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Port project talks collapse

By Nick Legaspi

NEGOTIATIONS between the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) and Candac-Thiess, an Australian company, for the Saipan seaport development project have collapsed, CPA announced yesterday.

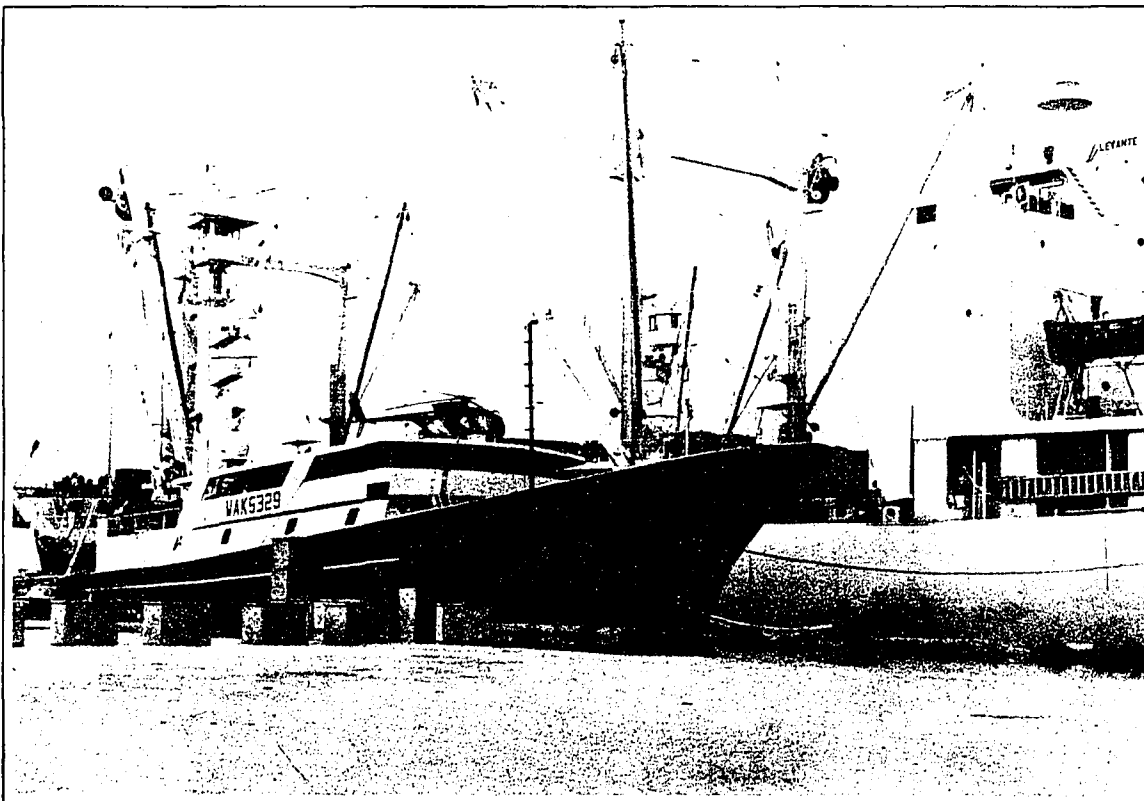
Because of this, CPA Chairman J.M. Guerrero said the authority would explore alternative financing schemes for the project, which is projected to cost a total of \$53 million.

Guerrero, in an interview, said an alternative financing scheme for the project could be through a bond flotation.

He said CPA would announce a new Request for Proposal (RFP) within the next two weeks which would include only the construction part of the project.

The first RFP required bidders to arrange financing for the project. Only three companies submitted proposals, and one did not meet CPA's requirements. Candac-Thiess was chosen to proceed with the financing aspect of the project.

CPA currently has \$23 million available for the project and must



Charlie Dock

raise the balance of \$30 million from other sources.

The collapse of the negotiations between CPA and Candac-Thiess was due to the company's failure to arrange financing for the balance of the project cost. The Aus-

tralian company tapped the Australian subsidiary of ABN Amro, a European financial institution, to extend a \$25 million loan to CPA for the balance of the project, which was initially estimated to cost about \$48.5 million.

ABN Amro's European parent, however, rejected the loan. Candac-Thiess then started negotiations with the Bank of Guam and, later with the Bank of Hawaii, but did not succeed in raising the needed amount for the

project.

Guerrero, in a statement issued by the CPA, said he was "very disappointed" that the two and a half months of negotiation with Candac-Thiess collapsed.

The project, which could take as long as three years to complete, involves the rehabilitation of the facilities of Charlie Dock and construction of berthing and warehousing facilities which would extend to Baker Dock as well as the dredging of the channel between the two docks.

In another development, the CPA board of directors unanimously re-elected Guerrero as chairman during a meeting held in Rota Tuesday night.

Thomas M. Manglona of Rota was re-elected vice chairman and Roman S. Palacios as board secretary.

Re-appointed as chairperson of the personnel committee is Rafaela O. Perry. Palacios remains as chairman of the finance committee, Serafin S. Dela Cruz as chairman of the airport facilities committee and George F. Fleming as chairman of the seaport facilities committee.

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SOME elders listen intently to issues raised, others become bored.

Women urge Senate to pass anti-prostitution measure

By Gaynor L. Dumat-ol

CNMI's women leaders yesterday urged the Senate to pass the anti-prostitution bill which was unanimously approved by the lower House last month.

If enacted into law, the House version of the bill says, a person found guilty of engaging in or knowingly permitting prostitution faces a maximum jail term

of 90 days and/or fined \$1,000 for each violation.

The women leaders' call for the Senate to approve the bill was made during the third day of the Governor's Conference for Women at the Hyatt Regency.

A number of conference participants stood up to air their support for the bill to Sen. Juan S. Torres who was the only senator present among a panel of guests

which also included Representatives Pete Reyes and Ana Teregeyo, Vice Speaker Diego Benavente and Lydia C. Romisher of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

In an interview, Torres promised to "follow the recommendation of the women who are in support of the bill."

The senator, however, ex-

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PAL begins flights to Saipan Sept. 22

THE PHILIPPINE Airlines has contracted Continental Air Micronesia to provide ground services to the Manila-based airline when it begins its service to Saipan on Sept. 22, this was learned yesterday.

Representatives of the Philippines' flag carrier met with Max Kretzers, CNMI general manager for Continental Air Micronesia, and officials of the Commonwealth Ports Authority Wednesday afternoon to finalize plans for the new service. PAL currently serves Guam.

The PAL group consists of John Fortes, sales manager for CNMI; Rudy Abanes, airport station manager; Cris Comedoy, station manager in Guam; and Alfie Tulay, station manager for Saipan.

In an interview, Kretzers said Continental would service PAL passengers at the airport, including ticketing.

PAL, however, will handle its own marketing activities in the CNMI. The airline is putting up a local sales office.

Fortes said PAL's GSA (general sales agent) committee in Manila had not appointed any GSA in the

CNMI, which will handle the marketing for the airline.

Pending appointment of a GSA, PAL's proposed sales office will handle local marketing activities.

Fortes said his group was also scouting for a sales office in Saipan. In the meantime, all ticket sales will be done at the airport counter.

The new service will actually add Saipan to PAL's current Manila-Guam route and maximize use of the DC-10, which has a passenger capacity of 271. PAL flies to Guam twice weekly.

PAL will be in direct competition with Continental Air Micronesia which has enjoyed a monopoly of the Manila-Guam-Saipan route since the route was abandoned by the defunct Pan American Airways.

In terms of frequency, however, Continental Air Micronesia which flies more than seven times a week to Manila, will still dominate the route.

Overseas contract workers and businessmen from the Philippines and their families account for a big share of the Manila-Guam-Saipan market.

US revives plan to seize Iraqi assets

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The United States has revived a plan to hit Saddam Hussein's government where it hurts - the wallet. Diplomats say Washington and its allies want to seize an estimated \$5 billion in Iraqi assets worldwide.

The plan, if approved by the Security Council, would be another weapon in the allies' drive to get Baghdad to comply with resolutions stemming from Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990. Iraq has failed to comply fully with several of the resolutions.

Last month, the United States, Britain and France began air patrols over southern Iraq to protect Shiite dissidents from attacks

which violate a Security Council resolution demanding an end to repression of Iraqi citizens.

The latest move is also aimed at raising money for UN inspections of Iraq's weapons programs, humanitarian aid for Kurds and Shiites and compensation to victims of the invasion. Iraq was supposed to have paid for those items through a one-time sale of its oil but has refused UN terms for the transaction.

Iraq has an estimated \$5 billion stashed away abroad in gold, cash and other assets.

Many of the assets were frozen under Security Council Resolution 661 of Aug. 6, 1990.

US officials first began talking about the more drastic step of seizing the Iraqi assets in March but only lately have been able to come up with proposals for getting around tricky legal questions, diplomatic sources say. The Americans - who have frozen about \$1.4 billion in Iraqi wealth - have been leading work with the French, British and Japanese on a lengthy resolution that spells out which assets would be seized, and how. Among the issues addressed are whether only assets of the Iraqi government would be seized, or also those of private Iraqi companies. Apparently not targeted are

billions of dollars more in Iraqi assets that are covertly stashed away and have not been frozen.

Under terms ending the Gulf War in late February 1991, Iraq agreed to pay specific reparations to those damaged in the war, including Kuwait.

The Kuwaiti government has hired Kroll Associates, a New York firm, to locate and identify those assets, as well as others already known. As part of the work, Kroll is trying to identify individuals and front companies for the Iraqi government involved in its covert worldwide financial network. If Kuwait provides the results of that probe, the Security

Council could use the information in seizing assets.

The president of the Security Council, Ambassador Jose Ayala Lasso of Ecuador, confirmed the allies were working on the seizure proposal but had not yet presented any resolution. A source on the council said the allies had been canvassing members to learn whether they would support the seizure.

"This issue, which has been going back and forth for four to five months, has come back again," said one source, speaking on condition of anonymity. "There is serious discussion going on at the moment."

Asian briefs

China mulls punitive tariffs

BEIJING (AP) - China said Thursday that US goods ranging from aircraft to medicines would face higher import fees if the United States follows through on its threat to impose punitive tariffs on Chinese products.

The state-run Xinhua News Agency said Chinese officials were working on a list of goods that would be targeted for \$4 billion in punitive tariffs. That move would come in retaliation for punitive import fees of up to \$3.9 billion the United States has threatened to place on Chinese products, Xinhua said.

Xinhua said China is considering punitive tariffs on imports of US computers, aircraft, automobiles, medical equipment, copiers, pesticides, chemical fibers, timber and wood products, cameras, cotton, petroleum products, medicines and chemicals.

Chinese industries hike output

BEIJING (AP) - China's industrial production jumped 19 percent in the first eight months of 1992 compared to the same period last year, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported Wednesday.

The State Statistical Bureau said output from heavy industry climbed 21.3 percent while light industry rose 16.3 percent to push total industrial production to \$331.9 billion from January through August.

Officials attributed the jump to faster economic development in southern China's market-driven coastal cities and a 40- to 50 percent increase in joint ventures, the newspaper reported.

Taiwan moves against Korea

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - Taiwan will ban South Korean container ships from plying the Taiwan-Japan route in another retaliatory move against Seoul's recognition of the Beijing government, the Transportation Ministry announced Wednesday.

The ministry said in a statement that the government would also slash the container capacity of South Korean ships in Taiwanese ports by up to 50 percent.

Officials said the new measures would take effect on Sept. 15, when Taiwan cuts air links with South Korea.

South Korea switched diplomatic ties from Taipei to Beijing last month.

No candidates for peace prize

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - A \$300,000 peace prize offered by the South Korean government is drawing controversy because of difficulty in finding candidates willing to accept it.

On Monday, the Seoul Peace Prize Committee selected former US Secretary of State George Shultz as the second winner of the prize launched to commemorate the successful hosting of the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

Committee officials said that stronger candidates were dropped because they or their countries refused to accept the award.

Critics say the prize has not become popular because President Roh Tae-woo created it partly as a way to boost his own reputation and overrode public concerns about using public funds when he set up the prize in 1990.

Bank serves animals

TOKYO (AP) - Not satisfied with having only humans as customers, a leading Japanese bank is creating savings accounts for other members of the animal kingdom.

Cats, birds, reptiles, and any other kind of pet will be eligible to open a "pet account" at Sanwa Bank, Japan's leading city bank, beginning Thursday - "as long as they have keepers," a bank official said.

The pets will get account books emblazoned with their names as well as special notebooks to keep pictures and personal data, said the bank official.

The official said the accounts were created for people who "care about pets as members of their family" and can be used to set aside money for pet expenses like food, haircuts, illnesses and funerals.

Rabin won't give up all of Golan

By Ron Kampis

JERUSALEM (AP) - Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin indicated Wednesday that he was open to a land-for-peace deal with Syria, but would not agree to vacate all the captured Golan Heights.

Facing a noisy onslaught from parliamentary hard-liners over his conduct of peace talks with Syria, Rabin couched his reply in code phrases that avoided an outright offer to give back parts of the Golan Heights, captured from Syria in the 1967 Mideast war.

Israeli officials at peace talks in Washington have said Syria gave them a list of positions indicating common ground. Israeli radio said Israel was drafting a list of points of agreement and hoped both countries could sign it.

It would be the first agreement signed directly by Israel and Syria, without intermediaries, the radio said.

Speaking to parliament, Rabin said he would not repeat the experience of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, which entailed yielding the Sinai Desert to "the last grain of sand."

At the same time, he derided the previous government's slogan of "peace-for-peace" as a euphemism for ceding no territory at

all.

"The idea of 'peace for peace' does not work where Syria is concerned," he said.

"I never heard of anyone interpreting the Syrian reading of (UN resolutions) 242 and 338 as meaning 'peace for peace,'" Rabin said.

UN Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 oblige Israel to give up territory captured in 1967, and the Arabs to make peace with Israel.

Rabin's government, unlike that of the Likud party under Yitzhak Shamir, has assured Syria that it sees the resolutions as applying to the Golan Heights.

On Tuesday, Syrian President Hafez Assad said he would never give up his claim to the Golan.

In a speech that was supposed to last 10 minutes but stretched to 40 minutes because of sustained heckling, Rabin insisted his government would give peace every chance, without jeopardizing Israel's security.

He said the peace talks had gone nowhere with Shamir in office, whereas since he was elected and the peace talks resumed, "there is a beginning of dialogue" with Syria.

The parliamentary debate came during a recess in the sixth round

of US-sponsored Middle East peace talks in Washington. Likud and two other right-wing parties, Tzomet and Moledet, brought the house out of recess to challenge Rabin's handling of the talks.

Their motions were defeated 53 to 32.

"This is a black day," Likud legislator Michael Eitan said. "This is the first time an Israeli prime minister has notified parliament that he will give up territory to which Israeli law has been extended." Israel annexed the Golan Heights in 1981.

Rafael Eitan, head of the hawkish Tzomet party, said the Golan was essential to Israel's security.

"The prime minister says the border with Syria is our quietest border," Eitan said. "It is the quietest border as long as it takes a Merkava (tank) an hour to get to Damascus."

The Hadashot daily newspaper reported Wednesday that the Israeli delegation to the talks has decided, when the talks resume, to press the Syrians to clarify what they mean by "peace agreement."

Israel wants assurances that Damascus will accept a peace treaty like the one with Egypt, which includes open borders, trade and diplomatic ties.

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Sudan eradicating minority

NEW YORK (AP) - The Sudanese government is staging a campaign to eradicate the Nuba people, a group of 1 million non-Arabs, Africa Watch asserted in a report Wednesday.

The human rights group charged that Sudan's campaign against the Nuba includes detention and killing of the educated, burning of villages, separation of men and women and relocation of the population to camps in adjoining northern Kordofan.

The Nuba include many Christians and followers of animistic religions. They live in the Arab-dominated northern region of Sudan, the report says. Northern Sudan, including the

Nuba homeland, has been caught in a devastating war between the government and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) that broke out in March 1983.

The report says Sudan's campaign is "far beyond what is required to combat the SPLA," and is called a "Jihad" (Holy War) by the government.

Dr. Abubaker al-Shingietti, counselor at the embassy of Sudan in Washington, called the allegations "false and unfounded," saying "some elements from the Nuba tribes, particularly the educated ones, have joined the rebel movement."

"The government itself is committed to the protection of all

Sudanese civilians from all backgrounds without any discrimination based on religion," Al-Shingietti said.

He said some non-governmental paramilitary forces are motivated by religious convictions and may be retaliating against Nuba for attacks against mosques and burning of the Koran.

The Africa Watch report says the campaign "appears to be aimed at eradicating the traditional society and culture of the Nuba, and removing them from their ancestral lands."

Africa Watch, a New York-based division of Human Rights Watch, monitors and promotes humanitarian issues in Africa.

16 aliens with fake passports deported

SIXTEEN aliens were deported by Saipan immigration authorities last month mostly due to possession of fake or tampered passports and entry permits.

Last July, 12 aliens were deported, 61 foreign nationals investigated and 28 others barred from entering Saipan, according to a monthly report submitted by the Immigration Service to the Attorney General's office.

A total of 45,131 alien workers, businessmen, tourists, missionaries, relatives of Northern Marianas residents and students arrived last July.

Out of the number, 1,004 were alien workers and traders.

Also last July, the immigration Service collected \$10,004 from alien registration fees, \$36,010 from entry permit fees, \$9,530 from SUS passport applications

and \$15 from certificate of identity applications.

Meanwhile, the US Department of State's Passport Services office in Honolulu has requested samples of fake and altered passports seized by Saipan immigration.

Sam Finn, Regional Director in Honolulu, said the fake and altered passports would be filmed by the Passport Services laboratory in Washington for training purposes.

Finn specifically asked to borrow "five or six of the bogus US passports," two passports "that appear to be done by the same vendor," two "non-machine readable," two counterfeit machine-readable passports used by Chinese nationals and a passport whose picture was the only one substituted.

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Guerrero, who retired as managing director of the Marianas Visitors Bureau in December 1989 to become a private businessman, has been a member of the CPA board since its inception in 1974. The board members are appointed by the governor with the consent of the advice and consent of the Senate. They serve staggered four-year terms.

The board traveled to Rota to observe the newly resurfaced runway and review a consultant's report on allegations made by Continental Air Micronesia that the runway is unsafe when it rains.

The board decided to wait for the results of the testing to be conducted next week by US Navy

personnel. The results could be available 30 days upon completion of the tests. The testing is expected to take up to two weeks.

During its meeting in Rota, the board voted to award IBC the contract to resurface the West Tinian Airport runway.

The board also unanimously voted to approve the supplemental budget request of \$655,000 for four urgently needed projects at the Saipan, Tinian and Rota airports and seaports. These include the Saipan seaport office building, Saipan commuter terminal expansion project, Rota Airport water reservoir and the West Tinian Airport generator building.

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pressed apprehension that banning prostitution might only make it difficult for health authorities to monitor sexually-transmitted diseases.

Last Wednesday, the bill, (House Bill No. 8-32), was passed on first reading by the Senate but the senators decided the proposal needed further research.

A few senators were concerned that making prostitutes outlaws would aggravate the problem of curbing sexually-transmitted diseases, particularly AIDS.

Tinian Sen. David M. Cing voted in favor of the bill but remained skeptic about the outcome of making prostitution illegal.

In a privilege speech, Cing said it was difficult to get rid of the "oldest profession."

"Let's be honest with ourselves. I see the merits of this bill when it comes to those being forced into prostitution. But to have establishments for this purpose, I am hesitant to go against it. When we travel to other places, we always end up in these kind of places," Cing said.

"The casinos in Tinian are coming and I want to say in all honesty, eliminating female company for good time is like removing the flavor out of the casinos," said Cing.

Cing added, "people have their own basic, instinctive desires and we could not legislate on that."

"The so-called establishments should be regulated because with or without them, they do it anyway," he added.

For her part, Teregeyo said prostitution "hurts families."

"This is a moral issue. The bill provides healthy and safe environment as mandated by the Constitution," the congresswoman said.

Mahua T. Peter, deputy special assistant of the Women's Affairs Office, said conference organizers would try to invite Cing and other senators to the last day of the conference today so the women can tell the senators what the women leaders want.

The bill was passed on first and final reading last Aug. 19 by the House of Representatives.

Also under the proposed laws, a person found guilty of promoting prostitution in the second degree, sexual exploitation and employing persons to perform sexual services, would be punished by not more than five years imprisonment or a fine of not more than \$10,000 or both.

Promoting prostitution in the first degree is punishable by imprisonment of not more than 10 years and/or a fine of not more than \$20,000.



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EDITORIAL

Visitors from Washington

DURING the last week of August three people from Washington visited the Northern Marianas. Reports released prior to their arrival described them as powerful or influential staff members of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and the Subcommittee on Insular and International Affairs; that they brief tough Representative George Miller.

Thus, even before the trio — Lori Sonken, Richard Meltzer and Virginia Sablan — set foot on Saipan, the mood was set for a high-level, no-nonsense group of congressional people coming to see for themselves the local labor and immigration situation, and especially the controversial garment industry.

But every dignitary, especially from Washington, deserves the best the Northern Marianas, in this case the government, can offer. Local culture demands a red carpet reception for the visitors, particularly because of the "influence" they wield. The government, whose top officials had just been grilled in Congress, could do no less.

Five-star hotel accommodations, dinners and lunches with top government officials, they got all the works.

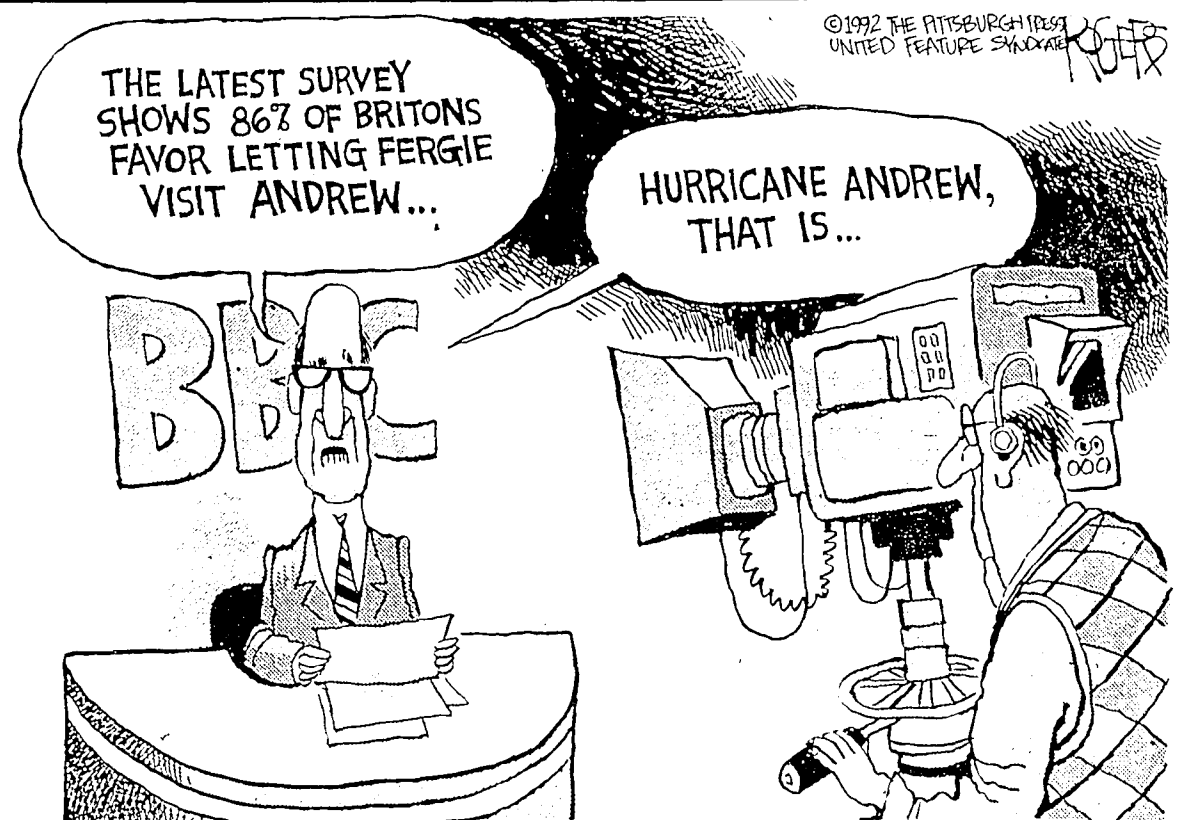
The catch: the three did not come here on their own. They were invited by the resident representative to the US, who did not suffer the treatment given in Washington to the Guerrero group. But the governor could ill afford to treat the visitors as ordinary congressional employees. Thus, the government took care of everything: from hotels to the smallest item in the itinerary, with no less than legal counsel Tim Bruce as coordinator.

So when the three, who refused to talk to reporters until the last day when they agreed to a press conference, were asked if they found the "appalling living conditions" cited by witnesses during the July 30 oversight hearing, the answer was a not-surprising "No."

Sonken described the factory of Willie Tan, who was investigated by federal labor officials for exploitation of his workers, as "good...modern."

They did not find anything even close to the conditions described by Marybeth Herald, who lived and practiced law in Saipan for many years. But Ms. Herald did not receive any red carpet treatment for a short visit; she lived here, she knew the people here and she saw how foreign workers lived. She knew what she was talking about.

Rep. Miller, who has expressed doubts over the reliability of information furnished him by the CNMI government, should apply the same attitude when the three committee staff members submit their report to him. The sweet scent of local flowers used in leis may linger long after the wearer has gone home. Hospitality could be a wine that dampens consciousness and dulls the brain. Hafa Adai.



Sharing information key to winning drug war

By Jack Anderson
and Michael Binstein

WASHINGTON - Despite boasts about his anti-drug efforts at the Republican National Convention in Houston, President Bush has failed to borrow his most effective tactic from Operation Desert Storm for the war against drugs.

In the victorious battle against Saddam Hussein, Bush wisely allowed a single battlefield commander, Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, call most of the shots. Though the president does have a drug czar, no single person or agency coordinates the battle against drug dealers and drug use - despite the fact that Bush has hailed drugs as a threat to national security.

We've seen the latest example of this mess in a confidential General Accounting Office report that lists every government

computer system that tracks anti-drug efforts. The report details a whopping 102 computer programs being used or developed by 33 different government agencies for the war against drugs.

"The agencies reported that these 102 systems are designed to support various counter-drug activities, such as case management and intelligence analysis, and to retrieve, store and manipulate different types of data," the GAO report states. "For example, certain systems process sensor and radar data while others process information on persons, vehicles, vessels, aircraft and geographic locations."

Ironically, reform efforts are severely hampered by secrecy that pits one government agency against another. The confidential GAO report, obtained by our associate Dale Van Atta, considered three National Security

Agency computer systems to be too sensitive and highly classified to describe.

Moreover, it noted that the Central Intelligence Agency, which has beefed up its anti-drug effort, refused to provide any information on its drug-related computer systems. The Drug Enforcement Administration and other sources say it's just as difficult for other government agencies to get the CIA to share its anti-drug information with them so they can work together in the drug war.

Based on the information it did have access to, GAO leveled a major indictment: Too many computer systems overlap and waste precious anti-drug resources. Some computer systems can't even "talk" to each other and share information. Even in the El Paso Intelligence Cen-

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Jr's Agenda

by John DeRosario

Islanders love to eat! And it is now fashionable to take a friend, a guest or the entire family to out for lunch or dinner. But then the problem is that many of these restaurants are located in places frequented by tourists. And so the prices for every dish on the menu is designed for tourist dollars.

Admittedly, the prices are a bit too steep for locals. You really had to plan outings well in advance. If you so decide to go for a night in town with your loved ones or friends, bars everywhere also sell drinks with tourist dollars in mind. And while some of these business establishments may accede to giving locals a break in their prices, most others don't really extend such courtesy. They want your money and every ounce of it. So brace yourself for whatever happens.

In Honolulu and Manila, locals are given the Kaimaaina or Baligbayan price on hotel rooms. It would be quite a generous courtesy if hotels and

restaurants here could extend what you might term the Chamolinian price for locals who reside in the mainland and are here for brief visits or those who stay here who need a couple of nights for an instant replay of "What It Used To Be" when both couples were young and dashing.

I am sure that there need not be legislation introduced for this purpose. Hotels and restaurants ought to extend this break to locals on their own. It should work out well for all concerns. Not that we want to display our penchant for heavyweight eating nor boast off our ability to discard the word diet from our vocabulary for fear of going through another round of pain. Gee, we also have our definition of dieting. We do it like the Aloha State kanakas do—sideways brudda!

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ter, a key anti-drug center, investigators have to literally switch computer terminals - each having different programs - to continue their anti-drug probes.

And some of the computer programs are terribly flawed. For instance, design deficiencies in one of the U.S. Customs Service system for detecting and tracking drug smugglers has caused the system to associate flight plans with the wrong aircraft and to share the wrong information with other law enforcement authorities, according to a related GAO report.

Even when the computer systems do talk to each other, there is a tendency to share inaccurate or unreliable information that can misdirect interdiction operations and incriminate innocent people.

In other words, Agency A shares an intelligence message with Agency B without verifying that the information is correct or qualifying the reliability of it. Agency B reformats the message and sends it out to others without indicating the origin of the information. The reformatted message may be circulated back to Agency A, whose personnel will now act on the information because they mistakenly believe that Agency B has confirmed the information. After several rounds of this, drug investigators then begin to mistrust and ignore in-

formation generated in these computer systems.

Finally, the government lacks serious computer security controls as the anti-drug information is hared. Criminals might gain access to the information - which puts a risk not only the entire anti-drug effort but the lives of drug enforcement agents and their informants.

As one example of a serious breach of security, a key Customs Service computer link with the Defense Department was not secure for six months because Defense Department contractors had improperly installed system equipment. Law enforcement agents will often use a secure telephone to communicate sensitive information rather than entering data into shared network systems since the telephone allows the caller to know who is receiving the information.

One of the biggest surprises in the confidential GAO report is that the Defense Department actually has more anti-drug computer systems than the DEA. The DEA has a mere 21 such systems compared to the Pentagon's 38.

If the Bush administration is serious about the war on drugs, it has to convince agencies of the U.S. government that they are fighting on the same side of the battle.

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all that may have gone wrong in what we call "self-government".

While we try to make amends with the U.S. Congress in recent weeks about slavery, we came out strong hitting them hard on the head that there ain't no such algae out here.

Congress got mad and summoned our "big boys" to Washington. And so we came to Washington with chest out ready to slug it to the bitter end with the "giant bodied boys with blond hair and blue eyes." Well? We came out with our wings down like a bunch of chicken shivering from cold weather. We were reduced to no taller than the average height of islanders.

To make matters worse, someone decided to write an impressive (even if it meant lying) review of the hearings about a meeting with U.S. Congressman George Miller and the Governor. Miller got infuriated. The Governor apologized. His high powered PIO blamed communications technology for his error. Wow! Guess we could call it "The meeting that never Was." How amusing that the bugga came out yelling: "I doesn't know, Mr. Man!" How convenient but stupid.

Then the Governor's Legal Eagle decided to sport his version of Top Rank Boxing in the Chamber of the House of Representatives. Wow, it was gettin' heavy and nasty, dude. He lost his cool and I suppose that too ought to be blamed on the prevailing hot air of El Niño.

Then there's David and Goliath the latter of whom emerged on the battle front ready to take on

the whole world. The big chief from CUC came out of the Oversight Hearings puzzled as to what went wrong. He too was saying "I does know everything including the Denver Alcazar Accounting System." Serves you right, sir. I wonder if this accounting method isn't part of the electives at the Northern Marianas College.

What's even more amusing is the Governor's role in the \$2 Million payment made to Mitsubishi recently. He forgot that there's such constitutional creature as the Legislature who is the sole arbiter of all appropriations. He decided to take the \$2 Million when the legislature wasn't looking. He's decided to be the executive and legislative branches of government all at the same time. I am beginning quiz myself whether there has been a change in the concept of the separation of powers or what's known as a republican form of government. But then, friends, let's blame it on this strange but unique El Niño weather.

Then there's the Senate See Saw Game on the Presidency. When the curtain first opened, there was Senate President Joseph Inos. Then in came Senator Juan Demapan. Again, Inos came back momentarily as the Senate President. The following day, Demapan pulled Inos' chair over to his side of the dinner table. Let's hope it's settled once and for all.

With this experience, we ought to brace ourselves for the imponderables should El Niño make its next cycle to this side of the Pacific. Have a nice weekend.

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Dated this 8th day of September, 1992.

/s/Daniel E. Aquino
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THE BARRICADE on Chalan Mons. Guerrero Road.

8.2 hectares of land transferred to Olopai

THE BOARD of the Marianas Public Land Corp. yesterday signed the deed for an 8.2-hectare public land in favor of Dominina Olopai, owner of a portion of land used for the Chalan Mons. Guerrero Road in San Jose, MPLC Executive director William Concepcion said yesterday.

In an interview, Concepcion also said two other families, would receive their land exchange deeds by today, including Max Olopai and the Dias family of San Vicente.

"We have signed the deed for Dominina Olopai for 8.2 hectares of land in exchange for the 4,000 square meters of her property that was used for the road," Concepcion said.

According to the executive director, the lady landowner was given a bigger exchange land because her original land was worth more.

According to current appraisals, Dominina's San Jose property is

priced at \$379 per square meter while the exchange lot is priced at \$20 per square meter.

"That explains why she was given 82,000 square meters for the 4,000 square meters that the government took. We're going by value here not by size," Concepcion explains.

Under Public Law 5-33, the government reserves the right to condemn private property for public purpose or use and to appropriate the ownership of such property for public use upon payment of just compensation.

"We have sufficient land that we set aside for land exchanges but the main problem is that most people do not want the location of the lots and that is what slows down the land swap process. Finally, it is our board of directors who makes the final decisions," Concepcion said.

Most of the land that MPLC appropriates for land exchanges are located in the Laulau area;

Obyan and around the Suwazo golf course way done south.

Olopai got what she was asking after the MPLC board met the whole morning yesterday and decided to grant her the exchange lot right where she wanted it - adjacent to another real estate property she owns at Reda Hill.

The lady hugged the headlines when she barricaded Chalan Monsignor Guerrero in San Jose on Labor Day, for the second time this year, claiming that a portion of that road encroaches her property.

She closed that same road in May this year after MPLC allegedly failed to expedite just compensation for the their land that was used for public access.

In an interview last Monday, Concepcion said MPLC already earmarked a Capitol Hill lot for Olopai which the latter refused, insisting that the exchange be located near Reda Hill.

Concepcion planning to resign MPLC job

MARIANAS Public Land Corporation (MPLC) Executive Director William R. Concepcion yesterday confirmed that he was planning to resign.

"Nothing definite or final yet, but I'm still discussing the matter with the Board," Concepcion said in an interview.

Rumors have been circulating that Concepcion is leaving MPLC in 60 days and that he has offered his resignation to MPLC Chairman Augustine Tagabuel.

Tagabuel was sought at his office at least twice since the other day but was unavailable to

clarify the reports.

At first Concepcion did not want to confirm or deny the rumors, saying everything is still unofficial.

Later, he admitted he was thinking about leaving because he was not happy with the compensation he was receiving. He, however, pointed out that he had not yet turn in a resignation letter.

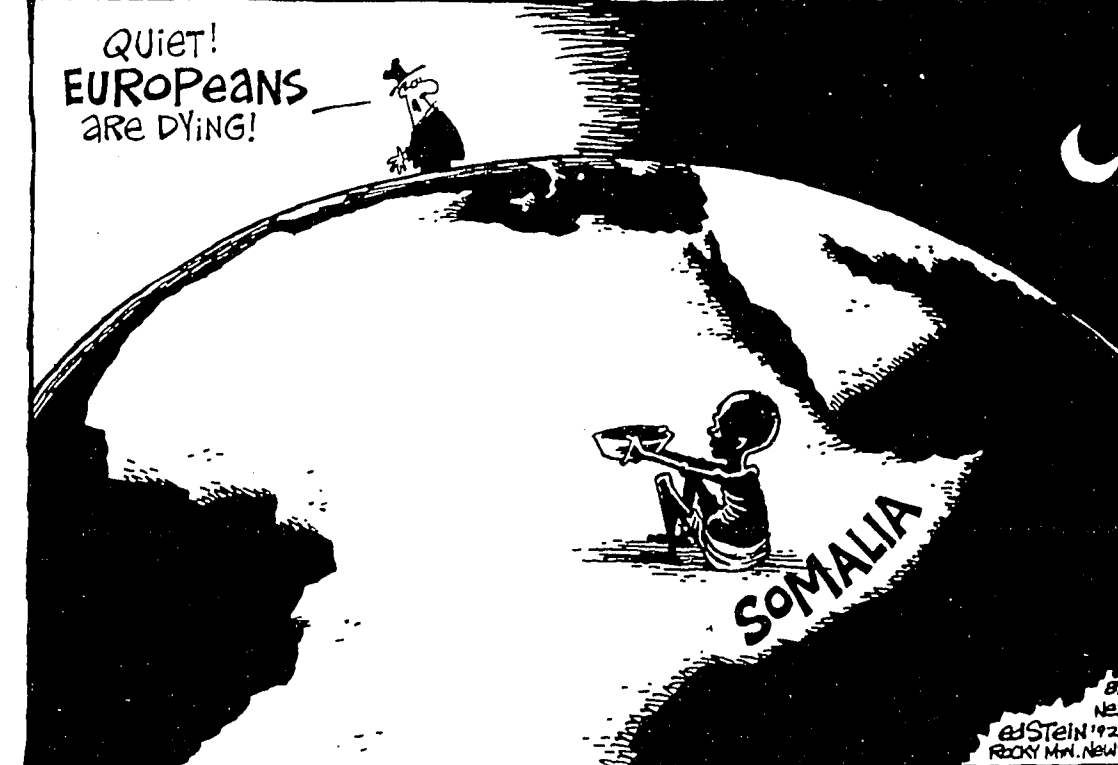
"It's no big deal. It's just that I think I should have been getting more with the job that I left in Guam. If I did not leave that job, I would have retired last year. Maybe at this point in time I could have been earning around \$80,000

in that same job," he said.

He said he chose to be here because he wanted to be of help to the people of the CNMI. "But with all the pressures, the politics, the criticism and the heartaches I've been getting, I think \$50,000 a year is not worth all the trouble," Concepcion said.

Concepcion has been criticized for MPLC's alleged slow processing of pending land exchange claims.

Only late last month, Rep. Herman T. Palacios called on him to resign for the same reason.



Hunger in US spreads from cities to heartland

By Jonathan Yenkin

BOSTON (AP) - About 30 million Americans who are poor fail to eat enough food as hunger spreads beyond inner cities to the heartland, a report says. The research, prepared at the request of the Democratic chairman of the House Select Committee on Hunger, estimates hunger has grown by 50 percent since the mid-1980s.

"When we see increasing poverty and decreasing incomes, it's not at all surprising that hunger has increased," said J. Larry Brown, director of Tufts University's Center on Hunger, Poverty and Nutrition Policy.

In 1985, Brown led a national task force that warned that 20 million Americans suffered from hunger, defined as a condition where health is threatened because a person repeatedly doesn't consume enough nutrients.

The increase in hunger creates

potential for more learning deficiencies among young children, more illness among the elderly and diminished productivity for workers, he said.

Brown said he has confidence in the updated figures because three different methods were used to calculate them, and each resulted in a total around 30 million hungry people.

Brown said the profile of hunger has changed as the problem has grown.

"The stereotype is that this is largely an inner city and minority problem," he said. "Those stereotypes no longer hold."

"It's very dramatic to go into the Midwest and hold a malnourished child in your arms at a family farm. Hunger is in America's breadbasket."

Dr. Stephen Berman, a pediatric professor and director of health policy at the University of Colorado, said families at high risk for hunger are those who

might have never experienced economic trouble before.

"We have a situation where you have people who are unemployed or who go from a well-paying job to a minimum paying job," said Berman, who also served on the 1985 hunger task force sponsored by Harvard University. "It takes a while for them to understand the system to get food stamps or other supports."

Brown said the federal food stamp program, which provides poor people with stamps that may be used only to purchase food items, doesn't meet dietary needs and often doesn't reach eligible people.

Lisa Hoffman, a spokeswoman for the US Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service, which oversees food stamps, said some poor people don't get the benefits because they fail to apply. But she added: "We think it is reaching the people who are most in need."

Arts Council sponsors craft exhibit

THE COMMONWEALTH Council for Arts and Culture is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Micronesian Craft Exhibit, scheduled to open the evening of Sept. 20.

All Micronesian artists who work in the traditional mediums are invited to display and sell their crafts. CNMI residents who also have examples of Micronesian crafts that they have acquired for their own personal collections are strongly encouraged to submit their artwork.

The exhibition will be held at the Convention Center on Capitol Hill, from Sept. 18 to Oct. 9. All works must be submitted by Sept. 14.

Demonstrations by traditional craftspeople are also scheduled at various times throughout the exhibition. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sinforosa Pinaula at the Arts Council office, 322-9982.

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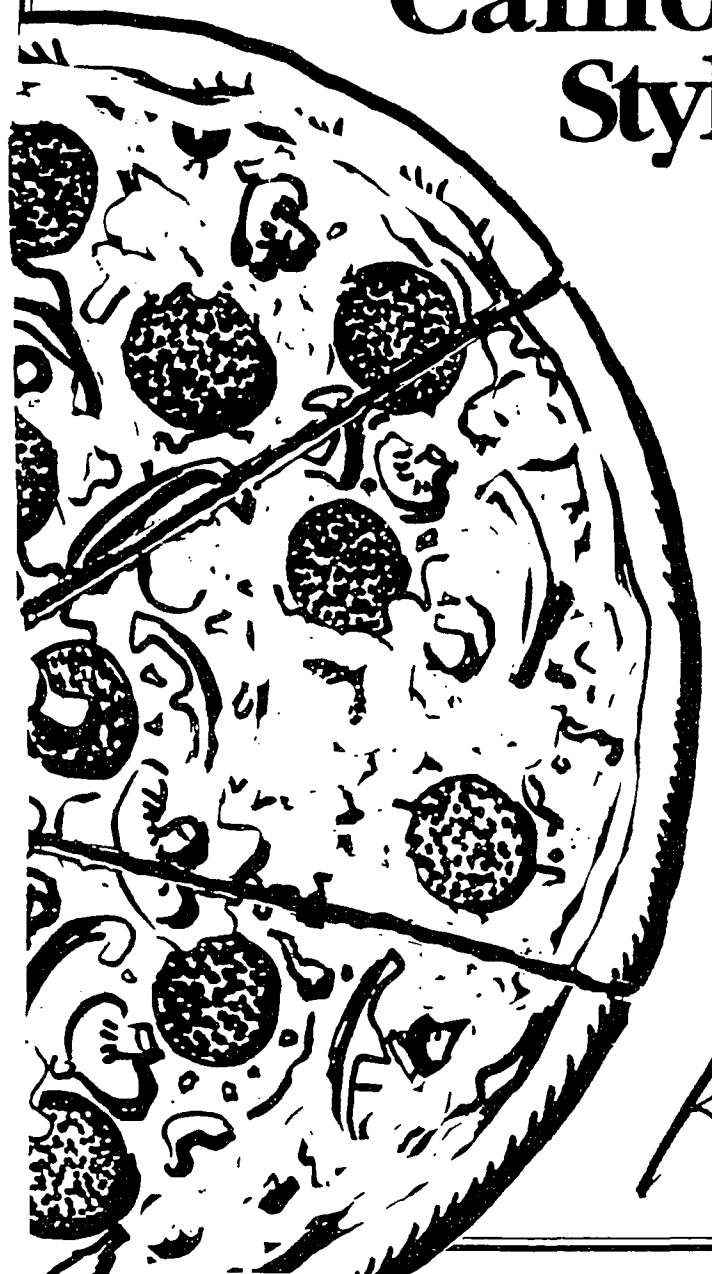
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Senate study says drug war a failure

By Sonya Ross

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Bush administration's plan to erase America's drug scourge is a \$32 billion failure that lacks focus and victimizes the people it is supposed to help, a Senate study concluded yesterday.

Since the current programs were put in place three years ago, drug-related murders have gone up, addiction has risen and federal law enforcement dollars to local jurisdictions have shrunk, said the report by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

"The failure of a dtrs 32 billion drug war cannot be blamed on its foot soldiers," said Sen. Joseph Biden, the committee's chairman and a Democrat. "The seeds of failure were sown by the generals, under whose direction the strategy has ground toward stalemate ... They have chosen the wrong weapons and aimed at the wrong targets."

Bob Martinez, the Bush administration's drug policy director, was among those testifying at a committee hearing yesterday on the study.

The report was especially critical of Martinez, saying that under his leadership, the drug policy office "has been so tarnished by political patronage that it is now staffed by a greater portion of political appointees than any other office of the federal government."

It said Martinez "has failed to consolidate any of the 41 federal agencies with anti-drug responsibilities," despite a mandate from Congress to do so.

The study said that since the

first drug strategy was released in 1989:

-Three million Americans have become addicted to cocaine or heroin.

-One million addicts have been unable to get treatment.

-Drug education programs reached only one of every two schoolchildren.

-Only one of every 10 pregnant addicts received treatment.

-About 900,000 babies were born drug-addicted.

-About 71,700 people have been murdered.

The murder rate was the highest of any three-year period in American history, the study said. The majority of killings were drug-related, Senate researchers said. They did not give a precise number of drug killings.

"Unless the violence is stopped by a re-targeted, re-focused and re-invigorated anti-drug effort, nearly 250,000 Americans will be murdered in the 1990s," the study said.

It said the administration has reduced aid to state and local law enforcement programs. It cited dtrs 116 million in cuts in the administration's 1992 budget proposal, and said that would be the equivalent of taking away 2,000 police officers.

Adding to the problem, researchers said, is a seeming reluctance to concentrate on choking off the drug supply. Instead, "the administration futilely chases the ever-changing routes and tactics of drug traffickers."

The Bush drug policies have had some successes, researchers said.

Korean officials face arrest for vote-rigging

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - A provincial governor and a former presidential aide will be arrested soon on vote-rigging charges, prosecutors said yesterday.

Prosecutors summoned Choongchongnam Province Governor Lee Chong-ho, the presidential aide and two other officials early Thursday for questioning.

On Wednesday, Han Jun-Su, a former county head, was arrested after he acknowledged receiving \$60,000 from the governor and Lim Chae-gil, the former presidential aide, to buy votes in his county during the parliamentary elections last March.

Prosecutors said the governor, and the former presidential aide would be arrested soon, since Han has acknowledged receiving the illegal campaign funds from them.

The final results of the investigation were expected early next week, they said.

Han, 61, has said government intelligence agents were also involved in the vote rigging.

But the planned arrests were

not expected to placate opposition groups' mounting offensive against the government of President Roh Tae-woo ahead of the presidential election in December.

On Wednesday, opposition parties demanded that Roh publicly apologize and fire the nation's intelligence chief and other top officials allegedly involved in the scandal.

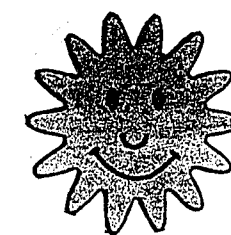
Opposition camps also protested a police intrusion into the headquarters of the main opposition Democratic Party on Tuesday.

About 300 riot police stormed the headquarters in Seoul to arrest Han, who had repeatedly defied prosecutors' summons and sought the protection of the party so he could reveal additional details about the government's alleged role in the vote rigging.

About 10 party officials, including three national legislators, were hospitalized after violent scuffles with police.

"The fact that police broke into a public party, beat officials and

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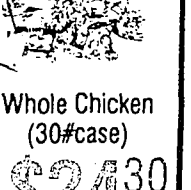
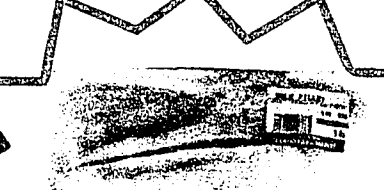


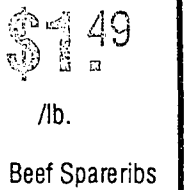
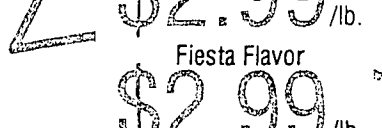
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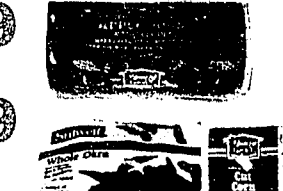

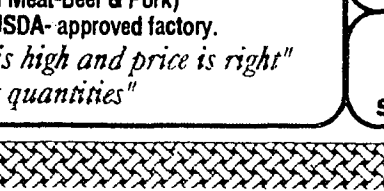
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FBI turns over confiscated money, properties to CNMI

JIMR. Freeman, special agent in charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Honolulu, Hawaii, announced that during the past two months, one vehicle, one boat and almost \$8,000 have been released to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Department of Public Safety (DPS).

These items represent a portion

of the property seized as a result of a joint FBI/DPS narcotics investigation from 1991 to early 1992. Additional vehicles and boats are currently being processed by the FBI in Washington D.C., and upon completion of the forfeiture action, these also will be released to the CNMI DPS.

Provisions in the federal narcotics laws provide for the sei-

zure and forfeiture of any property, including money and real estate, when the property was used to facilitate drug transactions or funds used to purchase the property came from the sale of drugs.

These same provisions allow any seized assets to be shared between the agencies participating in these joint investigations when the agencies specify the future use of the property.

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Should you have any question, please call Pat de-Beer at telephone numbers 322-9890/9201/9251/9912.

CNMI Red Cross workers join Guam relief work

WITH neighboring Guam facing weeks of grueling work to get back on track after being blasted by Typhoon Omar, trained Saipan Red Cross workers arrived on the scene ready to lend a hand.

An eight-member Saipan contingent led by NMI Chapter Chairman Jerry Facey and former Chairman Juan "Pan" Guerrero.

Since both Guerrero and Facey are well known for fund raising efforts on behalf of the CNMI Red Cross, it was no surprise when Facey showed up on Guam radio station KGUM "K-57" as part of a day-long media fund raiser for the Guam Red Cross Chapter.

As of early Wednesday afternoon, more than \$135,000 had been pledged.

Meanwhile, fundraising efforts set in motion on Saipan when Omar's winds had yet to die down

are continuing, according to NMI Chapter Manager. Michelene Holland.

The NMI Chapter has received donations and pledges totalling \$26,539, including a \$5,000 donation from the NMI Chapter. The goal is to raise \$50,000 in the CNMI.

Meanwhile, Herman's Wholesale Division has donated 300 cases of canned vegetables, fruit and juice. The cargo shipment of Guam is being donated by Continental Air Micronesia and Northwest Airlines.

Contributors can drop checks made out to "American Red Cross" at the Chapter headquarters on Airport Road or call 234-3459 for pick up. Checks may be mailed to the American Red Cross, NMI Chapter at P.O. Box 814, Saipan, MP 96950.

Society sponsors concert

THE NORTHERN Marianas Music Society and the Hyatt Regency Saipan are jointly sponsoring Roman Rudnitsky, a classical pianist.

Rudnitsky is an internationally active American concert pianist of Ukrainian background whose frequent performances take him all over the world, to every continent and places in between. He was born in New York, is a graduate of Juilliard School there, a prize winner in ten piano competitions and is now a member of the piano faculty of the Dana School of Music of Youngstown State University in Youngstown, Ohio.

Rudnitsky will perform at the University of Guam before coming to Saipan. His recital will include selections from Schubert, Brahms, Beethoven, Gershwin, Chopin and Liszt.

The concert will be held on Sept. 20 at the Oceana House of the Hyatt Regency Saipan at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children under 12. Music Society paid members will receive one free drink. Tickets can be obtained from the Hyatt, any Music Society Board Member, Bibines or at the door. For more information call 322-9321 or 234-6885.

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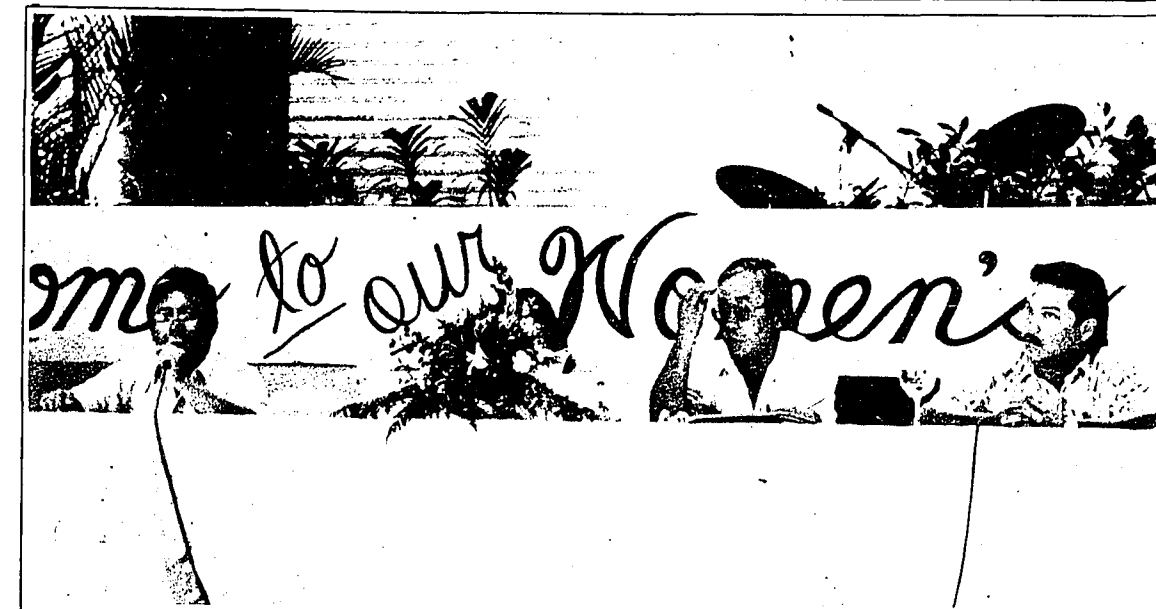


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SENATOR Juan S. Torres speaks before women leaders at the Hyatt Regency while Representative Pete Reyes and Vice Speaker Diego Benavente listen.

Torres to introduce bill on voter residence rule

By Gaynor L. Dumat-ol

SENATOR Juan S. Torres announced yesterday he would introduce a bill to increase the 45-day minimum residency requirement for a US national or citizen to vote in the Northern Marianas.

Torres announced his plan after participants to the Governor's Conference for Women aired concern over the consequence of allowing new US migrants to participate in local elections.

The Commonwealth Code says a person who "has resided in the

Commonwealth for at least 45 days prior to election day, is not serving a sentence or a felony, has not been declared by a court to be judicially insane and is either a citizen or national of the United States as defined in the Commonwealth Constitution," is eligible to vote.

The senator was eyeing at least a year of residency in the Northern Marianas for Americans from the mainland to be allowed to vote.

Torres said he would file the bill "as soon as (he) can lay down

(his) ideas."

"Most of the women leaders expressed interest in putting higher than the existing 45-day residency period for an individual to cast his ballot," Torres said.

The women leaders, Torres added, believe that the short residency required would "open avenues for US citizens to cast ballots without knowing the issues."

"They have very legitimate concern. I'm planning to file (a bill) to address the concern of this conference," Torres said.

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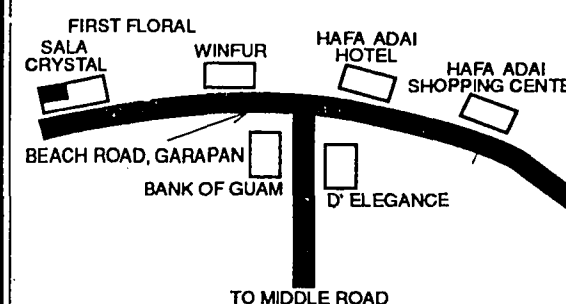
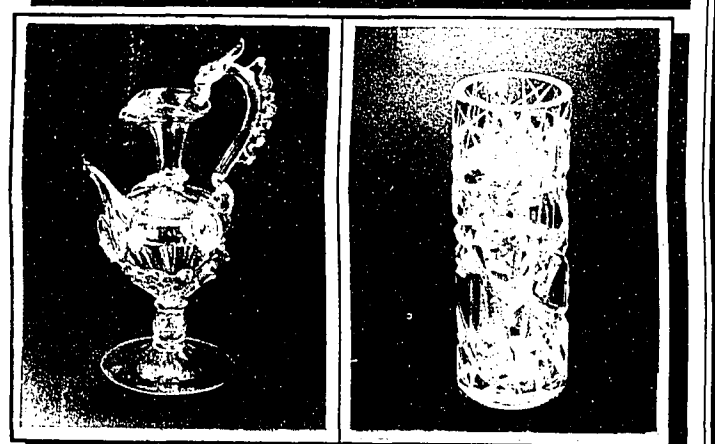
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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BANKRUPTCY DIVISION

In re
BLANCO VENDE, LTD.
a Northern Mariana Islands
corporation

Debtor.

Case No. BK-92-00002
(Chapter 11)

NOTICE OF PROCEDURE
AND LAST DAY FOR
FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM
AGAINST DEBTORS

TO ALL CREDITORS AND PARTIES IN INTEREST OF THE ABOVE CAPTIONED
DEBTORS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

1. On March 27, 1992, Blanco Vende, Ltd. ("Blanco Vende" of "Debtor") filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the Bankruptcy Division of the United States District Court for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands.

2. On July 24, 1992, the Court entered an order fixing October 15, 1992 as the date by which proofs of claim must be filed (the "Last Day of Filing of Proofs of Claim"). The Last Day for Filing of Proofs of Claim and the procedure set out below for filing proofs of claim apply to all claims against the Debtor that arose on or before March 27, 1992 ("Pre-petition Claims").

3. Under section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code and as used herein, the word "claim" means: (a) right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured or unsecured; or (b) right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured.

4. The Bankruptcy Code and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure prescribe the following procedures for filing proofs of claim:

A. WHO MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM.

You must file a proof of claim if you have a Pre-petition claim, except if the Debtor's schedules of assets and liabilities (the "Schedules") reflect your claim in the correct amount. Acts or omissions of the Debtor that occurred prior to March 27, 1992 (including, but not limited to, indemnifications and guarantees and alleged environmental liabilities) may give rise to claims against the Debtor, notwithstanding that such claims may not have matured or become fixed or liquidated prior to such date. Therefore, any person or entity having a claim or potential claim against the Debtor, no matter how remote or contingent, must file a proof of claim on or before the Last Day for Filing of Proofs of Claim.

B. WHO MAY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, BUT IS NOT REQUIRED TO.

IF YOUR PRE-PETITION CLAIM IS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED BY THE DEBTOR IN THE CORRECT AMOUNT, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM.

You may file a proof of claim, but not required to do so, if:

- You have already properly filed a proof of claim with the court; or
- Your Pre-petition Claim is (i) listed on the Schedules the Debtor filed with the Court on April 13, 1992 or any amendments thereto, (ii) not listed as "contingent", or "disputed", and (iii) accurately scheduled as to its amount or classification.

C. WHEN AND WHERE TO FILE.

To be timely, proofs of claim must be filed so as to be received on or before October 15, 1992, as follows: By mail:

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or by hand delivery to the Clerk of the United States District Court, District of the Northern Mariana Islands, Bankruptcy Division, Second Floor, Horiguchi Building, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan, 96950, on or before October 15, 1992 at 4:30 p.m.

D. WHAT TO FILE

You should include all Pre-petition Claims against the Debtor on a separate proof of claim form.

ANY CREDITOR WHO FAILS TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 15, 1992, FOR ANY PRE-PETITION CLAIM SUCH CREDITOR HOLDS OR WISHES TO ASSERT AGAINST THE DEBTOR, SHALL BE FOREVER BARRED, ESTOPPED AND ENJOINED FROM ASSERTING SUCH PRE-PETITION CLAIM (OR FILING A PROOF OF CLAIM WITH RESPECT TO SUCH PRE-PETITION CLAIM) AGAINST THE DEBTOR AND ITS PROPERTY AND SHALL BE FOREVER DISCHARGED FROM ANY AND ALL INDEBTEDNESS OR LIABILITY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH PRE-PETITION CLAIM, AND SUCH HOLDER SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY DISTRIBUTION IN THIS CHAPTER 11 CASE ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH PRE-PETITION CLAIM, OR TO RECEIVE FURTHER NOTICES REGARDING SUCH PRE-PETITION CLAIM.

E. ACCESS TO SCHEDULES.

Copies of the Debtor's Schedules of Assets and Liabilities may be examined and inspected by interested parties Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the office of the Clerk of the United States District Court, District of the Northern Mariana Islands, Bankruptcy Division, Second Floor, Horiguchi Building, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan, 96950.

DATED: August 20, 1992

JAMES J. FEDER & ASSOCIATES
Attorneys for BLANCO VENDE, LTD.
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Court Calendar

JUDGE PEDRO M. ATALIG

Sept. 14

9:00 A.M.

Lino Olopai vs. MPLC
Man Sok Chang et. al. vs. Antonio C. Camacho, et. al.

Sept. 16

9:00 A.M.

Emily Woo Oi Mui vs. Kwong, Choi Lai
Joseph Asanuma vs. Saburo Dulei, et. al.
Shinchi Takahashi vs. Ikuo Yoshizawa
Carmen K. Olopai, et. al. vs. Larry Hillblom, et. al.
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JUDGE ALEX C. CASTRO

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CNMI vs. James F. Alikas
CNMI vs. Sylvestre I. Iguel
CNMI vs. Justero Udul
CNMI vs. Ricardo C. Sablan
CNMI vs. Bernard A. Charley

1:30 P.M.

Ag & Ino vs. Shaoqi Huang
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CNMI vs. Mila U. Pingol
AG & Ino vs. Chun Ming Li
AG & Ino vs. Wei Hua Li
AG & Ino vs. Kwai Mui Mok
AG & Ino vs. Jin He Huang
AG & Ino vs. Xue Xing Qiang
AG & Ino vs. Yifa Huang
AG & Ino vs. Yun Hua Weng
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AG & Ino vs. Mi Ae Cho
AG & Ino vs. Won, Nam Shin

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9:00 A.M.

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CNMI vs. Ingka A. Philip
CNMI vs. Florante B. Ilao
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In Re Estate of Malus, Feliciano
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CNMI vs. Lee S. Norita
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CNMI vs. Vicente Aldan Sablan
CNMI vs. Bruce Lee Jorgensen

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CNMI vs. Ngeskebel, Jesus C.
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CNMI vs. Capilos, Cesario F.
CNMI vs. William K. Rabauliman
CNMI vs. Kwang Yeol Shin
CNMI vs. Charles Amandes

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CNMI vs. Paulis, Mesungil
CNMI vs. Babauta, Donald Reyes
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CNMI vs. Asterio D. Ruben

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DPS to restrict car movement in tourist area

By Gaynor L. Dumat-ol

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Safety is planning to block vehicles entering the night club strip in Garapan through five intersections on Beach Road during the night.

The plan to block the entry of vehicles starting from the intersection near Winchell's to the intersection nearest Islander Hotel, is one of DPS' ways to minimize, if not totally stop, snatching incidents with mostly tourists as victims, in the area.

A number of tourists walking on sidewalks in the area had been victimized by snatchers riding in cars.

According to police reports, snatchers usually drive around the entertainment strip and, slows

down their vehicle upon seeing the opportunity to grab the purse or bag of an unsuspecting tourist and quickly drive away.

At least one snatching incident is reported in Garapan each week.

If the plan pushes through, motorists from Beach road cannot enter the five intersections between 6 p.m. and midnight.

The intersection could still be used by motorists coming out of the entertainment strip to Beach Road.

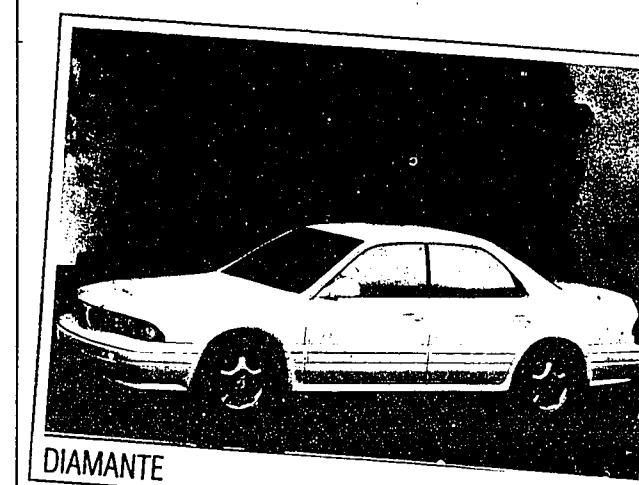
Under the plan, cars from Beach Road wanting to drive to the entertainment strip between 6 p.m. and midnight can enter through the intersection after Islander Hotel near the police station.

Business establishments located near the five intersections have been informed of the plan.

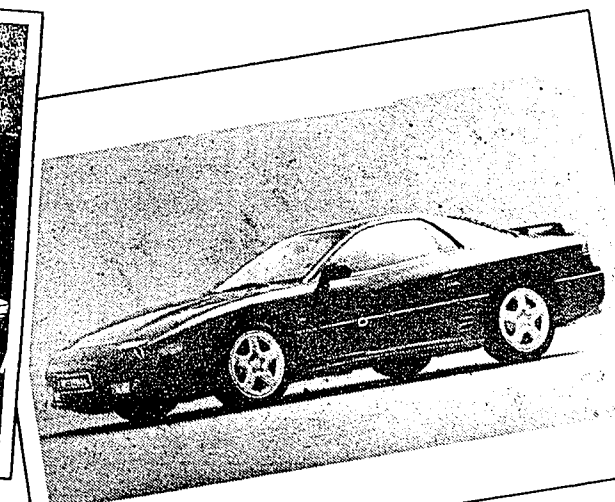
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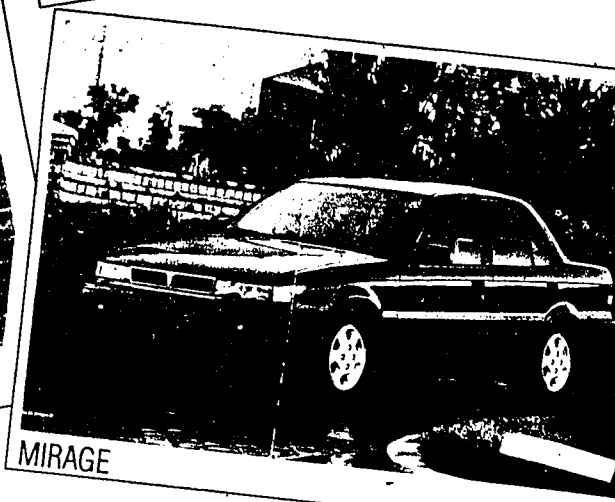
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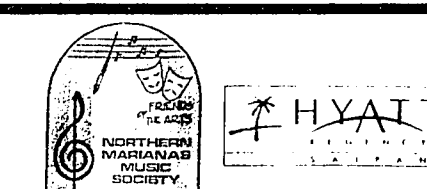
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Bids should include quotations on automatic and manual transmission plus with or without air-condition.

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All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked IFB92-0062 submitted in duplicate to the office of the Chief, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than September 15, 1992 at 2:30 P.M., at which time and place, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received late will not be considered. The CNMI government reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the best interest of the government.

/s/David M. Apatang

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The MARIANA ISLANDS HOUSING AUTHORITY (MIHA) is soliciting proposals from qualified general contractors for the rehabilitation of MIHA Section 8 housing units on the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota consisting of approximately 132 detached housing units.

The proposed scope of work will include, but not limited to, the following:

1. Based on the visual inventory and assessment report previously prepared by MIHA, develop and submit a detailed cost estimate for each work item.

2. Rehabilitation of each housing unit and its facilities, including:

a. Electrical which includes wiring outlets, switches, exposed conduits, panel boxes and lighting fixtures.

b. Plumbing including toilets, urinals, lavatories, showers, water heaters, sinks, bath tub, tiles and faucets, and counter top.

c. Visible structural defects including cracks in beams, columns, roof slabs, concrete spalling and routed or termite infested wood structural members.

d. Architectural appurtenances including walls, ceilings, floors, doors, door hardware, door jambs, window and frames, cabinets and shelves.

Sealed proposals will be accepted at the office of the Executive Director, Mariana Islands Housing Authority, Garapan, Saipan, no later than October 23, 1992, at 2:30 p.m. and shall consist of the following items:

1. Firm's business permit.
2. Firm's experience and familiarity with similar work.
3. Firm's current workload and capacity to accomplish the contemplated work.
4. Fee schedule based upon the work items
5. Time frame for completion of the proposed project.

Visual Inventory and Assessment Report are available on or after September 9, 1992, at MIHA Executive Director's Office. Interviews with the firm may be conducted subsequent to the selection of the firm's proposal, if deemed necessary by the selection committee.

Firms submitting proposals must be capable of securing performance and payment bonds each for 100 percent of the contract amount. Since the proposed project will be funded in part with grant funds provided under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, payment to workers on the proposed project will be subject to the minimum hourly rates to be determined by the U.S. Department of Labor. A wage decision for the proposed project is pending from the U.S. Department of Labor.

MIHA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in the proposals in the interest of the government.

For more information, please contact John M. Sablan, Executive Director, MIHA, at telephone numbers 234-6866/9447/7670/7689.

JOHN M. SABLAN
Executive Director

CNMI lauds US-Japan meeting on melon fly

THE SCHEDULED meeting of agriculture officials from the US and Japan to help the Northern Marianas government eradicate melon flies has raised CNMI's hopes to export crops in the future.

"This is a most positive development which may lead to eradication of a pest that holds back agricultural development in our islands. Beyond this important goal, the project brings the US, Japan and the CNMI together in a three-way effort to reach a worthwhile goal," Governor Lorenzo I. DL Guerrero said.

Tim Bruce, Guerrero's legal counsel, said the meeting on Sept. 22 and 23 would be "formative."

Should the project succeed,

Bruce said, CNMI farmers "would be producing export-quality farm products." Exporting would be a big boost to the economy," the legal counsel added.

From Japan, Dr. Kenjiro Kawasaki and Dr. Osamu Yoshizawa of Okinawa prefecture and Plant Protection Division Director Yoshiaki Ohkawa of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, are expected to attend.

The US group would be led by Norman C. Leppla of the US Department of Agriculture.

Bruce said the US State Department frowned when the idea of consulting the Japanese was

brought up last year but the federal government changed its mind and approved the project recently.

"With this project, we have finally found an acceptable way for the third country assistance concept to express itself," the governor said.

"We may have also established the basis for a new method of US-Japan cooperation in the Pacific, at least with regards to the US flag islands where the Japanese have so much investment and natural economic interest," added Guerrero.

Experts in Okinawa have eradicated fruit flies by making male flies sterile so that the pest will not propagate.

Ramos files countersuit

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - The Supreme Court ordered election officials yesterday to impound election records from five areas of the central Philippines pending a recount in connection with fraud charges in the May 11 presidential election.

The court acted after President Fidel Ramos asked the tribunal to dismiss a protest by defeated presidential candidate Miriam Defensor Santiago, who had accused him of cheating her of victory.

The court ordered ballot boxes and election results deposited for safekeeping with the provincial prosecutors and election registrars in the provinces of Capiz, Negros

Occidental and Iloilo and in the cities of Bacolod and Iloilo.

Ramos beat Mrs. Santiago by about 900,000 votes, the closest margin in Philippine history. Mrs. Santiago claims that a recount would show that she won over Ramos by at least 2.8 million votes.

On Saturday, Ramos asked the court to dismiss the Mrs. Santiago's protest. He claimed that he was cheated in the three provinces and two cities in the Visayas region, where support was strongest for Mrs. Santiago.

On Wednesday, Mrs. Santiago asked the electoral tribunal for permission to pay for a recount in installments.

Her election protest is the first

ever filed in this country. In order to call for a recount, the protester needs only pay for it.

Mrs. Santiago asked the tribunal to allow her to deposit an initial amount of 5 million pesos (\$208,333) and pay the rest later.

Mrs. Santiago said her protest covers 119,273 precincts, not the 139,256 specified by the tribunal. This would mean she only has to pay 59.6 million pesos (\$2.48 million), not the 69.6 million pesos (\$2.9 million) the tribunal called for.

Mrs. Santiago said the election rules allow her to pay the amount in installments if the cost is more than 100,000 pesos (\$4,166).

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Aquino prefers women, but own record unsatisfactory

By Robert Reid

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Former President Corazon Aquino told an audience in Spain that she preferred women for cabinet posts. But her record experience with the few women she appointed was often less than satisfactory.

Mrs. Aquino told a forum in Seville on "Women, Political Power and Development," that if she had to choose between male and female candidates for a cabinet post "you can bet your life I would choose the woman."

During her six-year term, which ended June 30, Mrs. Aquino appointed only five women to her more than 20-member cabinet, which was shuffled several times. Other women were named to sub-cabinet posts.

She ended up firing one female cabinet member and breaking with another over economic policy differences. The third, Social Welfare Secretary Mita Pardo de Tavera, was largely responsible for dismantling the government's population control program and headed a department widely criticized as inept.

Mrs. Aquino's first cabinet included Economic Development Secretary Solita Monsod, a respected but acerbic economics professor.

Mrs. Monsod opposed the neo-conservative fiscal policies of the Central Bank and Department of Finance. She also criticized Mrs. Aquino's policy of honoring repayments of the foreign debt over domestic development.

When the Central Bank and Finance Department prevailed, Mrs. Monsod resigned.

Mrs. Aquino's experience with Agrarian Reform Secretary Miriam Defensor Santiago was even more strained. Mrs. Santiago, a tart-tongued former judge, was named to the agrarian reform post after a major scandal during the stewardship of Mrs. Aquino's friend, Philip Juico.

Mrs. Santiago incurred the president's wrath by urging her to step aside during discussions on the future of Mrs. Aquino's family plantation, Hacienda Luisita.

She was fired in December 1989 after a failed coup attempt, during which mutineers circulated lists of a future junta which included Mrs. Santiago. Mrs. Santiago denied having offered to serve under a military-led regime. She ran for president in the May election but was narrowly defeated in a seven-member race by Mrs. Aquino's candidate, Fidel Ramos.

Mrs. Santiago has charged that Mrs. Aquino rigged the election in favor of Ramos, a former defense secretary.

The fourth woman cabinet secretary, Narzalina Lim, briefly held the tourism portfolio in the final months of the Aquino administration, post for se

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Imelda going to New York, Boston but not to Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP) - Imelda Marcos reportedly will travel to the US mainland for medical treatment but will not come to Hawaii to retrieve the body of her husband.

The former Philippines first lady plans to fly to Boston for an eye examination and treatment, and to New York to see a heart specialist, the Honolulu Star-Bulletin said Wednesday.

A Philippines court has given Mrs. Marcos 20 days to travel to pick up the body of her husband, former President Ferdinand

Marcos, who died in exile in Hawaii on Sept. 28, 1989.

The body lies in a makeshift, air-conditioned crypt in a Windward Oahu cemetery.

Sol Vanz, spokeswoman for Marcos, said the former first lady wanted to secure a permit in case she decided to come to Hawaii so she wouldn't have to wait for government approval.

"But that does not mean she will use the permit," Vanz said.

The Marcos family is continuing to discuss the specifics of when and how to return the body

of the former president to the Philippines, according to James Linn, Mrs. Marcos' US attorney.

The Hawaii arrangements will be made by Fortuna Barba, sister of the late president.

Mrs. Marcos experienced high blood pressure and stomach and eye problems during her federal racketeering and fraud trial in New York in June 1990. She collapsed during the trial, and court proceedings were interrupted on two other occasions when she suffered high blood pressure. A jury acquitted her of the charges.

A statement issued in Manila by Roger Peyuan, another Marcos spokesman, said Mrs. Marcos has been granted a visa by the United States to enter Hawaii. The statement said Mrs. Marcos will stay in Hawaii and return home before the 20 days is up.

The statement also said that Mrs. Marcos intends to have a medical checkup, but did not indicate where the checkup would take place.

Corazon Aquino, who succeeded Marcos, banned the return of the body to Manila.

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The Fund reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfection in such proposals, if doing so is in its best interest.

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Recipe for repeat offenders: bad food

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - For countries in a stew about repeat prison offenders, the Philippines has a secret recipe: lousy prison food.

Eriberto Misa, director of the Bureau of Prisons, told a congressional committee that only five percent of the 8,000 inmates at the national prison were repeat offenders, compared with 60 percent in US jails and 50 percent in Japan.

Typical fare in the Muntinlupa prison includes water buffalo meat once a week and the rest a bland diet of vegetables and fish.

"In Japan and the United States, the inmates go back to prison because they have deli-

cious food," said Rep. Rolando Andaya. "Here, they don't want to return because of bad food."

The Philippines spent about 110 million pesos (\$4.4 million) for inmate food last year. Prison authorities asked for an increase to 179 million pesos \$7.1 million) for next year but the Department of Budget pared the figure by 50 million pesos (\$2 million).

Justice Secretary Franklin Drilon told Congress that the government might have to free 1,300 prisoners because the new allocation was too small to prevent them from "dying from hunger in their cells."

Santiago asks election body to recount votes

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Defeated candidate Miriam Defensor Santiago on Wednesday asked the electoral tribunal to be allowed to pay the cost of a recount of last May's presidential election in installments.

Mrs. Santiago, who was the runner up to President Fidel Ramos in the May 11 election, also asked the tribunal to allow her to deposit an initial amount of 5 million pesos (\$208,333).

She also said that her protest covers 119,273 precincts and not 139,256 as the tribunal said. This means she only has to pay 59.6 million pesos (\$2.483 million), not 69.6 million pesos (\$2.9 million) as the tribunal specified, Mrs. Santiago added.

Mrs. Santiago said the election rules allow her to pay the protest amount in installments if the cost is more than 100,000 pesos (\$4,166).

Ramos won over Mrs. Santiago by about 900,000 votes. But Mrs. Santiago claims that a recount would show that she won over Ramos by at least 2.8 million votes.

Rebels kill 12 gov't troopers in ambush

BACOLOD, Philippines (AP) - Communist rebels Wednesday killed 12 government troopers in an ambush in the central Philippines, the military reported.

A report from the military's Negros Island Command said the ambush took place in Cauayan town in Negros Occidental province, about 80 kilometers (50 miles) south of Bacolod and about 544 (340 miles) south of Manila.

It said a military patrol was returning to base when they were fired upon by 30 New People's Army guerrillas.

An updated military report said six soldiers, four militiamen and two former guerrillas who were helping the government track down their former comrades died in the ambush. There was no casualty on the rebel side.

The report earlier said eight government troopers and two rebels were killed in the incident.

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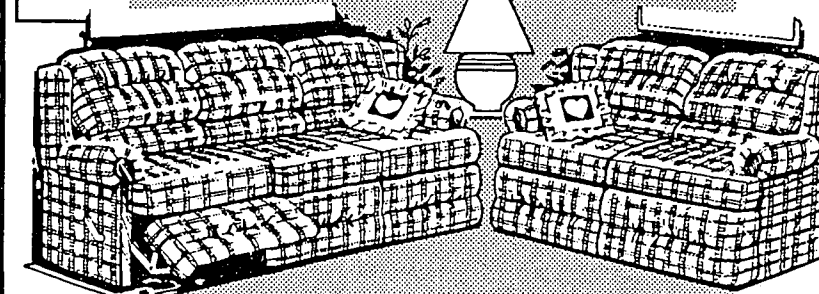
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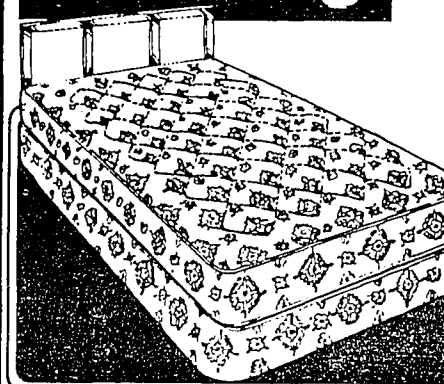
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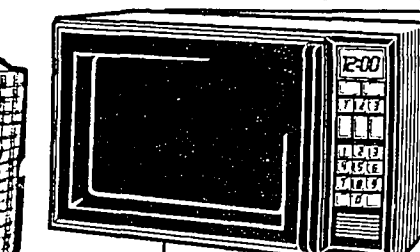


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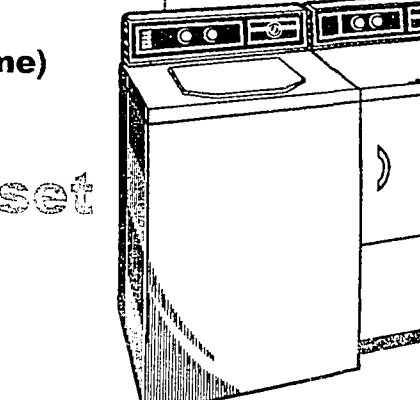


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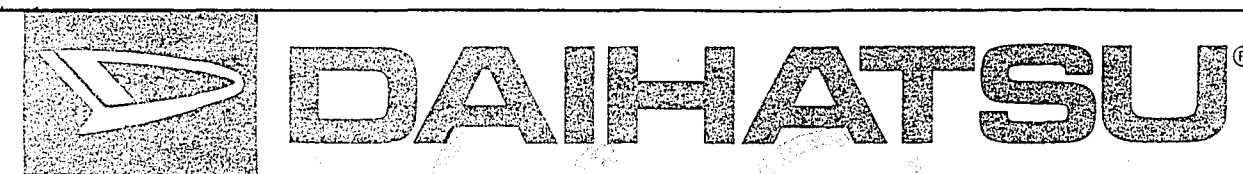
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All Proposal submission shall be in duplicate in a sealed envelope, facemarked "RFP 92-0016" and addressed to Mr. David Babauta, Chief, PSS Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950. Proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 am Monday, September 14, 1992 at which time and place it will be opened and read. The minimum allowable bid to be considered is set at \$600.00 US dollars. Late submission will not be considered under any circumstances.

The Public School System reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for any reason and to waive or amend any defect, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

/s/William S. Torres
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Witnesses describe torture under Marcos

HONOLULU (AP) - Filipino citizens gave graphic descriptions of torture at Wednesday's opening of the federal trial of a class-action, human rights lawsuit brought against the estate of Ferdinand Marcos.

The suit seeks damages for as many as 10,000 Filipinos who allegedly suffered human rights violations, including execution, abduction and torture, particularly during Marcos' imposition of martial law from 1972-81 and until he fled in the Philippines in 1986. US District Judge Manuel Real of California is presiding at the jury trial, expected to last a month or more. An eight-man, four-woman jury was selected.

Defense attorney Bill Johnson told the court that there is no evidence to prove Marcos was behind the plaintiffs' alleged mistreatment.

Robert Swift, the plaintiffs' lead counsel, put the first of some 35 alleged victims on the stand. He also described various documents he said Marcos used to authorize arbitrary arrests and indefinite detentions.

Former social activist Trinidad Herrera-Repuno, 51, told how she was stripped to her underclothes, doused with water and given electric shocks from a field telephone through her thumbs and nipples. The torture followed her third arrest in April 1977, she said.

Herrera-Repuno said that after two hours of such torture, she confessed to owning magazines she did not own that were considered subversive by the government. She was released the following month.

Josefina Forcadilla, 36, described how in April 1973, at a military camp, she saw her sister's body with puncture wounds to the throat and body and burns around her mouth. Her sister, Lilirosa Forcadilla, spoke out against tuition and oil price increases while editor of a Manila university's student newspaper, she said.

Forcadilla said she was jailed for three years following her arrest in May 1974, during which time she saw other female prisoners whose body showed signs of torture.

Filipino photojournalist Jose Duran, 39, told how armed soldiers came to his home at night in May 1978, showed an arrest order signed by Marcos and took him to a military camp.

When he refused to confess to being a subversive, his captors gave him electrical shocks from a field telephone through his thumbs, he said. He said he saw another man receiving electric shocks to his penis, tongue and ears. Duran said he was held three more weeks and tortured intermittently. The lawsuit seeks total damages of \$2 million for each torture victim and \$3 million for

each of those killed or missing. The figure of about 10,000 victims is based on evidence gathered by international and Philippine human rights groups, said plaintiff attorney Sherry Broder of Honolulu. Defense attorney James Linn, an American attorney for Marcos' wife Imelda, said before the trial that the accuracy of those organizations' documents will be questioned.

Swift said other witnesses will recount how military documents were removed and burned both before and after Marcos fled into exile in Hawaii in 1986.

The witness list includes two former US ambassadors to the Philippines, William Sullivan and Stephen Bosworth; and former Marcos aide Arturo Arzueta. Family members will take the stand for those killed or missing, and videotaped testimony will be shown of those who could not make the trip, Swift said.

Linn also maintains US courts do not have jurisdiction over acts that occurred in the Philippines. Real has said that torture is universal and such cases may be tried wherever the defendant can be found.

Swift and Broder filed individual human rights lawsuits against Marcos shortly after he arrived in Honolulu. Real certified the lawsuit as a class-action last year.

US denounces Ciskei shooting

WASHINGTON (AP) - The US government denounced as "excessive and unjustified" the use of lethal force against protesters in a South Africa-created black homeland. But it also called on the black leadership to avoid engaging in provocations.

Responding to reports that the incident Monday claimed at least 24 lives, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher reaffirmed the long-held US view that the South African government is ultimately responsible for the actions of the homelands in South Africa.

There were more than 200 dead and wounded in the incident, which took place in the Ciskei homeland. "We deplore the excessive and unjustified use of lethal force against peaceful demonstrators," Boucher said.

At the same time, Boucher said it is clear that those who prompted the demonstration "should carefully reconsider future actions that distract from the primary issue at hand and that is negotiations - and actions that expose innocent supporters to violence."

"We call on all the parties to avoid further provocative actions which put a risk the lives of innocent South Africans," he said. "Confrontation and violence will play into the hands of those who do not want a successful negotiation to a democratic, non-racial South Africa."

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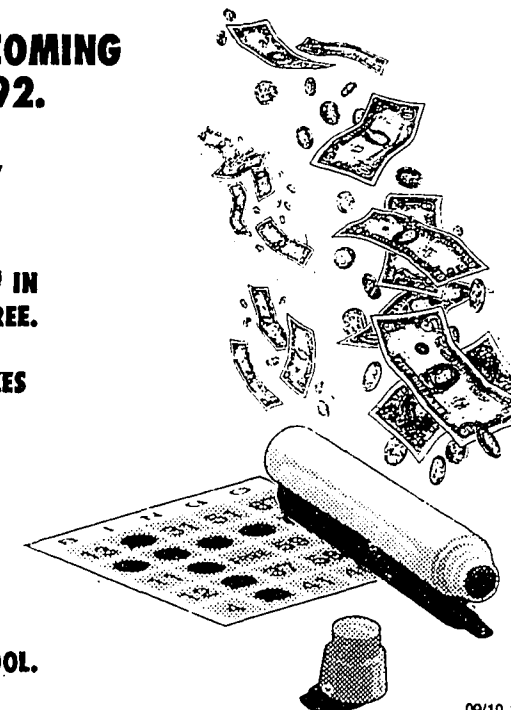
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Asia-Pacific states better debtors — ADB

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - The countries in the Asia-Pacific region are in a better external debt position than other poor countries in the world, the Asian Development Bank said yesterday.

The bank said a study on trends in external debt and financial flows to the region showed that by the end of 1991 the total debt of developing countries in Asia and the Pacific accounted for one-fourth of total debt of all developing countries.

"The external debt of developing Asia continued to rise in the 1980s - an indication of healthy economies and good debt payment records," the bank said.

The bank said outstanding foreign debt of developing countries in the region will grow moderately at 6 percent to \$403 billion in 1992 and at 5 percent to \$422 billion next year. Most of the borrowings will be made by countries in South Asia that comprise the Indian subcontinent.

The bank said countries in the region will continue to get foreign financing for development despite tight competition in the world

capital market.

Economic prospects remained bright for countries in the Asia and Pacific region in the first half of 1990. Loans, foreign investments and grants will continue to flow to the region in spite of the global recession, the bank said.

There had been fears of a shortage of global capital because of increase in demand for foreign assistance to Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union and domestic problems of major financiers like Germany and Japan, the bank said.

Foreign investment will play a more important role in the next two years, but this will remain largely in higher-income countries in Southeast Asia and China. Direct foreign investments in many South Asian countries will be negligible, the bank said.

Malaysia continues to lessen reliance on foreign borrowings but other countries in Southeast Asia are likely to increase their debt. Foreign investments will play an increasing role in attracting resource inflows to these countries, the bank said.

The bank said China will slowly expand its external debt over the next two years, but it is expected to experience a surge in foreign investments as it implements market-oriented reforms and accelerates its economic growth.

Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore and Taiwan will remain significant capital exporters while continuing to attract a large amount of foreign investment, the bank said.

The bank's study concluded that the level of foreign debt of countries in the region in the past decade fluctuated dramatically while foreign investments and grants grew rapidly.

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destroyed facilities to arrest Mr. Han is a testimony to the violent nature of the Roh government," said Democratic Party co-leader Lee Ki-taek.

Kim Dae-jung, the party's presidential candidate, denounced the police intrusion as "outrageous."



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Bush renews no-new-taxes pledge

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush is renewing his no-new-taxes pledge, buying television time and making a high-profile speech in an effort to persuade Americans he can lead the country to economic recovery.

Officials billed his address Thursday to the Detroit Economics Club as a major statement of economic philosophy.

"It will be very substantive on jobs and the economy, on what direction this country needs to go," said campaign spokeswoman

Torie Clarke. But no dramatic initiatives were anticipated and Clarke acknowledged most of the content was not new.

Aides said Bush would outline his view of America's role in the world economy and fold in proposals he has made on taxes, education, welfare, legal reform and health-care reform.

Cobo Hall, site of yesterday's speech, was where Bush in 1980 became Ronald Reagan's running mate and renounced his earlier description of Reagan's supply-

side beliefs as "voodoo economics."

Bush said in a campaign appearance Wednesday that the country had been through "economic hell." But he also asserted that "we're an economic superpower in spite of the lousiness of our economy" and insisted, as he has for months, that the country is poised for a strong recovery.

The president's campaign team acknowledged that the recession can't end fast enough to help Bush at the polls Nov. 3. But the speech

yesterday was designed to convince voters he is the right man to lead them into a more prosperous future.

To reinforce the message, the campaign bought television time Wednesday night on the major networks for a five-minute taped speech in which Bush was to hit the highlights of his Detroit speech.

"It will focus on the most critical things that need to be done to make the country the economic and exporting and military su-

perpower that it will become in this changing world," Clarke said of the paid advertisement.

At a rally Wednesday in Middletown, N.J., Bush won cheers in response to his most adamant anti-tax vow of the 1992 campaign season.

"We do not need to raise taxes in this country," Bush said. "I found out the hard way: I went along with one Democratic tax increase and I'm not going to do it again. Ever. Ever."

Singapore chosen as APEC secretariat

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) - A 15-nation grouping that produces nearly half the world's wealth moved toward becoming a formal international institution yesterday by choosing Singapore to house its permanent secretariat.

Government ministers of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum also urged the United States, Canada and Mexico to resist turning their recently formed North American Free Trade Area (NAFTA) into a protectionist bloc.

They supported an early conclusion to the Uruguay Round of negotiations on liberalizing commerce under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Japan believes the North American grouping must follow GATT provisions, fully consider the interests of outside countries and not become a regional bloc, said Japanese Vice Foreign Minister Koji Kakizawa.

Said South Korean Foreign Minister Lee Sang-Ok: "If the Uruguay round ends in failure, if the single European market results in a protectionist fortress Europe, and if this trend gains momentum with NAFTA, relations between

states will suffer from endless economic skirmishes with protectionist trade barriers being erected across the globe."

The speeches and the decision on the secretariat came at the start of a two-day APEC ministerial meeting.

Singapore beat out Thailand, South Korea and Indonesia in the competition to host the secretariat of APEC, which currently is largely a series of consultations, without a permanent base or formal institutions. The secretariat is expected to begin running by early next year.

Singapore, an industrialized city-state, was chosen because of its convenient geographical location and its facilities, said Vincent Chiew, the economics minister of Taiwan.

APEC, launched in 1989, also includes Australia, Japan, Brunei, the Philippines, Malaysia, China, Hong Kong, the United States, Canada and New Zealand.

It aims to promote trade and economic development and reduce barriers to trade in goods, services and investment.

Nikkei pierces 19,000 points

TOKYO (AP) - Share prices rose on the Tokyo Stock Exchange yesterday as the US dollar firmed against the Japanese yen.

The 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average finished at 18,908.47 points, up 32.92 points, or 0.17 percent. The average surged 593.13 points, or 3.24 percent, on Wednesday.

For the first time in five and a half months, the Nikkei index briefly pierced the psychological level of 19,000 points during the trading day. The Nikkei last ended above the 19,000 level on March 31.

The index surged to 19,284.12 at one point in early trading, but lost most of the day's gains on heavy profit-taking at the close of the session.

An estimated 600 million shares changed hands on the first section, up sharply from 320 million shares Wednesday.

Traders said the jump in volume also showed investors' growing confidence in the market that had crashed to a level of 14,000 points a month ago. The Nikkei hit a record high of 38,915.87 points on Dec. 29, 1989.

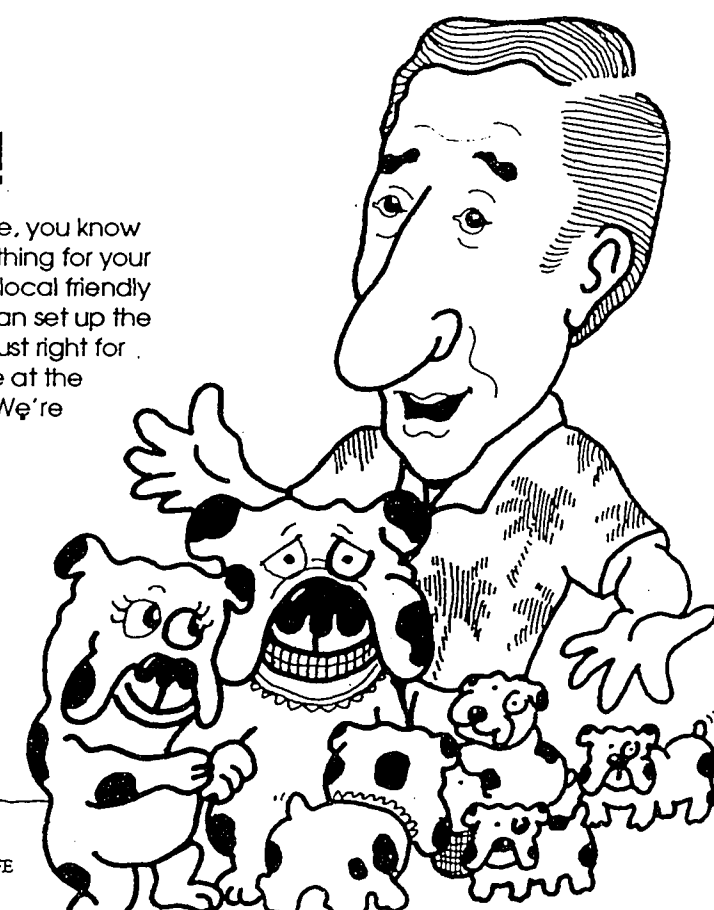
The Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first section closed up 1.45 points, or 0.10 percent, at 1,414.97. The TOPIX rose 21.66 points, or 1.55 percent, the previous day.

Toshio Sumiyasu, a stock analyst at Tokyo Securities, said the market had strengthened on anticipation of funds amounting to 1.7 trillion yen (\$13.8 billion) flowing into the stock market this month.

The cash flow is part of a larger package of stimulative measures announced late last month by the government, which is aimed at propping up the nation's flagging economy.

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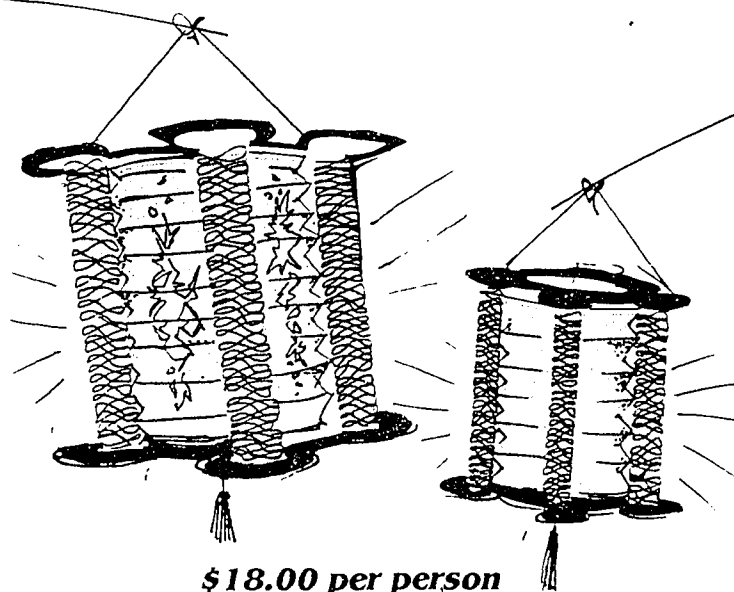
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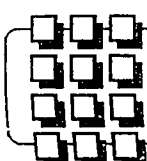
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Eagleburger warns China on F-16 issue

WASHINGTON (AP)—China's threatened retaliation against President Bush's projected sale of fighter jets to Taiwan could boomerang against Beijing, US Acting Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger said.

In an interview Wednesday, Eagleburger urged China to be "very cautious" about how it reacts to Bush's election-year decision, which China condemned as a betrayal of a 1982 US pledge to gradually phase out US arms sales to Taiwan.

As vice president, Bush helped work out that agreement, which was meant to ease tensions between the Communist government on the mainland and the Nationalists on the island.

Bush couched his decision to sell up to 150 F-16 fighters to Taiwan for some \$1.6 billion as a job-saving step, announcing it last week while campaigning in Texas, where the planes are produced by General Dynamics Corp.

China responded by threatening to withdraw from arms control negotiations and to withhold its cooperation at the United Nations unless the decision, which can be reversed by Congress, was revoked.

The United States, Britain, France, Russia and China—the major arms suppliers—began talks last year on measures to reduce weapons sales.

William Clark, the assistant secretary of state for the Near East, was sent to Beijing to meet with Chinese officials. Eagleburger said Chinese leaders had not told Clark that China was going to withdraw from the arms control process.

"They just said this is one of the difficult issues they are going to have to face," Eagleburger said. "I can't predict to you what the consequences are going to be in specific terms yet. This is clearly one of the areas where the Chinese are going to be taking a hard look at things."

Eagleburger, who is in temporary charge of the State Department

while former Secretary James A. Baker III tries to help Bush get re-elected, then went on to challenge the Chinese in strong but unspecific terms.

"I think they ought to be very cautious about how they react because they are, after all, involved in what is a pretty complicated international process," Eagleburger said. "They need to understand that there are consequences to them as well as to everybody else if they react badly."

Agreeing that China has been helpful to the Bush administration at the United Nations, going along, for instance, with the war that pushed Iraq out of Kuwait, he still repeated: "They need to understand that there are consequences to their acts."

On another subject, Eagleburger said the administration may have to consider economic sanctions against the Khmer Rouge for refusing to cooperate with the peace process in Cambodia.

He added: "I think if we isolate them long enough they are going to find they are the losers in this, not the winners."

The administration has accused the Khmer Rouge of refusing to disarm its forces and to assemble its troops in a single location.

Khmer Rouge leaders have said they will not take these steps until the United Nations verifies that all Vietnamese troops have left Cambodia. Vietnam says all of its troops were withdrawn in 1989.

On Wednesday, the Khmer Rouge invited Yasushi Akashi, the chief of UN peacekeeping operations in Cambodia, to visit its secluded headquarters, advancing efforts to bring peace to this war-shattered country.

On Monday, the rebels dropped their demand that the United Nations verify that all Vietnamese troops have left the country. They also said several of their officials would travel soon to Phnom Penh to attend UN-supervised meetings they have boycotted for months.

Despite the concessions, the Khmer Rouge has continued to insist it will not cooperate with the peacekeeping operation until it is given a bigger voice in Cambodia's administration, a demand the government refuses to meet.

Eagleburger said the punitive sanctions the United Nations might consider imposing with US support include closing off Khmer Rouge trade in lumber and other goods.

Referring to the effort to enforce a peace agreement that a year ago ended 13 years of civil war in the Southeast Asian country, Eagleburger said: "I haven't found anybody, including the PRC (People's Republic of China), that hasn't tried to play the game straight in the last months."

China has supported the Khmer Rouge, which ruled Cambodia from 1975 to 1979 and is accused of murdering at least 1 million Cambodians in a brutal effort to promote agrarian communism.

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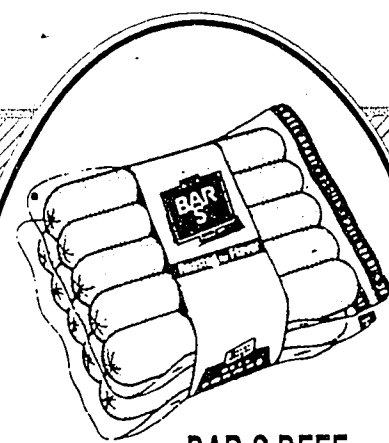
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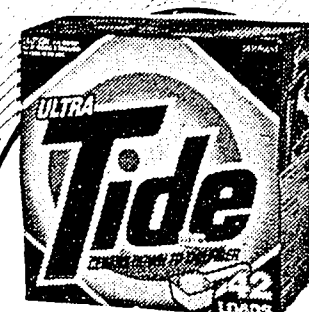
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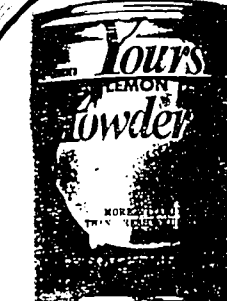
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UN urged to solve Cambodian problem

NEW DELHI, India (AP) - Vietnam's foreign minister urged the United Nations Wednesday to help solve the political instability in Cambodia so that elections can be held there next year.

The minister, Nguyen Manh Cam, appealed to the United Nations to force the four factions

presently vying for power in Cambodia to follow the 1989 Paris agreement which calls for restoring peace in the country, an embassy spokesman said.

"The United Nations has a duty to force all the factions of Cambodia to implement the Paris agreement because it sponsored the (Paris) conference," the spokesman quoted Cam as saying in New Delhi.

Cam is part of a 14-member delegation led by the general-secretary of Vietnam's Communist Party, Do Muoi, on a six-day official visit to India.

The Paris conference was unsuccessful in ending the struggle for power in Phnom Penh among the factions represented by present Prime Minister Hun Sen, the Khmer Rouge, the Khmer People's National Liberation Front and deposed Prince Norodom Sihanouk. The spokesman quoted Cam as

saying that leftist Khmer Rouge guerrillas refused to surrender arms to the United Nations under "phase two" of the Paris agreement on the grounds that a large number of Vietnamese citizens were still staying in Cambodia.

The number of Vietnamese citizens presently in Cambodia has dropped from 400,000 in 1970 to less than 100,000, said the spokesman who requested anonymity.

Vietnam, which lies east of Cambodia, supports the group headed by Sihanouk who was deposed in 1970. Hanoi sent troops into Cambodia to fight the Khmer Rouge regime in 1978-79, ousting the government of Pol Pot and installing another leftist Vietnamese-backed regime.

Following the fall of Pol Pot, the United States backed all opposition groups, including Khmer Rouge, against the Vietnamese-supported regime.

UN commander doubts turnover of Serbs' guns

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - The UN commander in Sarajevo says he isn't optimistic that Serbian forces will turn over their artillery and mortars by a yesterday deadline.

"We are having some difficulties," Brig. Gen. Hussein Ali Abdulrazek said Wednesday.

The biggest problem, he said, is the definition of heavy weapons in a peace agreement signed in London last month. The United Nations wants to take charge of mortars and artillery with calibers of 82 mm and above, while the Serbs want the cutoff point set higher - at 105 mm.

The UN peacekeeping force hopes that by taking control of heavy weapons, it can reduce the bombardment that has wrecked much of the Bosnian capital over the past several months and killed thousands of people.

Momcilo Krajnsnik, a top Serb official, told The Associated Press that Serb militiamen would have their heavy guns around Sarajevo under UN supervision by Thursday.

At least 9,000 people - some estimates say 35,000 - have been killed since majority Muslims and Croats voted Feb. 29 to secede from Serb-dominated Yugoslavia, sparking a Bosnian Serb revolt.

In an attack Tuesday at Sarajevo airport, two French soldiers on peacekeeping duty were killed by machine gun fire and five others were wounded.

Abdulrazek blamed Bosnian forces, who he said opened fire at a 36-truck convoy crossing the airport runway during a cease-fire negotiated by its French commander.

"The light was clear enough to see the UN insignia," the general said. "These irresponsible elements ... have a deliberate plan to jeopardize our presence in Sarajevo."

A member of the Bosnian presidency, Ejup Ganic, denied that Bosnian forces were responsible and blamed Serb, Sarajevo radio reported. Ganic said he would present preliminary results of a Bosnian investigation to commanders of the UN forces.

The New York Times reported Thursday that Croatian officials had seized an Iranian airliner that landed in Zagreb last Friday carrying 4,000 rifles and a million rounds of ammunition for Muslim fighters in Bosnia.

The article, citing officials in Washington, was the first report of an Islamic nation smuggling arms to the Muslim-dominated Bosnian government, and was likely to feed claims by the Serbs that they are fighting Islamic fundamentalism in Yugoslavia. In fact, Bosnian Muslims are among the most secular in the world.

Sarajevo airport, scene of heavy fighting the last three days, has been closed since an Italian aid plane crashed last week. Investigators suspect the plane was shot down.

The nearly 400,000 remaining residents of Sarajevo, besieged for five months by Serb forces, rely on airlifts for food, medicine and other basics. There was no immediate danger of starvation, but officials warned of shortages of drugs, chlorine for purifying water and fuel for hospital generators.

The UN Security Council issued a resolution condemning the attack Tuesday. The council, however, stopped short of assigning blame.

French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas called the attack on the peacekeepers "a veritable act of war," and French Defense Minister Pierre Joxe demanded that Bosnian authorities "punish the perpetrators of these murders."

UN officials in Geneva said Wednesday the airlift to the besieged capital was unlikely to resume before next week.

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US sends back Haitians but welcomes Cubans

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) - The US Coast Guard, swamped earlier this year sending back Haitians trying to flee their homeland, is now busy ferrying Cubans to US shores.

This second wave of refugees has heightened the tension over the different ways the United States treats nationals of the two Caribbean nations, separated by ideology and 60 miles (95 kilometers) of sea.

Since Aug. 1, 611 Cubans have been picked up in the Florida Straits - 126 this month alone, Coast Guard Petty Officer Rob Wyman said Wednesday. The number includes three Cuban men rescued in a 12-foot-long (four-meter-long) rubber raft Tuesday about a mile (1.5 kilometers) off Pacific Reef Light in the Florida Keys, he said.

Coast Guard officials say the pace of Cuban "rafters" escaping Fidel Castro's Communist bastion is the highest since the Mariel boatlift, in which about 125,000 Cubans sailed to Florida in five months of 1980. The increase comes amid Cuba's eight-hour-a-day blackouts, tighter food rations and plunging currency. Castro's worst economic crisis since taking power in the 1959 Cuban Revolution.

The Cuban influx has worried officials in Key West, Fla., who are afraid that state and federal officials are distracted with the aftermath of Hurricane Andrew and are not planning adequate refugee facilities.

Black leaders in southern Florida say they have different reasons to worry. They say America's open arms for Cubans - and hands-off attitude toward the fleeing Haitians - is hypocritical at best and racist at worst. Ray Fauntroy, head of Dade

County's chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, noted in an interview that Cuban immigrants get mostly government grants, low-interest business loans and guaranteed residency status.

In contrast, Haitian boat people are shipped back to their homeland without even a US hearing to determine whether they are fleeing their military-backed government to escape political persecution.

On Wednesday, the Coast Guard turned over 84 Haitians to Port-au-Prince authorities, who arrested four people, accusing them of organizing the sea escape. The Red Cross gave the returning Haitians \$7.50 for bus fare home. Since late May, more than 18,000 Haitians have applied for refugee status at the US Embassy in Port-au-Prince. Fewer than 100 have been granted admission to the United States, and the Bush administration says the Haitians are "economic refugees."

Fauntroy said the differences between the Cold War-era welcoming policy for Cubans and President Bush's order excluding the Haitians may exacerbate racial tensions in Miami, now dominated by Cuban Americans. When asked about how the Coast Guard views the difference, Wyman, the Coast Guard spokesman, replied only: "It's US policy."

On Wednesday, outside the White House, police arrested 95 of 650 people who protested Bush's Haitian refugee policy. Among those arrested was former tennis star Arthur Ashe, who wore a T-shirt that read: "Haitians: Locked Out Because They're Black."



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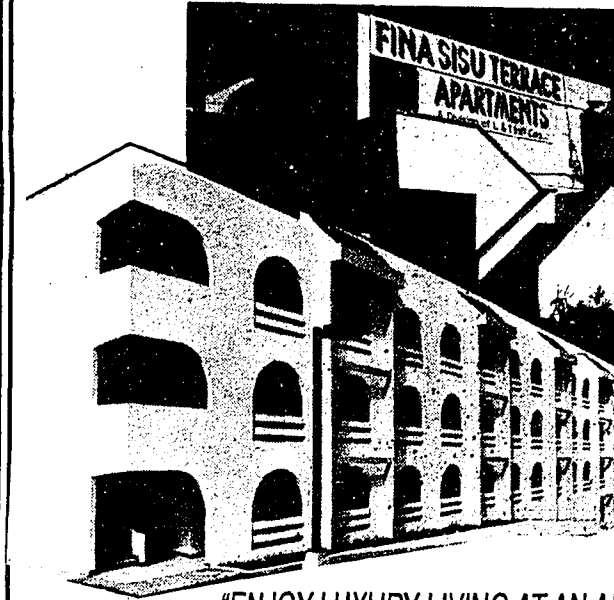
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Man with baboon liver had AIDS virus

By im Strader

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The man who died 10 weeks after receiving a baboon liver in an experimental transplant operation was infected with the AIDS virus, a medical review official said Wednesday.

Some medical ethicists criticized the decision to use a person infected with the virus, saying such patients might be more willing to risk dangerous treatment.

The man, whose name has been withheld, was selected for the transplant even through University of Pittsburgh Medical Center doctors knew he was infected with the virus, said Dr. Richard Cohen, chairman of the panel that approved the operation.

"I think it was another con-

founding variable," Cohen said. "We didn't think it would make any difference.

"Nobody could say one way or the other what difference it would make, what his life expectancy would be," Cohen said.

Some medical ethicists said the man should have been ruled out as a candidate because of the infection.

"This guy was the most vulnerable of vulnerable patients," said Dr. Michael Grodin, a Boston University professor who heads a similar review panel in Boston. "Dying patients should not be used."

The 35-year-old man died Sunday at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center after experiencing bleeding inside the skull. He had received the animal organ while suffering from hepatitis B,

which was destroying his own liver.

The man's surgeons and other medical center officials declined to say whether he had the AIDS virus, citing confidentiality restrictions. The man's name and other details also were withheld at his family's request.

Jeffrey Romoff, president of the medical center, said only that hospital policy permits transplants for patients with the AIDS virus, but not for those who have fully developed the immunity disorder.

Romoff said the university has performed about 25 transplants for patients who have tested positive for AIDS. He said the baboon liver case will be detailed in medical journals.

Cohen, who heads the medical center's Biomedical Institutional Review Board, said the panel

learned of the AIDS infection in informal discussions with the staff of Dr. Thomas Starzl, director of the university's Transplantation Institute.

"It was not part of the approval process," he said. "We just knew it."

Strachan Donnelly, director of education at The Hastings Center, an ethics institute in Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., said the patient's AIDS infection might have made him more willing to undergo the transplant.

"You have a patient saying, alright, look, I'm facing death, not only from this liver thing, but from the HIV thing," Donnelly said. "What have I got to lose? What's the difference?"

A transplant candidate not infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus might have made another choice, he said.

"For an HIV patient, the options are very different: Which way do you want to die?" Donnelly said.

Grodin said his observation of the case led him to believe the transplant was performed as an experiment and with the expectation that the patient would die.

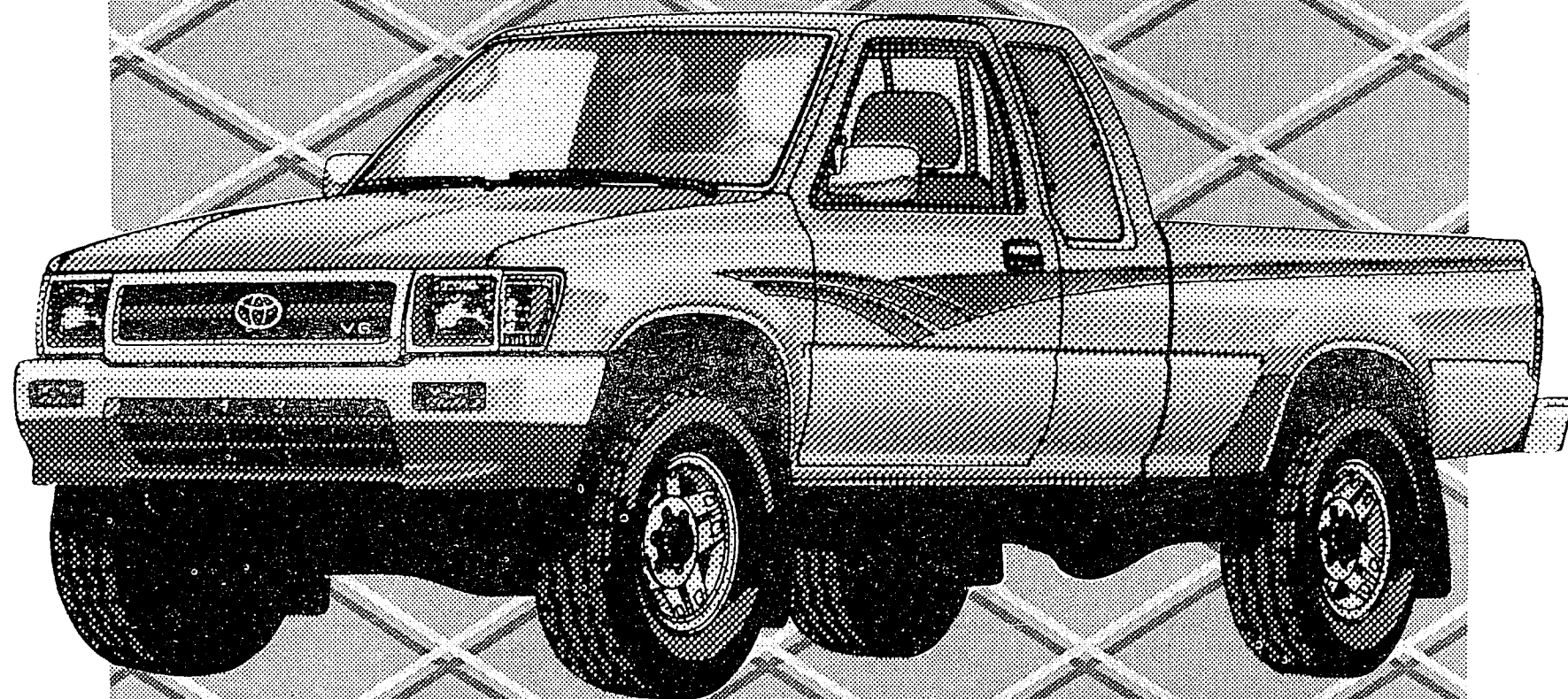
"The goal was to gain generalized knowledge and not to benefit this guy at all," Grodin said. "Generally, we treat patients as an end in themselves, and not as a means to an end. Clearly, this guy was a means."

Grodin scoffed at Starzl's comments at a news conference Tuesday that the patient's liver "emerged ... in very good condition" after the man's death.

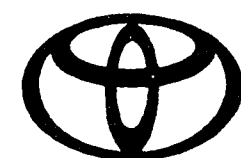
"That's like the classic joke," he said. "The surgery was a success, but the patient died."

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Hopwood conducts workshop for staff

HOPWOOD Junior High School recently conducted a professional development workshop which was attended by the entire school staff.

The workshop, which is part of the school's continuing effort to upgrade the competencies of its staff, was held on August 20-21 at Diamond Hotel.

The school invited Karen Aka, a training specialist from the Pacific Region Educational Laboratory (PREL) based in Honolulu, Hawaii, to present the workshop. The theme of the two day seminar was "3 R's for Teachers: Reassess, Reinoculate, and Reconnect".

The workshop focused on the value of personal assessment and team building. Aka guided the participants through individual and group exercises designed to enhance one's personal identity as well as strengthen the cohesive relationship that exists among the school staff.

Scheduled one week before the opening of the new school year, the workshop helped the participants to feel rejuvenated or, as the presenter aptly described it, "reinoculated".

"I was very pleased with the hundred percent attendance of the staff during the two day workshop. It was a tremendous learning experience for us and had effectively prepared the staff for the new school year," stated Tom Pangelinan, principal of Hopwood.

"I would like to take this op-

portunity to extend our profound gratitude to our dynamic presenter, Karen Aka, for accepting our invitation to conduct the workshop. We would also like to thank Rita Inos, Director of Program and Services for PREL, for her valuable assistance in making the workshop possible," Pangelinan stated.

Also invited to speak to the Hopwood staff during the workshop were Rita Sablan, deputy commissioner for instruction, and Jean Olopai, staff training coordinator, representing the Public School System.

"The workshop helped us gain more confidence in teaching. We learned more about ourselves in relation to our fellow staff. We also learned more about working together not as a group but as a team," Ignacio Camacho, math teacher, commented.

"What made the workshop very successful was the participation and involvement of all the staff. We really learned a lot from each other," added Mrs. Mary Rosario, English teacher.

Funding for the seminar was provided by the "Adopt a School Incentive Program" under a grant from the Christa MacAuliffe Fellowship, according to Angelita Buniag, director of the program.

"We would like to thank the management of Diamond Hotel for allowing us to use their facility and providing needed assistance during the workshop," stated Cynthia San Nicolas, vice-principal for instructions of Hopwood.



HOPWOOD principal Tom Pangelinan with workshop presenter Karen Aka.

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Yeltsin calls off trip to Japan

By Larry Ryckman

MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin called off a trip to Japan Wednesday in the face of growing pressure at home and abroad to resolve a dispute over islands claimed by Japan but occupied by the Soviet Union since 1945.

Many Russians had expressed fear that Yeltsin would surrender two of the four Kuril Islands during his three-day trip in exchange for major economic assistance from Japan.

Japan has insisted that the dispute over the Kurils - known in Tokyo as the Northern Territories - be settled before it would contribute large-scale aid to Russia.

The dispute has been the major stumbling block in their relations and prevented the Soviet Union and Japan from signing a treaty

formally ending World War II.

Yeltsin's press office blamed "a number of circumstances" for the indefinite postponement of the visit, which had been scheduled to begin Sunday. It did not elaborate but said Russia's foreign minister would continue talks with Japan.

"The president's decision does not affect good neighborly relations with both these states," the statement said.

In Tokyo, Japanese officials expressed regret at Yeltsin's announcement. But Foreign Minister Michio Watanabe said: "We are taking this calmly."

A government statement attributed Yeltsin's decision to "various internal reasons."

Japanese media had accused Russia of seeking an excuse to cancel the trip. Russian security

officials earlier had complained that Japanese authorities had refused to let them carry guns to protect Yeltsin. Japan requires guns be left at the airport, but Tokyo has been known to bend its policy.

Some Japanese officials even said Yeltsin was miffed because Japan wasn't able, on short notice, to obtain enough tickets to guarantee Yeltsin's safety at a sumo wrestling tournament.

Yeltsin spoke by telephone with Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa for 35 minutes on Wednesday. He also called the president of South Korea, which had been on his itinerary. The Interfax news agency said Yeltsin now planned to go to Seoul in December, combining that visit with a scheduled trip to China.

In his conversation with

Miyazawa, Yeltsin did not explain his reasons for postponing the visit, Cabinet Secretary Koichi Kato told reporters in Tokyo.

"It is very regrettable that the visit was postponed since it would have been the first to Japan by any Russian head of state, a significant step toward new Japan-Russian relations," Kato said.

Earlier in the day, Yeltsin met with members of his Security Council to discuss the trip.

Yeltsin is under domestic pressure to hold onto the islands, with their important radar post, channel leading from Russian ports to the open Pacific and rich fishing grounds.

The Kurils consist of 18 main islands in an arc curving from Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula to Japan, separating the Sea of Okhotsk from the Pacific Ocean. Japan claims the southernmost

four: Iturup, Kunashir, Shikotan and a cluster of small islands collectively called Habomai. They have a total area of 4,996 square kilometers (1,929 square miles), twice the size of Luxembourg.

Russian naval officers say the Ekaterina Straits between the islands provide the only year-round passage for their nuclear submarines. And local officials say the waters produce up to 1 billion worth of fish a year.

Nationalists and conservatives fear that giving up the islands would set an undesirable precedent for China, the Baltic states and other nations with territorial claims against Russia. Russian hard-liners had threatened to seek Yeltsin's impeachment if he turned over the Kurils.

Earlier this month, Yeltsin told Japan not to expect an immediate solution to the Kurils conflict.

Future of Kuril Islands uncertain

By Allan Cooperman

ITURUP ISLAND, Russia (AP) - Many mornings the fishermen of this lush volcanic island set their nets in mist so thick they cannot see the jagged coast a dozen meters (yards) away. On Wednesday, Boris Yeltsin's decision to postpone his trip to Japan left the island's future in the fog.

As a precondition for economic aid to Russia, Japan demands the return of Iturup and several smaller islands in the Kuril chain that the Soviet Union seized in the final days of World War II. But the islanders, and many other Russians, vehemently oppose giving up the territory.

"I was 20 when I came here. My children have been born here. I will not leave except at the point of a gun," said Anatoly Samolyuk, 35, who has made a career photographing Iturup's spectacular scenery, including eight active volcanoes, a 100-meter (300-foot) waterfall and rivers full of jumping salmon.

Until this year, the Kurils were closed to foreigners because they straddle the deep straits used by Russian nuclear missile submarines to reach the Pacific. Roughly half their 45,000 residents are soldiers manning radar stations and beach defenses.

Despite the Kurils' natural beauty, tourism is virtually nonexistent. Foreigners still need a special pass to visit, and getting there is hard.

Locals say the Japanese built Iturup's airstrip for World War II kamikazes, locating it in a misty basin so the suicide pilots could take off but not find the runway to return. Because of continual fog and rain, the aptly named Burevestnik - Stormy Petrel - Airstrip sometimes opens for a few hours, then shuts down for a week or more.

Iturup has no paved roads except on its army base. The five-kilometer (three-mile) journey from Burevestnik to Kurilsk, the main fishing village of 8,000, requires a four-wheel drive vehicle and takes a bone-jarring hour. The route plunges through a rushing stream, past old Japanese bunkers, onto a beach littered with rusting shipwrecks and into green hills roamed by brown bears.

Kurilsk has a small hospital and a school, no restaurants, one bar and a roach-infested, barracks-like guest house frequented by volcano researchers and weather-bound pilots.

Wooden planks serve as sidewalks, and chickens scamper about the courtyards of the fishermen's cottages. Some families also keep a milk cow.

Fishing is the only industry. Though stable, it has never made the island prosperous.

Gennady Simonov, editor of the local newspaper Krasnyi Mayak (Red Beacon), said some residents hope for an economic boom if Japan regains the islands. A few, he said, even dream of 100,000 buyouts to leave for the Russian mainland.

"But the vast majority are categorically against handing over the islands," Simonov said. "I personally doubt whether we would live better under the Japanese. Japan is a mono-ethnic nation. There is a lot of prejudice there against foreigners. We would always be second-class."

Fisherman Sergei Vlasov stood bare-chested over a net filling quickly with silver-bellied salmon. "This is my homeland," he said. "You can't sell it for money."

Russia's claim to the islands goes back to 1711, when Cosack explorer Ivan Kozirevsky first mapped them. An 1855 treaty gave the southern Kurils to Japan.

Russia joining IMF

WASHINGTON (AP) - Russia is expected to become the 148th country to join a body devoted to helping private business, Vice President Wilfried E. Kaffenberger of the International Finance Corporation said Wednesday.

Kaffenberger joined Sir William S. Ryrie, executive vice president, in presenting the corporation's report for the year that ended June 30.

The multinational lender approved \$3.2 billion worth of financing, including \$1.8 billion for its own account and a record \$1.4 billion of syndications and underwriting. It made a profit of \$180 million in the year. The corporation, which is part of the World Bank, is the biggest source of aid loans to the Third World and sponsored new projects last year in 51 countries. Ryrie told reporters that the new interest in eastern Europe does not mean it will pay any less attention to helping business in the rest of the world.

During the year, nearly half its projects were in countries where the average annual income was less than \$830, the corporation said.

Unlike other parts of the bank, which deal with governments, it lends directly to private firm and even buys stock in them.

Kaffenberger said Russia's legislative body is due to start considering approval of membership at the end of this month, and all 15 former republics are expected to join eventually. The corporation did not wait to start work in Russia for the republic's formal membership to become effective.

Its first project was organizing privatization. Since April 4, in the Russian city of Nizhny Novgorod, a small crowd gathers every Saturday for the auction of 20 or 30 state-owned shops and businesses to private owners.

Corporation officials helped draft the laws and regulations that made it possible, using auctioneers from Poland, training local

Japan-Russia dispute

TOKYO (AP) - Here are some facts about the territorial dispute that has stymied relations between Japan and Russia:

AT DISPUTE: Both Moscow and Tokyo claim a group of islands off Japan's northern tip that Soviet troops seized at the end of World War II, forcing about 16,000 Japanese living there to flee to nearby Hokkaido in Japan.

SIGNIFICANCE: The islands - Kunashir, Etorofu (called Iturup by the Russians), Shikotan and the Habomai group - cover 1,928 square miles (4,966 square kilometers). They are part of the Kuril chain that stretches to Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula

across a strategic sea passage for the Russian Navy. They serve as an important radar post, military base and fishing grounds.

BREAKDOWN IN TALKS: Japan has offered large-scale aid to Russia only if it returns the islands and signs a peace treaty finally ending their World War II hostilities. But Russian President Boris Yeltsin faces pressure from nationalists in his country who oppose any loss of Russian territory.

A visit by Japan's foreign minister to Moscow last month failed to achieve progress, and the two sides faced poor prospects for success during Yeltsin's planned visit to Japan.

Sugar group plans to lay off workers

HONOLULU (AP) - The Hawaii Sugar Planters Association, Hawaii's biggest and oldest agricultural research organization, will start laying off employees due to cuts in state and industry funding, officials announced Tuesday.

President Don Heinz said the HSPA workforce will be reduced in mid-October by 20 to leave 118 staff members.

Eleven employees at the experiment station in Aiea and the Kunia Substation near Waipahu and seven employees at the Hilo substation also will be laid off, he said.

The HSPA since 1982 has been getting about \$2.5 million a year in state matching funds, representing 35 to 40 percent of its annual research budget.

Its income from the sugar companies is based on sugar yield, which has declined from a millions tons in 1986 to 724,000 tons last year and has cut HSPA funding.

Last month, Gov. John Waihee announced a 40 percent reduction in state matching funds.

"Although we have to reduce our staff, research and support activities, we anticipate that we will be able to continue to provide our member companies with the basic level of research advances they will need to remain competitive," Heinz said.

The HSPA was established in 1895 and is a recognized world leader in sugar cane breeding and variety development and in biological control of insect pests.

In recent years, it has undertaken research on alternative crops.

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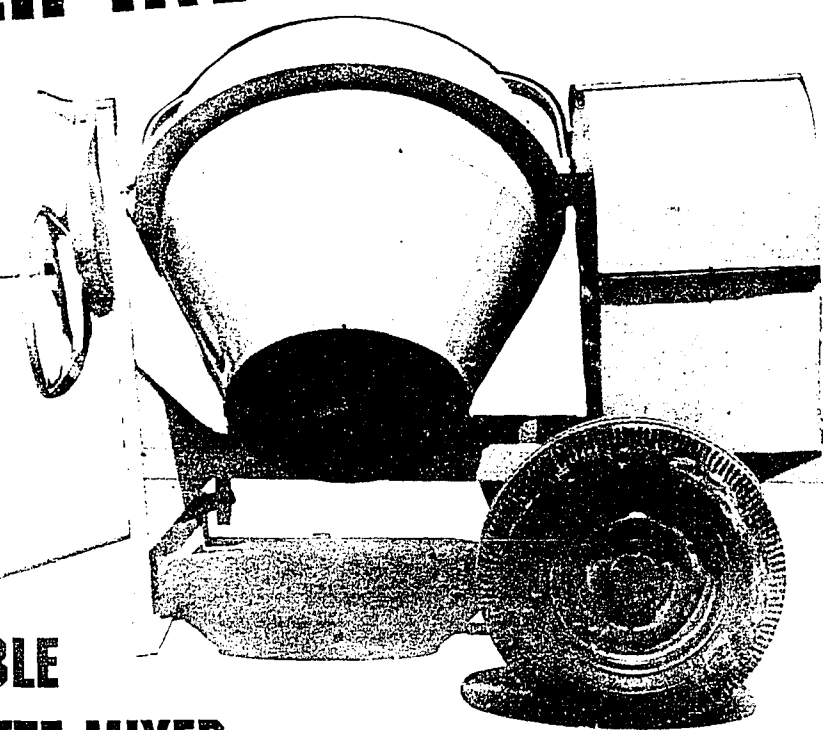
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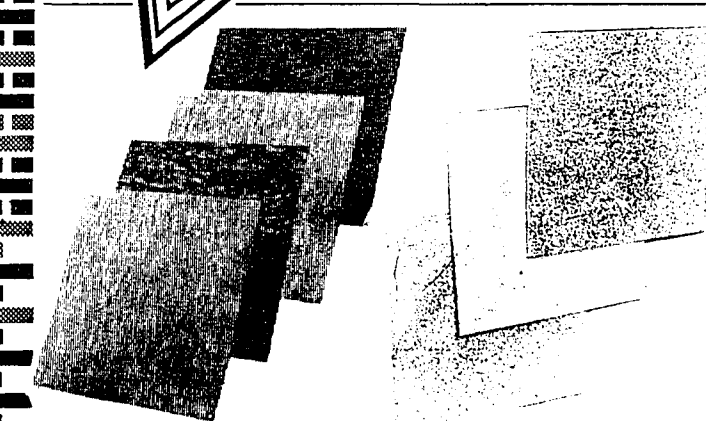
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East wins WBA title

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Morris East Jr. returned to Manila yesterday to a heroes welcome a day after winning the World Boxing Association junior welterweight crown against Akinobu Hiranaka of Japan.

East, 20, was met at the airport by autograph-seeking welcomers and representatives of the Department of Tourism.

The Filipino boxer, whose father was a US Navy serviceman, said the Hiranaka fight was "his most difficult match" in his four-year career because he fought against a formidable champion, who is a known knockout artist.

"I had to bear the punishment,

specially during rounds 8 to 10," East said. "Luckily, I recovered my second wind in round 11."

East stopped Hiranaka in the 11th round of their scheduled 12-round fight Wednesday night in Tokyo.

East was actually trailing in the three judges scorecard by one to three points when he caught Hiranaka with a thunderous right that sent the Japanese into a sitting position.

The referee stopped the fight at 1:47 of the 11th when Hiranaka was obviously hurt and unable to continue.

"Hiranaka was really strong, and it was really a difficult fight," East said. "I just tried my best for the

country."

He said there are no immediate plans for his first defense.

"I just want to relax for a while before I return to serious training," he added.

East's victory improved his record to 15 victories, including 10 knockouts, against two losses and one no-contest in his four-year career.

The victory for East was the second boxing crown won by the Philippines in a week.

On Sunday, Manny Melchor won the International Boxing Federation mini-flyweight crown in Bangkok against Falan Lookminkwan of Thailand.

Chavez faces Camacho tomorrow

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Michael Nunn is a former world champion who often has had top billing. He understands, though, his secondary role in Saturday night's boxing show at the Thomas and Mack Center.

"I'm just honored to be part of it," said Nunn, who will challenge Victor Cordova of Panama for the WBA supermiddleweight title.

The Nunn-Cordova match will be a preliminary to Julio Cesar Chavez' defense of the WBC super welterweight championship against Hector "Macho" Camacho.

Chavez, 81-0, with 70 knockouts, vs. Camacho, 40-1, with 18 knockouts

"This is a major event and I'm glad to be part of it," Nunn said.

The 19,100-seat arena, the home of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas Runnin' Rebels basketball team, has long been sold out.

"It's two world-class athletes fighting in a super fight," Camacho said of the most highly anticipated non-heavyweight match in some time.

"He will be the best prepared he's been in his life, and he needs to be," Chavez said. "For this fight I've prepared like never before."

Each man turned 30 earlier this year, and one of the questions about the fight is how much have

they slipped after long and successful careers.

Both contend that lack of focus rather than eroding skills has been a problem sometimes, but that they are totally focused for this fight.

"I've always had the God-given skills and the leg movement to get by," Camacho said.

In the opinion of Cornelius Boza-Edwards, a former light-weight champion who's been watching Camacho train, the Macho Man has slipped badly. Boza-Edwards now is a trainer living in Las Vegas.

Chavez was a 6-1 favorite to win his 23rd world championship match.

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/s/David M. Apatang

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Benefit concert for festival set

GILLIGAN'S Club at the Hyatt Regency is the place to be at 6 p.m. on Sept. 13.

A benefit concert, raising funds for the 6th Festival of Pacific Arts, will blast off with three and a half hours of music, comedy theater, and dance performances.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture, at the front desk of the Hyatt Regency, or from any of the artist delegates. They can also be purchased at the door. Ten dollars is all you need to see four dance troupes, one performing groups is impressive.

Candy Taman, musician, Nestor Doromal, musician, the Island Cruisers Band, The Stove Top Players, comedy theater, The Aghurubw Warriors, the Carolinian Brothers, The Antiglo Club Dancers and the Carolinian Warriors.

All performers are delegates to the upcoming festival, to be held in Rarotonga, Cook Islands on Oct. 14 - 27. Also included in the delegate list are several traditional and visual artists from Rota, Tinian, and Saipan, rounding out the total artist delegate list to 114 individuals.

Each artist is responsible for raising over \$1,000, enough to cover the majority of the cost of

their airline tickets. Food and lodging will be provided by the Cook Islands Government, and as the CNMI legislature has yet to appropriate any funds for this festival, the artists left to rely on their own resources.

The Festival of the Pacific Arts is held every four years and is a celebration of Pacific arts and cultures. Over 20 nations of the Pacific will gather in the Cooks to share traditional crafts, dances, rituals, games, food and costumes. Contemporary artforms will also be shared and discussed. Literary arts will be celebrated through a published anthology of collected stories from all participating nations.

In sum, this festival is a time to celebrate, cherish, and uphold the traditional values and customs of each nation as an individual culture, as well as to reinforce traditional values by sharing in the similarities between all of the nations of the Pacific.

We hope all CNMI residents will show their support for this most valuable program through their support of the upcoming concert. All ticket sales, as well as 50 percent of all drink sales, will be donated to the expenses of this sizable delegation. For more information, please contact the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture at 322-9982/83.

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Inquiries regarding the Housing Voucher Program should be directed to the Chief of Program and Housing Division at MIHA's Central Office, by calling telephone number 234-6866/9447/7670/7689.

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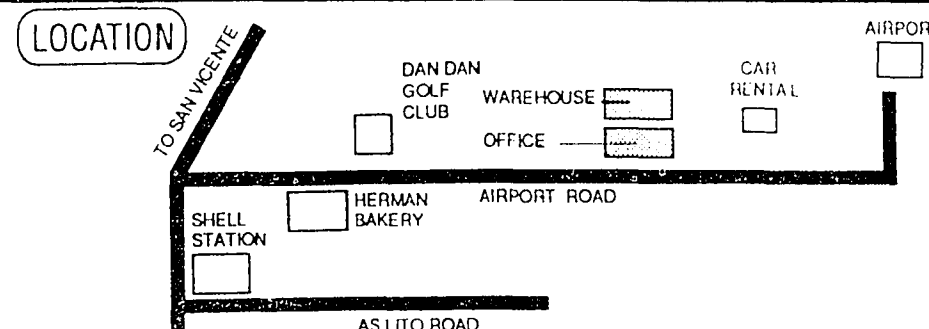
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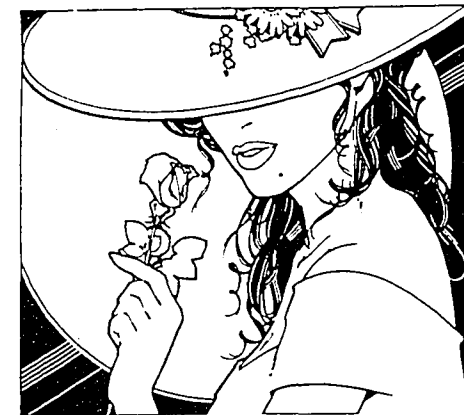
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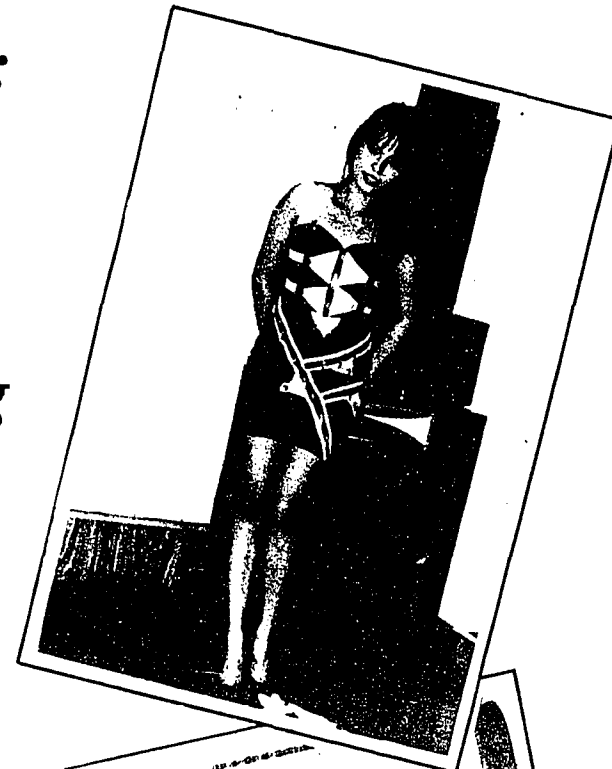
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Business/Finance

Dollar rises; gold falls

NEW YORK (AP) - The US dollar rose against most other currencies Wednesday after a Federal Reserve official said the dollar was undervalued and investors grew concerned over fluctuating European exchange rates. Gold prices fell.

The dollar rose in late New York trading after the remark by Wayne Angell, a Fed governor, said Curtis Perkins, a currency trader at Chemical Bank in New York. Angell's comment, made in Washington before an accountants group, raised speculation that the Fed might take more action to boost the value of the dollar.

The greenback's advance brought little relief to some of the weaker European currencies that remained under pressure from the German mark. Sweden's decision Wednesday to boost its marginal rate on overnight loans to 75 percent from 24 percent, a day after a smaller hike, caused some activity among European currencies, Perkins said.

Investors saw the surprise move as a sign of Sweden's commitment to defend its currency after Finland cut its link to the European currency unit on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, as nervous investors were moving money out of Sweden, the central bank had raised its marginal rate from 16 percent to 24 percent.

Traders said the Swedish move Wednesday had only an indirect impact on other currencies, possibly causing some caution about the European currencies and some dollar buying.

Anthony Norfield, chief treasury economist at Hill Samuel Bank Ltd., said the dollar was benefiting from the turmoil in Europe as many countries struggle to adjust to the strength of the mark.

In New York, the dollar was quoted at 123.125 Japanese yen, up from 122.85 late Tuesday. In London, the dollar was quoted at 123.15 yen. Earlier in Tokyo, the dollar closed at 122.88 yen, down 0.40 yen from Tuesday's close.

In New York, the British pound fell to \$1.9710 from \$2.0040 late Tuesday. In London, the British pound fell to \$1.9750 from \$2.0037 late Tuesday.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late rates Tuesday included: 1.41355 German marks, up from 1.3945; 1.2535 Swiss francs, up from 1.2355; 4.8165 French francs, up from 4.7470; 1,080.50 Italian lire, up from 1,065.00; and 1.21525 Canadian dollars, up from 1.20635.

Gold prices fell around the world. On the New York Commodity Exchange, gold bullion for current delivery settled at \$342.20, down from \$342.50 on Tuesday. Later, Republic National Bank quoted at price of \$342.00, down from \$342.10 on Tuesday.

Exchange Rates

NEW YORK (AP) - Foreign Exchange, New York prices, Wednesday Rates for trades of \$1 million minimum.

Fgn. currency	Dollar in	In dollar	fgn. currency	flates	Prev. day
Argent	Peso	1.0100	1.0100	.9900	.9900
Australia	Doll	.7180	.7165	1.3928	1.3957
Austria	Schill	.1006	.1021	9.939	9.799
Belgium	Franc	.0348	.0346	28.74	28.91
Brazil	Cruzeir	.00018	.00019	5405.50	5136.00
Britain	Pound	1.9790	2.0055	.5053	.4986
30day fwd		1.9668	1.9929	.5084	.5018
60day fwd		1.9549	1.9819	.5115	.5046
90day fwd		1.9435	1.9704	.5145	.5075
Canada	Dollar	.8214	.8289	1.2175	1.2064
30day fwd		.8201	.8278	1.2193	1.2080
60day fwd		.8191	.8269	1.2208	1.2094
90day fwd		.8182	.8260	1.2222	1.2106
Chile	Peso	.002739	.002734	365.04	365.77
China	Yuan	.1854	.1854	5.3929	5.3929
Colombia	Peso	.001696	.001696	589.50	589.50
Czechosl	Koru	.0383	.0385	26.09	25.99
Denmark	Krone	.1843	.1846	5.4255	5.4160
Ecudr	Sucre	.000513	.000614	1950.00	1628.00
ECU		1.45480	1.44340	.6874	.6928
Egypt	Pound	.3030	.3030	3.3000	3.3000
Finland	Mark	.2212	.2257	5.2120	4.4308
France	Franc	.2081	.2109	4.8055	4.7405
Germany	Mark	.7111	.7183	1.4063	1.3922
30day fwd		.7070	.7140	1.4144	1.4005
60day fwd		.7033	.7105	1.4219	1.4074
90day fwd		.6996	.7067	1.4294	1.4150
Greece	Drachma	.005688	.005767	175.80	173.40
Hong Kong	Doll	.1294	.1294	7.7277	7.7290
Hungary	Forint	.0134	.0134	74.82	74.82
India	Rupee	.0354	.0350	28.280	28.571
Indonesia	Rupiah	.000492	.000493	2033.02	2029.01
Ireland	Punt	1.8784	1.9020	.5324	.5258
Israel	Shekel	.4125	.4253	2.4240	2.3513
Italy	Lira	.000932	.000941	1073.00	1062.50
Japan	Yen	.008135	.008147	122.92	122.75
30day fwd		.008127	.008139	123.04	122.87
60day fwd		.008122	.008135	123.12	122.93
90day fwd		.008119	.008131	123.17	122.99
Jordan	Dinar	1.5344	1.5392	.65172	.64970
Lebanon	Pound	.000367	.000418	2725.00	2390.00
Malaysia	Ringg	.4012	.4018	2.4925	2.4890
Mexico	Peso	.000327	.000325	3062.00	3076.25
Netherlands	Guild	.6365	.6329	1.5710	1.5800
N. Zealand	Dol	.5405	.5420	1.8501	1.8450
Norway	Krone	.1798	.1802	5.5620	5.5480
Pakistan	Rupee	.0401	.0401	24.95	24.95
yPeru	New Sol	.7931	.7931	1.261	1.261
zPhilpns	Peso	.0414	.0408	24.15	24.50
Poland	Zloty	.000078	.000078	12884	12821
Portugal	Escud	.008094	.008207	123.55	121.85
Saudi Arab	Riy	.2667	.2667	3.7495	3.7498
Singapore	Doll	.6281	.6252	1.5920	1.5995
So. Korea	Won	.001275	.001275	784.20	784.30
So. Africa	Ran	.3634	.3663	2.7520	2.7300
Spain	Peseta	.011038	.010989	90.60	91.00
Sweden	Krona	.1946	.1950	5.1380	5.1270
Switzerland	Fra	.8026	.8102	1.2460	1.2343
30day fwd		.7993	.8067	1.2511	1.2396
60day fwd		.7964	.8040	1.2557	1.2438
90day fwd		.7936	.8010	1.2601	1.2485
Taiwan NT		.0397	.0402	25.18	24.87
Thailand	Baht	.03981	.03978	25.12	25.14
Turkey	Lira	.000143	.000143	6986.00	7016.00
U.A.E.	Dirham	.2723	.2723	3.6727	3.6727
Uruguay	Peso	.000306	.000310	3265.01	3224.51
zVenezuel	Boliv	.0145	.0145	68.7600	68.7500
Yugoslav	Dinar	.00500	.00500	200.00	200.00

ECU: European Currency Unit, a basket of European currencies. The Federal Reserve Board's index of the value of the dollar against 10 other currencies weighted on the basis of trade was 79.44 Wednesday, up 1.02 points or 1.30 percent from Tuesday's 78.42. A year ago the index was 91.25.

Prices as of 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time (1900 GMT) from Telerate Systems and other sources.

c-commercial rate, d-free market rate, f-financial rate, y-official rate, z-floating rate.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP92-0023

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is requesting proposals from qualified engineering firms for the provision of Construction Management Services for the Sadog Tase Wastewater Treatment Plant Modification Project in Saipan, CNMI. The project is being funded jointly by CUC and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The project involves the modification of presently existing 9 million gallon storage tank by addition of mechanical aeration equipment, addition of system structures, and other necessary improvements, all in accordance with the plans and specifications. The plant is designed to provide secondary treatment. The estimated construction period is 72 weeks from the date of the notice to proceed, which is expected to be issued in March 1993.

A mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference will be at 9:00 am on September 03, 1992, at CUC's Conference Room No. 1, Lower Base, Saipan. Proposals from firms that do not attend the Pre-Proposal Conference will not be considered. No inquiries will be addressed before the Conference, or after September 10, 1992. A comprehensive scope and construction plans are available for review at CUC's Wastewater Division, Lower Base.

Scope of Construction Management Services will include but will not be limited to:

1. Critical review of Plans and Specifications for errors.
2. Assisting CUC with the Invitation to Bid process.
3. Reviewing Contractor's submissions of work schedules, shop drawings, etc. and providing recommendations to CUC.
4. Conducting regular inspections and preparing regular progress reports for CUC and EPA.
5. Developing Operations & Maintenance Manual.
6. Initiating and managing any change orders.
7. Reviewing Progress Payment Request.
8. Assisting CUC in closing out the Contract.
9. Providing hands-on start-up for the wastewater treatment plant for four (4) weeks.

Selection will be made on the basis of:

- Technical qualifications of key personnel and overall personnel assigned to the project.
- Approach to project, including project office location
- Previous experience with similar projects
- Organization of firm and project team
- Reputation
- Completeness and quality
- Total cost
- Time to complete

Proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Procurement and Supply Manager, Mr. Pete Torres, Lower Base, P.O. Box 1220, Saipan, MP, 96950, no later than 3:30 pm local time, on September 18, 1992. Six copies of all proposal documents are to be submitted. CUC reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposals, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CUC's best interest. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

Further information can be obtained by contacting CUC Wastewater Division, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, P.O. Box 1220, Lower Base, Saipan MP 96950; Phone (670) 322-9371; Fax (670) 322-7033. /s/RAMON S. GUERRERO Executive Director, CUC

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AMENDMENT INVITATION FOR BID IFB92-0063

The Chief, Procurement and Supply is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of OFFICE FURNITURE with the following specifications:

1. Seven (7) workstations for office staff; which shall include but not limited to desks, chairs, cabinets and dividers.
2. Two (2) workstations for receptionist locations; which shall include but not limited to desks, chairs, dividers, and counters.
3. Two (2) workstations for administrative personnel; which shall include but not limited to desks, chairs, dividers, cabinets, and counters.
4. Conference room table and room dividers.
5. Two (2) office chairs.

the furniture listed above must be CIF Marpands.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked IFB92-0063 submitted in duplicate to the office of the Chief, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than September 15, 1992 before 3:00 p.m. at which time and place, all bids will be publicly open and read aloud. Any bids received late will not be considered. The CNMI Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the best interest of the government.

/s/David M. Apatang

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

We, the family of the late

**JULIAN
C.
VILLAR**



wishes to extend our heartfelt appreciation and sincere thanks to all our relatives and friends for sharing with us your love, prayers, many expressions of sympathy, condolences and personal support during our most trying hours of sorrow. You consoled us tremendously by your presence, thoughts and togetherness during our sorrowful moment.

Thank you, Si yuus maase and Maraming salamat po.

God bless you all.

From the family

INVITATION TO BID

DPW92-ITB-00241

The Department of Public Works is soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of Proposed Garapan Dispensary and Handicapped Children's Resource Center, Saipan 96950, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the Office of the Chief of Procurement & Supply at Lower Base, Saipan until 2:00 p.m., local time, Friday, September 18, 1992, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Bid Bond or other form acceptable to the Government made payable to the Treasurer, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands with a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 1453".

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

Specifications and plans of the project are available on or after September 04, 1992, at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works in Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$150.00 is required for each set. Pre-bid conference for this project will be held at 2:00 p.m., local time, Friday, September 11, 1992, at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works in Saipan.

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

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

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

Reviewed by:
/s/ELIZABETH H. SALAS-BALAJADIA
Director of Public Works
9-1-92

Business/Finance

Banks' profits soar

By Skid Moore

WASHINGTON (AP) - Profits at US commercial banks soared to a new record this spring, pushed up by the lowest deposit interest rates in generations, the government said Wednesday.

The nation's 11,685 banks earned \$7.9 billion in the April-June quarter, breaking the previous record of \$7.6 billion set in the first quarter, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said.

The industry appears on track to easily break the annual earnings record of \$24.9 billion, set in 1988, the agency said.

"It's the best report we've seen for three years from the banking industry," said economist Paul Getman of Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa. "Banks are getting themselves back in shape. ... But what I'm nervous about is that the slow economic growth we're seeing in the last half of 1992 may translate into a poor performance for banks next year," he said.

The FDIC attributed the improvement in the second quarter to a modest shrinkage of bad loans and to the fifth consecutive quarterly increase in the difference

between what banks pay on deposits and what they earn from loans and other investments.

"You've got to go back to the Great Depression to find deposit rates as low," said Robert K. Heady, publisher of Bank Rate Monitor in North Palm Beach, Fla.

Passbook savings accounts, now averaging around 3 percent, are the lowest since 1936, he said. Rates on one-year certificates of deposit have declined by more than six percentage points since April 1989 while auto loans have fallen by three percentage points and unsecured personal loans by about three-quarters of a point.

"The score is banks 1, consumers 0," Heady said. "They said the consumer was going to wind up picking up the tab for the banking mess. Well, the bailout's already begun."

Meanwhile, the FDIC said the condition of its insurance fund for bank deposits improved, but remained in the red. At the end of June, it stood at negative \$5.5 billion, compared with negative \$7 billion six months earlier.

Most of the improvement came because lower interest rates increased the agency's estimate of

what it was likely to gain from selling the assets of failed banks.

Acting FDIC Chairman Andrew C. Hove Jr. cautioned that on a cash basis, the fund was still paying more for failures than it was collecting in insurance premiums from banks.

"There still remains a large volume of (bad loans) in banks whose future is in doubt. If these banks are unable to avoid failure, the (insurance) fund's financial position could deteriorate," he said.

The industry's portfolio of troubled assets - delinquent loans plus repossessed real estate - edged under \$50 billion for the first time in 18 months, falling \$3.3 billion to \$99.7 billion.

The agency's problem bank list also declined to 1,044 institutions with \$567.5 billion in assets, from 1,051 with \$607.4 billion at the end of March.

A raft of other financial measurements also improved. The average return on assets - 0.94 percent - was the highest since the FDIC began collecting quarterly income data in 1983. Banks' cushion of capital, at 7.23 percent of assets, was the highest since 1966.

Share prices up in quiet session

NEW YORK (AP) - The stock market turned upward in a quiet session Wednesday, reversing Tuesday's decline.

Analysts said investors still showed evidence of the concern about the economic outlook engendered by the issuance of another disappointing US employment report late last week.

Open-market interest rates have been falling since that time, although stock traders appear to have focused more on uncertainty

about prospects for growth and corporate profits.

"The high hopes that the economy might build enough momentum during the summer to ensure a sustainable recovery have vanished," said David Resler, chief economist at Nomura Securities International Inc.

The Japanese stock market extended its recent rally with a sharp gain overnight. But major markets in Europe lost ground. The Dow Jones average of 30 indus-

tries, down 21.34 points on Tuesday, recovered 10.80 points to 3,271.39.

Advancing issues outnumbered declines by about 5 to 4 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 961 up, 782 down and 603 unchanged.

NYSE volume came to an estimated 172.89 million shares as of 4 p.m. EDT, against 160.94 million in the previous session.

The NYSE's composite index rose 0.73 to 229.10.

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

AMR 59 5-8	BethStl 11 3-4	vjColGs 18 1-8	GenEl 74 5-8	Korea 11 3-4
ASA Ltd 35	BlackD 18 3-8	CmwE 23 7-8	GnMill 71 1-4	Kroger 12 1-4
AbtLab s 30 1-4	Boeing 36 7-8	Comsat 40 1-4	GnMotr 34	vtLTV 9-16
AetmLf 38 3-4	BoiseC 19 1-8	ConEd 31	GalPac 54	Lilly 66 3-8
Alcan 18 3-8	Borden 28 1-2	ConsNG 46 7-8	Gillete 57 3-8	Litton s 44 1-2
AldSgnl 51 3-4	rMySq 68 5-8	Cornln s 34 7-8	Gdrich 42 7-8	Lockhd 47 7-8
Alcoa 66 3-4	Brnwk 13	CurtWr 28 3-4	Goodyr 63 1-2	Matsu 103
Amax 17 5-8	BurlNth 34 3-4	Deere 39 1-8	Grace 36 3-8	McDerl 21 1-4
AmHes 48 1-8	CBI 27	DeltaAr 55	GAAPc 27 1-8	McDonld 43 5-8
ABrand 47 1-8	CBS 208	DialCp 38	tWFn 15 1-8	McDnD 42 1-8
AEIPw 32 5-8	CIGNA 49 3-4	Digital 37 3-4	Halbn 34 7-8	McKes 37 3-8
AmExp 22 1-8	CPC s 51 1-8	DowCh 55 7-8	Heinz 41 1-8	Mesrx 18
AGnCp 47 3-4	CSX 57 1-4	Dressr 19 3-4	HewlPk 57 5-8	Merck s 48 1-8
AHome 73	CampSp s 39 3-8	DuPont 48 3-4	Hmstke 12 5-8	MerLyn 51 1-8
AmStrs 38 1-8	CdnPc g 13 3-4	EKodak 44 5-8	Honda 22 1-8	MMM 99 3-4
AT and T 42 5-8	CapCits 44 8 1-4	Eaton 77 1-2	Honwel 65 3-4	Mobil 64 1-8
Amoco 51 3-8	Caterp 48 1-4	Entergy 30 1-2	HouInt 53	Monsan 53 3-8
Anheus 53 5-8	Ceridian 14	Exxon 62 3-4	ITT Cp 65 1-8	MorgSt 51
Arnco 6 3-8	ChartC 7 1-4	FMC 46	ITW 63 5-8	Morgan 60 3-8
Asarco 25 5-8	Chase 21 7-8	FedNM 64 1-2	Imcera s 35 7-8	Motorla 87 7-8
AshOil 23 1-2	ChmBnk 31	FstChic 30	INCO 25 5-8	NLInd 7 1-4
AlRich 114 3-8	Chevrn 72 1-2	Flntste 36 1-2	IBM 86 7-8	Navistr 1 7-8
Avon 51	Chiqua 16 3-8	Flemng 32 3-4	IntFlav 108 3-4	NwVall 5-32
BakrHu 25 1-8	Chryslr 20 5-8	Fluor 41 1-8	IntPap 62 3-8	NtkSo 55 1-8
BankAm 43 3-8	Citicorp 15 3-8	FordM 40 7-8	JohnJn s 52	OcciPet 18 3-4
BankTr 61 1-8	Coastal 28 3-8	Fuqua 10 5-8	Kmart s 23 3-4	Olin 40 1-8
BauschL 52	CocaCl s 44 1-8	GTE 33 1-8	Kellogg s 69 7-8	PacGE 32 1-8
BengTB 7-8	ColgPal 55 1-2	GnDyn 75 1-8	KerrMc 44 3-4	PacTel 44 1-2

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT JOSEPH AGUON NAUTA

better known as
'TUDOR'



Born: August 30, 1945
Died: September 7, 1992

Formerly of Barrigada, Guam,
now residing in Tanapag,
Saipan, was called to his eternal
rest on September 7, 1992.

He is predeceased by his father:
Jose Santos Nauta
Mother: Rosa Aguon Nauta

Survived by his wife: Paz San Nicolas Nauta
Children: Mark, Herbert & Gloria, Monessa and Joseph Jr.
Grandchild: Brenda Lynn

Father & Mother-in-law: Herbert (Michang) & Achalang San Nicolas
Brothers, sister, their spouse and children:

Ralph Aguon: Pearl, Joe & Gene (San Diego, Ca.)
Bill & Piding Nauta: Billy, Kenny & Johnny (Long Beach, Ca.)
Antonia Nauta (Ninning) (Tamuning, Guam)

Brothers and Sisters-in-law, their spouse and children:

Monney & Manang San Nicolas: Carol & John
Pres & Pete Muna: Peter & Patrick
Mona & Ton Barcinas: Tanya, Hercia, Niona, Alexandra & Nicole
Ko & Cyn San Nicolas: Michael, Peter, Audrey, James, Herbie, Nacia & Walter
Bo & Doll San Nicolas: Vanessa, Sherrie, Maile, Craig & Bo
Esther San Nicolas & Bobby Nesbitt: Terence, Russell & Elicia
Moy & Chelle San Nicolas: Adrian, Moses Jr. & Daniel
Liz & Nob Camacho: Norisa
Gil & Rene San Nicolas: Reneacia Ann, Gilbert & Catherine Elisa
Eloy San Nicolas & Jean Reksid: Christopher

And he is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces.

Rosary is being said daily at 12:00 noon and nightly at 8:00 o'clock at his father & mother-in-law's residence in Tanapag.

Last respects may be paid on Saturday, September 12, 1992 at his parents-in-law's residence in Tanapag starting at 8:00 a.m. The holy sacrifice of the mass will be offered on Saturday, September 12, 1992 at 4:30 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Cathedral and burial services will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Chalan Kanoa.

End of the Rosary Mass will be said on Tuesday, September 15, 1992 at 6:00 p.m. at San Roque Church.

Low consumer confidence pushes down world output

By Carl Hartman

WASHINGTON (AP) - Lack of confidence by consumers - especially American consumers - helped push down world output in 1991, the International Monetary Fund said Wednesday.

The fund, in its annual report, also cited the inclination of companies worldwide to pay off debt rather than invest in new plants and machinery, high interest rates in Germany and a sharp slowdown of investments in Japan as causes for the 0.3 percent slump in output over the six months ending April 30.

The fund has predicted better times ahead, but is expected to scale down its previous optimism when fresh predictions come out next week. Last April, most of the IMF's then-157 member countries agreed last April with the fund's staff that there would be "a more sustained recovery" this year and next.

The staff at that time predicted a 1.4 percent increase in world production this year and 3.6 percent in 1993.

The fund, in assessing reasons for the decline in world output, said it was largely due to a drop of 0.7 percent in the United States, the world's biggest single producer.

Though the fund did not go into detail, US production has amounted to nearly \$6 trillion a year. So the decline meant that in 1991 there was about \$40 billion less in goods and services for its growing population. That amounted to some \$150 fewer in goods and services available to every American.

The fund pointed to the recession in Britain and some smaller industrial countries as well as the United States, and to slowdowns in Japan and Germany.

The industrial countries as a group saw their unemployment rise to 7 percent last year from 6.25 percent in 1990.

Fund officials emphasized that the annual report was approved by the 22 executive directors who represented the 157 governments in the fund last April. It covers the year that ended April 30, but was released only on Wednesday.

Now there are 169 member governments, including Russia and some of the other republics formerly in the Soviet Union. Eventually there are expected to be 179 members, including all 15 ex-Soviet republics.

The governments that were members before Russia was admitted blamed part of last year's slowdown on the sharp contraction in eastern Europe. They saw that as caused mostly by the larger-than-expected cost of moving from a Communist system to a market system.

They also pointed to the failure of the former Soviet republics to keep up their exports of oil and other fuel.

INVITATION FOR BID IFB92-0066

The Chief, Procurement and Supply is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of a bus with the following specifications:

One (1) unit 1992 Bus, 4 or 6 cylinder, 30 to 36 seater, white in color, power steering, automatic door, MPH speedometer, seat belt driver 2 point, seat belt assist 2 point, fire extinguisher, warning flare, intermittent wiper, electronic horn, reversing warning buzzer, AM/FM radio, two speakers, sunvisor co driver, and air-condition.

The bus must be CIF supply rep., Rota, it must also be ready for delivery within fifteen (15) working days from the date of award, unless otherwise agreed in writing for a longer delivery time, have a one year maintenance/warranty agreement which includes parts and labor, rustproof/undercoated, safety inspected prior to delivery at Marpands, with registration fee payable at the CNMI Treasury.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked IFB92-0066 submitted in duplicate to the office of the Chief, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than September 21, 1992 at 2:30 P.M., at which time and place, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received late will not be considered. The CNMI government reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the best interest of the government.

/s/David M. Apatang

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CUC-RFP92-0025

The COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION (CUC) is soliciting proposals to perform a financial and compliance audit of the CUC for fiscal year ending September 30, 1992. The audit must be performed in compliance with the latest revisions of the following guidelines:

1. OMB Circular A-128
2. Standards for Audits of Governmental Organization, Programs, Activities and Functions, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.
3. Audits of State and Local Governmental Units, Industry Audit Guide issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

The following information must be included in the audit proposals:

1. Title Page
 - A. RFP subject
 - B. Name of your firm
 - C. Local Address
 - D. Telephone Number
 - E. Name of Contact Person
 - F. Submission Date
2. Transmittal Letter
 - A. A brief statement of your understanding of the work to be performed and an affirmative statement to perform the work within the time period stipulated.
 - B. State all the inclusive fee for which the audit will be performed.
3. Firm Profile

Provide a brief description of your firm's personnel educational background and experience, number of staff, staff level (partner, manager, supervisor, etc.) and client listing. The firm shall make an affirmative statement that at least the partners are certified public accountants.

Date of contract award will be no later than October 16, 1992. Audit work shall commence thereafter, and must be completed by January 8, 1992.

Selection of firm will be made on the basis of technical qualification, approach to project, experience on similar projects, organization, time to complete the project and price.

All inquiries regarding the proposal should be directed to Mr. Ramon S. Guerrero, Executive Director, P.O. Box 1220, Saipan, MP 96950 or the Office of the Public Auditor, Nauru Bldg., Saipan, MP 96950.

Proposals shall be marked CUC-RFP No. 92-0025 and five copies submitted to the Manager, Procurement and Supply, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950, by no later than 3:00 p.m., local time, on October 09, 1992. Late proposals will not be considered.

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

/s/RAMON S. GUERRERO
Executive Director

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY ROSARY

In memory of the late

**VICTORINO
SANTOS
CASTRO**



We the family would like to remind and invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayer as we commemorate the FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY of Our Beloved husband, father and grandfather.

Holy Rosary will be said nightly at 8:00 P.M. beginning Saturday, September 12, 1992 at Our Family residence at Garapan.

On the final day, Sunday, September 20, Rosary will be said at 12 Noon followed by Mass of Special Intention at 6:00 P.M. at KRISTO RAI CHURCH, Garapan.

Dinner will be served immediately after the Mass at the Family home in Garapan.

Kindly Join Us In Our Prayer.

Si Yuus Maase.

The CASTRO Family

POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

POSITION VACANCY:

Executive Director of the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA), Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

STARTING SALARY:

Negotiable.

DUTIES:

Manage and oversee the CDA's general operations, including the administration of all loans and enforcement of all provisions of the loans agreements, investments and other transactions; prepare operating manual to implement the general operation and management policies, and development objectives and strategies established by the CDA Board including all internal administrative procedures, specific loan procedures, and other matters relevant to the practical implementation of Public Law 4-49 as amended; approve loans up to \$25,000.00 per applicant; monitor the progress and financial status of the projects financed by the Board; report to the Board at each board meeting the activities of CDA; prepare annual activity report of CDA; prepare annual administrative budget; hire employees; and perform other duties as the board may require.

BASIC QUALIFICATIONS:

Interested applicants must be knowledgeable and have a minimum of five (5) years professional experience in banking procedures and activities, or in economic development and financial management; and shall possess a graduate degree in business administration, economics, engineering, accounting or law from an accredited university or colleges.

CLOSING DATE:

Interested applicants must submit his/her employment application to CDA Office, located in Wakin's Building, Gualo Rai, Saipan no later than September 28, 1992. If the application is sent by mail, interested applicants must provide ample time to reach CDA Office before the closing date.

SEND APPLICATIONS, RESUMES AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:

Mr. Juan S. Tenorio
Chairman, Board of Directors
Commonwealth Development Authority
P.O. Box 2149
Saipan, MP 96950

Groups join forces to seek renegotiation of trade pact

WASHINGTON (AP) - Labor, environmental, farm and consumer groups joined forces Wednesday to urge the Bush administration to renegotiate its free trade treaty with Mexico and Canada.

The organizations, which have opposed the proposed agreement since talks began 14 months ago, contend it won't help workers displaced by trade shifts and ignores environmental conditions along the US-Mexican border.

"We want it renegotiated and we want a free trade agreement that guarantees clean, green, high-wage jobs for American, Mexican and Canadian workers," Jane Perkins, president of Friends of the Earth, said in a day-long trade conference organized by the AFL-CIO and other groups.

"I don't happen to believe that we have to choose between jobs and the environment," she said.

House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt echoed the organizations' demand. "I call upon the Bush administration to cease further efforts to win congressional approval of the current North American Free Trade Agreement, and to renegotiate it, or leave it for the next administration to be written right," the Missouri Democrat said in a speech to the groups.

"Without changes, Congress could not responsibly approve the NAFTA agreement," Gephardt said. "We can do better."

The call for renegotiation met with little favor from the US Trade Representative's Office.


"Why in heaven's name would we want to renegotiate an agreement we believe is great for the American worker and American competitiveness?" asked Assistant US Trade Representative Kathy Lydon.

She said the groups' concerns over worker retraining and the environment will be dealt with as Congress writes the legislation necessary to implement the treaty.

Ms. Lydon noted that President Bush has proposed a \$2 billion-a-year package of new and retooled job-training programs and that the \$241 million he requested for border environmental projects has been slashed by Congress.

Organizers of Tuesday's conference, including Friends of the Earth and the National Farmers Union, linked achievement of their goals to turning Bush out of the White House. The AFL-CIO last week endorsed Democrat Bill Clinton.

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PAL announces key appointments

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Philippine Airlines announced appointments Wednesday to major positions under the company's new management.

The new airline chairman, Antonio Cojuangco, named Mario Locsin as executive vice president, Edgardo del Fonso as senior vice president and chief financial officer, Ernesto Garcia as senior vice president for corporate planning.

Locsin, who has an MBA degree from the University of San Francisco, is the executive vice

president of Aero Partners, leader of PR Holdings which represents a consortium which won the bidding for 67 percent of PAL shares last January.

Del Fonso, an MBA graduate of Harvard, was the managing director of Investment and Capital Corporation of the Philippines and a former undersecretary of finance.

Garcia was the president and general manager of Crown Packing Intl. Inc. and was a consultant of the President's Center for Special Studies.

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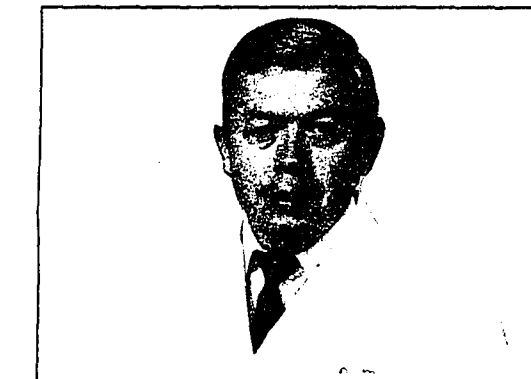
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Vicario busts Graf; Maleeva retires

By Steve Wilstein

NEW YORK (AP) - Jittery nerves and thoughtless tactics wrecked Steffi Graf in the US Open quarterfinals Wednesday just as surely as the quick feet and flashy strokes of Arantxa Sanchez Vicario.

A strained thigh muscle ruined Magdalena Maleeva, 17-year-old conqueror of Martina Navratilova, and forced her to retire while trailing 6-2, 5-3 against her oldest sister, Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere.

All Pete Sampras needed to move into the men's semifinals was a slick serve-and-volley game over Alexander Volkov, a 6-4, 6-1, 6-0 romp.

"I think he kind of helped me out a little bit today," said Sampras, who will play the winner of Wednesday night's match between Jim Courier and Andre Agassi. "In the second set, it seemed like he just packed it in. The third set, he really didn't compete."

Sanchez Vicario's 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 victory, matching her against Maleeva-Fragniere in the semis on Friday, came at the expense of a second-seeded Graf who showed little of her past confidence.

The only thing Graf was certain of was the ultimate winner of

the women's title here - defending champ and No. 1 Monica Seles.

"That is for sure," she said. This was not the same Graf who only two months ago won her fourth Wimbledon title, boosting her Grand Slam total to 11, including the Open in 1988 and 1989.

This was not the same Graf who once was immune to the vagaries and lapses that weakened other players, not the same Graf who drummed her forehand implacably, incessantly until her opponents collapsed in a heap or left shaking their heads.

This Graf was more like the player who struggled with self-doubt and distractions, with health problems and family scandals, and suddenly became vulnerable everywhere but Wimbledon last year.

She looked terribly vulnerable against Sanchez Vicario, bowing out with 49 errors, the last an undistinguished forehand into the net. There were no shoulder problems to blame - "My health is perfect" - no lack of preparation - "I practiced as hard as I could" - no weariness of the game. "I am just disappointed the way I played this tournament. I just didn't feel comfortable about what I was doing," Graf said. "Everything was on and off. Really, I didn't

know what to rely on."

Always critical of herself, she ripped her choice of tactics.

"On some important shots, I approached her backhand, played a little too much on her backhand in the beginning," she said. "I definitely made some wrong choices today. I realized that I just couldn't do anything."

Her nerves kicked at the start of the tie-breaker.

"I didn't really know what to do," she said. "Especially my serve - get it inside or kick it up. I was trying to do things instead of just playing the points. When I was leading 4-3, then I made a double-fault. I wasn't nervous then, but it was a bad point to play that time."

Sanchez Vicario, who made only 21 unforced errors, showed she's overcome the disappointment in not winning the Olympic gold in her native Barcelona.

Sanchez Vicario grew up playing on clay, won her lone Grand Slam title on the clay in the French Open, but lost on that kind of surface five times to Graf this year.

Magdalena Maleeva didn't have the fluid movement of her victory over Navratilova, and she had to give up when she felt her strained left thigh muscle might rip further despite a tight wrap.

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INVITATION FOR BID

IFB NO. 92-0025

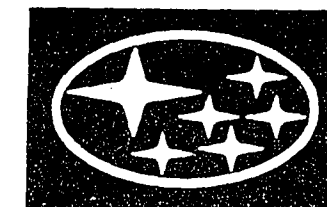
The public School System is soliciting competitive sealed bids under fleet purchasing procedures for the procurement of vehicles including 12 passenger capacity vans, a cargo van, a 1 ton pick-up, a utility vehicle and a sedan. The specifications for each type of vehicle are available at the PSS Procurement and Supply Office.

All vehicles must have a one year maintenance/warranty agreement, must be rustproofed/undercoated and safety inspected prior to delivery at PSSPANDS with registration fee payable at the CNMI Treasury. For additional information, call Tim Thornburgh at Tel. 322-6405.

All bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked IFB No. 92-0025 and submitted in duplicate to Mr. David P. Babauta, Chief, PSSPANDS, Lower Base, Saipan no later than 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 29, 1992. A non-refundable fee of \$25.00 US Dollars must accompany the bid. The twenty-five dollar dollar may be a certified check, cashier's check or other acceptable to the Public School System made payable to the treasurer, Public School System, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. Any bid received later than the deadline stated above shall not be considered. All bid will be publicly opened and read aloud at the time and place above noted. The PSS reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defect in said bids, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the PSS.

/s/ William S. Torres
Commissioner of Education

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INVITATION FOR BID
IFB92-0067

The Chief, Procurement and Supply is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified individuals or firms for the preventive maintenance and repair service, including parts replacement for the period of October 1, 1992 to September 30, 1992 for the following:

1. IBM Typewriter
2. IBM Computers

Specification for the above may be picked up at the office of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan during working hours (7:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.).

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked IFB92-0067 submitted in duplicate to the office of the Chief, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, before 2:00 P.M. September 28, 1992, at which time and place, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received late will not be considered. The CNMI government reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the best interest of the government.

/s/David M. Apatang

INVITATION FOR BID
IFB92-0054

The Chief, Procurement and Supply is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the purchase of the following vehicle.

Two (2) each PICK UP TRUCK, at least 3/4 ton, standard, 4 cylinder, with air-condition, must be easily maneuverable even at 10 mph.

Bidder must have a representative on Rota and parts must be readily available on Rota or Saipan. Representative must be authorized to provide services for warranty and/or repair.

Vehicles must be CIF Supply Rep., Rota, it must also be ready for delivery within fifteen (15) working days from the date of award, unless otherwise agreed in writing for a longer delivery time, have a one year maintenance/warranty agreement which includes parts and labor, rustproof/undercoated, safety inspected prior to delivery at Marpands, with registration fee payable at the CNMI Treasury.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked IFB92-0054 submitted in duplicate to the office of the Chief, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than September 14, 1992 at 2:30 P.M., at which time and place, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received late will not be considered. The CNMI government reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the best interest of the government.

/s/David M. Apatang

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP92-0068

The Chief of Procurement and Supply is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide JANITORIAL SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE which includes the Director's Office, Finance and Accounting, EDP, Treasury, Customs Airport, Customs Seaport, Revenue and Taxation, and Procurement and Supply.

Scope of work for the above may be picked up at the office of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, during regular government working hours.

Proposals will be evaluated by the following criteria:

- 1) Ability to perform job
- 2) Cost
- 3) Delivery of services

All proposals must be in a sealed envelope marked RFP92-0068 submitted in duplicate to the office of the Chief, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than September 21, 1992 before 3:00 P.M. Any proposals received late will not be considered. The CNMI Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the best interest of the CNMI government.

/s/David M. Apatang

INVITATION TO BID
DPW92-ITB-00244

The Department of Public Works is soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of Proposed Commonwealth Health Center Extension-Respiratory Services Department Saipan 96950, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the Office of the Chief of Procurement & Supply at Lower Base, Saipan until 1:00 p.m., local time, Friday, September 25, 1992, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Bid Bond or other form acceptable to the Government made payable to the Treasurer, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands with a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 1453"

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

Specifications and plans of the project are available on or after September 11, 1992, at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works in Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$150.00 is required for each set. Pre-bid conference for this project will be held at 1:00 p.m., local time, Friday, September 18, 1992, at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works on Saipan.

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

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

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

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

Meteorologists:
Hurricane
wind speed
higher than
thought

MIAMI (AP)—A team of meteorologists discovered a path of wreckage in a south Dade County community that indicates Hurricane Andrew packed winds of nearly 200 miles (320 kilometers) per hour.

Bob Sheets, director of the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables, said Wednesday's findings suggest suggestions last week by the Wind Engineering Research Council that Hurricane Andrew's winds averaged 110 to 125 miles (175 to 200 kilometers) per hour. Sheets, who led the latest team, called the council's estimate "pure myth." He stuck by initial Hurricane Center reports of gusts of 140 to 175 miles (225 to 280 kilometers) per hour.

The discovery of damage to townhouses in the unincorporated community of Naranja Lakes came out of a four-day wind field survey of Dade County by a team of experts for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Judging from the severity of winds during Andrew and Hurricane Hugo in 1989, Sheets said the United States may be entering a cycle of increased wind activity similar to the 1940s, when seven major hurricanes struck Florida.

An Air Force aircraft measured Andrew's winds at 197 miles (317 kilometers) per hour at 10,000 feet (3,050 meters). Below 1,500 feet (450 meters), wind speed normally decreases by up to 25 percent. However, investigators said damage indicates stronger winds may have been brought to ground level by sustained wind streaks.

They cited concrete and steel reinforced tie-beams weighing tons torn from townhouses in Naranja Lakes and whipped about, smashing into other homes — in some cases blocks away.

"We have never seen anything like this. No one has ever seen it," said Sheets as he photographed the ruins of four townhouse courts.

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CIVIL CASE NO. 92-1060
In re the Estate of
DENNIS WILLIAM CRUZ,
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Notice of Hearing on Petition for
Appointment of Administrator and
Notice to Creditors

To: All heirs, devisees, legatees, and
creditors of Dennis William Cruz, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that Joaquina
Deleon Guerrero Cruz has filed with the
Clerk of this Court a Petition for Ap-
pointment of an Administrator for the
estate of DENNIS WILLIAM CRUZ
deceased. The hearing on the Petition is
set for 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, the 22nd day
of September, 1992, at Saipan, Com-
monwealth of the Northern Mariana Is-
lands.

For further particulars, please refer to the
Petition on file herein or contact counsel
for Petitioner, John A. Manglona, of
White, Novo-Gracia, and Manglona,
Attorneys-at-Law, Joeten Office Build-
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itol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950.

Creditors of the Decedent or of his estate
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their claims with the Clerk of Court for
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of the first publication of this Notice, or
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Dated this 8 day of September, 1992.
/s/Bernadita A. Sablan
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INVITATION FOR BID
IFB92-0065

The Chief, Procurement and Supply is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the lease of a vehicle with the following specifications:

One (1) unit Station Wagon, 1.6 liter, 4 cylinder engine, 4 doors, automatic transmission, power steering, AM/FM radio, air-conditioner, dual side view mirror, and floor mats.

The vehicles must be CIF Marpands, it must also be ready for delivery within fifteen (15) working days from the date of award, unless otherwise agreed in writing for a longer delivery time, have a one year maintenance/warranty agreement which includes parts and labor, rustproof/undercoated, safety inspected prior to delivery at Marpands, with registration fee payable at the CNMI Treasury.

All bids must be in a sealed envelope marked IFB92-0065 submitted in duplicate to the office of the Chief, Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than September 21, 1992 at 2:00 P.M., at which time and place, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received late will not be considered. The CNMI government reserves the right to reject any or all bids in the best interest of the government.

/s/David M. Apatang

INVITATION TO BID
DPW92-ITB-00243

The Department of Public Works is soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of Proposed Commonwealth Health Center Extension-Radiology/CAT SCAN Department Saipan 96950, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the Office of the Chief of Procurement & Supply at Lower Base, Saipan until 2:00 p.m., local time, Friday, September 25, 1992, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Bid Bond or other form acceptable to the Government made payable to the Treasurer, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands with a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 1453"

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

Specifications and plans of the project are available on or after September 11, 1992, at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works in Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$200.00 is required for each set. Pre-bid conference for this project will be held at 2:00 p.m., local time, Friday, September 18, 1992, at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works on Saipan.

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

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

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

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

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Marianas Islands Housing Authority is soliciting proposals to lease and develop the North Garapan Annex II property consisting of approximately 74,000 square meters. The property is centrally located in Garapan, close to the main hotels and within walking distance to Micro Beach.

The maximum lease is for 55 years and is not affected by Articles XII of the CNMI Constitution. Those interested may pick up the detailed Request for Proposal and Appraisal Report at MIHA's office in Garapan, Saipan, or contact telephone numbers 234-7689/7670/6866/9447, or facsimile number 234-9021. The deadline for submitting proposals has been extended to October 2, 1992, at 4:00 p.m.

MIHA reserves the right to extend the deadline for submitting or reject any or all proposals whole or in part, or require amendments or modifications to proposals without liability whatsoever. MIHA also reserves the right to amend or supplement requirements and material, in writing, at any time prior to the submission date.

/s/Juan M. Sablan

INVITATION TO BID
DPW92-ITB-00242

The Department of Public Works is soliciting sealed bids for the Construction of Proposed Public Beach Pavilion for Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the Office of the Chief of Procurement & Supply at Lower Base, Saipan until 3:00 p.m., local time, Friday, September 25, 1992, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check, Bid Bond or other form acceptable to the Government made payable to the Treasurer, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands with a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 1453"

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

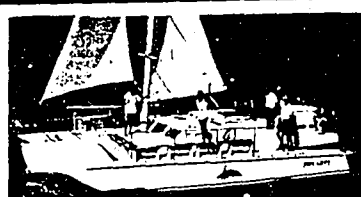
Specifications and plans of the project are available on or after September 11, 1992, at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works in Saipan. A non-refundable payment of \$125.00 is required for each set. Pre-bid conference for this project will be held at 3:00 p.m., local time, Friday, September 18, 1992, at the Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works on Saipan.

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

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

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"I could run, but not really," she said. "After Martina I started feeling pain. Then I had the long match against Chanda (Rubin). It started four days ago."

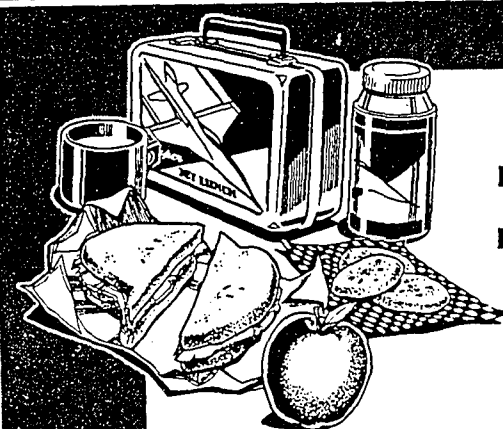
She said playing her sister was very difficult, "but I'm getting more and more experience, and I

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"Maggie is my baby sister. It wasn't very much fun. We tried to look at the positive. At least one of us would advance. You do the

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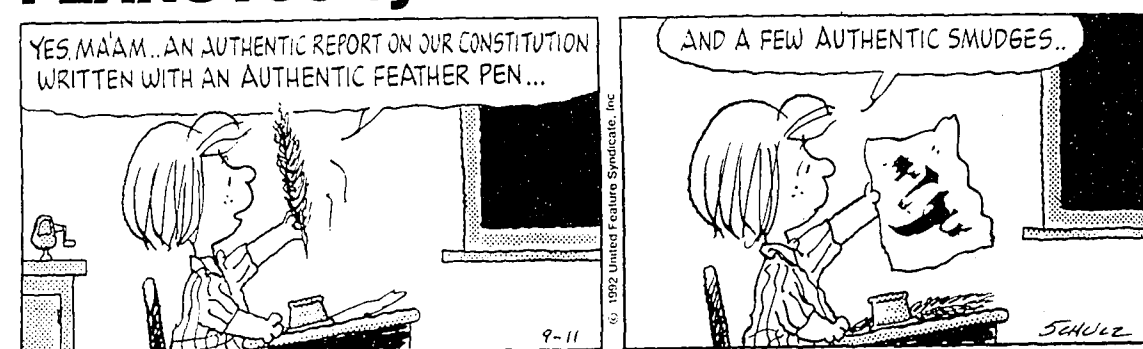
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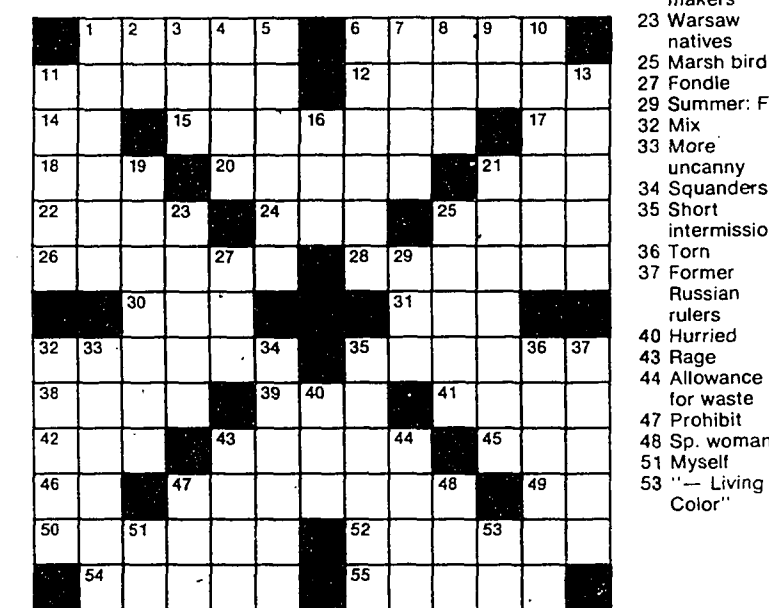
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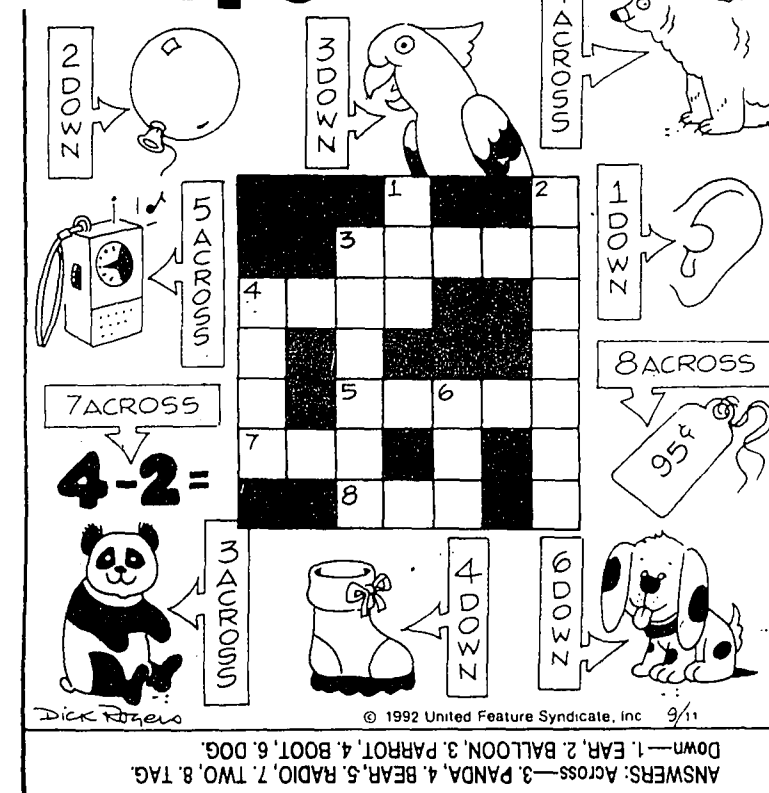
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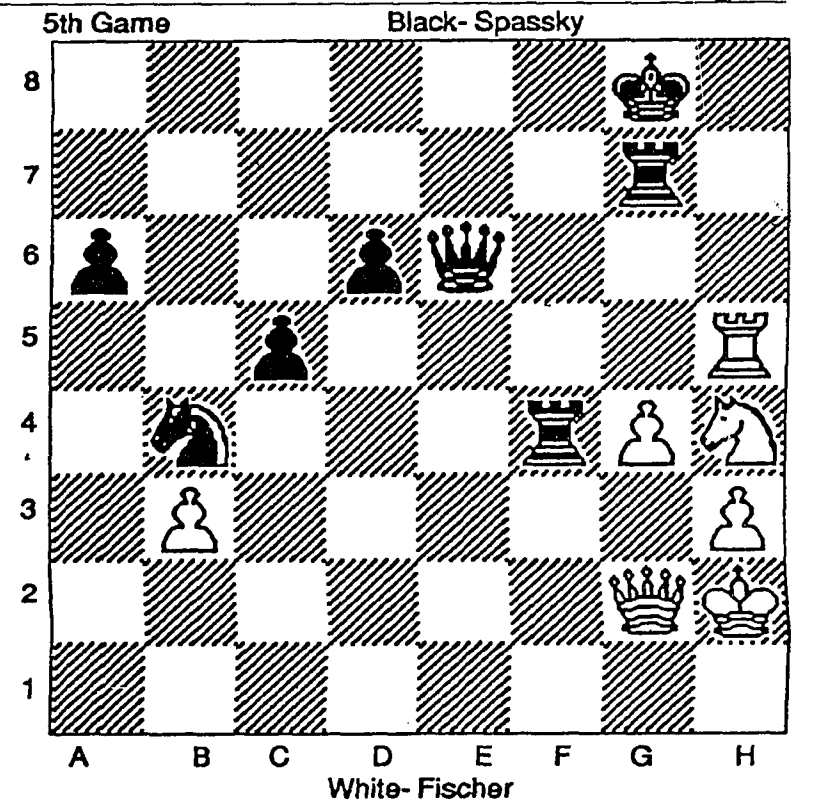
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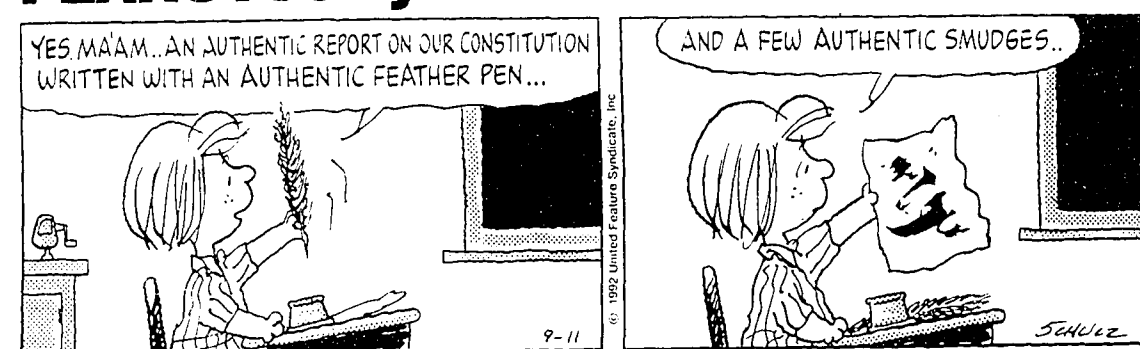
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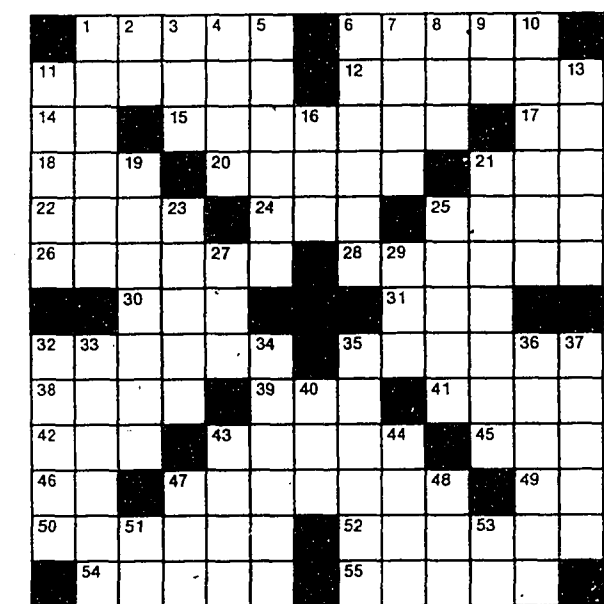
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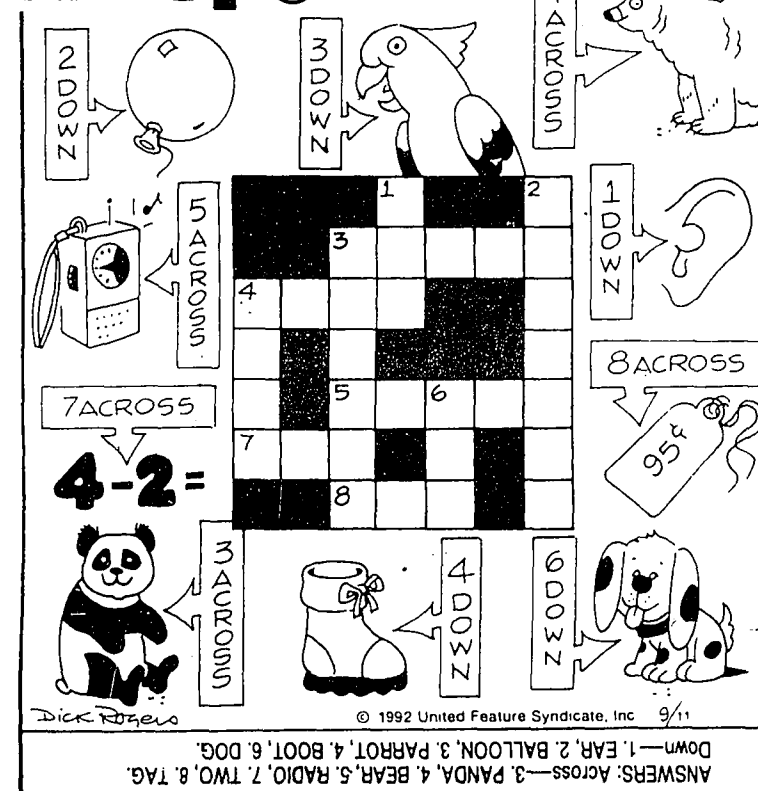
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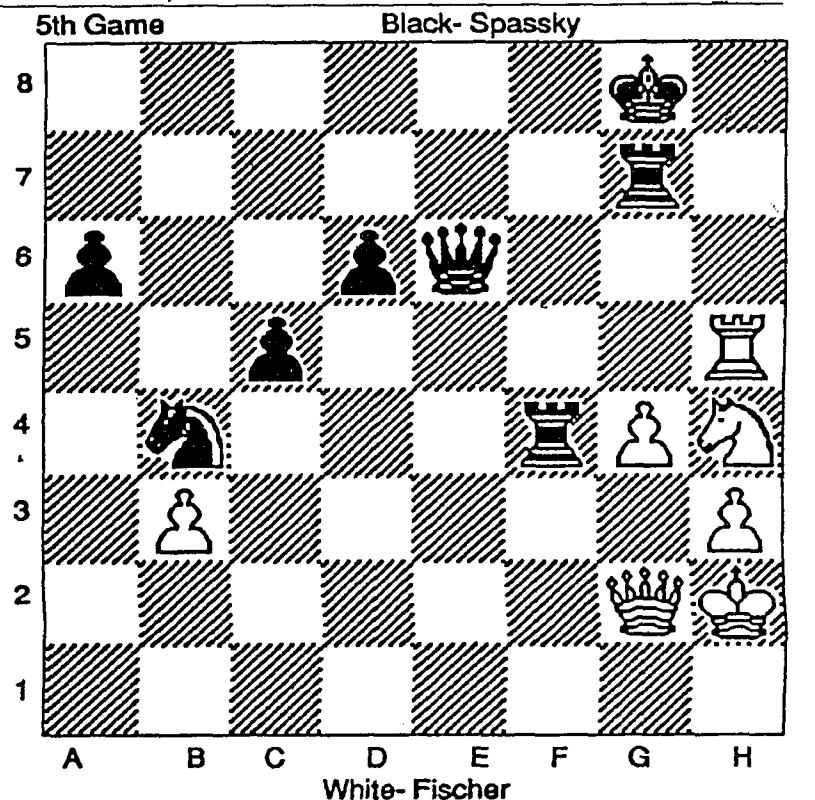
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By Frank D. Palacios

A THROWING error by the Toyota Wheels on Nelson Welson's single brought in the winning run for the TGI Kings to edge out the Wheels 9-8 in the first game of the Saipan Islandwide Slow Pitch League at the Koblerville ball field last Sunday.

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Tornokane's two-run double, the only extra base hit by the Wheels to steal the lead 9-5.

But the Wheels, who made no error in the first five innings, committed three, including one with two outs in the bottom of the sixth, giving three runs for the Kings to cut the lead to 9-8.

Welson's single in the bottom of the seventh and final inning then brought in the tying run before another Wheels error ended the game with a come-from-behind victory at 9-8.

Mel Teregeyo went three-for-three for the Kings and Inosure Yamada equaled that feat in a losing effort.

Korason 13 Tropical Buds 0

Joe Tenorio became the first pitcher to pitch a perfect game in this year's league as the Tenorio Korasons slaughtered the Marpac Tropical Buds in the fifth inning, 13-0.

The Buds sent 15 batters to the field. Bob and Joe Lizama, Paul and Pepe Tenorio were better off staying in the dugout, never had a chance to field the ball.

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Waves 7 Hopwood 0

League leading batter Tony C. Camacho went nothing-for-two but it did not matter as the Town & Country Sound Waves won by forfeiture 7-0 when the Hopwood Hilitai failed to come up with the required 10 players after three complete innings with the Waves on top 7-1.

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Miller Draft	4	0	1.000	-
Kautz Glass Glazers	4	1	.800	1/2
Korason	3	2	.600	1-1/2
C.O.P. Enforcers	2	2	.500	2
Duty Free Shoppers Defenders	2	2	.500	2
MTC Shoe Gallery	1	3	.250	3
Remington Red Suns	1	4	.200	3-1/2
Tropical Buds	1	4	.200	3-1/2

Team "B"	Win	Loss	Pct	GB
Abogados	4	0	1.000	-
N.P.I. Blue Sharks	3	1	.750	1
T.G.I. As Maetog	3	1	.750	1
Toyota Wheels	3	2	.600	1-1/2
Ol'Aces	2	2	.500	2
Sound Wave	2	2	.500	2
Hopwood Hilitai	0	4	.000	4
Precinct #3 Gangs	0	5	.000	4-1/2

Batting Leaders: (Based at 11 or more times at bat)

Players	Team	AB	Hit	Batting
Eddie Saka	Blue Sharks	12	9	.750
Inosuke Yamada	Toyota Wheels	12	9	.692
Ben Duenas	Glazers	12	8	.667
John Diaz	Enforcers	11	7	.636
Sherman Ngiraidong	Miller Draft	11	7	.636
Jerry Ayuyu	Ol'Aces	16	10	.625
Tom Diaz	Toyota Wheels	16	10	.625
Peter Barlas	Tropical Buds	13	8	.615
Clarence Saka	Miller Draft	12	7	.583
Ben Lizama	Glazers	12	7	.583
Besebes Maurino	Blue Sharks	12	7	.583
Ray Saka	Blue Sharks	14	8	.571

Runs: (10) Tony Reyes (9) Ben Mesa (8) John Diaz, Jess Omar, Tom Diaz

Doubles: (3) Ben Duenas, Tony Camacho, Giovanni Mira (2) Players

Triples: (3) Ben Mesa (2) Jack Santos, James Tanaka, Ben Lizama

Homeruns: (5) Greg Camacho (3) Jerry Ayuyu, Bob Quitano, Jess Omar (2) Pete Towai, Ben Mesa, Tom Diaz, Tony Camacho, Brian Nicholas

RBI's (14) Greg Camacho (9) Frank Pangelinan (8) Joseph Celis, Jerry Ayuyu (7) Ben Mesa, Besebes Maurino, Giovanni Mira

Pitching Leaders:

Players	Team	Inn	R	ER	Hit	W/L	Era
Joe T. Torres	Korason	29	19	10	37	2-1	2.41
Al Taitano	Glazers	30	34	12	44	3-0	2.80
Clarence Saka	Miller Draft	22	23	9	30	3-0	2.86
John Aldan	As Maetog	12	9	5	16	2-0	2.91
John Diaz	Enforcers	24	27	12	41	1-2	3.50
Martin Marciano	Sharks	11	6	6	12	2-0	3.81
Eddie Cruz	Sound Wave	7	7	4	8	0-1	4.00
Mark Quitagua	Ol'Aces	24	39	18	48	1-2	5.25
Danny Eugenio	Red Suns	21	26	16	37	1-1	5.33
Joe D. Sablan	Korason	5	6	4	12	0-0	5.60
Eddie Sablan	Abogados	21	24	17	34	3-0	5.66
Donald Flores	Sound Wave	7	6	6	13	1-0	6.00
Craig Bidels	Tropical Bud	7	9	6	16	0-1	6.00
Abel Celis	Defenders	25	42	22	59	2-2	6.16
John T. Camacho	TWheels	32	40	30	53	3-2	7.00

Strike-Outs: (5) Clarence Saka (4) Abel Celis, Danny Eugenio (3) Mark Quitagua, Eddie Sablan, Al Taitano, Joe Torres



ONE OF 13 Korean fishermen who competed in the 6th Annual Rota Cliff Fishing Derby last weekend shows off catch.

Rota fisherman bags first prize in annual derby

WAVES and winds generated by typhoon Ryan made for first class fishing at last weekend's 6th Annual Rota Cliff Fishing Derby as 29 participants reeled in a lot of fish and the prizes to go with them.

Topping the big fish competition was Jimmy Llana of Rota, who turned in a 23.65-pound barracuda to pick up a trophy, \$150 and a round trip to the Asian city of his choice, courtesy of Continental-Air Micronesia.

Fisherman Mario Tagpacio won the "most variety" category with 15 species caught off Rota's Pona Point, which also won a trophy, cash and air travel.

And if winning the big fish category wasn't enough, Jimmy Llana also recorded a nearly 50 pound catch, which brought him

more cash, another trophy and a free flight to Nagoya, Japan, this time courtesy of Japan Airlines.

A Sunday night awards banquet at Rota's Pau Hotel let the fishermen unwind as Rota Mayor Prudencio Manglona handed out the prizes.

The cliff fishing competition will be good news for CNMI tourism too, since two reporters for the two million circulation Nikkan Sports News were on Rota to record the event for their readers.

CNMI cliff fishermen don't need any excuse to pursue their hobby, but they'll have another chance to pursue prizes during the Tinian Cliff Fishing Derby which is scheduled for November 6th through the 8th.

6th Annual Rota Cliff Fishing Derby Winners Biggest Fish

	Kilo	Lbs.
Jimmy Llana	10.75	23.65 Barracuda
Kim Jun Nam	5.4	11.88 Barracuda
Meno Atalig	5.0	11.00 Red Snapper
Yang Kyung Yong	4.7	10.34 White Salmon
Most Variety		
Mario Tagpacio	15 species	
Jang Hee Kyu	13 species	
Manuel Cabrera	7 species	
Soe Young Taek	5 species	
Total Weight		
Jimmy Llana	2.35	49.17

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