

**BOE chair to teachers:
'Union not the answer'**



Thomas Pangelinan

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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BOARD of Education Chairman Thomas Pangelinan says he acknowledges the problems of public school teachers in the CNMI, but tells them that organizing a union is not the solution.

In an interview Tuesday, Pangelinan said the board will look into issues bugging the teachers, particularly the problems on substitution policy and salary scale.

"They don't need to enter a union to address these concerns," the board chairman

said. "We can resolve the issues among ourselves."

Marianas High School teacher Micheal Hamilton earlier disclosed a plan to invite a mainland-based teachers' union to come and investigate the condition of teachers in the Commonwealth.

MHS teachers have complained about alleged absence of clear-cut policy on substitution.

Hamilton had also alleged he was hoodwinked by the Public School System into signing a contract with altered salary provision.

The MHS teachers' public complaints prompted Pangelinan and board members Esther Fleming to conduct a dialog with MHS teachers on Monday.

"The problems on substitution in MHS take place because of the track system," Pangelinan said. "The track system is one basic area that the board wants to address."

Pangelinan said he will also look into the contract problem, as he urges PSS recruiters

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**MVB seeks \$.7M
from room taxes**



Jose C. Ayuyu

By Rick Alberto
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THE Governor's Office and the Marianas Visitors Bureau are both claiming almost \$700,000 which represents MVB's excess room-tax share for fiscal year 1995.

MVB board director Jose C. Ayuyu said the money should be given to the MVB because it belongs to it.

He told the Variety yesterday that the issue of where the money should go had become "a subject of a big debate."

"My personal opinion as a board member is that that money belongs to MVB," he said.

He said the governor's special assistant for management and budget, Ely Cabrera, said "we cannot get that money anymore" and that it should go to the general fund.

The MVB has accordingly been told that the only way for it get hold of the money is through an appropriation.

But according to Ayuyu, this is not necessary "because in the first place it's already approved by law that 80 percent (of 30 percent of the tax) comes to MVB."

According to the MVB board's computation, the excess room tax share due the tourism agency in FY 1995 is \$685,000.

Ayuyu said he did not know on what basis the administration has laid claim on the excess room-tax

share, adding that the issue has become a legal one.

As far as the MVB is concerned, "we're taking a position that legally that (money) belongs to us," Ayuyu said.

"But they're taking a position, too, on the legal side that it's a raw fund," he added.

He suggested that both sides meet to resolve the issue as soon as possible.

"If we don't solve that," he said, "it's gonna be a problem in the future."

He said this did not pose a problem in the past because the room-tax share was "undercollected" by the MVB "on the basis of projection."

"Let's say you project for \$1 million and you collected only \$800,000, there's no problem, there's no surplus. In this case, it's surplus. It's way beyond our projection," he explained.

Ayuyu claimed Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio had earlier concurred with

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**L&T's competing developer
paying for Mitchell's fees?**

By Ferdie de la Torre
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THE L&T Group of Cos., Ltd. is looking into a possibility that a competing developer is paying the attorney's fees for Theodore R. Mitchell in the taxpayer's lawsuit.

L&T, through counsel David G. Banes, sought an order from the Superior Court to establish whether a competing company is indeed paying the fees for the disqualified Mitchell.

Banes brought up the issue as

he filed a motion yesterday seeking to hold plaintiff Jeanne H. Rayphand in contempt for allegedly violating court order.

Rayphand, when contacted by the Variety, said she has to look at Banes' motion before explaining her side.

Mitchell could not be reached for comment.

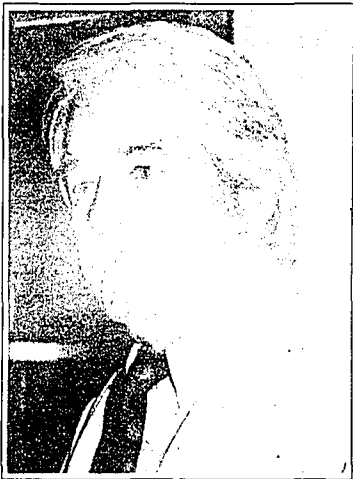
Banes said Rayphand failed to properly respond to the court's order requiring her to answer L&T's questions concerning Mitchell's fees.

Banes said if a competing developer is paying then the real plaintiff in the case would be the latter and "hence not a proper party representative."

"This issue of bias is also relevant as a possible explanation for why plaintiffs (Rayphand and Rep. Stanley T. Torres) are trying to prolong and obstruct this matter and why they refuse to even discuss settlement," said the L&T counsel.

Banes explained that previously Rayphand refused to answer questions at her deposition regarding attorney fees.

He said Rayphand did testify that she was not receiving any



Theodore R. Mitchell

fees for her legal services.

So the defendants, Banes claimed, wished to find out if her employer and attorney, Mitchell, was receiving compensation from another source.

Rayphand refused to answer.

Accordingly, Banes said the defendants moved for an order to compel Rayphand to answer these questions.

In response, he said, Associate Judge Edward Manibusan issued an order last Jan. 12 directing defendants to pose written inter-

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Workers from Sablan Construction arrange fittings for the huge PVC pipes they have installed underground. The work is part of CUC's waterline improvement project in front of the Cabrera Center in Chalan Laulau.

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Outlook**



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Perry noncommittal on US military defense of Taiwan

By ROBERT BURNS
WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration is unwilling to state flatly that it would defend Taiwan if the island were attacked by China. Defense Secretary William Perry said Tuesday he is concerned but not alarmed that China is using "military maneuvering" to try to influence Taiwan's democratic presidential election, set for March 23.

Asked what the United States would do if China threatened to attack, Perry said he could not be more specific than the commitment spelled out in the Taiwan Relations Act.

That document, the basis of the United States' unofficial relations with Taiwan, says belligerent actions meant to determine the future of the island 120 miles (190 kilometers) off China's southeastern coast would be "of grave concern" to the United States.

Perry said Chinese officials asked Joseph Nye, then the assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs, during a visit to Beijing in November how Washington would respond if Taiwan were threatened.

Nye's answers, Perry said, was, "We don't know what we would do, because it's going to depend on the circumstances, and you don't know what we would do."

"At this point at least, with the present level of concern but no imminent danger, I don't believe we will

make a statement more definite than that," Perry said.

Taiwan is the seat of the Nationalist government that fled China's mainland in 1949 after losing a civil war to communist-led forces. Beijing regards Taiwan as a renegade province and refuses to rule out the use of force to retake it.

In a speech Tuesday on the Senate floor, Democratic Senator Paul Simon said U.S. air power should be used to defend Taiwan if the island were to come under attack.

"If China is permitted to go and grab Taiwan, I think it will be only a matter of time before China goes and takes Mongolia and other areas," Simon said. "I think the best way of maintaining stability in that area of the world is to be firm. China should not think that for a moment that she can invade Taiwan without having serious problems."

Perry's remarks were in response to questions from the audience at a speech at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Asked his assessment of the prospect for conflict between China and Taiwan, Perry said he expects no armed confrontation.

"I am concerned about the military maneuvering the Chinese are doing to - in not so subtle ways - threaten Taiwan, to try to influence their election," Perry said.

"I'm concerned about the military buildup that's going on in China today," Perry added. "I do not see this as a threat yet, but I am concerned."

Perry's chief spokesman, Kenneth Bacon, was asked later whether Perry's policy of deliberate ambiguity about Taiwan's defense might not lead China to miscalculate that it could get away with aggression against Taiwan.

"We're always worried about miscalculations when there seem to be military buildups or exercises that perhaps could be misinterpreted," Bacon said.

The spokesman added that China normally kicks off its military exercise season in February. These often occur in the Taiwan Strait, which separates the island from mainland China.

The United States maintains a formidable naval and air presence in the Western Pacific - based mainly in Japan.

Bacon said no U.S. military moves are being contemplated in response to China's planned military exercises in the Taiwan Strait.

In what the Pentagon called a routine movement, the amphibious assault ship USS Belleau Wood was transiting the Taiwan Strait on Tuesday en route to a military exercise with South Korean ships.

Clinton subpoenaed on Whitewater case

By JAMES JEFFERSON
LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (AP) - President Clinton was ordered Monday to testify at next month's Whitewater trial for Susan McDougal, one of his partners in a failed northern Arkansas land deal.

A public defender for Mrs. McDougal, whose ex-husband James ran the failed Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan, said last week that only Clinton could offer testimony that would clear his client.

Mrs. McDougal is accused of receiving a \$300,000 loan that a former Little Rock banker says Clinton pressured him to make. Clinton, who has not been charged, has denied the accusation.

The McDougals and Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, who had other business dealings with the McDougals, face trial March 4 on conspiracy and fraud charges. Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr says the three concocted \$3 mil-



Bill Clinton

lion in loans from federally backed lenders to benefit themselves illegally. U.S. District Judge George Howard Jr.'s order directed court officials to issue a subpoena for the president.

Another lawyer for Mrs. McDougal, Jennifer Horan, said the subpoena was still being prepared Monday afternoon and probably wouldn't be ready until Tuesday.

Buchanan over Gramm in GOP's Louisiana poll

By JOHN KING
BATON ROUGE, Louisiana (AP) - Pat Buchanan shocked Senator Phil Gramm in Louisiana caucuses by winning their battle for a conservative jump-start into the 1996 Republican presidential race. Other candidates boycotted the contest in deference to next week's traditional kickoff contest in Iowa.

Buchanan showed strength throughout Louisiana on Tuesday, dealing a strong and perhaps lethal setback to Gramm's presidential hopes. Gramm, from neighboring Texas, had predicted a big victory in an event engineered by his allies in the Louisiana Republican Party. But instead of garnering conservative bragging rights heading into Iowa, Gramm suffered an embarrassing defeat in a contest he once

predicted he would sweep. The first 21 delegates to the Republican National Convention were being chosen, but most of the GOP candidates stayed away in homage to Iowa where party activists jealously guarded their franchise as the early caucus state.

Those boycotting Louisiana included frontrunners Bob Dole and Steve Forbes, as well as former Tennessee Governor Lamar Alexander and Indiana Senator Dick Lugar. Anti-abortion candidate Alan Keyes filed partial slates.

Exit polls showed Louisianans who turned out for the GOP caucuses were overwhelmingly conservative. Half of voters described themselves as part of the religious right political movement, and Buchanan beat Gramm 2 to 1 among Christian conservatives.

Royal ties save cats

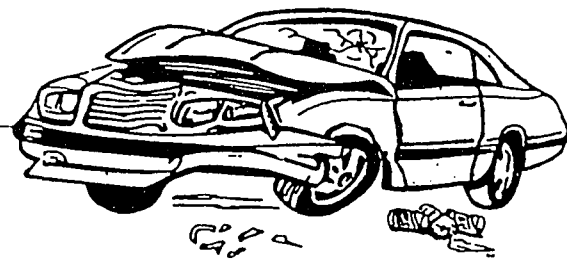
CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - Workers hired to rid Egypt's Cabinet headquarters of hundreds of unwelcome cats are taking some home as pets because of the animals' supposed ties to Egyptian royalty.

The Cabinet building was once the palace of the late

Princess Shevekiar, ex-wife of King Fuad I.

The daily Al-Akhbar reported Wednesday that workers of the company cleaning and restoring the building rescued some cats for their "rare lineage," but did not say what would become of the others.

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Wage levels may vary

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

THERE is a possibility the Wage and Salary Review Board, or WSRB, would recommend varying wage increases for the different business industries, the board's chairman, Jack Torres, said yesterday.

An official from a wholesale trading firm, meanwhile, said a \$3.50 minimum wage would be acceptable for them.

Torres told the Variety that the recommendations the board will come up with would be "sound" recommendations.

"They will not be a quick fix," he said. "Hopefully (they) would have

some permanence. That's the direction we're taking, that what we recommend would have permanence, instead of constantly changing it (wage rate increase)."

When asked if the board would make different wage-hike recommendations for the various business sectors, Torres said,

"I can't prejudice the members. It appears that the direction is leaning towards that, because different industries have different profit margins, different labor costs... So whether the ability to pay would be the basis remains to be seen, but I can assure you that what recommendations we come up with would be defensible

from a socio-economic policy ('s point of view)."

The WSRB met yesterday to hear representatives from the retail/wholesale trade. But only one from among the invited wholesalers came. The private-sector official, from Triple J, declined to be identified.

The Triple J official said his firm could afford to pay a higher minimum hourly wage rate than the present \$2.75.

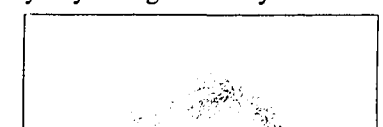
When Torres asked the official if they would have a problem if the board recommends a \$3.50 minimum wage for the wholesale industry, the official said no.

"I feel that he's pretty much representative of the wholesale industry," Torres told the Variety.

He said, though, that Triple J "is in the upper level of the wholesale industry. Maybe we need to bring

everybody up to their (Triple J's) level."

Under Public Law 8-21, the minimum wage is to rise by 30 cents yearly starting last January 1994 when



Jack Torres

it increased from \$2.15 to \$2.45.

The minimum wage should have been upped to \$3.05 last January from last year's \$2.75, but the Legislature deferred its implementation to June on the request of the wage board, which is currently conducting public hearings to determine the increase rate.

Public Law 8-21 mandates a yearly 30-cent increase in the minimum wage until the \$4.25 federal minimum wage is reached.

Torres made the assurance that their recommendations would be submitted "way before June."

In November the wage review board also conducted public hearings which Torres termed as "exploratory."

"Now we're getting into the so-called nitty-gritty, the substance of this wage issue... This is a policy hearing," Torres said.

Man who threatened INO agent sentenced

By Ferdie de la Torre
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THE SUPERIOR Court handed a six months jail term yesterday to a man accused of threatening an immigration officer with a knife last year.

Associate Judge Timothy Bellas sentenced Michael D. Marcelino to 18 months' imprisonment, all suspended except the first six months.

Pursuant to a plea agreement, Bellas gave him credit for the time served in jail.

Marcelino will be placed under probation for 18 months. After serving in jail, Marcelino is required to depart CNMI. He is not allowed to reenter the Commonwealth in five years.

Marcelino was charged with two counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and two counts of resisting arrest.

Marcelino, through counsel David Juarez, entered a plea agreement with Assistant Atty. Gen. Alan Lane.

Marcelino agreed to plead guilty to one count of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count of resisting arrest.

The government recommended the dismissal of the remaining charges. Bellas accepted the terms in the agreement.

Court information showed that last Nov. 30 Marcelino threatened immigration officer John Peter by displaying a knife.

Marcelino then approached the investigator. Last Dec. 1, Peter again went to Marcelino's residence in Kagman to serve the deportation order.

Marcelino, armed with a machete, approached the investigator, prompting the latter to flee.

The Filipino surrendered to authorities last Dec. 4.

Fate of alien hiring bill now in governor's hands

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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THE FATE of the bill seeking to allow extended government hiring of non-resident workers is now out of Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja's hands.

According to Public Information Officer Mark Broadhurst, whether House Bill 10-65 will see enactment or not will now depend on Governor Froilan C. Tenorio.

Tenorio arrived Saipan the other day from the US where he attended the funeral of his mother-in-law Mary Kwiatkowski.

Prior to that, he has been in the mainland on both personal and official business.

During Tenorio's absence,

Borja was reportedly given the latitude to act on H.B. 10-65 as he deems appropriate.

But with Tenorio back in the Commonwealth, H.B. 10-65 may face the risk of being disapproved considering that the governor had earlier said he would veto any hiring extension bill.

Also expected to be a cause of disagreement is the provision in H.B. 10-65 which eliminates the use of manpower agencies in the recruitment process.

The governor could not be reached for comment as of yesterday.

Borja for his part recently said he was "leaning towards a signature" even if the bill is similar to a legislation he vetoed late last year.

House Bill 10-65, which is now awaiting the governor's signature, seeks to amend Public Law 7-45 so as to allow government hiring of non-US citizen staffs until the year 2000.

P.L. 7-45 contains a provision that says government agencies could no longer obtain working permits for their non-resident employees beyond Sept. 30, 1995.

Before such a deadline even expired, the Legislature passed House Bill 9-400 seeking five more years of non-resident hiring, but Borja vetoed it saying a repeal of the restriction is better an extension of P.L. 7-45's sunset provision.

Currently, a repeal or an extension is no longer a consequence for agencies like the Commonwealth Health Center, as long as the practice of hiring non-resident workers is



Froilan C. Tenorio

allowed to continue.

CHC has been facing a shortage of doctors, having been unable to renew the contracts of Canadian physicians owing to the P.L. 7-45 restriction.

"We have supported amending P.L. 7-45 so that we can at least continue to hire needed health professionals from off-island," said Public Health Sec. Isamu J. Abraham in his testimony before a joint legislative hearing Tuesday.

"We specifically think of the Canadian physicians because we cannot recruit easily from the US and most Canadian physicians pass our medical licensing board," he added.

Speaker Diego T. Benavente has earlier said the House of Representatives will be pushing for an override should the governor indeed veto H.B. 10-65.

The Senate leadership has remained mum on the override issue. When asked earlier, Senate President Jesus R. Sablan said it may be premature to talk about an override when a veto is yet to be done.



Members of the 13th Police Cycle listen to a "lecture" of Capt. Bertha Tudela during a fire operation training on Capitol Hill yesterday afternoon.

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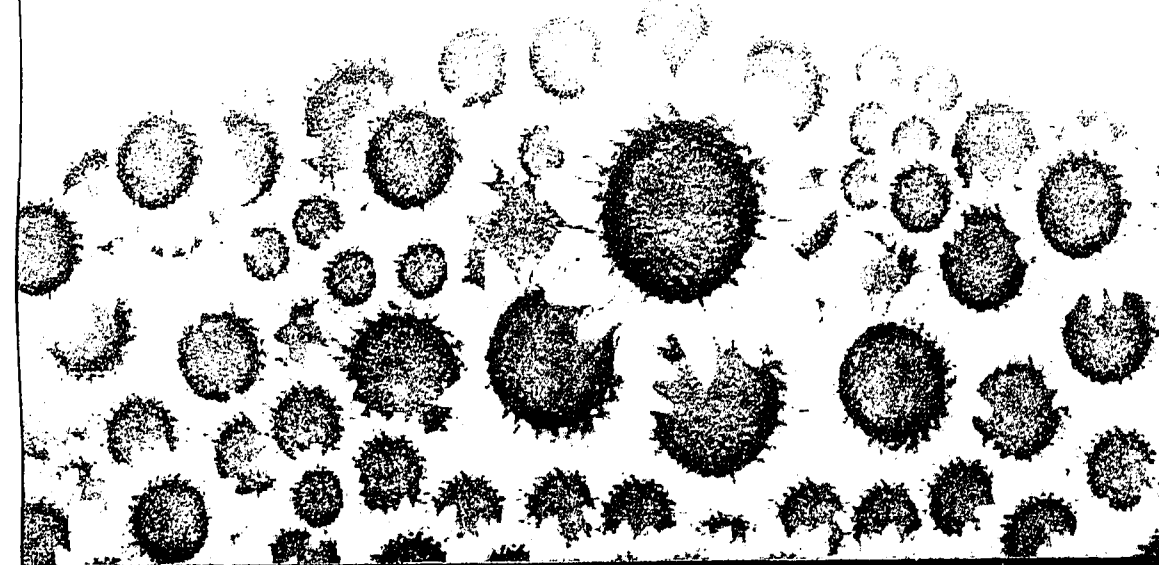
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TR's Marianas
by: John DelRosario

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I FUTURON natibo guine giya parahiso mau'udai lamayot patte gi abilidada manaita, mañgge yan kumuentos gi edukao na eskalera.

Bula gi famaguonta ni man magradua gi dose grado fatso abilidad niha man manaita, mucho mas gi bandan mañgge' yan inekspresian hafa dicho i asunto.

Afañelos, muñga man mamahlao yangin ti intuñgo manmanaita fino' English. Muñga lokue' inestotba yangin ni mismo liguahimo fatso hao pareho ha' manaita yan mañgge'.

Lao muñga masede este na chinatsaga para u kontinuague' gi boluntatia. Eyag manaita yan mañgge ya un'soyu' lokue' i famaguon miyo nu i mismo ineyag sa' sumen presiso na u tuñgo manmanaita pareho ha' liguahita yan fino' English.

Maseha hafa na offisio, debi un'tuñgo manaita sa' achogha' katpentero osino otro checho' kanai, siempre un'fana' materiat (instructions) ni debi un'taitai pot para un'danche hafa un'keke chogue. Ayo ha' i tumuñgo manaita yan mañgge siempre u'manae' nu i apottunidat umatbansague' gi checho'na gi todo atos banda—suetdo yan responsabilidad.

Megai 'nai huhuñgog teñga na "mapot" manaita fino' Chamorro. Mas man lagsa—siha gi tinaita fino' English. Maseha taiguine na chinatsaga guaha giya hago, baiho soyu' hao na un'atetuye lokue' u meyang manaita gi liguahimo. Debi unna' banidosu hao gi hafa dipotsihe naturat patte gi tradisionmo ni hagas sumustene taotaota deste tinituhon taotao guine siha na islas.

'Nai ha inbesta salape' niha i defunto Joeten yan Tun Manuel Kiyu' gi Joeten/Kiyu Library, gaige gi korason niha i natibon este siha na islas, Chamorro yan Carolinas. Gaige didog gi kinemiten niha un'diniseha—i para u eyag yan u ma'eduka mas i natibo kosake siña ha soda futunaña yan kumonduse i manatate na famaguon ya u mas mauleg linala' niha guine gi tano' parahiso. Un manera este 'nai siña ta komple i para tafanague famaguonta man manaita, mañgge yan mañgonbetsasion gi edukao na eskalera.

I komiten edukasion i Saipan Chamber of Commerce ni iniluluye as Señor Tony Pellegrino para u tutuhon un programa pot impottansian gai abilidad manaita gi fino' English. Yangin un'tuñgo na unnesesita umeyag manaita, pues siempre este na programa un'kinenduse mona. Para u tutuhon un'programa gi television este na komite yan membron komunidatta pot umeyag manaita. Yangin haye lokue' siña man ayuda gi ma'abiban este na programa pot para ta ayuda taotaota, pot fabot natutuñgo si Señor Pellegrino na magof hao man assiste.

Ti nuebo i relasion ti tumuñgo manaita yan checho' kriminat. Guaha direktamente relasion este i dos asunto. Yangin tiha tuñgo i prohimo manaita, megai besis siempre na kulan bastatdo gi komunida. Ha guot ennao na chinatsaga gi san halomña estake pakpak kulan bala ya ha komite ti kombene siha na chochu'. Estague' na rason na debi tafan aguat kanai uno yan otro pot para ta ayuda taotaota gi un'primero ineyag 'nai siña mas hasoda' mauleg na futunan niha espesiatamente i man hobenta.

Hana' sen chatsagayo' 'nai hu taitaita un'sensura gi estudianten Hopwood Jr. High School sa' umanog na megai ti tumuñgo manaita. Este na problema finañago pareho ha' ginen i gima' yan i manera 'nai manmahanague famaguonta manmanaita. Debi u guaha inestudia pot este pot para ta korihie i problema sa' huñgan patte gi este na finatso gaige gi sistemam edukasion. I mañaina lokue' debi una' guaha tiempn niha fumanague famaguon niha manaita. 'Nai gaige i patgon i primera grado (kindergarten yan grammar school), taitaye estoria antes de u maigo.

Unos kuantos un'kukomple yangin un'chogue este: 1). Un'fananague patgon manaita, un'ineyag na surhen presiso gi linala'na mona. 2). Un'fanunue' i patgon na gai interes hao gi futunaña komo saina. 3). Mas umihot ennao na patgon giya hago ya intituhon un' inatuñgo 'nai gumuaha konfiansaña umekspresiasague' yangin gai chinatsaga. 4). Ti un' fañotsot nu i tiempo ni un' yute' pot para un'fanague' patgonmo manaita. Unna' metgot mas pisun ineyag ya para siempre siña hasatban maisague' gi kareraña mona.

Maila ta atetuye umayuda taotaota gi este na ineyag sa' mauudai gi hilo' este na sahyani i futuron taotao guine giya parahiso. Giuen este na minasahalomta siempre adumididi' ta choma' yan ta ribaha i taotao hioyng guine gi tano'ta. Si Yuus Maase yan Ghilissow!



THE 3rd Con Con AND THE Public
By: Stephen C. Woodruff

Looking Behind veil of 'misleading' ballot

In my last column, I began to unmask the Third Con-Con's "public education" propaganda. Today we will continue our exploration of the misleading aspects of the ballot for the March 2 election.

We've already learned that Amendment No. 1 doesn't really "update" the protection against quartering of soldiers. Next we will see that it also doesn't really "clarify" the protection for a clean and healthful environment, as the ballot says it does.

The Second Constitutional Convention expanded the right to a clean and healthful environment. Currently the Commonwealth Constitution states this right as follows:

Each person has the right to a clean and healthful public environment in all areas, including the land, air, and water. Harmful and unnecessary noise pollution and the storage of nuclear or radioactive material and the dumping or storage of any type of nuclear waste within the surface or submerged lands and waters of the Northern Mariana Islands, are prohibited except as provided by law.

The language added by the Second Constitutional Convention is shown in boldface.

The Third Con-Con struck out the guarantee that this right extend to "all areas, including the land, air, and water." They also eliminated the protection against harmful and unnecessary noise pollution. And they deleted the "except as provided by law" language included by the Second Constitutional Convention to protect against invalidation of the anti-nuclear provisions on federal supremacy grounds. Clearly this is much more than a "clarification."

Neither does Amendment No. 1 "expand" the protection of life (except, perhaps, in the most trivial sense), despite the proud language of the ballot. The current constitutional language states plainly, "abortion... is prohibited in the Commonwealth... except as provided by law." The Third Con-Con proposes to replace this language with:

The right to life for every individual during the entire span from conception through old age is respected, honored, and protected in the Commonwealth. This right is subject to definition and regulation by the legislature.

The current language makes it clear that abortion is to be restricted in the Commonwealth to the maximum extent permitted by federal law, unless the legislature adopts a more liberal view, and states this in absolutely mandatory terms. In contrast, the language the Third Con-Con would have us approve merely states some nebulous ideal.

The right to life is somehow "respected," "honored," and "protected" in some vague, undefined way. It is just something "subject to definition and regulation by the legislature," like any other right the legislature might choose to create and define by law.

Of course, if this "right" merely states the obvious—that the legislature can enact laws—of what value is the constitutional provision? It certainly cannot be said to be an "expansion" of the protection of life.

Life Always Protected

It may be noted that Article I, Section 5 has always protected life: "No person shall be deprived of life... without due process of law." The constitutional prohibition on abortion deals with a special case—the situation of a human being not yet born and a woman with legal control over her own body.

As noted above, the new language proposed by the Third Con-Con could, perhaps, be said to expand the protection of life in one trivial sense—although life is in no sense trivial. The new language does say that the right to life extends through old age, and it is true that the current constitution contains no reference to old age.

But, as we have seen, the new language is nothing more than words on paper. It creates no new substantive right, no new power or duty for the legislature. Moreover, no one has ever suggested that the existing constitutional protection against deprivation of life without due process of law comes to an end upon reaching old age.

No one other than the elderly person has control over the life and death decision, unlike the case of the unborn child. One might argue, as suggested by the committee report in the Convention, that the new language reaches the issue of euthanasia. The Analysis, however, is silent on this subject.

Euthanasia?

Euthanasia is a highly complex subject involving questions of patient's rights to refuse treatment, use of extraordinary measures to preserve life where the body is irreversibly beyond repair, decisions on medically appropriate treatment, exercise of a doctor's professional judgment, durable powers of attorney, and the right of individuals to die in dignity, as well as Dr. Kevoorkian type situations.

If the Convention meant the new language to reach euthanasia, the amendment would open an enormous can of worms. That is, it would if it had any substantive meaning, which we have seen it does not. A straightforward reading of the proposed new language would exclude euthanasia in any case. If the elderly person is making the decision, the situation cannot be said to involve the right to life.

After all, whose right is it anyway? Obviously the right can only belong to the life, not to someone else. Otherwise, it is not a right but a duty or an obligation or an imperative. If the issue arises only when the individual is incapacitated, we face the morass of issues outlined above—a situation helped not at all by a constitutional provision and appearing to involve more due process considerations than any abstract right to life.

Furthermore, if the "right to life" was meant to encompass euthanasia, why then did the convention protect only two vulnerabilities, conception and old age? People can be incapacitated for many reasons besides infancy and age. Why then, didn't the convention protect life "from conception through disability to old age"? It thus becomes clear any "expansion" is only an expansion of words—and therefore trivial.

This piece appears in the Variety as a guest column about the proposed amendments to the Constitution. Stephen C. Woodruff has been a resident of Saipan for 20 years, living here since 1974, except for three years in Hawaii when he returned to school for a law degree. He was Chief Consultant to the Second Constitutional Convention. He presently is Senata Legal Counsel. The views expressed in this article are his own.

ConCon commentary

by Herman T. Guerrero,
Chair Post-Convention Committee
AMENDMENT #4 proposes to give the Commonwealth's courts co-equal status in the Constitution with the other two branches of government. If ratified by the voters, it would achieve a goal long sought by both the Commonwealth Supreme Court and the Commonwealth Legislature.



Herman T. Guerrero

Before proposing Amendment #4, the delegates carefully considered the draft legislative initiatives that had been previously prepared by the Supreme Court and the House of Representatives. For several years, drafts of these proposals had been circulated within the CNMI courts, the CNMI bar, and the Legislature. Former Chief Justice Jose Dela Cruz placed an active role in these deliberations and, because of this background and his experience, was of invaluable assistance to the delegates in developing Amendment #4. During the Convention, the views of all interested parties were solicited. There was virtually no opposition expressed by any delegate regarding the specific sections of the proposed Article 4. In fact, the amendment was approved by a vote of 25-0 (two delegates absent).

In view of this background, it is surprising—and disturbing—that objections are now being raised to the rule-making authority of the Supreme Court proposed by Amendment #4. Providing a constitutional basis for the Commonwealth's courts is too important an objective to be derailed by the misunderstandings fostered by self-proclaimed experts.

First, both the Legislature and the Supreme Court in their draft initiatives agreed that the Legislature need not have the right to review rules proposed by the Court before they become effective. Under the present system, the draft rules are submitted to the Legislature and do not become effective until 60 days have passed. The delegates in Amendment #4 followed the advice of the Legislature and the Supreme Court and eliminated this waiting period. Under the proposed amendment, the rules issued by the Supreme Court will become effective when published. The delegates expected that, as a matter of course, the Supreme Court will provide an opportunity for comment by the bar and other interested parties, including the Legislature, before new rules are issued.

Second, Amendment #4 does not seek to limit the power of the Legislature to act with respect to judicial rules issued by the Supreme Court. Section 9(c) of proposed Article 4 does not give the Supreme Court the exclusive right to issue judicial rules. The Legislature remains free—as it is now—to enact laws that operate to cancel or modify rules issued by the Supreme Court. As is recognized by every impartial commentator, the only limitation on the Legislature's authority would be that it could not alter the courts' constitutionally protected structure, functions or independence.

Putting these issues aside, let's be practical about how the Legislature and the CNMI courts interact. The Legislature retains the power, subject to the Governor's veto power, to appropriate funds for the courts. If the legislators do not like what the courts are doing by way of judicial rules, they have a very real way of making their views known—through the appropriations process. These are two co-equal branches of government—protected ultimately by the doctrine of separation of powers—but they must listen to, and respect, the views of the other branch of government.

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Post-ConCon debate heats up

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff
PUBLIC debates over the proposed Constitutional Amendments of 1995 start to heat up as the March ratification exercise approaches.

Post-Convention Committee Chairman Herman T. Guerrero yesterday lambasted critics of the proposed amendments for coming out with their jabs only after the whole process was done.

"We debated the issues for 60 days and these critics should have taken part during the hearings," Guerrero said in an interview with reporters after the question-and-answer forum organized by Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

"The convention did its job through a democratic process and some people would come out and say we didn't do a good job."

Guerrero was smarting from at least two columnists' attack of the Third Constitutional Convention's product.

Pacific Star columnist Ruth L. Tighe has questioned the Convention's giving the judiciary a broad and absolute rule-making power.

"If she was interested, she should have entered an input," an irked Guerrero said. "I find it an insult because she's basically saying that locals cannot make good sound decisions."

Short of telling Tighe "it was none of her business," Guerrero said constitutional affairs are concerns of the Commonwealth people.

"The delegates are the ones who have more vested interest in the Commonwealth. We're going to be buried here. Perhaps if she gets tired, she'll go somewhere else," Guerrero said.

Guerrero also replied harshly to criticism hurled by Senate legal counsel Stephen Woodruff in his column

in the Feb. 6 issue of the Variety. Woodruff, a guest columnist of this paper, said the convention bungled its job because "of the failure of its advisors to 'do the research' and carefully draft appropriate provisions."

Woodruff wrote that "the Convention attempt to vest a portion of the legislative power exclusively in the judiciary probably violated Section 203(c) of the Covenant..."

"I find it an insult," Guerrero said. "It sounds like he is questioning the credibility of former Supreme Court Justice Jose dela Cruz who has been instrumental in the formulation of amendments on judiciary item."

He said all items in the draft Constitution were reviewed extensively and "we decided that this is the way it's going to be."

Two-thirds of the convention members voted for the amendments, Guerrero said.

He further lashed back at Woodruff saying "legal counsels have no business interfering in policy

issues—that is a function of the Legislature."

Guerrero, along with convention's legal counsels Howard Willens and Deanne Siemers were panelists at yesterday's question-and-answer forum at Hyatt Hotel.

Willens and Siemers presented at least four major reasons why changes in the Constitution were made:

- To make the Commonwealth government lower cost and more effective;

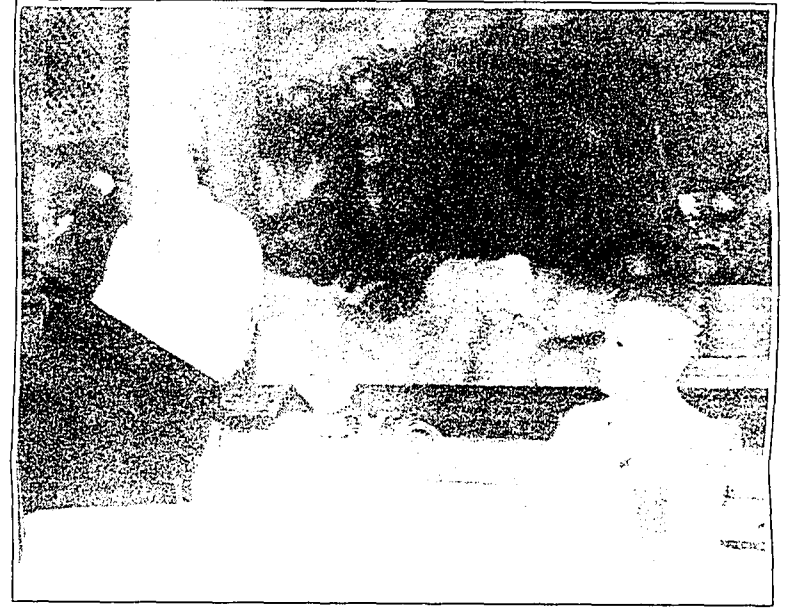
- To have local and village matters handled by mayor and municipal council and local voters; The power of local executive officials over expenditure are enhanced.

- To strengthen protection for local people in land matters; and

- To update the Constitution where necessary.

The proposed amendments will be presented to CNMI voters for ratification on March 2.

Voting will be on individual amendment basis, according to Willens.



Deanne Simmers (left) and Howard Willens present proposed Constitutional Amendments before members of Saipan Chamber of Commerce.

To All members of Visayas Mindanao Association (Visminda) of CNMI. There will be an annual membership meeting and election of officers on February 11, Sunday at 3:00 p.m. at Kilili Pavilion right across Ada Gym.

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Road project to break ground

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff
THE PROPOSED road improvement project for Chalan Pale Arnold recently awarded to World Corp. will be breaking ground today in Lower Base.

According to a notice sent by the Department of Public Works, ceremonies signalling the start of the project will begin at 11 a.m.

CNMI officials led by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio, House Speaker Diego T. Benavente and Senate President Jesus R. Sablan are expected to be in attendance and to deliver remarks.

The project, being jointly endeavored by World and Dongbu Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., deals with the reconstruction and hazard elimination of the stretch from

the Isla Do-It warehouse in Tanapag up to the road leading to As Matuis Homestead Subdivision.

A total of 2.8 miles of road will be paved, according to a brief description of the project.

The work, the description said, entails the removal of the existing dilapidated asphalt pavement, the placement of base materials to the required elevation, the construction of drainage equalizer box culvert, concrete lined swale, concrete retaining wall and the installation of a guardrail system.

"A new four-lane roadway will be constructed consisting of three-inch thick non-skid asphalt pavement," read the project description.

"Pavement markings and traffic signs will be installed and some power poles and lines will be relocated," it added.

The project has been hugging local headlines lately due to the unique nature of the project.

Under the approved contract, World Corp. will be providing financing for the project as well as undertaking the construction.

The contractor will be repaid out of future annual grants from the Federal Highway Administration.

Through such an arrangement, it is expected that the CNMI will be able to complete the roads in approximately three years instead of about 10 years under traditional financing methods.

The financing and construction scheme is said to be a first among insular areas and this has resulted to the project's inclusion in FHWA's Innovative Financing Test and Evaluation Project.

"This type of financing has never before been used for non-toll roads," the project description read.

"The CNMI will serve as a demonstration for other states and territories, which will be able to learn from our experience," it added.

Aside from the Chalan Pale Arnold repaving, also part of the World Corp. contract is the proposed renovation of the Cross-Island Road from Capitol Hill to San Vicente Triangle.

Bus shelters, clearing for roads up in Rota

THE 6TH Rota Municipal Council headed by Chairwoman Fernina Atalig, Vice Alexander Apatang, Member Leo Calvo wasted no time in letting the community assistance on the way.

Right now they are erecting bus shelters on needed areas for the community of Sinapalo I & II at the same time.

Road clearing is also on the way around the island which will enable access that usually are inaccessible. They are a lot of tourist site and points of interest that are not visible or dilapidated and the councils office is taking action to make notice of the beautiful island of Rota.

The 6th Rota Municipal Council is very much concerned about the lack of assistance to our very able fishermen and it has begun

to clear sites on areas which could be accessible for the fishermen and the general public as a whole.

The farmers at Sabana areas will soon be having a water reservoir for their uses in their farming activities. The council members planned to provide 5,000 gal. of water reservoir and it will be available on the latter part of April 1996.

The council is also working in clearing government lands for public interest at Sinapalo I. Other community project will be announced after easing of the work load on the present projects. We would also welcome your comments and or register your concerns that we could be of assistance to our dear people of Rota.

CCAC Board meet

THE Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture's Board of Directors will be holding a regular meeting on February 15, 1996 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm at the Governors Conference Room.

The agenda will include; Flame Tree Arts Festival, Festival of the Pacific

Arts (FESTPAC), Reprogramming of Federal Grant, and the Cultural and Performing Arts Center.

The public is invited to attend this meeting. For further information, you may contact the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture office at telephone: 322-9982 or 9983.

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the MVB's position. "I don't know what happened."

Ayuyu said he had suggested to MVB Managing Director Anicia Q. Tomokane to ar-

range a meeting between the MVB's counsel on the one hand, and the governor's counsel and Cabrera, on the other, to work out a solution to the problem.

"I'm suggesting that perhaps we could work out some kind of a memorandum of un-

L&T's...

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derstanding on how excess money is to be handled," he said.

Rayphand should respond to the interrogatories.

Banes said his client L&T timely served its interrogatories.

However, he said, Rayphand "artfully responded that no one had promised to pay her attorney fees."

"She did not respond if anyone had promised to pay the fees of her attorney even though the interrogatory specifically requested such information," Banes pointed out.

He claimed that Rayphand also stated that she had "no

knowledge" of attorney fees relating to this case, only Mitchell knows.

Banes said such evasive responses are improper.

"The case law makes it clear that a party must disclose facts in its attorney's possession even though the facts have not been transmitted to the party," Banes said.

Rayphand was repeatedly asked to supplement her answers. She simply ignored those requests, said the L&T counsel.

If the court does not sanction Rayphand, Banes said then it is condoning or at least accepting her repeated disregard of the orders.

He said the court should

send a clear message to those who practice before it that certain behavior is intolerable.

"Plaintiffs do not deserve another chance. But if the court is inclined to give it to them, it should be made clear that any more gamemanship will result in Rayphand's complaint being struck," he said.

Banes added that Rayphand should be sanctioned or her complaint stricken and at the least, defendants should be awarded their attorney fees.

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"to revisit their policies and review the salary scale."

"Teachers have to be treated professionally; their contracts must be honored and they should be given due respect," Pangelinan said.

Disappointments and dissatisfaction, the board chief said, "will continue to produce a climate that will force teachers to unionize."

Executor told to pay Kosack bills



Rexford C. Kosack

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE SUPERIOR Court ordered Larry Lee Hillblom's estate executor yesterday to pay the billings of Rexford C. Kosack as "Special Master."

Presiding Judge Alexandro C. Castro asked executor Bank of Saipan to pay \$36,795.05 to Kosack's law office as billings for the month of December, 1995.

Of the amount, Castro said \$7,072.95 is for costs and \$29,722.10 for fees.

After reviewing the billings, the judge said the court has

determined that the fees and costs charged are reasonable because of the complexity of the proceedings.

Castro said during that period the special master incurred extra costs and fees because of the need to take evidence off-island.

Castro sealed the billings until final judicial action on

Kosack's report has been taken.

The lower court appointed Kosack last September 28 as "Special Master" assigned to oversee the management of Hillblom's estate.

The appointment came after petitioner Kaelani Kinney and other claimants to the estate expressed concern over cer-

tain actions undertaken by the executor.

The special master is tasked to among other things, review the records of the executor, take testimony from witnesses, hear arguments from counsel, and submit proposed findings to the court on certain issues arising from the concerns.

Man caught for stealing at DFS

A 21-year-old man was arrested for allegedly stealing cash from Grand Hotel Duty Free Shop in Susupe Tuesday night.

Arrested was Anthony Rios of Chalan Kanoa.

Public Safety Information Officer Cathy Sheu said initial police investigations showed that Rios was caught taking \$167 from Duty Free's cash register.

Sheu said the DPS Criminal Investigation Section is still investigating the case.

No other details were given. In other police report, an unidentified person's stole a generator and a battery charger from the Emergency Management Office radio repeater site located at Mt. Tapochau Tuesday morning.

In Garapan, a tourist claimed that someone stole his cellular

phone at the Micro Beach area the other day.

In San Antonio, an unidentified person's broke into a house and took a stereo system and a VCR Tuesday night.

In Chalan Piao, a 27-year-old man said a person slapped him in the facial area at the Sam Corp. the other day.

No arrest was made. At Scorpio Night Club in Garapan, 36-year-old Juan Kaipat Rabauliman was arrested for criminal mischief and resisting arrest before dawn yesterday.

Rabauliman allegedly broke the glass door by hitting it with his elbow when he was about to leave the club.

The suspect also tried to resist arrest from a responding police officer. (FOT)

Govendo Live debuts on KMCV 7 tonight

SAIPAN media sources have been overflowing with information on the proposed amendments to the CNMI constitution. But is the public informational campaign really informational or just propaganda? Does the public have any idea what these amendments are all about? Should the voting day be postponed for a while to give the committee more time to get the word out? And what will really happen once the ballots are cast and counted? Those questions and more will be the focus for tonight's debut of a new program on KMCV Channel 7.

Govendo Live is a new talk show that will explore issues of deep concern for people living in the CNMI. Govendo Live's host will be Ken Govendo, a long time resident and local practicing attorney. His first guest tonight will be former Governor Carlos Camacho, who was also a member of the 3rd Constitutional Convention. Both will



Ken Govendo

discuss the prospect and problems of these new amendments and how they will affect the future of the Northern Marianas. Govendo Live will have open phone lines, so your questions and comments are encouraged.

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Fiji PM assures Indians' land tenure

FJI Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka has assured Indians their future in Fiji was secure. In an interview with the Daily Post Rabuka says there would be no mass eviction when land leases expire and also there would be no takeover of the sugar industry by indigenous Fijians.

Act (ALTA) is one of the most serious problems for Indian farmers in Fiji and the Fiji sugar industries.

More than 1,500 lease contracts will expire before the year 2000. In 1997 the first 27 leases will be finished.

Rabuka says there should be an evolution where landowners and tenants can come together and discuss the issue when the leases expire.

Rabuka said in the interview he would not agree with the secretary general of the newly created Taukei Cane Growers Association, Koresi Mataatolu, that by the year 2000 there would be a Fijian takeover of the sugar industry.

Mataatolu, also leader of government business in Parliament, advised Fijian landowners not to extend leases when they expire.

Rabuka assured tenants will be told when their leases expire and if they are extended, they would be accommodated. The government was working on a number of options including compensation and resettlement to accommodate those whose leases would expire. "We can't just displace them, we have to accommodate them", Rabuka says.

The president of the National Federation Party, Dr. Balwant Singh Rakka, has hailed the assurance. He urged the government to resettle the Indian tenants and called on Rabuka to discipline Mataatolu for "stirring trouble and making the water too murky"...Pacnews

FSM Bank Act revision

PALIKIR, Pohnpei - President Bailey Olter transmitted to Congress a draft legislation amending the FSM Bank Act of 1980 by creating the position of Banking Commissioner. According to a news release, the bill also seeks to streamline existing laws and procedures for regulating domestic and foreign commercial banks.

The proposed amendment would transfer routine regulatory oversight from the Banking Board to the Banking Commissioner who will have more time and expertise to devote to this increasingly complex business and to establish the rights and duties of the Banking Commissioner.

It was drafted by the FSM Attorney General's office with the assistance of Alan Gee, an International Monetary Fund (IMF) banking expert.

Olter reminded Speaker Fritz that the proposed amendment was submitted to the Eight Congress but was not acted upon; instead, Congress appropriated funds with which a Banking Commissioner was hired whose duties and authority has not been stated by law.

"I urge the prompt attention of the Congress to the attached bill," Olter said. (FSM Information Service)

Japan's PM reaffirms commitment to region

JAPAN'S prime minister, Ryutaro Hashimoto, has reaffirmed his government's commitment to supporting the development and aspirations of the South Pacific region through loans, grants and technical and economic cooperation programs.

The commitment was made during his discussions Tuesday with his Papua New Guinea coun-

terpart and chairman of the South Pacific Forum Sir Julius Chan in Tokyo, according to a statement from the PNG prime minister's office.

Hashimoto also assured Chan that his government will honor commitments made by his Foreign and Vice Foreign Ministers, including ambassadors in the South Pacific region.

The prime ministers have also welcomed France's decision to cease its nuclear testing program in the South Pacific and called on its allies like Britain and the United States to support and sign the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty as well as the Protocols to the Rarotonga Treaty.

As one result of Chan's visit, Papua New Guinea will receive a grant of US\$10 million from Japan for a project to aid the restructuring of the country's economy. The funding agreement was announced after talks in Tokyo between Japan's foreign minister Yukihiko Ikeda and Papua New Guinea prime minister Sir Julius Chan, Radio Australia reported Wednesday.

Chan arrived in Japan Monday on a six-day visit that is also taking him to the Philippines....Pacnews

South Pacific nuclear-free zone treaty signed March

THE president of the French Polynesian parliament, Gaston Flosse, says he will sign the South Pacific nuclear-free zone treaty on behalf of France late next month.

Speaking in Papeete on his return from talks in Paris, Flosse said the signing would take place in Fiji's capital Suva, Radio Australia reported Wednesday.

The United States and Britain have also said they will sign the treaty in the near future, while the other two nuclear powers, Russia and China have already signed. France had announced last week that it had concluded nuclear testing in the South Pacific.

Flosse described the French government's decision to allow him to sign the nuclear-free treaty on behalf of France as an example of one of the prerogatives French Polynesia now has under its new autonomous status.

Re-opening of h'way assured

THE Highlands Highway in Papua New Guinea shall be re-opened as quickly as possible. A meeting aimed to resolve the violent inter-provincial dispute has agreed to re-open the most important road in the country, Radio Australia reports.

The meeting was ordered by deputy prime minister Chris Haiveta following tensions over the murder of a Morobe province youth which led to a blow up of a vital bridge on the highway, the Yangun Creek bridge, on the weekend.

Police from neighbouring Eastern Highlands province reacted to the attack by burning down a Watarais village in Markham valley near where a police vehicle has been burned and police weapons were stolen.

The representatives of the provinces at the meeting agreed that the disputing parties should settle compensation for the murdered youth in the traditional way.

Meanwhile, Morobe police are reported to have arrested two men in connection with the bridge attack.

The Lae Chamber of Commerce and Industry started to claim that businesses relying on trade to and from the Highlands region of the country stand to lose hundreds of thousands of kina due to the closure of the Highlands Highway by the Watarais people. ...Pacnews

Haiti report on rights atrocities out

By MICHAEL NORTON
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) - President Jean-Bertrand Aristide dedicated a monument to thousands of victims of military rule as a government panel completed a

probe into atrocities committed during army dictatorship. The report, completed two days before Aristide leaves office, was compiled to help prosecute human rights violators during the military regime

that ruled Haiti for three years until a U.S.-led intervention in September 1994. Its results weren't immediately released. "The report is the torch of hope that we will find justice in peace," Aristide said Monday at a National Palace ceremony to honor the regime's victims.

Soldiers and paramilitary gunmen killed at least 4,000 civilians and tortured thousands more in the three years after Aristide was ousted in a September 1991 coup.

Aristide returned from exile in October 1994. His term in office ends Wednesday, when President-elect Rene Preval is to be inaugurated.

Only one person in Haiti has been convicted of human rights abuses since September 1994, although others who fled the country have been convicted in absentia.

To help the panel's investi-

gation, Haiti has demanded that the United States return thousands of documents seized by U.S. soldiers from the Haitian army and a paramilitary organization known as FRAPH after the intervention.

The Clinton administration last week returned some of the documents but retained the others, concerned that innocent civilians whose names appear in them might be unfairly accused.

Aristide established the National Justice and Truth Commission in March. Headed by sociologist Françoise Boucard, it produced a report of more than 1,000 pages that includes victims' testimony.

It wasn't immediately known when the report would be publicly released.

"We know the report hasn't been written to wreak vengeance. We hope it will ad-

vance the cause of justice," said Jean-Robert Vaval, director of the independent Ecumenical Human Rights Center, which did not work on the report.

Hundreds of people, including children, attended the unveiling Monday of the monument, a sculpture in which dozens of hands reach up to a central figure holding a dove symbolizing liberation.

The monument is located in front of the Ministry of Women's Affairs, formerly army headquarters. Aristide abolished the army last year. "Every time you young people pass in front of the National Palace and see the Place of the Victims, you will remember your parents and friends who died," Aristide said.

Children danced to a band that played after the ceremony, chanting, "Justice is what we really want."

New Haiti president eyes austerity plan

By MICHAEL NORTON
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) - As an activist, Rene Preval organized demonstrations against military rule. As premier of Haiti's first popularly elected government, he wore blue jeans more often than a suit and tie.

As Haiti's new president, Preval is expected to depart from his leftist roots and pursue an economic austerity plan that could endear him to foreign aid donors but weaken his mandate among Haitians.

Preval was born Jan. 17, 1943, in Port-au-Prince to landowners from the central Artibonite Valley. His father was an agriculture minister in the 1950s.

In 1963, the family fled persecution during the dictatorship of Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier and settled in Europe. Preval studied agronomy at two universities in Belgium but didn't graduate.

Preval lived in the United States for five years before returning to Haiti in 1975, where he worked for two years as a bureaucrat in the Bureau of Mines.

He opened a bakery in Port-au-Prince and became involved in pro-democracy grass-roots organizations opposed to the dictatorship of Duvalier's son, Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier, and a series of repressive regimes.

Preval met the Rev. Jean-Bertrand Aristide at The Family is Life, a homeless children's center Aristide operated in Port-au-Prince. The two developed a close friendship.

Preval co-founded Honor and Respect for the Constitution, a political club of middle- and upper-class progressives that, distrustful of political parties, groomed Aristide for power.

Aristide was elected president in 1990 and chose Preval as his prime minister. Preval, who also held the defense and interior portfolios, organized a network of slum informers that helped drastically reduce the crime rate.

A September 1991 army coup chased Aristide and Preval into exile, and army hirelings burned down Preval's bakery. After a 1994 U.S. intervention restored Aristide to power, Preval was appointed director of the Economic and Social Assistance Fund, which oversees small

development projects. His close association with Aristide, who once called Preval his "twin," lasted until November, when Preval decided to run for the presidency. Until then, Aristide had considered extending his term.

Since then, their relationship has been cool. Aristide never publicly congratulated Preval on his victory in the Dec. 17 election.

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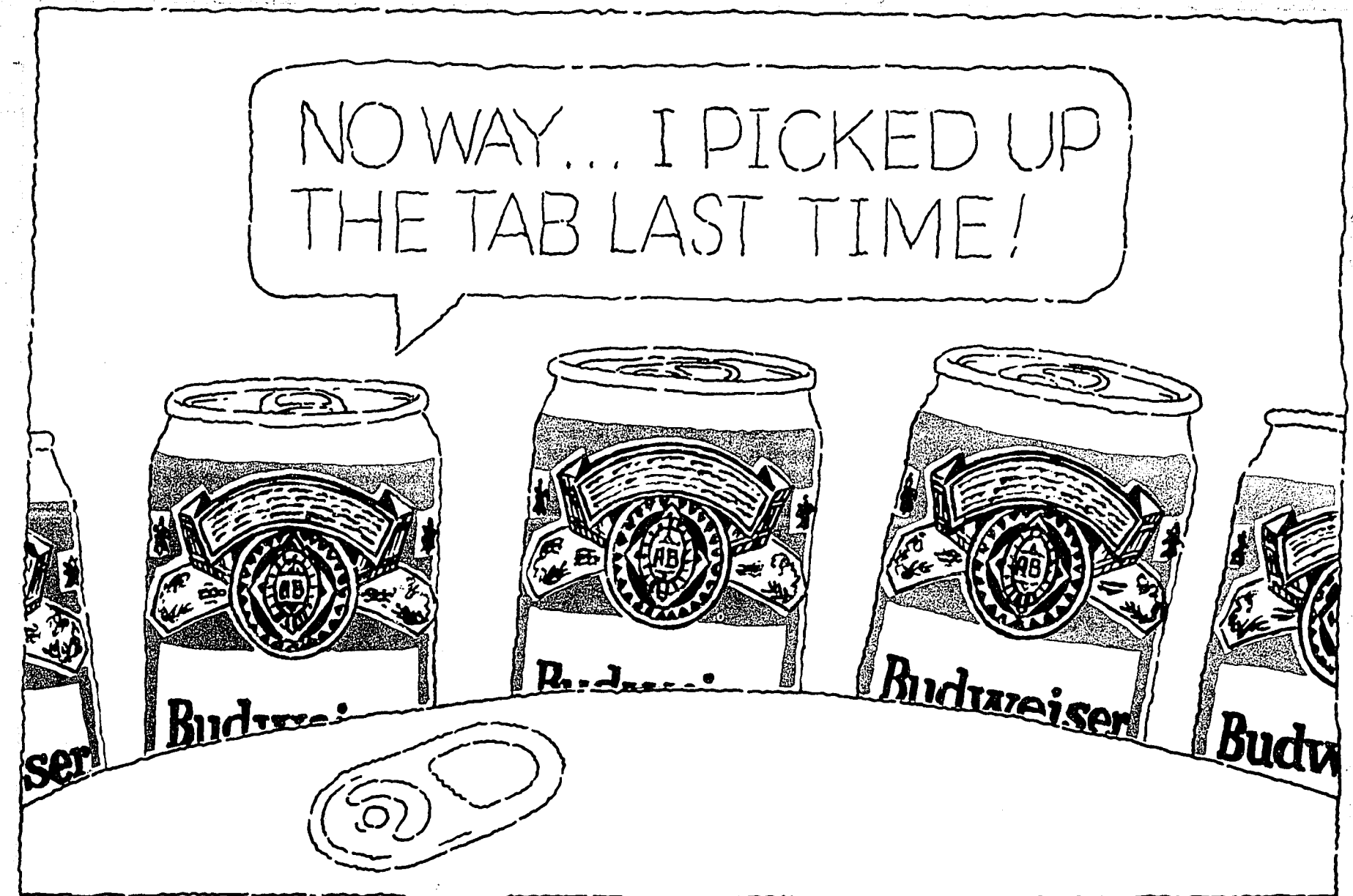
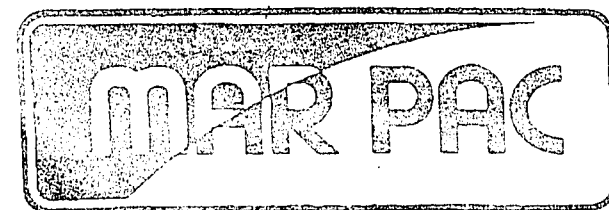
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Japan's surplus drops in 1995

TOKYO (AP) - Japan's 1995 current account surplus fell 15 percent to \$110.44 billion, its second consecutive annual decline, the government said Wednesday. The surplus for 1995 was down from 1994's \$129.14 billion, ac-

ording to figures released by the Ministry of Finance. The current account, the broad measure of a nation's financial flows, also fell 16 percent in December from the year earlier month to \$10.73 billion.

The current account measures the difference between a nation's income from foreign sources such as trade and foreign obligations payable excluding net capital investment. Both exports and imports increased in 1995, but growth in the latter outpaced the former. Exports grew 11 percent to 427.28 billion in 1995, while imports jumped 23 percent to \$292.45 billion.

Japan's dollar-based current account surplus shrank 1.8 percent in 1994 for the first annual decline since 1990. In releasing the figures, the ministry said it expects the surplus will likely continue to decline in the future

despite the recent weakness of the Japanese yen. A weaker currency makes a country's goods cheaper in overseas markets, thus encouraging exports. Much of the recent decline in Japan's trade and current account surpluses has been attributed to the strength of the yen. But after reaching record highs last year, at one point reaching 80 yen to the dollar, the yen has since fallen back to the 104-105 yen range. The trade balance component of the current account was down 7.6 percent to \$134.82 billion in 1995 from 1994's \$145.94 billion. The trade balance in Decem-

Four die, 24 missing after boat collision

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - Four people were killed and 24 went missing when a Taiwanese fishing boat sank off northern Taiwan Monday night, officials said Tuesday. Witnesses said it collided with a ship. The 246-ton Jih Tung No. 6 sank at about 9:00 p.m. (1300 GMT) 61 kilometers (38 miles) north of Taiwan, police said.

Saturday carrying 13 Taiwanese, 13 Chinese and three Filipinos. Other boats nearby reported the Jih Tung was hit by at least one large ship which left the scene, said Lin Ching-ching, head of the fishery company. He said the darkness made the ship unidentifiable, and added that such collisions were commonplace. Fishermen said the ship was heading north, the Agriculture Council said. To trace the vessel, the council requested that the Foreign Ministry ask Japan and South Korea to provide lists of ships which entered their ports recently.

ber was down 9.5 percent to \$13.44 billion from the year earlier month. Growth in imports outpaced that of exports 13 percent to 3.9 percent. Japan does not break down its monthly current account and trade figures by country. The trade component of the current account is measured on the basis of settled contracts and differs from the merchandise trade figures announced separately each month, which are measured as goods pass through customs. Japan's merchandise trade surplus for 1995, released last month, declined for the first time in five years, falling 11 percent.

Members owe the United Nations \$1.6 billion for the regular budget. The United States owes about half that total. Washington is assessed to pay the largest share of the U.N. budget - 25 percent - or about \$320



Maj. Mashisa Sato, left, leads his unit through the Faouar camp on the Syrian side of the Golan Heights, before crossing from Syria to the Israeli side Friday. Japanese troops are joining the U.N. peacekeeping force in the Golan Heights, the fourth time Japan has sent soldiers overseas since passing law allowing participation in peaceful U.N. missions. AP

UN chief: Slash US contribution

By LOUIS MEIXLER UNITED NATIONS (AP) - With the U.S. Congress balking at paying its dues and the United Nations facing bankruptcy, the U.N. chief suggested Tuesday that Washington's annual payment could be cut by up to \$120 million. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali also told a U.N. finance committee that he will reduce staff to balance the budget and personally appeal to each debtor nation to pay its bills.

million. Boutros-Ghali never mentioned the United States by name but said a ceiling of 15 to 20 percent "would better reflect the fact that this organization is the instrument of all nations." The United States is the only U.N. member which pays more than 20 percent of the organization's budget. If the U.S. contribution were cut to 15 or 20 percent of the \$1.3 billion annual budget, the U.S. payments would fall by \$120 million or \$60 million. U.N. diplomats have repeatedly complained that the organization depends too much on contributions from Washington.

"to provide me with their proposed payment plans to make up their arrears." "The organization now finds itself trapped in a downward spiral of events in which one problem creates another," Boutros-Ghali said. "Our long-term vision must include the recognition that the United Nations will have to experience substantial change if it is to be regarded by its member states as providing good value."

Under pressure from Washington, the United Nations approved a 1996-7 budget that was capped at \$2.608 billion, a decrease of some \$250 million over 1994-5 if inflation and currency changes are taken into account. That budget was \$154 million less than what Boutros-Ghali had requested. "It is evident that budgetary reductions of such magnitude

can be realized only through a combination of staff reductions and reductions in non-staff costs," Boutros-Ghali said. "I am committed to doing so while at the same time minimizing the effects on programs." Boutros-Ghali gave no figures for the staff cuts and said the reductions would be carried out after a review by department heads. On Monday, Joseph Connor, the chief U.N. financial officer, told the finance committee that some 10 percent of the 10,000-member staff would have to be cut to balance the budget. The United States welcomed the planned cuts. "Although they are painful, they are appropriate," U.S. spokesman James Rubin said. "The U.S. government, other governments, corporations, are all going through downsizing and it is high time this organization go through downsizing as well."

Rosemarie Waters, vice-president of the U.N. staff union, said the cuts would affect "the working class people ... not the diplomats." "The U.S. Congress' view of lots of fat to be trimmed is not shared by anyone I know in the staff," Waters said. "I think the U.S. Congress... confuses us, the ordinary working staff of the U.N., with the politicians at the U.N."

Many members of the U.S. Congress have demanded drastic cuts in the U.N. budget and some have questioned where there is a need for the world organization. "The financial crises has brought the United Nations to the edge of insolvency," Boutros-Ghali said. He added that he would appeal to each debtor nation and ask it

most of the reductions will be made in New York and the cuts will not affect U.N. agencies which have separate budgets, such as UNICEF and the World Health Organization. The United Nations froze hiring of professional staffers in September and clerical staff in January, but layoffs may be necessary to reduce the payroll.

Pandas at Beijing zoo ill for want of bamboo

BELJING (AP) - It's worse than a simple food craving. The 14 giant pandas at the Beijing Zoo are suffering digestion problems, losing weight and have become more susceptible to disease because the zoo cannot supply enough bamboo for them to eat, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported on Tuesday.

The zoo has been getting its bamboo from the area of Jiaozuo in central Henan province about 650 kilometers (400 miles) southwest of Beijing. Pandas will only eat bamboo cut within the past 24 hours. As the livelihood of Jiaozuo farmers has improved, they find growing bamboo is not profitable and have sold their bamboo groves for housing development, the report said. What's more, the zoo had a budget deficit of 15 million yuan (\$1.8 million) last year and cannot afford to purchase enough bamboo, Xinhua said. An average giant panda eats 10 kilograms of fresh bamboo each day, and wastes several times what it eats.

Panda keepers have tried giving them beef, eggs, milk, apples, carrots and animal feed instead. But pandas are heavily dependent on fresh bamboo. The zoo still gets some bamboo, but far less than it needs. The pandas are suffering digestion disorders, abdominal distension and diarrhea, the report said.

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Ex-socialist leader dies of heart attack

SINGAPORE (AP) - Lim Chin Siong, a former major political figure who was jailed without trial for six years in the 1960s, has died of a heart attack at 62. Lim died Monday afternoon after experiencing chest pains, a family member told The Straits Times newspaper. A former legislator for the ruling People's Action Party, Lim left in the early 1960s to become secretary-general of the Barisan Socialis, or Socialist Front. He was arrested in 1963 on charges of having links to the

Malayan Communist Party and held until 1969, when he agreed to leave politics. Lim went to London, where he lived for 10 years, married and had two sons. In 1979, he returned to Singapore, where he worked in his brother's law firm and became manager of a plastics factory. Born in Singapore in 1933, Lim helped organize strikes and boycotts against British colonial rule in the early 1950s. He became secretary-general of the pro-communist Singapore Factory and Shop Workers' Union in 1954.

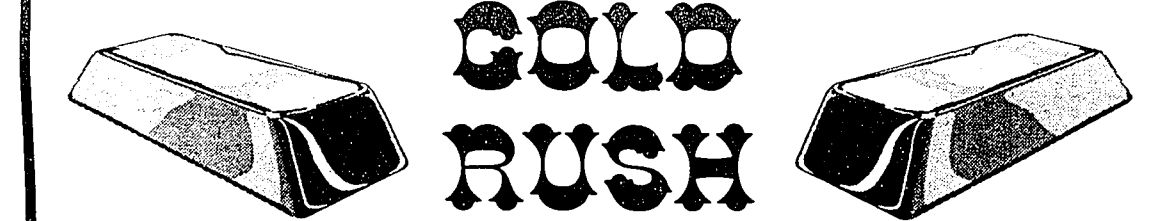
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Arctic cold shatters records

By ROGER PETERSON
NEW YORK (AP) - Arctic cold pushed into the East and the Deep South on Monday, shattering low-temperature records that had stood for more than a century, imperiling Florida oranges, bursting pipes in New Orleans and freezing fishing boats to their moorings in North Carolina.

A total of 80 deaths have been blamed on the weather since the cold wave burst into the middle of the country last week and dropped temperatures as low as minus 60 F (minus 51 C) in Tower, Minnesota. Morning lows in the South rewrote cold-weather records that had been on the books since 1886, including 20 F (minus 7 C) in New Orleans and

minus 10 F (minus 23 C) at Lynchburg, Virginia. Cape Hatteras was North Carolina's warmest spot overnight - and it had a low of 14 F (minus 10 C). A fisherman at Wanchese used a crowbar to chip his boat free of the ice along Croatan Sound. "Ice storms are disastrous for some folks in the north, but here we've

never learned culturally how to deal with them because it's only been in our experience about every 10 years," said Orville Cunningham, sociology professor at Mississippi's Jackson State University. Pipes burst in New Orleans, where houses are mounted on piers to protect them against flooding, a design that exposes the plumbing

to the cold. Temperatures fell as low as 23 F (minus 5 C) in Florida's citrus groves. Farmers rushed to spray a protective layer of water and ice and picked juice oranges imperiled by ice crystals. Even freeze-damaged oranges can be used for juice if they get to the processing plant before they spoil. People who went south were surprised

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT
Jesse Eugene Forrester
(Former Proprietor of "Club Imperial")
May 11, 1910-Feb. 06, 1996
Jesse Eugene Forrester was called to his eternal rest on Tuesday, February 6, 1996 at the age of 85 years.

He now joins in eternal rest:

Parents: Grant and Charlette Forrester
Brother: Russel Forrester

SURVIVED BY HIS:
Wife: Delia C. Forrester
Children and Spouses: Gail & Marvin Hayes, Kim & Bibine Forrester and Jim & Sandra Easley.
Grandchildren: Doug Hayes, Kimberly Hayes, Lisa & Keith Davidson, Amy Beth Easley, Jesse K. Forrester Jr. and Jason E. Forrester.
Great Grandchildren: Brent Davidson, Samantha Davidson, Tara Hayes and Christine Hayes.

Last respects will take place at the Commonwealth Health Center Chapel starting at 3:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Funeral Services will be offered on the same day at 4:00 pm and interment services will follow immediately in Capitol Hill Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated.
Thank You.

CABRERA'S FUNERAL SERVICES



J.T. Turumire, 4, left, and Amber Guequierre, 6, try to right a large leaning snowman in Waukesha, Wis., Monday. The snowman was made on Sunday by the children's parents. AP

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT
Cecilia Mendiola Cing
"Chilang Ben"
AUGUST 20, 1930-FEBRUARY 7, 1996
of San Jose Village, Tinian, passed away in the Grace of Our Lord on February 7, 1996 at the age of 65 years.

In her death she now joins her parents Ignacio Manglona & Maria Mundo Mendiola; her parents-in-law, Maria M. Cing, Joaquin S. Muna and Antonio Cing; and brother, Clarendo Mendiola; Sister, Estelita Mendiola Cabrera. Grand Son: Vicente Pacifico A. Cing.

Her peaceful spirit and memories will live in the hearts of her Husband: Vicente Manibusan Cing, Sr.

Children and Spouses:
Sen. David Mendiola Cing-Daria C. Cing-Tinian
William Mendiola Cing-Corinne H. San Nicolas-Tinian
Abelina Cing Cabrera-Herman B. Cabrera-Saipan
Raynaldo Mendiola Cing-Priscilla P. Cing-Tinian
Aleo Mendiola Cing-Tinian

Grand-children:
Michael John Kiyoshi-Judy Kiyoshi
Esther S.N. Borja-Juan Basa
James Mathew Sonola Cruz
Gregory C. Cing
Vanessa P. Aldan
Joshua C. Johnston

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Herman C. Cabrera, Jr.
Crystal C. Cabrera
Ayla A. Cing
Layna Rocoel A. Cing
Vincent Gregory C. Cing

Kelani Palacios
Henry Dominque Taylor, Jr.
Derek Jermaine C. Taylor
Rudy C. Tudela, Jr.
Jose Vincent C. Tudela
Sheniece Monique C. Taylor

Raena P. Cing
Raehel P. Cing
Darin Leo A. Cing
Emily Celestie C. Tudela
Teresa Lynn C. Tudela

Great-Grandchildren:
Michael John Kiyoshi Jr., & Barcelona Basa

She will also be missed by her brothers & sisters and their spouses:
Ana Mendiola Ooka-Mateo Ooka-Guam
Antonio Mundo Mendiola-Antoinette Deleon Mendiola-Oklahoma
Margarita Mundo Mendiola-David M. Santos-Rota/Guam
Pedro Taitano-Rosa A. Taitano-Rota

She is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, god-children and friends.

Resting is being said nightly at 8:00 a.m. at her residence in San Jose Village, Tinian. Last respects may be paid on Friday, February 9, 1996 beginning at 4:30 p.m. at their residence. Her remains will be taken to San Jose Church on Saturday 9:30 a.m., February 10, 1996 and Mass will be said at 10:00 a.m. followed by burial services. **Si Yu'us Ma'ase the Family.**

Liz Taylor files for her 7th divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Seven was not a lucky number for Elizabeth Taylor. She's getting another divorce. The Academy Award-winning actress filed for divorce Monday from her seventh husband, construction worker Larry Fortensky. She cited irreconcilable differences.

"The whole thing is going to be handled privately," Taylor's lawyer Neil Papiano said. "Everyone is cooperating. I think it will be handled well, and in a fashion that will be pleasing to everyone." Taylor met Fortensky in 1988 at the Betty Ford Clinic, where both were being treated for substance abuse. Taylor's previous husbands were hotel heir Conrad "Nick" Hilton, actor Michael Wilding, Broadway producer Mike Todd, singer Eddie Fisher, Richard Burton - whom she married twice - and Virginia Senator John Warner. It will be Fortensky's third divorce.

No date for PLO charter changes

By MAE GHALWASH
EL-ARISH, Egypt (AP) - Yasser Arafat and PLO leaders failed to reach a decision Tuesday on calling a meeting that would remove references to Israel's destruction from the PLO charter. Arafat and other members of the PLO's Executive Committee were unable to reach a decision on calling a meeting of the Palestinian parliament-in-exile to amend the charter. Officials said

they did not expect a decision until after Ramadan, the Muslim holy month, which ends Feb. 20. Arafat promised during the Israel-PLO peace talks that he would amend the PLO charter by spring. Israel has threatened to halt troop pullbacks and delay negotiations in May on a final peace settlement unless Arafat follows through with the pledge. The failure to set a date for convening the Palestine National

Council, which served as the Palestinians' parliament-in-exile, will likely create another dispute with Israel. To amend the charter, Arafat needs a two-thirds vote of the council, which must be convened by the Executive Committee. Just 11 of the Executive Committee's 18 members arrived in el-Arish, a seaside city in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula, for the meeting. Five committee members have resigned to protest the peace talks with Israel, one was sick and Farouk Kaddoumi, who serves as the Palestinians' foreign minister, did not attend. The committee, which meets whenever Arafat convenes it, has been overshadowed by the Palestinian leadership in the West Bank and Gaza. But many of its members are prominent, and some have ties to the Palestinian diaspora.



Yasser Arafat

Opposition leader refuses to recognize Yasser Arafat

By DAN PERRY
TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) - Israel's right-wing opposition leader, lagging badly in the polls with elections approaching, says he would not try to undo Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank and Gaza if he becomes prime minister. In a bid to soften his hard-line image, Likud Party head Benjamin Netanyahu conceded Monday that the current government's agreements with the PLO have "created facts on the ground."

Although Prime Minister Shimon Peres says he opposes those goals, officials from his Labor Party suggest that if they hold onto power they would go far toward meeting the Palestinians' demands. Netanyahu said a future Likud government would shut down PLO offices in Jerusalem and repel any Palestinian demand to expand their autonomous zones or upgrade them to full statehood. "They (the Palestinians) will run their own lives," he said. "But we must not allow this entity to approach the dimensions of a state."

Earlier Monday, Peres said he will announce his decision on holding early elections next week. Elections were originally scheduled for Oct. 29, but Peres - who succeeded the slain Yitzhak Rabin three months ago - is expected to move the vote up to May. Polls have shown Netanyahu lagging behind Peres by 10-20 percentage points. Even some Likud allies are calling on Netanyahu to openly embrace the Israel-PLO accords, which have strong support among the Israeli public. But Netanyahu told Channel 2 that he could achieve peace with the Palestinians and other Arabs while sticking to hard-line positions. "I have experience in talks with the Arabs," said Netanyahu, an official in the Likud government that began peace talks with Arab countries in 1991. "The Arabs adjust their expectations to what they believe they can get... They're very realistic, they'll adjust themselves." That goes for Syria, too, Netanyahu said. "I will remain on the Golan Heights... all of the Golan Heights," he said, referring to the strategic plateau that Israel captured in 1967 and which Syria is demanding back.

Netanyahu compared Arafat to Kurt Waldheim, who was snubbed by Israel as Austria's president because of revelations about his activities with the German army during World War II. When pressed, Netanyahu said representatives of his government could meet with Arafat and the other Palestinian leaders, but only if they did more to convince him they no longer seek Israel's destruction and acted more forcefully against Islamic militants. Netanyahu has bitterly rejected the 1993 Israel-PLO accords, which set the basis for Palestinian autonomy in most Arab-populated parts of the West Bank and Gaza. Intalks on a final settlement, which are to begin in May and be completed by 1999, the PLO is expected to demand full statehood and control over parts of Jerusalem.

Holbrooke cancels plan to visit Greece, Turkey

By DAVID BRISCOE
WASHINGTON (AP) - Peace mediator Richard Holbrooke has canceled planned visit to Greece, Turkey and Cyprus, a State Department spokesman said Monday, while raising concern that U.S. efforts to head off conflict were not being welcomed by all those involved. "Our concern, I suppose," said spokesman Glyn Davies, "is with the fact that we are now, in some fashion, being labeled as part of the problem here, rather than part of the solution, since we thought we were part of the solution." Davies, however, cited unsettled political conditions in Turkey and travel

plans by Greek officials as reason for cancellation of the trip planned next weekend. It appeared unlikely Holbrooke would be able to reschedule the visits because he is leaving office shortly after returning from his final swing through Europe. Holbrooke played a key role last week when President Clinton called Greek and Turkish leaders, causing both countries' military forces to withdraw from the area of a tiny islet the Greeks call Imia and the Turks call Kardak. But both countries still claim the uninhabited rocky outcrop. Davies said Holbrooke "pulled out all the stops, diplomatically" to prevent violent confrontation.

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Relief rushed in for quake victims

By ELAINE KURTENBACH BEIJING (AP) -Government workers led an enormous relief operation Tuesday in southwestern China, providing tents, food and medicine for tens of thousands of people left homeless by a powerful earthquake.

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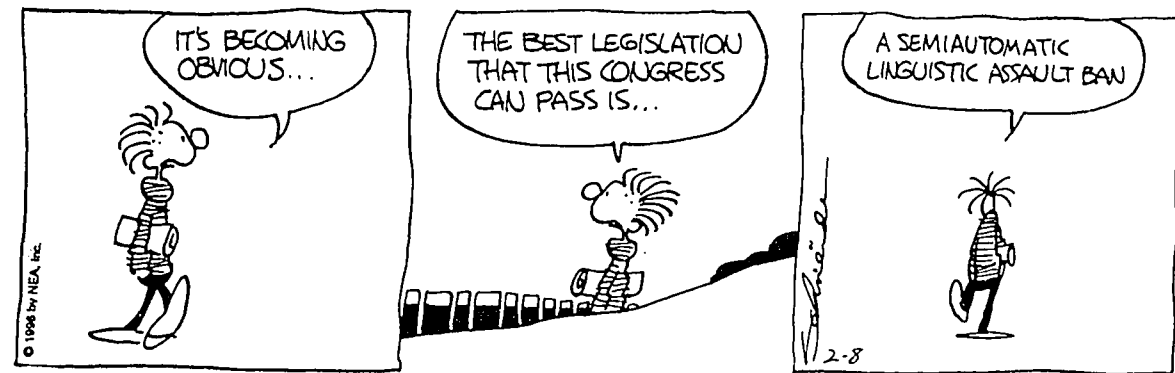
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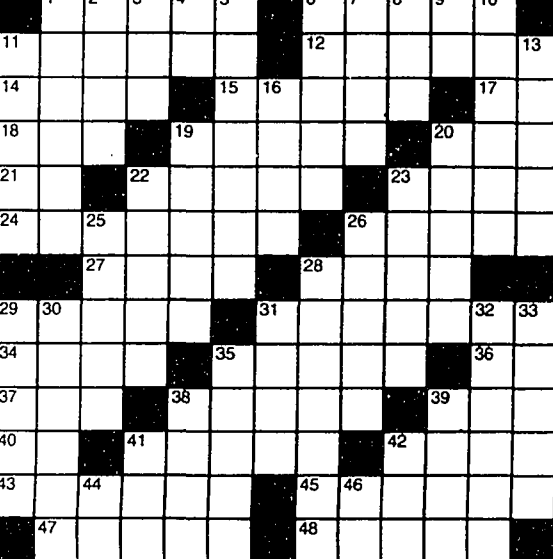
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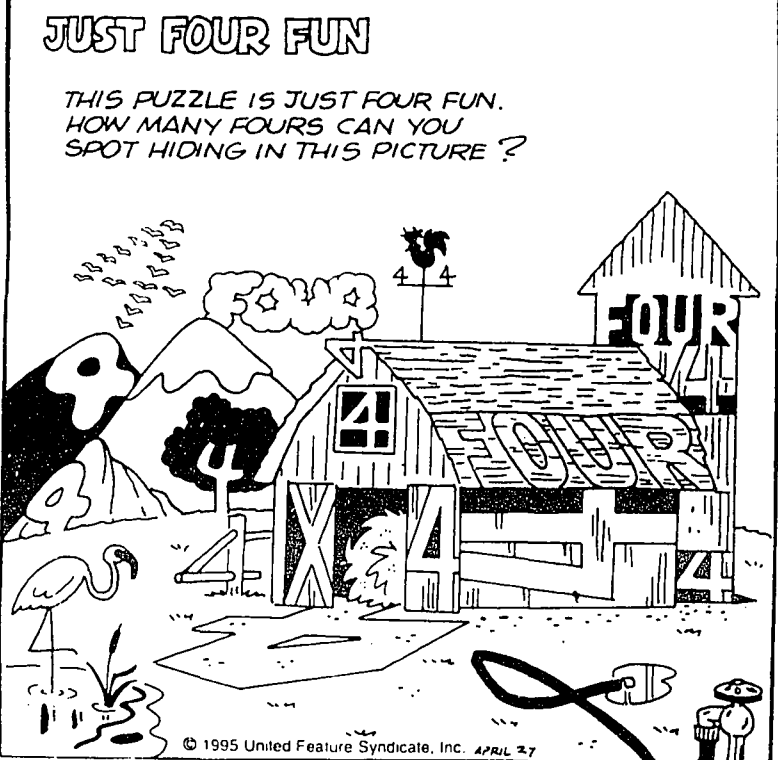
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group in local triathlon and run events. Mezzocchi, a teacher from Mount Carmel, was chosen for his good performance in the 1996 Buffaloes half-marathon event. Despite his being new on island, he bested Smith by 41 seconds that placed him on top of all Saipan runners. Mezzocchi completed the race in one hour, 19 seconds and 48 millisecond and secured fifth place overall and second in the 20 to 29 age group. The Saipan half-marathon provides good quality training incentive for CNMI marathon runners competing in the Micronesian Games, South Pacific Games and mini meets in the region. In order for a male runner to qualify in the Saipan half-marathon, he must have a minimum running time of one hour and 25 minutes and one hour and 30 minutes for female runners. Wabot said, "because there is no local runner yet who could qualify in

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parking fees, which will not begin to pile up until the Games begin. About \$20 million in corporate sponsorships also is expected, though none of the deals are expected to be the type of blockbuster ACOG has inked with such companies as The Coca-Cola Co. and IBM. Billy Payne, the ACOG president, said he expects no trouble raising enough money to put on the Games.

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grounder that Venezuelan shortstop Alvaro Espinoza could not handle, allowing Barron to score from second. Rico Rossy, who recently signed a minor-league deal to join the San Diego Padres next season, followed with a sacrifice fly to deep center field, which brought home Vargas. Puerto Rico added two more in the fourth and one in the seventh. Melendez pitched seven innings of

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for another come-from-behind victory. However, OK's Marlins sent 22 batters to the plate in the sixth inning, scoring 17 runs that made Marlins take the lead for good. Eseh led the Marlins' offensive going 3-for-4 that included a grand slam. Rosendo Skang went 3-for-4 and scored thrice. Payton Sakuma went 3-for-3 and scored thrice. Lewis Ngirakelau became the first player of the day to hit the first pitch over the fence for a homer. Mario Aguan went 2-for-2 for Kool Running. Jess Omar 3-for-3, Tony Norita 2-for-3 and Sumang Reungel scored a homerun. Red Torch 18, Nan Madol 8 In the final game of the day, Nan Madol took on defending champion Red Torch. Nan Madol scored early behind Patrick Salas' three-run homer—his first in the league. Red Torch countered by scoring seven runs in the bottom of the first and took the lead for good. Johnny Sokau went a perfect 3-for-3 that included two doubles and one triple. He scored thrice on three RBIs. Joe Johannes went 3-for-4 and scored twice.

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two-hit baseball and struck out seven. It was not all good news for Puerto Rico, however. Before the game, it was announced that starting right fielder Ricky Otero would miss the rest of the series with a broken bone in his hand. Otero, a speedy leadoff hitter who was expected to make the Philadelphia Phillies' 25-man roster to back up Darren Daulton and Lenny Dykstra, fractured the bone sliding into first base in Monday night's game against the Dominican Republic.

John Vianney had 2-for-3 and scored thrice. Red Ichikawa went 2-for-2 and scored twice. George Matsuda went 2-for-4 and homered for Red Torch. Willard scored 2-for-3 and scored twice.

Team Standings (as of Feb. 4) Division A Teams W L 1. Pepsi Spec 9 0 2. Turtles 7 2 3. Kautz Glass Glazers 6 3 4. Sedi Kau 5 4 5. Just For Fun 4 5 6. Ambassadors 4 5 7. Stevedore Waves 4 5 8. Peleliu 3 6 9. Warriors 2 7 10. O & K Goods 1 8 Division B Teams W L 1. 7-Up Kabekel 8 1 2. Koror Tigers 8 1 3. Red Torch 7 2 4. Wild Thing 5 4 5. Kool Running 4 5 6. L.A. Bombers 4 5 7. OK's Marlins 4 5 8. Aschoscho 2 7 9. Chinatown Wolfpack 2 7 10. Nan Madol 1 8

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NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

SEALED PROPOSALS for THE SAIPAN HARBOR IMPROVEMENT ACC and PCC PAVING, AT SAIPAN TANAPAG HARBOR, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, CPA Project No. CPA-SS-002-96 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., Friday, March 1, 1996 at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project provides for the asphalt cement concrete (ACC) paving of 10,000 square yards of the new Dock operations area. The areas to be paved shall comprise of a 2.5" thick overlay including all base course and bituminous materials necessary for its preparation. All aspects of this Project shall be in accordance with the plans and specifications. Construction must be performed without interrupting on-going port operations and concurrently with other construction activities of the Dock.

Proposals submitted must be available for acceptance for a period up to 120 days after the designated date for opening of proposals. CPA may award a contract on the basis of the initial offer received without negotiations. Therefore, the initial offer should contain the offeror's best terms.

The Project is being financed by funds from the CPA. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within two months (2) from the receipt of proposals. Depending upon availability of funds, CPA reserves the right to uphold such proposal in effect for four (4) months from the date of proposal opening.

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

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI Government. CNMI prevailing minimum wage shall apply consistent with Section 70-24 of the general provisions.

Each proposer must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract the "Proposer's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities" (See Specifications).

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

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

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

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

A proposer or prospective prime contractor or proposed subcontractor shall be required to submit such information as the Office of Federal Contract Compliance may 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 requested.

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 payment of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) for each set of plan documents. This amount is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the CPA HARBOR PROJECT SITE OFFICE, at 11:00 a.m. on February 16, 1996 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant, in writing, at least five (5) days in advance for answers at this pre-proposal conference, with a copy of same mailed simultaneously to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority. Attendance at the pre-proposal conference and site visit are considered essential to the potential contractor's understanding of the project elements.

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

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in accordance with Section 3(27) of its Procurement Rules and Regulations.

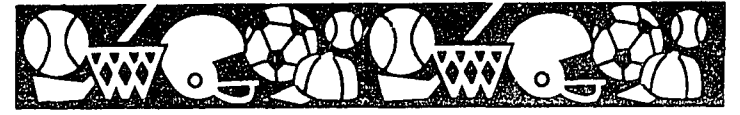
/s/CARLOS A. SHODA Executive Director Date: 1/31/96

DATE BOOK

Feb. 8, 1996 Today is the 39th day of 1996 and the 49th day of winter. TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1587, Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded. TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: William T. Sherman (1820-1891), Civil War general; Jules Verne (1828-1905), novelist; Martin Buber (1878-1965), philosopher; Lana Turner (1920-1995), actress; Audrey Meadows (1924-), actress-author, is 72; Jack Lemmon (1925-), actor, is 71; James Dean (1931-1955), actor; John Williams (1932-), composer-conductor, is 64; Ted Koppel (1940-), TV journalist, is 56. TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1983, Wayne Gretzky scored four goals in the NHL All-Star Game. MORE LAST NAMES in the United States start with the letter S than any other letter, followed by B, then M, then K. The average American will live in 30 different houses during his or her lifetime.

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SPORTS



Spec perfects first round

ROUND one of the Palau Men's Slowpitch League ended with Division A leader Pepsi Spec scoring a perfect nine wins without a taint of defeat last Sunday at the Koblerville Ballfield.

In Division B, 7-Up Kabekel succeeded in spoiling the 8-0 win-loss

7-UP spoils Tigers' Palau league record

record of former solo leader Koror Tigers by forcing a two-way tie at the top of the standings.

Division A race
Three-time champion and current

Division A leader Pepsi Spec had an easy 7-0 win over Just For Fun which played three innings but could not come up with the mandatory 10 players after three innings.

The Specs were declared the winners by forfeiture.

In the first two innings, Spec registered 13 hits. Six of them were homeruns.

Division B Race

Former Division B solo leader Koror Tigers aimed to equal the per-

formance of Pepsi Spec.

With an 8-0 card before the game, the Tigers ended sharing leadership with Kabekel which defeated them by one run, 23-22.

The much-anticipated matchup saw both teams hitting and fielding well. But in the end, Kabekel forced a two-way tie for first place.

Steve Coleman led the 7-Up
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Puerto Rico downs Venezuela, retakes Caribbean Series lead

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Puerto Rico's Arecibo Wolves rallied for three runs in the top of the first inning and never looked back, defeating Venezuela's Magallanes Voyagers 9-1 on Tuesday and retaking the lead in the Caribbean Series.

The win puts Puerto Rico ahead of Mexico, slated to play the host Dominican Republic in the late game, by

a half game. Puerto Rico is 3-1 in the six-game series.

The Puerto Ricans rocked Venezuelan started Edwin Hurtado, who gave up seven earned runs in four and one-third innings.

After Roberto Alomar grounded out to start the game, Bernie Williams singled to center and came around to score when Leo Gomez hit his second home run of the Series — a

towering line drive over the left-field wall. Tony Barron followed with a triple off the center-field wall and scored on a sacrifice fly by Hector Vargas, who announced earlier Tuesday that he will play in the Mexican summer league this year.

Puerto Rico added two more in the third when Barron and Vargas hit consecutive singles and Ivan Rodriguez, who went 4-for-4 with one RBI in the game, hit a hard
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Rocball playoffs start tomorrow

THE HIGH school rocball championship for boys will begin tomorrow.

Four teams—Brotherhood, Tin Kun, Pwipwiis and the Homeboys—made it to the playoffs.

Pwipwiis will play against the Homeboys tomorrow.

Brotherhood will face Tin Kun on Monday.

Pwipwiis will test the Homeboys on Tuesday and Brotherhood will square off with Homeboys on Wednesday.

The semi-finals format is a best-of-three series.

In the college/village division, the championship series is a best-three-out-of-five between 1995 champion Hardcor and Buyaka, the new team from Oleai.

Miller Lite Men's Basketball League

(Jan. 5 games results)

First Game						Second Game					
Team: D' Oners						Team: Ol' Aces					
Players	No.	3P	2P	FT	F TP	Players	No.	3P	2P	FT	F TP
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M. Diandra	5	0	4	1/2	2 9	Winsor Peter	11	1	8	1/1	— 20
Margasino	15	0	6	2/2	— 14	Jerry Ayuyu	5	0	7	—	1 14
J. Cruz	17	0	1	—	— 2	Pete Camacho	7	0	10	—	— 20
J. Acosta	9	1	5	1/4	2 14	M. Metiao	14	0	1	—	— 2
D. Raza	8	0	3	0/1	— 6	Ron Atalig	9	0	4	—	1 8
S. Raza	3	0	5	0/2	5 10	Wayne Perry	3	0	7	—	4 14
D. Palacios	16	0	0	—	3 0	Mike Majors	4	0	3	2/2	1 8
C. Palacios	6	0	2	—	— 4	Junior Renguel	6	0	8	—	3 16
B DL Guerrero	18	0	1	3/4	2 5	Tony Rangamar	16	0	0	—	5 0
Mark Benito	14	0	1	—	— 2	Total	2	50	7/8	20	113
Total			240	8/1718	94						

Team: D' Fours						Team: Primos					
Players	No.	3P	2P	FT	F TP	Players	No.	3P	2P	FT	F
Asterio T.	9	0	13	1/2	2 27	Ray Palacios	17	0	3	1/1	1 7
Kalle I.	4	0	5	4/4	3 14	Ray Duenas	11	1	4	2/7	4 13
Tony B.	11	0	1	—	1 2	Ben Guerrero	12	0	9	1/1	1 21
Rino V.	10	0	3	2/2	2 6	Jun Fujihira	18	0	9	2/5	1 20
Zack K.	13	0	2	0/2	— 4	Ben Palacios	8	1	3	1/4	— 10
Jess A.	18	0	2	—	— 4	Dave Sablan	00	0	3	3/4	2 9
Ben F.	14	0	1	—	2 2	Total	00	231	10/22	9	78
Sam K.	7	0	7	3/4	1 17						
Total			037	12/16	12 86	Halftime score: D' Aces 46, Primos 36					

Susan Burr and Jeff Mezzocchi bound for Japan half-marathon

THE NORTHERN Mariana Islands Track and Field Federation has chosen Saipan's top woman triathlete Susan Burr and male counterpart Jeff Mezzocchi to represent the Commonwealth in this year's Sendai Half-Marathon in Sendai City, Japan.

The annual half-marathon, which is on its sixth year, offers an attractive invitation package to top

marathon runners in the region.

Japan organizers will shoulder the air fare, local transportation, board and lodging expenses plus about \$300 pocket money for the athletes who will join the race.

CNMI started sending a representative in 1995.

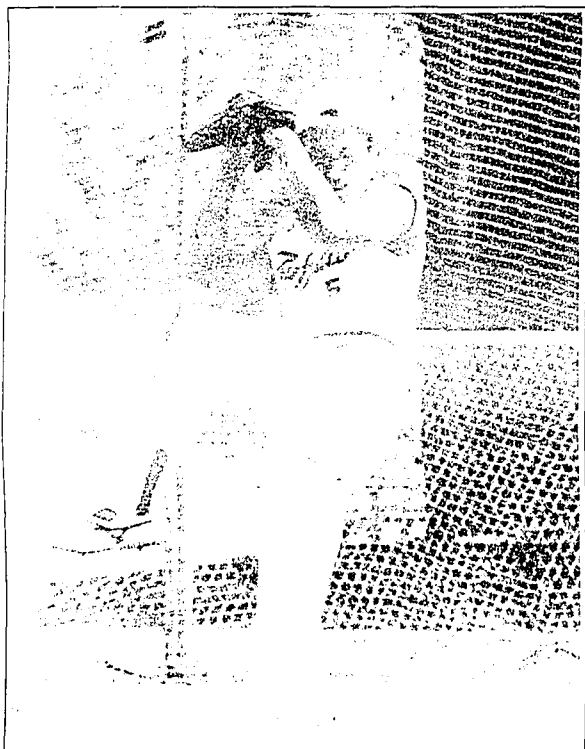
NMITFF sent Steve Pixley last year in lieu of Stuart Smith who was first offered the slot. Smith declined

due to a scheduled trip to the U.S., NMITFF president Louie Wabul said.

"Good thing about this event is that we don't have to look for sponsors for our chosen representatives and worry about the expenses," Wabul added.

Burr was chosen for consistently dominating the women's

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Kintetsu Buffaloes outfielder Murakami Takayuki, left, winds back during passing practice under scorching noon heat with first baseman Hiroo Ishii, right, and the rest of the team on the seventh day of the Saipan Camp Spring Training at the Francisco "Tan Ko" M. Palacios Ballfield in Susupe, in preparation for the Japan Baseball Pacific League on March. Photos by Sony Daleno



Olympic budget game near finish

ATLANTA (AP)—The budget game is nearly over for Olympic organizers, who said Wednesday they have commitments for 90 percent of the money needed.

However, it's not time to pop the champagne yet—even at 90 percent, the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games still needs to raise \$194.7 million and has less than six months in which to do it.

The numbers, reflecting the budget at the end of 1995, were about as expected, said A.D. Frazier, chief operating officer at ACOG.

"We're chugging right ahead, slightly ahead in committed revenues over incurred expenses," Frazier said.

Because ACOG is paying for the Games by raising money from private sources, raising money has been an overriding concern since Atlanta was awarded the Olympics six years ago.

The organizing committee has revised its bottom line from \$1.6 billion to \$1.7 billion, adding some fully funded items that previously were

not technically part of the budget.

Of the money still needed, about half is expected to come from selling additional tickets. ACOG sold about \$328 million worth of tickets last year, and ticket sales to the general public will resume next month.

ACOG also is selling premium ticket packages to corporations for \$50,000 apiece.

The budget update, presented to the ACOG board of directors at its quarterly meeting, revealed that about \$156 million in refunds were made to customers whose ticket orders could not be fitted.

Other major sources of expected money include souvenir sales and

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SGA Feb. Ace tour

THE Saipan Golfers Association will hold its February Ace tournament at the new Kingfisher Country Club in Talofoto. Due to limited slots available, please call Brian Reyes at 234-1618, Ray Diaz at 322-6581 and John Babauta at 235-6581 for reservation.