become healthy people.

People who are raised in a learning environment — where there is reading and teaching, examples are given, and open discussions held, grow up to become intellectual, well-informed, and articulate people.

People who are raised in an active, progressive, and hardworking environment grow up to become active, progressive, and hardworking.

Furthermore, people who are

raised in a peaceful, respectful, understanding, harmonious, and loving environment grow up to become peaceful, understanding, friendly, loving, and respectful people.

On the other hand, people who are raised in an unsanitary, unhealthy, and sick environment grow up to become unhealthy or sick.

People who are raised in a violent environment, where there are lots of beatings, shouting, destruction or properties, and lack of respect for others, grow up to become violent and disrespectful to other people, property, and even the law. Of course, we know what happens to people who have not learned to respect the law. They may end up in jail.

People who are raised in a non-learning environment — where there are no readings, teachings, and open discussions, grow up to become unintelligent, uninformed, and sometimes even mentally slow.

Again, there are always some exceptions to these normal conditions.

Now, with this background, let us ask ourselves one of the most crucial questions for the CNMI. That is, "What can we do in the CNMI to produce people who are healthy, intelligent or well informed, articulate, productive, peaceful, and loving?"

The answer:

(1) let us view our children as our most precious asset, more so than the man views his fighting roosters;

(2) let us raise our children in a healthy and healthful environment;

(3) let us raised our children in a learning and intellectual environment;

(4) let us remove violence in the family and instead, raise our children in a peaceful, understanding, friendly, respectful, and loving environment.

Finally, and most important, let us shower our children with spiritual, moral, and social principles and values. It is these principles and values which put human beings atop of the animal kingdom and separates us from the other animals.

A person who is well-informed, articulate, and motivated but has no social, spiritual, or moral values is a dangerous person.

He or she could lead society to destruction, as Adolf Hitler did. A person who is well-informed, articulate, motivated, and who also has good spiritual, moral and social values, is a valuable person. He or she could help and lead society to greatness and happiness, as Jesus Christ did.

Thank you.

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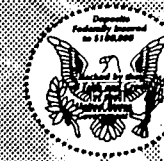
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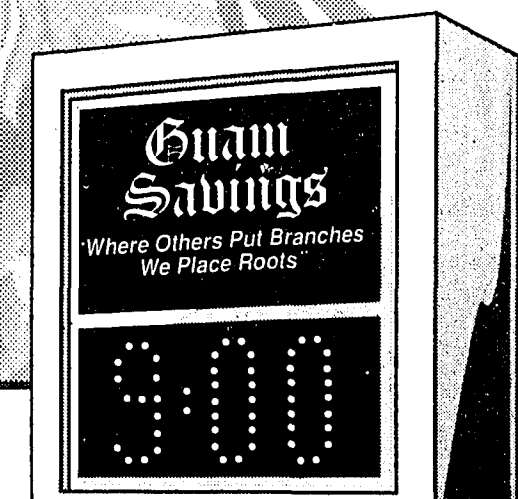
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Containing an area of 236 square meters

- Part of Saipan Lot/Trace No. 1603 D-2R/W
Containing an area of 235 square meters

PUBLIC LAND - Saipan Lot/Tract No. 037 L 21
Containing an area of 2,900 square meters

Sigon gi probensio siha gi 2 CMC 4141 et sec i PUBLIC PURPOSE LAND EXCHANGE ACT OF 1987, sino i tulaikan tano para propositon publiku na akton 1987, nutisia manana i ginen este put i intension-na i Marianas Public Land Corporation humalom gi kontratan atulaikan tano ni ha afekta i pedason tano siha ni manmadeskribi gi sampapa. Man interesante siha na petsona sina manmadeskribi inekungok put maseha manu/hafa na priniponi put tulaikan tano. A'agang i MPLC antes pat osino gi May 19, 1993. Yanggen guaha inekungok marikuesta, i inekungok siempre para i sigiente siha na transakcion u fan makondakta gi May 21, 1993, gi oran alas 9:00 gi eggan gi halom i kuaton konfrensiar i MPLC.

PROPOSITON PUBLIKU - I' Ma Chule I' Chalan Para I' Puplicu

TANO PRAIBET - Parte gi sitio Numiru 1603 D-1R/W giya Saipan yan ha konsisiste 236 metro kuadro na area

- Parte gi sitio Numiru 1603 D-2R/W giya Saipan yan ha konsisiste 235 metro kuadro na area

TANO PUBLIKU - Sitio Numiru 037 L 21 giya Saipan yan ha konsisiste 2,900 metro kuadro na area

Reel ayleewal me bwangil 2 CMC 4141 et sec, PUBLIC PURPOSE LAND EXCHANGE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1987, nge Marianas Public Land Corporation e arangaar towlap, igha e mangiyy ebwe liiwelo faluw iye e toolong faluw kka faal. Aramasye e tipali nge emmwel ebwe tingor ebwe yoor hearing reel inaanwo liiweil faluw fa. Aramasye e tipali nge emmwel ye re tipali reel kkapsal faluw, nge rebwe aghuleey ngali MPLC wool me ngare mmwal May 19, 1993. Ngare eyoor tingor bwe yoor hearing, nge rebwe ayoor reel tali faluw kka faal, nge rebwe tooto wool May 21, 1993, otol ye 9:00 a.m. mellol MPLC Conference Room.

AMMWELEER TOWLAP - Roadway Acquisition

FALAWAL ARAMAS - Part of Saipan Lot/Tract No. 1603 D-1R/W

Llapal nge 236 square meters

- Part of Saipan Lot/Trace No. 1603 D-2R/W
Llapal nge 235 square meters.

FALAWEEER TOWLAP - Saipan Lot/Tract No. 037 L 21

Llapal nge 2,900 square meters

Team conducts rescue exercise

IF YESTERDAY'S rescue exercises were for real, a man who "fell" from a cliff in the Ladder Beach area would have a better chance of being saved.

The police's elite tactical response emergency team showed during the simulated rescue operation that it could rescue the fall "victim" within several minutes at the same time exercising cautious handling of the victim.

Given a situation that the victim could not be reached right away by foot or any means of transportation, rescuers went down from the perilous cliff using ropes.

The victim was fastened to a stretcher and was lifted up by the same ropes used by the rescuers, then rushed to a waiting ambulance.

A group of fire medical personnel also displayed skills by administering first aid to the victim.

The exercise was one of the activities conducted by the Department of Public Safety in connection with the forthcoming Emergency Medical Services Week which will be observed nationwide on May 17 to 25.

EMS Week is held yearly to recognize capability of authorities to respond to emergency situations and to help them appreciate the education and work needed to make the services available.

Also earlier this week, members of the EMS and the DPS' Boating Division held a simulated rescue operation of a drowning man in waters between Smiling cove and Managaha.

EMS personnel and traffic and highway patrol officers also conducted an exercise that called for the rescue of three traffic accident victims, including one that was "trapped" in the wreckage.

Other rescue exercises planned are those that will involve a child hit by a car, an off-road rescue and a heart attack victim. (GLD)

NMC joins celebration of CNMI Tourism Week

STUDENTS and faculty of the Northern Marianas College Visitor Industry Program (VIP) invite the general public to join them in celebrating Tourism Week next week with the Marianas Visitors Bureau.

"Monday afternoon at 3 p.m. we're going to plant coconut seedlings at Pau Pau Beach with the staff of the Hotel Nikko Saipan and we invite all those interested in keeping our island beautiful to come and join us," VIP Director Tony V. Guerrero said. "Beautifying our environment is important to both residents and visitors."

On May 4, representatives of the college program will participate in Tourism Week Job Fair from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Diamond Hotel ballroom, demonstrating how local students can begin learning about the visitor industry in college or high school through a cooperative program with Public School System.

On May 6, college faculty and staff will participate in a special tourism forum at Gilligan's at the Hyatt from 8-11:30 a.m. with leading representatives of the government and visitor industry.

College summer class schedule now available

THE SUMMER class schedule for Northern Marianas College is now available at the As Terlaje campus and a variety of major retail outlets.

A total of 70 different classes in English, business, the social sciences, mathematics, nursing, criminal justice, chemistry, fine arts and scuba diving are available throughout the three campus NMC system.

Special intensive English language instruction is being offered in two summer sessions again this year to allow interested students to build up their language skills quickly.

"We invite everyone to pickup a copy of our class schedule and see what we have to offer this summer," Director of Admissions Andy Dela Cruz said.

Free English and math placement testing is mandatory for all new students and will be held May 11 and 12. Open registration will be held May 18-19.

The first day of instruction for the regular summer session is June 14, but the first of the two special English summer sessions begins May 24.

THIS IS to inform all Mwoakillese Pohnpeians now residing in the CNMI that a special election for the vacant Mwoakillese seat in the state legislature is scheduled to be held on May 14.

All eligible voters wishing to vote on May 14 may write to Samson Alpet, Election Commissioner, P.O. Box 1180, Kolonia, Pohnpei, FM 96941 and request the election commissioner for absentee ballots.

The request for an absentee ballot shall be made to the election commissioner in writing not less than ten days prior to the date of the election.

Japan building plant to process nuclear waste

TOKYO (AP) - Japan moved a step closer toward using plutonium for power as construction began Wednesday on a plant that will reprocess spent nuclear fuel into plutonium.

Several dozen protesters chanting, "Stop construction immediately" scuffled with police outside the plant site in Rokkasho, a small town 600 kilometers (370 miles) north of Tokyo. No one was arrested.

Helmeted officials, meanwhile, shouted "Banzai!" ("Hurrah!") as a power shovel scooped up the symbolic first load of dirt.

The plant, expected to cost about 840 billion yen (\$7.5 billion) and open in the year 2000, will be the first large-scale plant in Japan that turns used nuclear fuel into plutonium.

Until now, Japan has relied on similar plants in Europe to reprocess plutonium. A ship carrying

plutonium from France late last year sparked protests from anti-nuclear groups and countries along the ship's potential route, who were concerned about safety in the event of an accident or terrorist attack.

Plutonium, a speck of which can cause cancer, is also used to make nuclear bombs.

Japan plans to use its plutonium in "fast-breeder reactors" that produce more plutonium than they consume. Officials argue that resource-poor Japan needs the energy.

But some residents of Rokkasho, an arid, farming area, have waged protests against the plant for years over safety concerns.

"Even if we say we don't like it, there's no helping it. But I don't like that kind of thing being brought here," an elderly woman told a television.

Dynamite blast cuts power in 10 provinces

ILIGAN, Philippines (AP) - A dynamite blast at a major transmission tower left 10 provinces on eastern Mindanao island without power, officials said yesterday.

Police have made no arrests. They quoted witnesses as saying some heavily armed men had been seen in the area a few days before Wednesday's blast.

Venusto Hamoy, regional chief engineer of the National Power Corp., said the blast damaged the transmission tower that distributes 380 megawatts to vast areas on Mindanao, the second-largest Philippine island.

"It's a very big problem," Hamoy told reporters in Iligan, 785 kilometers (490 miles) southeast of Manila.

The affected area, including the major cities of Cagayan de Oro and Davao, will be without power for 10 days, Hamoy said. Manila and the rest of Luzon, the biggest Philippine island, have already been experiencing power outages of up to eight hours daily as a result of poorly maintained and aging power plants.

China denies nuke weapons in Tibet

BEIJING (AP) - China denied yesterday that it has stationed nuclear weapons in Tibet but did not say whether there were weapons in other parts of the Tibetan Plateau outside of Tibet's current boundaries.

"We have never set up any nuclear research or nuclear production units in Tibet, nor have we deployed nuclear weapons there," Foreign Ministry spokesman Wu Jianmin told a news conference.

He had been asked to comment on a recent report by the International Campaign for Tibet, a Washington-based group that is highly critical of Chinese rule in Tibet, which said China's primary nuclear weapons research was done on the Tibetan Plateau in the 1960s.

The report focused on a facility in what is now called Qinghai

province, which it said built all of China's early nuclear bombs. It also said nuclear missile bases were located on the Tibetan Plateau in Qinghai and Sichuan provinces.

These bases, it said, "put many of India's major industrial and military facilities within striking distance."

Wu replied, "To say China has deployed nuclear weapons against India in Tibet is sheer fabrication. Such an abject attempt to undermine the friendly relations between China and India is bound to end in failure."

Chinese and Indian troops clashed along their high-altitude border in 1962 and skirmished intermittently for years afterward. The two sides began repairing relations in 1988 and have pursued trade and other peaceful contacts.

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Containing an area of 1,869 square meters
As stated in CIVIL ACTION 92-1366.

- Saipan Lot/Tract No. 013 B 20
Containing an area of 605 square meters
As stated in CIVIL ACTION 92-1366.

PUBLIC LAND - Saipan Lot/Tract No. 037 L 16
Containing an area of 4,000 square meters

- Saipan Lot/Tract No. 037 L 24
Containing an area of 3,408 square meters

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FALAWEEER TOWLAP - Saipan Lot/Tract numirul 037 L 16 outol bwuley yeel nge 4,000 square meters.

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PUBLIC LAND - Saipan Lot/Tract No. 034 L 34
Containing an area of 6,375 square meters

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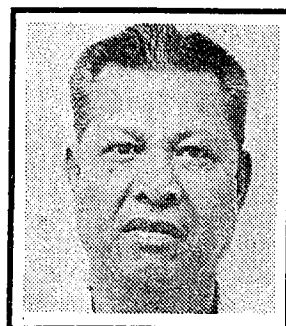
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Fifth Anniversary Rosary

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The family of the late JUAN SAN NICOLAS CABRERA (POTU), announces the beginning of the Fifth Anniversary Rosary on April 25, 1993 at 8:00 p.m. at their residence in Navy Hill. All relatives and friends are invited. On the Anniversary itself, May 3, Monday, the Anniversary Mass will be celebrated at the Mount Carmel Cathedral at 6:00 a.m. The dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. in the evening of the same day at their residence. Si Yu'us ma'ase. Gora and Family.

I famlian i defunto as JUAN SAN NICOLAS CABRERA (POTU), manmalago ma'ga fanmanugo 'todu i familiayani manatungo', na para u matucha i mina' sinku na Lisayon Kumple Anos gi Abrit 25, 1993 gi 8:00 gi kada puengi gi gima' -niha gi Navy Hill. Todos manmakonbibida. Gi ha' anen i Kumple Anos, Lunes, Mayu 3, i Misan Kumple Anos para u maselebra gi Katedrat Bithen de Carmen gi 6:00 gi ega'an. I sena para i pupuengi gi oran 6:00, misnu ha' ani, gi gima' i familia gi Navy Hill. Si Yu'us ma'ase ginnen as Gora yan i Familia.

Commonwealth of the
Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Director of Public Works
Saipan, Marianas Islands 96950INVITATION TO BID
DPW93-ITB-00261

The Department of Public Works is soliciting sealed bids for the construction of the proposed American Memorial Park War Monument, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Bids in duplicate will be accepted at the Office of the Chief of Procurement and Supply at Lower Base, Saipan until 2:00 p.m., local time, Friday, May 14, 1993, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A Bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Bid Bond or other form acceptable to the Government made payable to the Treasurer, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands with a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 1480-G31480".

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal, a copy of his business permit as a compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Specifications and plans of the project are available on or after May 03, 1993 at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works on Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$100.00 is required for each set. Pre-bid conference for this project will be held at 2:00 p.m., local time, Friday, May 07, 1993, at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works on Saipan.

Attention is called to the Labor Standards Provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the CNMI Classification and Salary Structure. Plans, and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Specification must be paid on this project.

All bid documents received shall be the sole property of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the exception of bid bonds, certified checks or cashier's check which will be returned to the bidders in accordance with the specifications section, "Instruction to Bidders" Page 1-2, Paragraph No. 05, Bid Guarantee.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

(s) Elizabeth H. Salas-Balajadia
Director of Public Works
April 29, 1993



CANDIDATES in the Miss Philippines-CNMI '93 and Little Miss Philippines-CNMI '93.

Search for Miss Philippines,
Miss Little Philippines starts

THE FILIPINO Community (CNMI) Inc. launched its "Search for Miss Philippines-CNMI '93 and Little Miss Philippines-CNMI '93" in a ceremony held at the Mariana Resort Hotel Sunday.

The short ceremony introduced the candidates to the public and gave them the chance to display their winning forms as they paraded themselves in appropriate attire for the sportswear competition.

Angela Fernandez of Hotel Nikko and Jackie Lou Benavente of Marianas Review emerged undisputed winners and won for themselves the coveted title "Best

in Sportswear" in the Miss Philippines-CNMI '93 and Little Miss Philippines-CNMI '93 categories, respectively.

The winners were judge on the following criteria: 50 percent for "sporty" projection, 25 percent for poise and grace and 25 percent for audience impact.

Candidates for the Miss Philippines-CNMI '93 are: Gina dela Cerna of Coral Ocean Point; Leny Mocerro of Diamond Hotel; Cecile Tamayo of Grand Hotel; Madeleine Singson of Hyatt Regency Hotel; Lolita "Bullet" Mondelo of Aqua Resort Club; Angie Fernandez of Hotel Nikko; and Cherry Damaso of Kan Pa-

cific Ltd. The candidates representing Plumeria Resort Hotel and Pacific Islands Club will be announced later.

The candidates for the Little Miss Philippines-CNMI are: Dionee Alano, Jackie Lou Benavente, Janice Ann Castro, Elysia Chargualaf, Jacqueline Che, Maria Magdalena Indalecio, Satomi Iwashita, Candice Marie Jcoson, Miranel Obdin, Kathleen Pastrana, Lalaine Reyes, Ingrid Romero and Myriellie Wagan.

The beauty pageant helps raise funds to support the many civic and humanitarian projects of FILCOM, the latest of which was

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CPA PROJECT NO. S-CPA-H-02-93SAIPAN HARBOR, SAIPAN, CNMI
CONSTRUCTION OF SEAPORT OFFICE BUILDING

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) is soliciting proposals from qualified contractors for the construction of the SEAPORT OFFICE BUILDING CPA Project No. S-CPA-H-02-93, located at Saipan, CNMI.

The project, in general, consist of the construction of a new two-storey, steel framed office building complete with all architectural finishing, structural and framing system, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical works, together with the necessary removal and demolition works, and all site preparation works, and other incidental works, in accordance with the plans and specifications. Plans and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport with payment of a non-refundable cashiers check, or money order in the amount of \$200.00 made payable to:

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P.O. BOX 1055
SAIPAN, MP 96950

A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the CPA's Conference Room at the Saipan International Airport on May 14, 1993, at 9:00 a.m. All questions must be received in writing by FAX or by mail to reach CPA's office at the above address no later than May 12, 1993.

Proposals must be received no later than 2:00 p.m., May 28, 1993 (local time) at the above office.

Signed: J.M. Guerrero
Chairman/Contracting Officer
Commonwealth Ports Authority
Saipan, MP 96950

Date: 4/23/93

Asian news briefs

2 Americans win Japan Prizes

TOKYO (AP) - Two Americans, an earthquake scientist and one who helped streamline genetic research, on today received the 1993 Japan Prizes, often referred to as Japan's version of the Nobel Prize.

Dr. Frank Press, president of the US National Academy of Science, won the prize for his work on the mechanics of earthquakes, and Dr. Kary B. Mullis, a private consultant on nucleic acid chemistry, won the award for molecular and cellular technology in medicine.

Each winner received 50 million yen (\$450,000).

Taiwanese spend more in HK

HONG KONG (AP) - Taiwanese visitors to Hong Kong spent 68 percent more in 1992 than in the previous year, in the latest indication of closer economic ties with China, the government announced today.

The number of Taiwanese visiting the colony last year also surged 26 percent from the previous year, while their spending rose to \$11.8 billion Hong Kong (\$1.52 billion).

Most of the 1.6 million Taiwanese who visited Hong Kong used the territory as a transit point to China in order to see relatives and do business, the government said.

Mohamad to visit China

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) - Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad will visit China in June, a government minister said Wednesday.

China and Malaysia will sign an agreement on sports exchange during the visit, Youth and Sports Minister Annuar Musa said.

Officials from both countries will meet during the next two months to work out details on the agreement, Annuar said at a joint news conference with Wu Shan Zhu, China's minister for physical culture and sports.

Wu began his three-day visit Wednesday by meeting with Annuar to discuss sports cooperation, Annuar said.

"China is noted for its strength in swimming, diving, gymnastics and shooting. We can tap their expertise in these sports, and Malaysian athletes will also have the chance to train in China in view of the 1998 Commonwealth Games here," Annuar said.

Wu congratulated Malaysia for winning the bid to host the 1998 Commonwealth Games and said China was looking forward to Malaysia's support for Beijing's bid for the 2000 Olympics.

"I think it is a privilege for Asia if Beijing becomes the Olympics hosts and so, I hope Asian countries will back us," Wu said.

Beijing and Sydney are said to be the frontrunners for the Olympics.

Huge turtle caught in Vietnam

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - The largest soft-shell turtle ever caught in Vietnam was hauled in last week from a freshwater lake near Hanoi, an official radio broadcast reported Wednesday.

The 121-kilogram (267-pound) turtle now resides in a hotel pond, where the Voice of Vietnam said it has rapidly become a tourist attraction.

The trionychid turtle was caught five days ago in the town of Hoa Binh, 60 kilometers (37 miles) southwest of the Vietnamese capital. It is 1.2 meters (47 inches) long and 85 centimeters (33 inches) wide.

Turtles enjoy special status in Vietnamese folklore. According to legend, national hero Le-Loi defeated Chinese invaders in the year 1418 with a magic sword he obtained from a turtle living in a lake. The lake became known as "Sword Lake" and lies at the heart of modern-day Hanoi.

Workshop on
chemicals set

THE OCCUPATIONAL Safety and Health Administration says more than 30 million American workers are potentially exposed to one or more chemical hazards in the workplace.

More than 500,000 different chemical are in use today and employers and employees are not always aware of the hazards involved with their use.

The Northern Marianas College technical and chemistry departments are offering a special workshop on May 8 to help employers and employees learn about chemical hazards.

"The federal hazard commu-

nication standard is based on a simple concept, that employees have both a need and a right to know the hazards and identities of the chemical they are exposed to when working," vocation coordinator Bob Scruggs said.

"This workshop is designed to help employers and employees meet that standard," Scruggs said.

The workshop will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on May 8. Workshop fee is \$30, although a discount is available when more than four people are registered from the same company.

Contact the Adult and Continuing Education Office at 234-3690 for more information or registration.

Bribery
charges eyed
against air
force chief

By B.J. Lee

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Prosecutors said Wednesday they would press charges against a former air force chief of staff suspected of having taken bribes in exchange for promoting officers.

The move followed the arrests of a former navy chief of staff, a marine corps commandant and five other officers during the past two days on similar graft and bribery charges.

Prosecutors said charges would be filed, probably on Thursday, against former air force chief of staff Chung Yong-hu, who is suspected of receiving \$500,000 from officers seeking promotion in 1989.

They added military investigations found that Chung received the money while serving as the air force chief of staff from 1989 to 1990. Chung, meeting reporters Tuesday, admitted that receiving \$125,000. Chung created an uproar by claiming that he was forced to step down in 1990 partly because of his objection to the American F-16 jet fighters favored by associates of then President Roh Tae-woo.

Chung said the Roh government chose the F-16s as South Korea's next-generation fighters in 1991, overruling an objection from the Air Force, raising suspicions that favoritism and possibly payoffs were involved in the deal.

Chung's claim prompted the government to launch a large-scale investigation into the multi-billion dollar military acquisition programs, including the \$1.5 billion deal to buy or co-produce 120 F-16s by 1999. On Wednesday, the Defense Ministry denied Chung's allegation, saying the F-16 from General Dynamics Corp. were chosen over the F-18 from McDonnell Douglas Corp. because they cost less.

Military investigators said Chung was forced to step down in 1990 because of the graft scandal, not the fighter project.

Officials at the Defense Ministry said the five military officers arrested Wednesday included a marine corps major general, as well as a navy commodore and three captains who allegedly bribed superiors to get promoted.

The officers were charged with buying their promotions from former navy Chief of Staff Kim Jong-ho by paying bribes ranging from \$20,000 to \$125,000.

Kim was arrested Tuesday on suspicion of taking bribes totaling \$450,000 in exchange for promoting about a dozen junior officers from 1989 to 1991.

Five field-grade navy officers were also found involved in the scandal but were not placed under arrest, because the amount of money they allegedly gave Kim was small.

Backed by President Kim Young-sam's sweeping reform drive, government inspectors launched a large-scale probe into military corruption last week.

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INVITATION TO BID
DPW93-ITB-00260

The Department of Public Works is soliciting sealed bids for the Fabrication of Pre-Cast Box Culvert Concrete Panels for American Memorial Park Drainage Improvements, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the Office of the Chief of Procurement & Supply at Lower Base, Saipan until 3:00 p.m., local time, Friday, May 14, 1993, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Bid bond or other form acceptable to the Government made payable to the Treasurer, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands with a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 1480-G31480".

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal, a copy of his business permit as a compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Specifications and plans of the project are available on or after May 03, 1993 at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works in Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$100.00 is required for each set. Pre-bid conference for this project will be held at 3:00 p.m., local time, Friday, May 7, 1993, at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works on Saipan.

Attention is called to the Labor Standards Provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the CNMI Classification and Salary Structure Plans, and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Specifications must be paid on this project.

All bid documents received shall be the sole property of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the exception of bid bonds, certified checks or cashier's check which will be returned to the bidders in accordance with the specifications section, "Instruction to Bidders" Page 1-2, Paragraph No. 05, Bid Guarantee.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ELIZABETH H. SALAS-BALAJADIA
Director of Public Works
4/29/93

ADDENDUM NO. 02 TO PSS-RFP93-006

The Request For Sealed Proposal for the Repair of Electrical System at Garapan and Oleai Elementary School which was scheduled for the submission of proposals dated April 23, 1993 was extended until April 30, 1993 upon request by the prospective proposer turning the Pre-proposal Conference dated April 16, 1993 in order for them to provide and submit an efficient cost proposal.

(s) William S. Torres

(s) Louise Concepcion

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CUC RFP 93-0015

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is requesting sealed proposals from qualified executive search firms, experience in the public sector, to perform professional executive search services.

The consultant shall travel to Saipan to meet with the CUC Executive Director, the CUC Board of Directors, the CUC Auditor, and the CNMI Director of Finance.

The executive search will include the CUC Comptroller and the CUC Data System Administrator.

While the firm is on island, the consultant shall prepare job descriptions, including qualifications, language for the necessary advertisements in professional publications, etc. and a list of the publications to be utilized which will then be approved by the Executive Director and the Chairman of the CUC Board of Directors. The consultant shall spend three days on the island.

The consultant is expected to provide the following professional services in the basic proposal for services:

Three day visit to Saipan to meet with CUC's officials and prepare the job descriptions, language and list of publications to be used.

Place the necessary advertisements in the publications.

Receive resumes from interested applicants.

Screen applicants to ensure they meet the qualifications.

Check references and prepare list of six most qualified individuals for each position.

Send list of individuals to CUC Executive Director for review and comments.

Schedule interviews at Saipan for two or three final applicants selected by CUC.

Assist CUC to negotiate final agreements with the finalist, if they so requested.

The executive search firm is requested to provide cost estimates for likely publication costs and for travel costs for each of the interviews to guide CUC in determining final costs for the executive search process. The CUC will be responsible for all travel and per diem costs for applicants and for publication costs following approval of the list of publications and the advertisement language. The consultant will be responsible for all other executive search costs including the initial trip to Saipan. The consultant should utilize a per diem figure of \$150 per day for the period of time spent on island.

Cost proposal forms can be obtained from the office of the CUC Executive Director, Lower base, Saipan.

The proposals shall be marked CUC RFP 93-0015, sealed and submitted in one original and five (5) copies to the Manager, Procurement and Supply, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than 2:00 P.M. local time, on May 21, 1993.

CUC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for any reason and to waive any defect in said proposals, or any of them, in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All enquiries shall be directed to Mr. Ramon S. Guerrero, Executive Director of CUC at telephone number (670) 322-4033 and fax number (670) 322-4323.
/s/ RAMON S. GUERRERO
Executive director

Dulce returns for concert

"ASIA'S queen of songs," and international recording artist Miss Dulce Amor is slated to hold a series of world class concerts at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on June 13.

She will be joined by Darwin Cruz, Jograd Dela Torre, Jack Little and the Big Beats Band.

Dubbed "You Light Up My Life," the concerts are being presented by the Filipino Community Organizations.

The concert is a fund drive for the VLS Eyeglass Bank Foundation for free restoration of eyesight, free refraction services, free eyeglasses and to help create a more extensive program for the less fortunate.

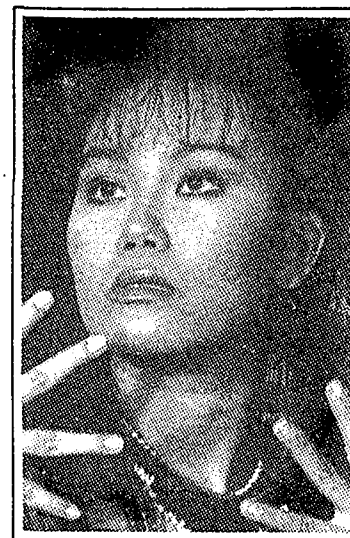
In its effort to help the less fortunate, the foundation has invited Jesus V. Tamesis a prominent Filipino and interna-

tional ophtalmic surgeon and chairman of the Philippine Medical Care Commission, to visit the commonwealth for eye examination of all needy ones.

In addition to raising funds for the foundation, the concert is also intended to satisfy the clamor of the people for quality and live music entertainment.

The musical benefit concert series is produced by Virginia Lovely Sanvictores with Danny Cruz as Director.

VLS Eyeglass Bank Foundation has been extending humanitarian support and assistance to the less fortunate since it was founded in Japan by Virginia Lovely Sanvictores through the United Nations World Peace Pavillion. Since 1985 Sanvictores has been an ambassador of goodwill to the United Nations World Peace



Dulce

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the picnic pavilion worth \$20,000 which was donated to the CNMI government.

"This beauty competition was conceptualized to give recreational activities for the hotel workers as well as for our little

girls", said Zeny Cristobal, coordinator for the pageant.

"After the candidates have gone through the many rehearsals, personality development training sessions, and other activities of

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Recession hurting Japan's silk crafters

By Laura King

KANAZAWA, Japan (AP) - Thigh-deep in the icy Asano River, two dyers unfurled long strips of brilliantly colored silk, rinsing them in the rushing current as artisans in this castle town have done for centuries. These days, the silk crafters are hoping their traditions will not be swept away by modern-day problems like Japan's recession.

In his sun-splashed studio, master painter Tatsuhiro Aikawa looked up from the indigo flower pattern he was painstakingly applying to a length of white silk stretched on a bamboo frame.

He said, "It gives me great pleasure to create a beautiful design. It always has. But now, it gives me great pleasure to get an order for my work It's a big relief."

Handpainted silk kimonos made by a complicated method known as Kaga Yuzen ... a specialty in this Japan Sea coastal city - start at about \$8,000. Most cost much more.

With Japan's economy in a downturn, many customers cannot afford those prices, although elaborate kimonos are considered a must for any important occasion here - a wedding, a birth, coming of age. Tamotsu Ichizuka, secretary of a promotional association for Kaga Yuzen, said competition for buyers has become keen among the silk artisans, traditionally a small and close-knit

community.

"There is no question the recession is hurting them, and perhaps changing the atmosphere in which they work."

Ichizuka estimated sales fell off about 5 percent last year and said a steeper drop was likely this year.

Annual sales in the regional industry run about \$200 million.

Dyers are not alone in the silk trade's struggles. Raw-silk production has been falling steadily. Farmers are increasingly abandoning silkworm-raising as inexpensive silk-processed goods flood in from elsewhere in Asia.

The silk trade propelled Japan's economic modernization a century ago. But even before the recession, Kanazawa's silk artisans were having to adapt. Nearly 20 years ago, they saw that river pollution was threatening to ruin their handiwork. So they built a series of elaborate rinsing troughs at a suburban complex.

The rivers are cleaner now because of pollution controls, but the sight of jewel-toned lengths of silk fluttering in the blue-green current is rare. On a recent day, a pair of dyers worked barehanded in the cold water, scrubbing the silk with special brushes, testing the feel of it with their blue-tipped fingers.

They are rinsing off the rice paste applied during dyeing to keep colors from running. It is one of the final steps in the laborious - and labor-intensive - three-month process of painting and dyeing silk for a single kimono.

Five to six people are involved in each piece of work. The painter and the dyer are the main artisans, but skilled craftspeople are needed for such key stages as steaming the silk to set the colors, and tracing the protective rice paste onto the intricate designs.

Finding young people to learn these tasks is becoming harder and harder, Ichizuka said.

"There are always disciples who want to become painters and dyers ... but they are less interested in the rest of it," he said.

Kanazawa is home to about 250 silk painters and dyers, each with apprentices. It takes about seven years to become a master painter, and 12 to become a master dyer.

Only in the last 20 years have women been allowed to become silk painters. Fifty of the master painters in Kanazawa are women. Nearly all are single, reflecting the traditional Japanese view that once a woman marries, her main tasks are home and children.

Despite the challenges, the silk artisans are confident of keeping their craft alive, especially in this city - long a center of traditional arts like the tea ceremony and Noh theater.

"Maybe it has to do with the long winters here," Ichizuka said.

There is a certain patience - and a wish to make something beautiful out of difficulty."

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS 96950 TEL. NO. 322-8711/4 • FAX (670) 322-4008

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following persons with pending Labor or Agency Cases are hereby notified to report to the Department of Commerce and Labor, Investigation Section, Located at Capitol Hill, Ground Floor, Administration Building, within fifteen (15) days from the date of the publication of this notice.

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5. FELIX DELA ROSA	AGENCY CASE NO.
6. GABRIEL DACQUILLAS	G.F. NO. 008-93
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8. ANTONIO B. VILLANUEVA/SPN. INT'L CONSULTING	
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Failure to appear at the department on or before the date and time specified above shall be ground for dismissal of labor cases filed by the above named complainants or revocation of work permits, in case of nonappearance by Respondent, an entry of a default order. In the event any or all of these cases are dismissed and/or where permits are revoked, the office of immigration may institute deportation proceedings.

Dated this 28th day of April, 1993.

(s) DANIEL E. AQUINO
Chief of Labor

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INVITATION TO BID DPW93-ITB-00259

The Department of Public Works is soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of the proposed Tinian Public Park, Site I-Little League Baseball field, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the Office of the Chief of Procurement & Supply at Lower Base, Saipan until 2:00 p.m., local time, Friday, May 14, 1993, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Bid bond or other form acceptable to the Government made payable to the Treasurer, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands with a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 1480-G31480"

The bidder is required to submit with his proposal, a copy of his business permit as a compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Specifications and plans of the project are available on or after April 19, 1993 at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works in Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$200.00 is required for each set. Pre-bid conference for this project will be held at 2:00 p.m., local time, Friday, May 7, 1993, at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works on Saipan.

Attention is called to the Labor Standards Provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the CNMI Classification and Salary Structure Plans, and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Specifications must be paid on this project.

All bid documents received shall be the sole property of the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the exception of bid bonds, certified checks or cashier's check which will be returned to the bidders in accordance with the specifications section, "Instruction to Bidders" Page I-2, Paragraph No. 05, Bid Guarantee.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Reviewed by:

/s/ ELIZABETH H. SALAS-BALAJADIA
Director of Public Works

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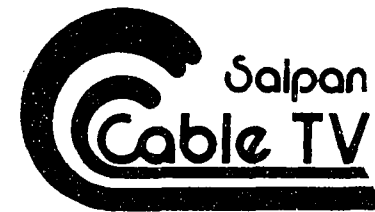
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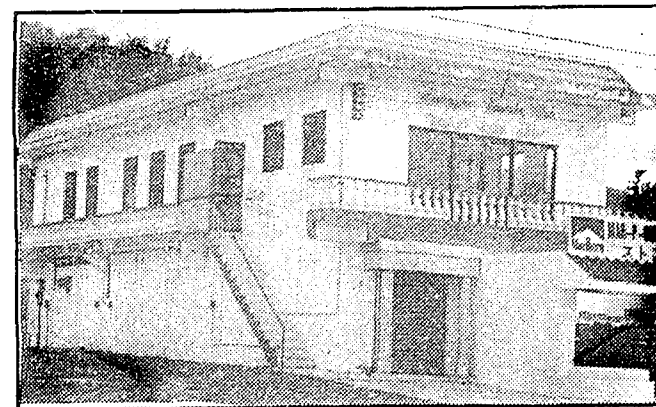
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Bentsen urges Japan to raise aid to Russia

By Martin Crutsinger

WASHINGTON (AP) - Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said Wednesday that the West needs to move quickly to show support for Russian President Boris Yeltsin following his decisive election victory and he called on Japan in particular to do more in terms of financial assistance.

Bentsen said that Japan was in a better position than any other major country to assist Russia because it has perennially run budget surpluses in recent years. "Hopefully we are going to see more than we have heard thus far" from Japan, Bentsen said.

His comments came during a wide-ranging interview with a group of reporters on the day before he was to host a meeting of finance officials from the world's seven richest industrial countries - the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Canada and Italy.

Bentsen said that Russia and a search for ways to bolster the weak global economy would be the pri-

mary focus of Thursday's closed door meetings at the U.S. Treasury.

The G-7 countries came forward with a \$28.4 billion assistance package earlier this month during a meeting in Tokyo. However, the bulk of that money would come not from individual countries but from multinational lending organizations such as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

The United States put forward a \$1.8 billion package of new assistance during the Tokyo meeting, an amount that was on top of \$1.6 billion that President Clinton had offered Yeltsin during their summit meeting in Vancouver.

The Japanese announced a \$1.8 billion package of their own. But US officials at the time expressed disappointment because all but \$320 million of that amount would be in the form of loan guarantees rather than direct aid.

Meeting with reporters in his conference room at Treasury, Bentsen said the United States

continued to believe that Japan was in a position to do more because it had the lowest ratio of national debt to the size of its economy of any of the G-7 nations.

The Japanese until recently have been very reluctant to commit aid to Russia until Yeltsin's government agrees to return four islands that were seized at the end of World War II.

Bentsen said Japan could come to this week's meeting with additional assistance but they had given no indications to him so far that they were doing so.

Bentsen said even without further promises of assistance, he expected the G-7 would urge quick movement to show Western support now that Yeltsin won a vote-of-confidence in last Sunday's referendum.

He said that funds from the IMF and other multilateral lending agencies would probably begin flowing within the next 30 days.

Bentsen admitted that the administration's second Russian

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5 killed in failed bank heist

MANILA (AP) - Five men were killed Wednesday as they tried to escape from a suburban bank they had just robbed, police and witnesses said. Robbers shot and wounded a security guard as they barged into the Bank of the Philippine Islands branch in Kabisan district in suburban Paranaque at about 11 a.m. (0300 GMT), bank manager Gloria Cruz said.

Cruz said the robbers scooped up about 245,000 pesos (dls 9,423) from the tellers and ordered bank officials to open the vault. But the vault had a time lock and could not be opened until a specified time.

The robbers then fired at the vault, alerting another bank guard, Virgilio Jose Co.

"I decided to fight it out with the robbers," Co said. He then climbed down the fire exit to wait for the robbers to come out of the bank.

He said he saw the gunmen's car and immediately shot the driver with his 12-gauge shotgun. He shot the four others, who did not see him, as they tried to board their car.

Bentsen...

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aid package of \$1.8 billion would be difficult to get through Congress. But he suggested it would be linked to a scaled-down jobs bill as a way of making it easier for lawmakers to vote for foreign aid.

He also said that the recent reductions in Germany interest rates were welcome but that further cuts in European interest rates would be needed to help that region escape from a severe economic slowdown.

Bentsen said that he would tell his G-7 counterparts that despite the defeat of the administration's jobs program, the administration was confident that it would be able to get its deficit reduction package of spending cuts and tax increases through Congress substantially as drafted by the administration.

The other G-7 nations have long pushed the United States to take decisive action to cut the federal budget deficit as a way to help lower global interest rates.

Bentsen said that current trade imbalances would also be a prime topic of conversation at the G-7 session which in addition to the finance ministers is attended by central bank presidents from each country.

Japan is the only G-7 nation with a massive trade surplus, and the United States and other countries have been pressuring Japan to lower trade barriers and stimulate its own domestic demand to create a larger market for products from the United States and other countries.

Both Germany and Japan are struggling to cope with the worst recessions in decades. While both countries recently acted to jumpstart their economies, the administration has let it be known it saw room for further measures.

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MIHA reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the best interest of the government.

/s/ JOHN M. SABLAN
 Executive Director

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INVITATION FOR BID

The chief, Procurement and Supply is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified individuals or firms for the procurement of Air Conditioners.

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All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked IFB93-0029 submitted in duplicate to the Office of the Chief, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, before 3:30 p.m., May 24, 1993, at which time and place, all bids will be publicly open and read aloud. Any bids received late will not be considered. The CNMI Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the best interest of the government.

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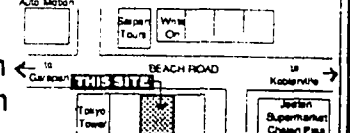
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Please take notice that CARMEN I. LIZAMA has filed a Petition, asking that she be appointed as the general guardian of PAUL ALAN I. LIZAMA, a minor child; and that the said Petition will be heard by the Court on Thursday, May 6, 1993, at the hour of 1:30 p.m. of the said day at the Commonwealth Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan.
Dated, this 23rd day of April, 1993.
/s/ Charlene Teregeyo
Deputy Clerk of Court

PUBLIC NOTICE
In the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
CIVIL CASE NO. 93-293
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TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file an answer you wish to make to the Petition for Divorce of which is given you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you.
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Violent NBA players to get tough penalties

By Bill Barnard

NEW YORK (AP) - Players who throw punches or hit other players during this season's playoffs will be getting heavier penalties under a new policy established by the NBA Wednesday.

The new rules, announced by NBA vice president of operations Rod Thorn, provide for ejection and a one-game suspension even when a player swings at another player and misses. Previously, players who punched without connecting were ejected, but not suspended.

"We don't want fighting in this league," Thorn said. "Players and coaches will be told that if punches are thrown, there will be suspensions, even if the punch is retaliatory. Instigators will still be punished more severely, but anyone who takes a punch will be suspended as well."

The new rules were in response to several fights late in the season. All the incidents resulted in ejections and fines, but only players who actually connected with punches were suspended.

A total of 12 players were suspended this season for punching incidents. Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal and Kevin Johnson were among the big-name players suspended.

Derrick Coleman and Manute Bol were among those ejected, but not suspended, for throwing punches that missed.

Under the new policy, a player who connects with a punch will be suspended for one to five games.

The league also will increase fines for players who leave the bench during a fight, but do not throw punches. Those players, previously fined \$500, now will be fined \$2,500.

Their teams also will be fined \$5,000 for each player who leaves the bench.

"The message being sent is that the league is taking a tougher position with the players," deputy commissioner Russ Granik said.

Granik said the new policy was presented to the NBA Board of Governors Wednesday, but the league's owners did not vote on it. The rules will be implemented as an executive office policy.

NMITA sets meeting

THE NORTHERN Mariana Islands Tennis Association will hold its monthly meeting on May 3, at 11:30 a.m. at Poon's Restaurant in Garapan.

A partial agenda for this meeting will include the following:
1. The 12th Annual DFS Micronesia Championships tennis tournament which will be held over two weekends, May 22 - 23 and May 29 - 31.
2. The American Memorial Park tennis facility.

3. Junior tennis program.
All interested members are encouraged to attend. For additional information please call 322-9554.

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You are sure to enjoy a good deal of mischief during your lifetime, and you will never shy away from playing a trick or two on your friends. Of course, you are always willing to bear the burden of someone else's fun in your turn. Laughter, to you, is both an inspiration and a tonic, and in your company it is rarely lacking.

Also born on this date are: Willie Nelson, singer; Cloris Leachman and Jill Clayburgh, actresses.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You

mustn't carry a grudge today. Profit and pleasure both depend upon teamwork. Keep suspicion at bay.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Progress can be made today, but it will come in forms unexpected and perhaps disguised. Read between the lines.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You are likely to be personally affected by the affairs of others today, whether you know them well or not.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — The unexpected needn't take you too much by surprise today. You can, indeed, prepare yourself for the unlikely.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You can avoid negative trends today only through clear thought and clever planning. Anticipation is the key.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You can successfully combine tradition and novelty today. Begin putting into motion your plans for the coming week.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Some personal adjustment, or even sacrifice, may be necessary before this day is out. Make concessions one by one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You may find yourself on the defensive unexpectedly today, without un-

derstanding. Talk things over!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You can use both charm and persuasion today to get your way — but you must be sure what you want is truly beneficial.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You must be willing to face things in the light of day today. For best results, a direct approach is surely advised.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You are likely to be warned of dangers lying in your path, but you may not be able to avoid them completely.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may have to reconsider recent agreements and forge alliances which, in the near future, will surely benefit you.

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DATE BOOK

April 30, 1993

Today is the 120th day of 1993 and the 42nd day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1945, Adolf Hitler committed suicide in Berlin as Russian troops captured the city.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Franz Lehár (1870-1948), composer; John Crowe Ransom (1888-1974), poet-critic; Burt Young (1927-), actor, is 66; Willie Nelson (1933-), singer, is 60; Jill Clayburgh (1944-), actress, is 49; Isiah

Thomas (1962-), basketball player, is 31; Al Toon (1963-), football player, is 30.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1961, Willie Mays of the San Francisco Giants hit four home runs in a game against Milwaukee.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "God have mercy on the sinner! Who must write with no dinner." — John Crowe Ransom, from "Survey of Literature."

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1991, a tropical cyclone devastated southern Bangladesh in the early morning. The tornado caused \$1.4 billion in damage.

SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL/1993 Weather Guide Calendar, Accord Publishing, Ltd.

TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter (April 29).

TODAY'S BARB BY PHIL PASTORET

If it can't be opened, run, untied or taken apart, you have yet to tell a 3-year-old not to touch it.

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A Gothic favorite

Ctesibus of Alexandria, a Greek engineer, invented a single-manual, slider-chest organ with one keyboard and one pipe to each note sometime around the third century B.C. Ctesibus named his instrument "hydraulis," and models of the primitive organ eventually assumed the Greek name "organon."

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

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- 1 Surfeit
- 5 Prohibit
- 8 Bargain
- 12 British streetcar
- 13 Guido's high note
- 14 Actor Holliman
- 15 Monster
- 16 Priest's vestment
- 17 Minor
- 18 More indigent
- 20 Ridicule lightly
- 22 Frolic
- 23 Large bird
- 24 Shooting stars
- 27 State of over-excitement: colloq.
- 31 Poem

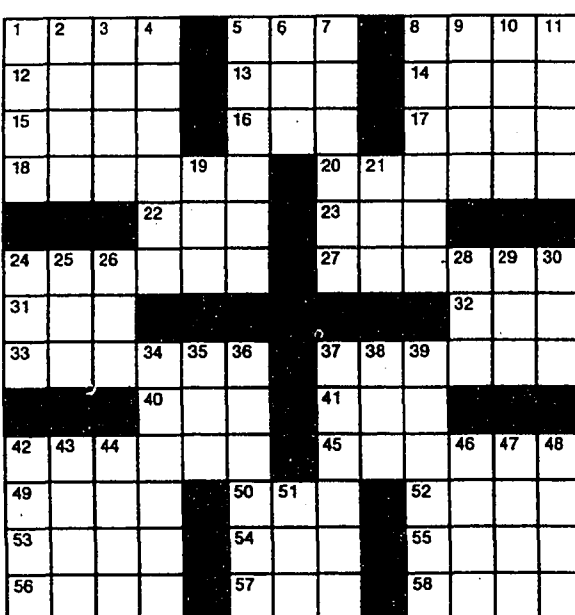
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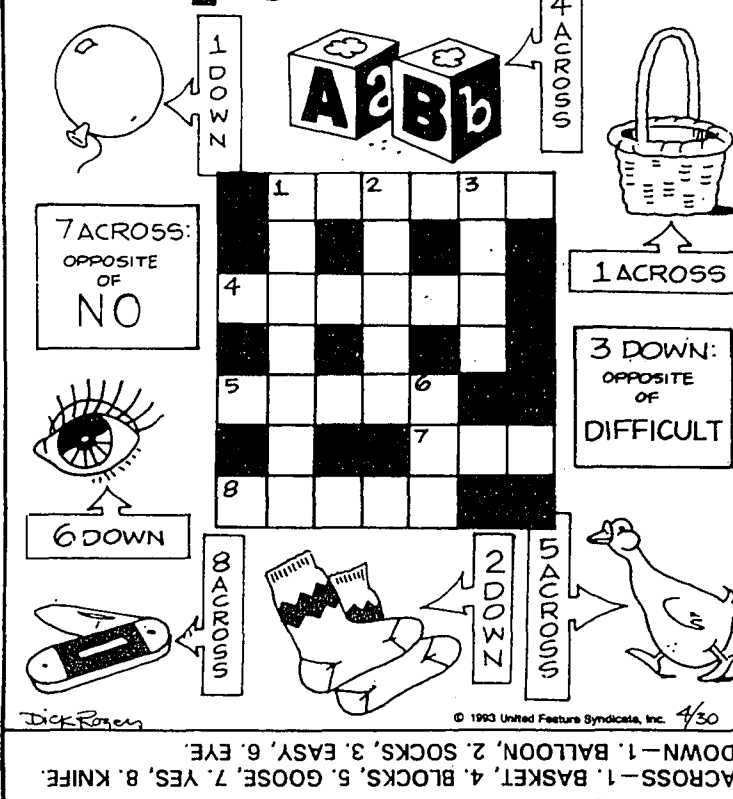
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Graf beats unseeded Meskhi in Citizen Cup

HAMBURG (AP) — Steffi Graf breezed past unseeded Leila Meskhi of Georgia 6-1, 6-2 Wednesday to advance to the quarterfinals of the \$375,000 Citizen Cup.

The match's main drama came when Graf, the defending champion, twisted her ankle slightly while leading 2-1 in the first set. Graf is playing her first tournament after a three-week absence because of a knee injury. Despite a bandage as a precaution, the German shows no affect, wielding her powerful groundstrokes to easily dispatch the 25th-ranked Meskhi in 52 minutes.

"I served very well and I earned

a lot of points from the baseline," said the 23-year-old Graf.

Graf, who is seeking her seventh straight title in the event, next faces eighth-seeded Katarina Maleeva of Bulgaria.

Two other top seeds struggled but survived.

Third-seeded Spaniard Arantxa Sanchez Vicario needed an hour and 41 minutes to defeat Austrian qualifier Beate Reinstadler, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3. Sanchez Vicario, ranked third on Women's Tennis Association Kraft Tour, was steadier in the key moments against her inexperienced opponent, who pressured the Spaniard at the net and with a strong ground game.

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committed five errors in the stretch. John Sablan went the distance for the win and Jack

Cabrera and Rudy Dela Cruz both went 2-for-3 to lead the Piao.

Softball Fast-Pitch League (Team standing as of Sunday, April 23, 1993)

Team	Win	Loss	Pct.	GB
Dandan Protector	4	0	1.000	-
Lite Beer	3	1	.750	1
COP Enforcers	3	1	.750	1
Herman Cabrera Piao	3	2	.667	1 1/2
Toyota Wheels	2	2	.500	2
Amigos	2	2	.500	2
D-9'ers	2	2	.500	2
Sun Risers	2	3	.400	2 1/2
Glazers	0	4	.000	4
Dial-Rent-to Own	0	4	.000	4

Batting Leaders: (Based on 10 or more times at bat)

Player	Team	AB	Hit	Bat.
Nick Guerrero	Enforcers	10	7	.700
John Diaz	Enforcers	12	8	.667
John Idechi	Wheels	10	6	.600
Cris Guerrero	Wheels	10	6	.600
Jack P. Cabrera	Piao	16	9	.562
Kirk Virgith	D-Protector	17	9	.529
Ray P. Cabrera	Piao	18	9	.500
Alek Sakisat	Piao	16	8	.500
Joe Tudela	Sun Risers	14	7	.500
Gus Aguon	Dial Rent-to-Own	12	6	.500

Runs: (10) Ben Duenas, Kirk Virgith, Jack P. Cabrera (9) John Camacho, Tom Diaz (8) John Idechi, Ben Cabrera, Glen P. Cabrera, Ken Babauta

Doubles: (4) Dennis Ngeskebei, Kirk Virgith (3) Nick Guerrero, John Diaz, Joe Torres.

Triples: (3) Joe Tudela (2) Ten Players

Homerun: (2) John Diaz, John Idechi, Patrick Tenorio

RBI's: (12) Patrick Tenorio (10) Kirk Virgith (7) John Diaz, Ray P. Cabrera, Manny A. Cabrera, Ray Seman, James Diaz

Pitching Leaders

Players	Team	Inn	ER	Hit	BB	SO	W	LEra
Robert Torres	D-Protector	13	0	7	3	9	2-0	0.00
Ben Sablan	D-Protector	11	2	11	4	12	2-0	1.27
Joe Sablan	D-9'ers	27	9	37	2	16	2-2	2.33
John Sablan	Piao	15	5	16	9	3	2-0	2.33
Paul Roberto	Sun Risers	16	8	21	20	3	1-2	3.50
Max Pangellina	Lite Beer	21	11	28	7	11	3-0	3.67
Tony Camacho	Sun Risers	15	9	15	5	11	1-1	4.20
John Reyes	Enforcers	26	21	50	8	12	3-0	5.65
John Manibusan	Amigos	12	12	15	13	2	0-1	7.00
Henry San Nicolas	Piao	8	10	12	9	4	1-1	8.75

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Hodkinson loses WBC featherweight title

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Gregorio "Goyo" Vargas floored defending champion Paul Hodkinson twice in the seventh round Wednesday to capture the World Boxing Council featherweight title at Dublin's National Boxing Stadium. Vargas, the 22-year-old Mexican champion, bloodied the Briton's nose with a solid right midway through the round, then dazed his opponent with a torrid series of combinations. On the second knockdown, seconds after the first, Hodkinson's corner threw

in the towel and American referee Arthur Mercante stopped the fight with 33 seconds to go in the round. The victory was Vargas' 28th in 32 fights, with three losses and one draw. It was his 20th knock-out and his first professional bout outside his home country.

Hodkinson, making his fourth defense of the title he won from Mexican Marcos Villasa in Nov. 1991, suffered his second defeat against 22 victories and one draw.

The fighters appeared evenly matched through five rounds, with

each landing solid blows to seemingly little effect. Hodkinson's best punch came in the third, when the Mexican backed off after a right cross. The champion led on all three judges' scorecards when the fight was stopped. Vargas began to find his rhythm in the sixth, and his blows produced swelling around Hodkinson's injury-prone eyes.

"It wasn't 100 per cent me out there tonight," said the 27-year-old from Liverpool. "Not to take anything away from Vargas. He was very strong."

Casino plans fund for Artemiev

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — The casino where a boxer sustained a life-threatening injury in a title bout will begin a fund to help the fighter pay the costs of his rehabilitation.

Sergei Artemiev, 24, suffered a blood clot on his brain in defending his US Boxing Association lightweight title against Carl Griffith at the Trump Taj Mahal on March 21. Artemiev, who lost the bout, can never box again due to his injury.

"We're in a position to help him pay his rehabilitation costs,"

Steve Sless, Trump Taj Mahal spokesman, said Tuesday. "We're involved with boxing here, and this is something we wanted to do."

The casino planned to announce the creation of the "Sergei Artemiev Fund" Wednesday in New York. Artemiev, who is living with his trainer in New York's Queens borough, was scheduled to be present, Sless said.

Top Rank Inc., was to present the Russian immigrant with a special championship belt at the event.

Sless said a fundraising benefit for Artemiev will be held June 27 at the casino. Many boxers and promoters who have expressed an interest in helping Artemiev will be in Atlantic City for the Evander Holyfield-Alex Stewart bout on June 26 and are expected to stay over for the fundraiser. Neurosurgeons removed the clot pressing on Artemiev's brain and inserted a tiny monitor inside his skull the night of the fight. He was put in a chemically induced coma after the operation and remained hospitalized for three weeks.

SPORTS

Toyota edges L & T

By Ray D. Palacios

NICK Reyes went 2-for-3 with three RBIs, including a two-run triple in the top of the sixth as the Wheels rallied for seven runs, six of which were unearned, and held on to edge out the L & T Seabees Four, 12-10, to remain in second place with a 3-2 record on April 21.

The Seabees regained the lead in the top of the fourth after leading 3-1 in the second and giving it away in the next 1 1/2 innings with three runs on two hits aided by an error and a wild pitch to stay on top, 6-4.

After a scoreless fifth, the Wheels, behind three Seabees errors, jumped on tiring Nick Castro for six runs before Kaleb Dulei came in who was greeted with a single and triple before getting

Jason Wesley to fly for the third out of the inning. The Wheels then held off a late inning surge by the Seabees, including the crucial game-ending play in the bottom of the ninth that could have gone the other way when reliever Roy Magofna fanned Tony Rogolifoi with the tying run at first for the final out of the game.

Larry Guerrero went 3-for-4 and Bobby Lizama went 3-for-5 with four runs scored for the Wheels. Mike "Rock" Guerrero led the Seabees going 4-for-5 with a triple and two RBIs in a losing effort.

The league-leading powerhouse Sablan Termites cruised to their sixth consecutive victory to remain unbeaten stopping the Blue Sharks 9-6 last Friday.

The Sharks managed to tie the game at 6-all in the fifth but be-

came the third victim to be shut out after tying the game as Tony Benavente came in after giving two singles and a triple to retire 15 of the next 16 batters, including seven by strike-outs for his fifth win for the season.

Tony Camacho knocked in his second consecutive game-winning RBI and brother Greg and Frank Pangelinan knocked in insurance runs. The Termites jumped on top 6-1 in the first 4 1/2 innings before the Sharks' four-run fifth-inning rally tied it at 6 all.

Reno Celis was perfect at the plate going 4-for-4 and Frank Pangelinan recorded his second consecutive 3-for-5 performance to lead the Termites. Naruse Idip went 2-for-4 with a triple and three RBIs to lead the Sharks, which fell to 1-4.

Senior League Division 93 Team Individual Batting Record as of April 29

Player	Team	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	Total Ave.
Tomo Kane Jess	Braves	14	5	10	0	1	0	2	0	1	714
Ordillano Romeo	A's	15	5	9	0	2	0	4	3	3	600
Cepeda Luig	Hustlers	18	8	10	1	1	0	2	5	2	556
Techur Mike	Hustlers	18	5	10	1	0	0	2	2	3	556
Sanchez Geais	Cougars	20	12	11	2	0	0	3	3	3	550
Flores John Paul	A's	14	5	7	0	0	0	2	0	4	500
Sanchez Patrick	A's	11	6	5	0	0	0	0	6	2	455
Fallig Rick	Braves	11	3	5	1	1	0	4	1	2	455
DL Guerrero C.	Hustlers	22	9	9	0	0	1	3	1	1	409
Sablan Vinnie	Cougars	18	10	7	1	0	0	2	4	3	389
Camacho Glen	Cougars	18	8	7	2	1	1	2	4	0	389
Celis A	Hustlers	18	13	7	2	0	1	6	6	2	389
Celis A.	Hustlers	18	13	7	2	0	1	6	6	2	389
Manalo Donald	Hustlers	21	7	8	1	1	0	1	3	4	381
Sablan Darrow	A's	12	5	4	2	1	1	3	2	3	333
Hocog Frank	Hustlers	22	7	6	0	0	0	3	1	5	273

Joeten-Sunraysia Tennis Classic opens

CNMI male athlete of the year Jeff Race heads the list of over 100 entires to the 3rd Annual Joeten-Sunraysia Tennis Classic which kicks off this weekend at the Pacific Island Club courts.

Race, who is reuniting with old partner Tim Goodwin, will try to live up to his top billing Race and Goodwin are seeded first in the men's open doubles scheduled this weekend while Race is top seeded in the men's open singles slated on the second weekend.

Also seeded in the men's open doubles are veterans Mike Hason and Larr King and father and son

tandem of Luan Nguyen and Lynn Nguyen from Guam.

PIC classic doubles champion Chad Schempp and Doug Schulein are skipping this tournament due to earlier commitment.

Perry Caddac, president of Filata, said he expects interesting matches since level of play in all events are pretty close.

"In other words, it is everybody's ball game", Caddac said.

Caddac also requested all participating players to check match times at Micropac and Las Vegas Discount Golf and Tennis stores.

Ayuda Run starting line changed

THE STARTING line of the 10th Annual Ayuda Sports Run to be held on May 2, has been moved from the DFS Shop in Garapan to the Army Reserve parking lot in Puerto Rico.

All participants are asked to be at the Army Reserve parking lot at 5:30 a.m. for registration.

The race will be gin at 6 a.m. from the parking lot to the WWII tank at the intersection and Quartermaster Road in Chalan Laulau.

For more information, please call Kathy Palacios or Lucy Neilson at MVB, telephone 234-8325/6/7.

Men's Major Baseball League (Team standing as of April 23, 1993)

Team	Win	Loss	Pct.	GB
Sablan Termites	6	0	1.000	-
Toyota Wheels	3	2	.667	2 1/2
UMDA Aces	2	3	.400	3 1/2
Seabees Four	1	4	.200	4 1/2
Blue Sharks	1	4	.200	4 1/2

Batting Leaders: (Based on 16 or more times at bat)

Player	Team	AB	Hit	Batting
Jess Wabol	UMDA Aces	17	9	.529
Ron Benavente	Toyota Wheels	19	9	.474
Naruse Idip	Blue Sharks	19	9	.474
Reno Celis	Termites	28	13	.464
Frank Pangelinan	Termites	26	12	.462
Tony Rogolifoi	Seabees 4	23	10	.434
Junio Martin	Blue Sharks	21	9	.429
Darwin Ngirmidol	Blue Sharks	19	8	.421
Nick Reyes	Toyota Wheels	17	7	.412
Tony Camacho	Termites	25	10	.400

Runs: (1) Frank Pangelinan (10) Mike Muna (9) Reno Celis, Joe Camacho, Mike Guerrero, Pete Roberto, Ron Benavente (8) Darwin Ngirmidol, Greg Camacho

Doubles: (3) Joe Camacho (2) Frank Pangelinan, Tony Camacho, Bill Quitano, Darwin Ngirmidol, Steve Coleman, Joe Tenorio, Jason Wesley.

Triples: (2) Tony Satur, Paul Camacho, Reno Celis

Homerun: (1) All Camacho

Pitching Leaders

Players	Team	G	Inn	ER	Hit	W/L	Era
Tony Benavente	Termites	6	30	8	23	5-0	2.40
Ron Benavente	Wheels	2	3	1	4	0-0	3.00
Mike Guerrero	Seabees	3	11	5	10	1-1	4.09
Nick Castro	Seabees	1	6	3	9	0-1	4.50
Eddie Santos	Termites	6	22	12	25	1-0	4.91
Elmer Sablan	Aces	5	23	13	31	1-3	5.08
Larry Guerrero	Wheels	1	6	4	8	1-0	6.00
Alfonso Abraham	Aces	2	13	9	17	1-0	6.29
Giovanni Mira	Aces	1	7	5	9	0-0	6.42
Nixon Arurang	Sharks	3	8	6	8	0-1	6.75
Kaleb Dulei	Seabees	5	24	19	46	0-2	7.12
Ben Lizama	Wheels	3	10	8	5	1-1	7.20
Cio Ngiraidong	Sharks	3	7	6	8	0-0	7.71

Strike Outs: (37) Tony Benavente (24) Kaleb Dulei (18) Elmer Sablan

COP beats Wheels

By Frank D. Palacios

THE COP rallied for six runs in the fourth and eight runs in the fifth to take the lead for good and handed the Toyota Wheels their second setback of the fast-pitch softball season with a 21-13 victory Sunday.

John Sablan led off in both innings with a single in the fourth and a base-on-ball in the fifth and scored both times to spark the rally. Pitcher John Reyes knocked in three runs and John Diaz and Joe Aldan both had two RBIs to lead the offensive.

Aldan who only went 1-for-1, led the COP in RBIs with four and Nick Guerrero went 4-for-5 with two doubles and scored times. Jess Omar led the Wheels in a losing effort with four RBIs.

Max Pangelinan went 2-for-3 with a double and four RBIs and also went the distance to lead the San Antonio Lite Beers to their third consecutive victory with a

12-6 decision over the winless Dial Rent-to-Own in the second game.

The Lite Beers needed just three innings to dismantle Rent-to-Own, jumping on top for good 8-1 with five runs in the top of the first and three in the third and never looked back the rest of the way.

Pat Tenorio kept his RBI streak alive at four games with three on a three-run inside-the-park homer but committed three costly errors, including a throwing error in the bottom of the second that resulted in five unearned runs as the unpredictable Herman Cabrera Piaoos upset the Miller Draft Sunrisers, 10-7 in the final game.

Paul Roberto, who doubled, went on the score on an error in the top of the first to put the Draft on top, 1-0. But the Piaoos took the lead for good with nine runs in the next three innings, eight of which were unearned as the Beerme

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