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Gov't may hire 200 more FTEs

By Rafael H. Arroyo
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THE GOVERNOR'S special assistant for Administration is seeking legislative approval to be able to hire an additional 100 to 200 full time employees to work in various agencies under the executive branch.

SAA Vicente T. Attao, in an interview yesterday said he has asked the House to allow the reprogram of lapsed salaries under the Fiscal Year 1996 budget appropriations act to fund the salaries of the new FTEs.

Attao's request has been incorporated in House Joint Resolution 10-13, sponsored by Rep. David M. Apatang, which seeks to reprogram unused FY 1996 funds for the Department of Public Safety's police and fire training courses.

The said resolution, which proposed the reprogram of \$500,000 for the operations of Attao's office, is currently being entertained by the House Ways and Means Committee.



Vicente T. Attao

But according to a Management and Budget official, a reprogram could not be done by a mere House resolution as the budget process requires passage of an appropriation bill by both houses of the Legislature and approval by the governor.

It was also unclear whether Attao's request has been sanctioned by the Administration, which has months back imposed

a freeze on new hiring.

The Variety contacted Public Information Officer Mark Broadhurst but the latter was unavailable for comment.

Meanwhile, Attao emphasized that the FTE request is his own and does not constitute an official Administration action.

According to Attao, the reprogram is imperative owing to the government's need for additional manpower, especially in the remaining months of FY 1996.

He said he has proposed that the FTEs be given to his office

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Dead woman a Japanese tourist

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

A WOMAN who was found dead at Saipan Grand Hotel beach in Susupe Monday morning was a Japanese tourist, the Department of Public Safety said yesterday.

DPS Information Officer Cathy Sheu said the victim was identified as Mari Yonemura, 46.

Sheu said it was not indicated in the police report who identified the woman and whether she was indeed one of the Grand Hotel's guests.

The information officer explained that they could not say

yet whether there was a foul play behind Yonemura's death pending an autopsy.

Sheu said the incident was reported to the DPS Monday at 6:57 a.m. shortly after the lifeless body of the tourist was found floating in the shallow water area.

Combined probers from the Boating Safety and Criminal Investigation Section responded to the scene and cordoned the beach side.

Sheu said Yonemura was formally pronounced dead by a physician at the Commonwealth Health Center at 8:45

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RP welfare officer arrives on Saipan



Generoso Calonge

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
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A LABOR official from Manila arrived last week to join the staff of the Philippine labor representative office on Saipan, Consul Generoso Calonge announced yesterday.

Calonge said the appointment of lawyer Federico Biolena as welfare officer for the CNMI is part of the Philippine government's efforts to "increase the presence of government representatives who will deal with problems of our contract workers."

Biolena was board secretary and legislative liaison officer of RP's Overseas Workers Welfare Administration before he was appointed to his current position on Saipan.

He arrived on the island last May 22 and officially assumed office the following day.

In a brief telephone interview, Biolena said his task is to assist the labor staff and to look after the welfare of the Filipino workers.

"I'll be dealing with matters like remittances, welfare cases and other things that are not related to the contracts of our workers," he said.

"Now that the Philippine labor office is fully-manned, we would be more prepared to face the problems of our workers," Calonge said. "This is our government's counterpart effort to that of the CNMI's."

Calonge said that with the anticipated arrival of more workers from the Philippines following the lifting of the ban, problems may be inevitable.

"We believe we are now better prepared to face these potential problems," the Philippine consul said. "We don't want another ban to be imposed. We hope it won't happen again."



CNMI veterans gather at the Veterans' Monument in Susupe during Monday's Memorial Day ceremony. The elders paid tribute to their war comrades who made the supreme sacrifice in pursuit of peace and freedom.

House action shuts door on any new garment factories

By Mar-Vic C. Munar
Variety News Staff

DOORS have been shut for investors wanting to put up garment factories in the the CNMI as the House of Representatives voted yesterday to override Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio's veto of the garment expansion moratorium bill.

House Bill 10-152 became a law when the House, voting 14-2, complemented the Senate's earlier override move against the governor's veto of the bill.

Vice Speaker Jesus Attao and Rep. Ana Teregeyo voted against the override.

"The vote showed the House

members' overwhelming concern about the effect of having additional garment factories in the CNMI," Speaker Diego Benavente said.

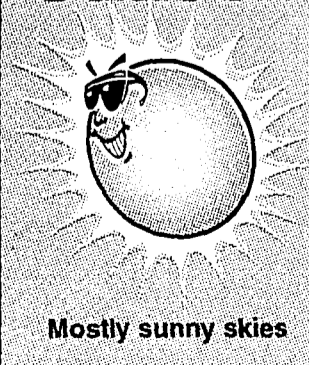
The bill stops the Department of Commerce from further issuing licenses for garment businesses.

"Putting up additional garment factories here would entail the arrival of additional nonresident workers," Benavente said, "and that would mean additional burden to us in terms of infrastructures, particularly water and power."

A moratorium on the issuance

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Weather Outlook



Mostly sunny skies

Rising yen pushes Tokyo prices higher

TOKYO (AP) - For the price of a dozen eggs in New York, a consumer could buy only 7.4 in Tokyo, according to a recent survey of consumer prices around the world.

The survey, conducted by Japan's Economic Planning Agency, found consumer prices in Tokyo were 59 percent higher than those in New York last year.

The consumer price gap between the two cities grew by 7 percentage points from 1994, said the report, released Monday.

It attributed the rising gap to the increased value of the yen - an average of 94 to one dollar compared to 102 in 1994.

The rise comes despite a trend in Japan toward American-style discounters, supermarkets and larger retail shops.

The EPA surveyed the average prices of consumer items in Tokyo, New York, London, Paris, Berlin and Geneva. The sampling included such diverse items as furniture, thermometers and condoms.

Shoes and clothing, for example, were 93 percent costlier in Tokyo than in New York. Food was almost double its London price.

The yen's losses against the franc and the mark contributed to a slight decline in the price gap between Tokyo and Paris and Berlin.

Prices were 34 percent higher than in Paris, down from 43 percent in the previous year. Tokyo prices were 35 percent higher than Berlin's, down from 44 percent in 1994, the report said.

US expects no inflation problems before 1998

By JOHN D. McCLAIN
WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. economy appears safe from recession at least through next year, forecasters said Tuesday.

At the same time, the forecasters contended that spotty signs of rising prices were temporary and inflation would remain in check, while the low unemployment rate would be little changed.

The consensus of the 38 professional forecasters surveyed by the National Association of Business Economists called for the economy to grow 2.2 percent this year, faster than the 1.9 percent pace they predicted in February.

But the gross domestic product - the broadest measure of the nation's economic health - would decelerate

slightly to 2.1 percent in 1997, according to the survey conducted earlier this month.

The GDP grew 2 percent in 1995. Many economists say the Federal Reserve target for economic growth is between 2 percent and 2.5 percent - a rate they believe would sustain the five-year-old expansion without heating inflation.

A separate survey of 143 association members found only 20 percent expected Fed policy-makers to cut short-term interest rates in the next six months to stimulate economic growth. Sixty-eight percent predicted no change and 10 percent expected a tighter monetary policy.

The other survey found the forecasters expecting inflation to grow 2.9 percent this year and 3 percent in 1997. The Consumer Price Index

rose 2.5 percent in 1995, the tamest since a 1.1 percent gain in 1986.

"The survey panel members expected that much of the recent hike in inflation rates - caused by rising oil and grain prices - will be reversed over the remainder of this year and next year," the survey summary said.

The consensus forecast also called for the unemployment rate to remain unchanged at 5.6 percent this year and rising slightly to 5.7 percent in 1997.

In their examination of economic growth, the forecasters expected GDP growth to begin moderating during the second half of 1996. The panel estimated an annualized growth rate of 3 percent in the current quarter, up from 2.8 percent in the first three months, before slowing to 2.2 percent in the final six months.

Defector: North Korea has plans to invade South

By SANG-HUN CHOE
SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - The North Korean pilot who defected in a Soviet-built MiG-19 jet said Tuesday the Pyongyang government has a plan to invade and occupy all of South Korea in a week.

"If Kim Jong Il issues an invasion order, the (North Korean) military is fully prepared (to execute) it," Capt. Lee Chul Soo told a news conference.

Lee, 30, flew his jet to South Korea across the border last Thursday in the first such North Korean defection in 13 years. In 1983, a communist pilot defected to Seoul in another MiG-19 jet.

Lee, wearing a worn-out North Korean military uniform, said the North's war scenario calls for a three-stage surprise attack on its southern

capitalist rival, occupying Seoul in a day.

The North's military, led by Soviet tanks, occupied Seoul in three days when it invaded South Korea in 1950, starting a three-year war.

Lee said that after taking control of Seoul within a day, the North's military then would try to occupy Taejon, a major central city, in the second stage and the southern coastal city of Pusan in the third stage.

Under the war program, most of the North's 1.2 million-member military, including its air force jets, have been deployed closer to the demilitarized zone running roughly along the 38th parallel, he said.

Despite worsening food shortages that have created a near-famine situation, North Korea is stockpiling food and fuel for the military, ensuring full preparations for a possible second Korean War, Lee said.

"Kim Jong Il is diverting all resources to a war preparation," he said. "He (Kim) has repeatedly told the military that they should not expect a peaceful reunification with the South and that the reunification must come from the gun barrel."

But the defector acknowledged that the fuel shortages have grounded many fighter planes, forcing the air force to limit training flights and spend more time on on-ground exercises.

North Korean authorities, he said, are telling the military that a war with the South is inevitable because of the South's increasing border provocations and the North is responding in kind by removing land mines in the demilitarized zone and moving forces closer to the border.

Lee's remarks can not be independently confirmed. He was debriefed by South Korean authorities before the news conference.

In the past two months, North Korea has increased tension along the border by repeatedly sending armed troops into the buffer zone in violation of the armistice that halted the three-year Korean conflict in 1953.

South Korean officials see the North Korean border incursions as an attempt to put pressure on Washington to accept direct peace negotiations with it, excluding the rival South.



North Korean air force pilot Capt. Lee Chul Soo, 30, raises his hands while talking to reporters at Suwon military airport, 50 kilometers (30 miles) south of Seoul, after defecting in a Soviet-built MiG-19 jet fighter to South Korea Thursday.

AP Photo

Hillblom Trust wants Waechter

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff
LARRY Hillblom's Charitable Trust has urged the Superior Court to retain Bank of Saipan as the estate executor or Joe Waechter as its representative.

Peter J. Donnici, chairman of the Charitable Trust Board of Trustees, asked the court to instead reinstate the full powers of the Bank of Saipan (BOS) in all estate matters.

In his memorandum in opposition to removal of executor, Donnici, through counsel Paul A. Lawlor, said

the powers exclude the handling of the six DHL insider claims and the UMDA/Cattle Company arbitration which Special Administrator William I. Webster should complete.

Petitioner Kaelani Kinney has recommended the permanent removal of BOS and its counsel Carlsmith law firm as one of the sanctions for violating its duty of loyalty to the estate due to conflicts of interest and self-dealing acts.

Kinney also asked that the executor be surcharged for the entirety of

the estate's loss. On behalf of Donnici, Lawlor said the CNMI Probate Law does not set forth grounds for removal of an executor.

Lawlor said it will be difficult for any CNMI court to determine whether the points advanced by petitioners Kinney and David Moncrieff are appropriate grounds for removal even if their attorneys are able to clearly establish those points.

Lawlor said the assumed breaches do not justify removal as the Trust believes that Waechter acted in good faith and consistent with Hillblom's wishes and the court's authorization.

Meanwhile, the suspended executor has joined the Trust's motion for reconsideration of the court's ruling which affirmed the report of Special Master Rexford Kosack.



David S. Olson, counsel for the executor, asked the court that it would

be proper to order a hearing to determine the myriad questions of fact relevant to the determination of remedies before any remedy be imposed.

The lower court urged all interested parties in the probate to submit proposed remedies on how to deal or sanction the executor.

Olson contended that to effect any remedy which adversely affects the executor, especially removal, without giving the executor an opportunity to present fully all pertinent evidence and testimony would be improper.

"The court has already suspended, on an interim basis, the executor. Before effecting any final remedy, the court should simply give the executor an opportunity to present all pertinent evidence on the question of remedies," Olson concluded.

US court drops BOE off Doromal lawsuit

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff
THE district court has dropped from the roll of defendants the Board of Education and five former education officials in the Wendy Doromal case, leaving the Public School System as the sole defendant for a certain claim.

In an order given Friday, Judge Alex R. Munson granted a motion to dismiss the BOE; the PSS; Daniel O. Quitugua, then BOE chair; Fermin M. Atalig, then BOE member; Jesus I. Taisague, then Rota liaison for the PSS; Oscar P. Quitugua, then Rota High School principal; and Faustino F. Camacho, former staff services officer for the PSS to dismiss Doromal's claims for monetary damages and injunctive relief.

The PSS, however, being Doromal's employer, was retained as the "proper defendant" in the claimant's breach of contract claim.

The motion to dismiss Doromal's claim for retaliatory discharge against all defendants was also granted.

In all three motions, the judge said Doromal failed to state a claim upon which a relief can be granted.

In granting a fourth motion to dismiss Daniel Quitugua, Taisague, Atalig, and Camacho in their personal capacities from Doromal's claims for violations

of her First Amendment rights of freedom of speech and association, Munson said the plaintiff (Doromal) failed to "allege culpable conduct on behalf of these defendants and failed to rebut the above-named defendants' declarations that they did not demand her (Doromal's) resignation."

A fifth motion to dismiss BOE, PSS, Daniel Quitugua, Taisague, Atalig, and Camacho from Doromal's retaliatory discharge claim was likewise granted for failure of the plaintiff to "allege culpable conduct on behalf of these defendants."

Doromal, a Caucasian American, is a former teacher in Rota High known for her human rights activities.

She filed a suit against the PSS, BOE, and the five defendants after she resigned in 1994 "against her will."

She claimed she was pressured into resigning in retaliation for her "refusing to discriminate against foreign contract workers and attempting to stop the racial discrimination on Rota."

At one time she amended her complaint to include Elaine Orilla, then vice principal of Rota High, as defendant but later struck her out.

Doromal is married to a Filipino victim of labor abuse, Nestor. They now live in Florida. The trial for the case is scheduled to start on June 17.

Joeten family to finally get land in exchange for beach property

By Rafael H. Arroyo
Variety News Staff
THE PUBLIC Lands Division of the Department of Lands and Natural is preparing to issue a deed of title for a land exchange deal with the family of the late Jose C. Tenorio (Joeten).

The Joeten family's privately-owned piece of beachfront property in Garapan just north of the 13 Fishermen's Memorial is being acquired by the government for a private beach park.

The land, which has an area of about 2,000 square meters, is being exchanged for 3,000 square meters of government-owned land near the Royal Taga Beach Club in Susupe.

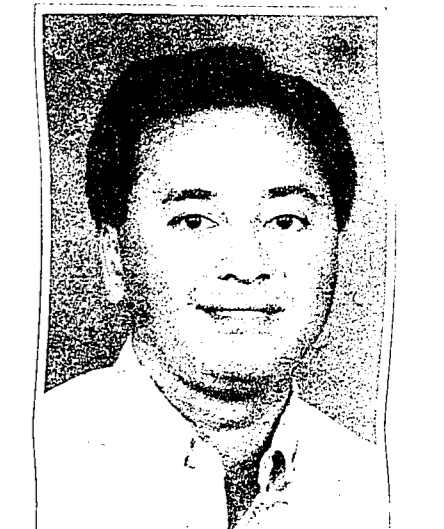
The discrepancy in land size, explains land exchange official Ray Salas, is due to the varying appraisals for the two pieces of properties.

Salas said the Joeten private land has been reportedly appraised more or less at \$1,000 per square meter while the public land parcel being exchanged to the family is valued at \$549 per sq. m.

Under the law, government may acquire private lands for public purposes after justly compensating the private owners.



Froilan C. Tenorio



Mike Sablan

The land exchange has already been approved by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio and has undergone the public comment period.

According to Salas, his office did not receive any testimonies from the public during hearings held for the transaction.

That being the case, he said the pertinent land exchange documentation is now headed to the Division's legal counsel for final review after which title will be prepared soon.

The land swap deal is being executed despite earlier pronouncements made by Tenorio that it will be his Administration's policy to pay cash for private land acquisitions rather than land from the public land inventory.

According to the governor, he has deemed it appropriate to give the Joeten family the land exchange in as much as the subject Garapan property has long been used by the family as a park area without any compensation to the private owners.

"To me the Garapan land is more important for public purposes than the one occupied by Taga Beach. So on that basis, I have agreed that we should exchange," said the governor in a recent interview.

"No there was no favoritism involved. As I said, the private land in Garapan is more important. To me it is a priority to acquire private lands along the beach," he said.

"Right now, the private land in Garapan is being used by the public at

no compensation to the Joeten family so I decided that it is appropriate that we exchange the two properties," said the governor.

In the meantime, he said he has already instructed the Public Lands Division that in addition to the Joeten property, there are also adjacent lands owned by private owners that need to be acquired.

"So they should also contact the owners of those lands for us to exchange the private lands. If they want compensation, we'll give them compensation," the governor added.

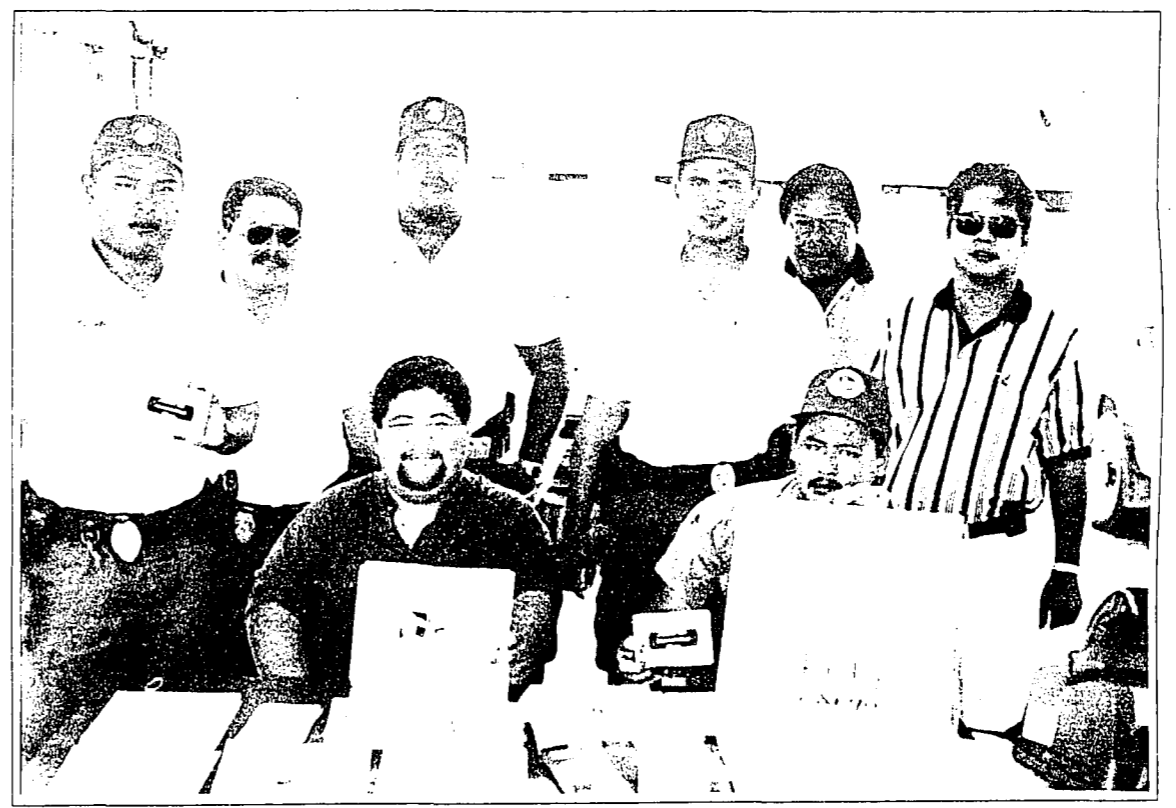
When sought for comment, Mike Sablan, spokesman for the Joeten family said, the land exchange is justified.

"We have sought such an exchange for so many years already, asking previous administrations to address our concerns," said Sablan.

According to Sablan, five parcels of land owned by the family in the area has been used for so many years by the public as a picnic area so its about time that they be made public.

"We were concerned about the liability we may face if something happened inside those properties. But then we didn't want to barricade the area as we want the public to continue to enjoy them. We were saying just exchange it," said Sablan.

"So if it's true that the exchange is being readied, that's good news for us our concerns as well as the public's will have been addressed," he added.



Department of Public Safety Commissioner Jose M. Castro (extreme right) poses with other DPS officers in a booth during Friday's "open house" at the DPS.

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NMI population Increases

PRELIMINARY mid-decade census figure says there are about 60,000 people in the Northern Mariana Islands. The Filipino population is the largest, followed by the indigenous people and others. Of course, this doesn't include illegals whose number runs anywhere between three to five-thousand.

The fact that there's no major construction projects anywhere in the islands brings into focus why is there such a large population of non-citizen workers? There's also the miasmatic presence of—for lack of a more humane term—overstayers.

I tried to pin down why the rather large non-citizen workers. There are those who quickly offer that the indigenous people are "basically lazy", therefore, the need to bring in more foreign workers. I find this flabby statement condescending in that such a problem—bouncing around in private sector jobs—is as perennial as weed be it here or anywhere else.

Frankly, our labor laws need major surgery! It is no longer relevant in the sense that there's the obvious imbalance in responsibility between employer and employee. Current laws shift the entire responsibility to the employer. Why should an employer be responsible for all that happens to an employee, i.e., fatal auto-accident during his/her off-hours activity?

Furthermore, while mandated minimum wage is \$2.75 an hour (slated to increase if and when the governor inks the new wage bill), the employer is responsible for his employee's lodging, food and transportation which, when lumped together, translates to an effective wage of at least \$4.86 an hour. The same employer doesn't provide the same perks to indigenous employees.

For anyone to say that resident or indigenous employees do not need the same perks, excuse me, sir, but there's the obvious discrepancy in terms of effective wage! The indigenous work force are people too! We have automobile and housing loans to wrestle with, including meeting the basic needs of every child in the house. Limiting fringe benefits to non-citizen workers is the single most discouraging factor for citizen workers whose basic needs are the same for one and all, citizens and non-citizens alike.

The non-compensatory aspect of these fringe benefits is difficult to stomach in that many of our people working in the private sector have raised these issues time and again. For instance, I was at the Laolao Golf Resort around lunch time when employees—locals and non-locals—brought their food together. Locals brought their own lunch from home while their counterparts were handed their lunch plate from the company cafeteria.

I looked around and quizzed a local employee whether he's getting the same benefit like his counterparts do? The answer was "No, sir. But we get the same salary while they get three meals a day for free!" These freebies include free housing and ground transportation to and from work. Therefore, it seems that the company is ready and willing to invest in the well-being of non-citizen rather than citizen workers.

Do we blame the company for this inadequacy? No! Such is the nature of the law and this law needs some major reform!

I understand that Representative Heinz Hofschneider has introduced a comprehensive labor law designed to distribute employee/employer responsibility fairly. I say let's do it right here and now! I hope too that this proposed labor law would bring to equal playing ground what non-citizen workers receive in fringe benefits, i.e., free food, lodging and transportation. In other words, either indigenous and resident workers are included in company paid meals and other freebies or compensate them directly for it. Once and for all, let's treat everybody sensibly and equally. You like free lunch, I like free lunch, everybody likes free lunch, yeah?

My heart bleeds when I see illegals paid less than mandated wages after twelve to sixteen hours of long and hard work. Interesting that some of our policymakers refuse to vote for the newly approved minimum wage bill because maids, fishermen and farmers were given a raise from \$150 to \$300 a month. Some admitted paying their maids the proposed salary now, but refuse to vote for it. So what's \$100 friends for someone who works from six to six washing your dirty laundry, cleaning your house and serving the role of a mother to your children because your spouse is out somewhere playing computer or socializing with friends at some bar during happy hour?

I sympathize with live-in-maids who go through twelve to sixteen hour daily routine of washing dirty laundry, cooking, feeding the kids, cleaning the house, massaging si sir and mam when they come home from work, wash the dishes after dinner, wash the family car, etc. I mean, this person is a human being too and doesn't deserve to be treated as some slob or slave. Maids are people too! So what's \$100 for someone we've treated like a slave?

I also asked several overstayers why risk abuses against them by unscrupulous employers: Said one: "Ai, nako boss, dis island is heben. I'm die when I go back to FI." My pareko sees these islands as the land of opportunity. "Ai nako, boss, don't tell si Mr. Tommy Sablan, because if I will be caught, I'm die". I was caught between the compassionate part of this scribe and the requirements of the law. I know that if I was caught exceeding the thirty-day visitation limit in Manila or Beijing, the entire Filipino and Chinese population of some 62 million and 2-billion people respectively, would want me out of their country: "Sorry, you piolate da lo, you fay. You felly pad moy!"

WHEW! I SURE FEEL A LOT SAFER NOW THAT THEY'VE NABBED THE UNABOMBER!



Singapore to force support for elderly poor

By KENNETH L. WHITING
SINGAPORE (AP) - A tribunal that has the power to force Singaporeans to help support their aged and poor parents opens for business this week.

Parents could compel their children to give them a monthly allowance or a lump sum payment through the Maintenance of Parents Act passed by Parliament in November.

Designed to enforce filial piety, it led to the creation of an 11-member panel headed by a former director of the Legal Aid Bureau.

The tribunal will open on June 1 and plans to meet once a week, Minister for Community Development Abdullah Tarmugi said Monday.

Needy seniors would be able to claim maintenance from one or more of their children, including stepchildren as well as adopted or illegitimate offspring.

Only parents who cannot support themselves are entitled to claim maintenance.

The process is supposed to be non-adversarial with claims submitted at no cost and without the need for lawyers, rather than in court proceedings.

Three weeks after an application is filed, a date will be set for the claimant to appear before the tribunal which will evaluate the claim.

Those that are not dismissed as frivolous move to a mediator for settlement. If mediation fails, a hearing before the tribunal is the next step.

Hearings will not normally be open to the public, and lawyers may enter the process only if appeals move to the High Court, Abdullah said.

Approved third parties, such as relatives or welfare groups, may file a claim on behalf of the parent.

Yeltsin travels to Chechnya

By DAVE CARPENTER
MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin made good on a campaign promise and traveled Tuesday to the breakaway republic of Chechnya a day after signing a cease-fire with the rebels' leader, officials said.

Yeltsin planned meetings with civilians in the Chechen capital Grozny as well as with Russian troops who have been fighting for 17-months to defeat the rebels' independence drive.

The trip, three weeks before presidential elections June 16, is likely to provide Yeltsin a boost in popularity. Polls show that the war in Chechnya is the main concern of Russian voters.

Yeltsin traveled first to the Russian military headquarters in Mozdok, 130 kilometers (80 miles) north of the Chechen capital in the neighboring republic of North Ossetia, the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

The truce agreement signed Monday in the Kremlin was hailed as a presidential campaign coup but met with immediate skepticism that it would end 1 1/2 years of war.

The statutory retirement age is the minimum age for a claimant, except for the infirm. Singapore plans to gradually increase the retirement age from 60 to 67.

The new law made local legislative history as the first that was not introduced by a member of the ruling People's Action Party. It was proposed by Walter Woon, a law professor and an appointed member of Parliament, who can vote on all issues except money bills and constitutional matters.

It was folly to pretend that Singapore had a perfect Confucian, Christian, Islamic or Hindu society, where the aged had sufficient savings or were taken care of by loving children, Woon said.

He targeted "the recalcitrant, small minority that cannot be counted on to do what is right." Woon said he introduced the measure after examining similar laws in Israel, India, Taiwan and some American states.

Critics of the proposal said that a conservative Asian society should not rely on law to solve family problems.

The law is Singapore's latest response to the prospect of a rapidly aging population. It is among the richest in Asia with an annual per capita income of more than 25,000 dollars (U.S. \$17,606).

But the proportion of elderly is increasing faster than in many Western and other Asian countries. Demographic changes were speeded up by official tinkering in the 1960s when, worried by high population growth and unemployment, the government urged "Stop at two."

The two-child policy was reversed in 1987 after proving so successful that the fertility rate fell below the replacement level.

Officials then began preaching: "Have three or more if you can afford it."

Judge nixes 'gag order' motion

By Ferdie de la Torre
Variety News Staff

THE SUPERIOR Court has denied Chief Public Defender Daniel J. DeRienzo's attempt to stop the government from giving information to the media which he called "non-public" in connection with the so-called Fujian Group.

During Friday's hearing, Associate Judge Miguel Demapan said after hearing the arguments and considering the pleadings filed, the court finds that there is no reasonable basis to issue a gag order.

Demapan said the court was presented with insufficient evidence to show that the defendants will have an unfair trial due to the publicity coming from the Department of Public Safety.

In his motion for gag order, DeRienzo, who is representing defendant Lin Hua, asked the court to order the DPS and the Attorney General's Office to refrain from disseminating alleged non-public information to ensure that his client receives a fair trial.



Miguel Demapan

Hua was among the three Chinese nationals arrested for allegedly kidnapping and assaulting businessman who refused to give them money. The victim was taken to the Capitol Hill cemetery where he was also stabbed with a knife on the right thigh. Citing two articles written by this reporter about the arrest of suspected members of the so-called Fujian



Daniel J. DeRienzo

Group, the Chief Public Defender claimed that the non-public information already disseminated is false and highly prejudicial.

He said the Variety's May 7 article describing the alleged incident at the Sweetheart and the arrest of his client, was based upon statements made by Cathy Sheu, DPS information officer.

DeRienzo pointed out that Sheu's statements are not public information and much of the contents of the article was not mentioned in open court.

"This type of media hype is designed to strike fear in the public in order to develop a paranoia about legitimate business people who,

by the way, are presumed innocent until proven guilty," said DeRienzo in his motion.

Lawyer Joshua Berger, counsel for Hua's co-defendant Wu Zheng, joined DeRienzo's gag order request.

In his motion opposing for gag order, Assistant Atty. Gen. James Norcross said the nature and extent of the pretrial news coverage in this case must be examined to see if the pretrial publicity in light of that standard poses such a threat to the defendant's Sixth Amendment rights as to justify issuing such an order.

Norcross said there is a balancing test between the media's First Amendment right to publish and an accused's Sixth Amendment right to a fair trial before an impartial jury.

"A jury need not consist of persons entirely ignorant of the case they are about to hear," the prosecutor stressed. "All that the constitution requires is that a jury is impartial, one that is capable of fairly deciding on the evidence before it decides whether defendants are innocent or guilty."

In this case, Norcross argued that the issue is the inference that the defendants are somehow involved in other cases.

The government to date has not alleged this, the prosecutor emphasized.

"It has been held that publicity concerning a wholly unrelated case was not prejudicial as affecting a defendant's right to a fair trial," Norcross said.

US, local officials to discuss labor situation

COMMONWEALTH and federal labor officials gather in a workshop today to discuss details and problems concerning relations between employers and workers in the CNMI, a business group announced yesterday.

The workshop, to be held at the Hibiscus Room of Diamond Hotel, was organized by the Saipan Chamber of Commerce. The half-

day workshop starts at 8:30 a.m.

Panelists include Bill Gibson, executive director of the Employers Council; Linn Asper, labor department's hearing officer; Asst. Atty. Gen. Danilo Aguilar; Michael Bayer, investigator of the US labor department's wage and hour division; and Boren Cherkov, lawyer of the National Labor Relations Board. (MCM)

CNMI to invite Taiwan investors

By Rick Alberto
Variety News Staff

THE Commonwealth will woo Taiwanese investors in an effort to address the current hotel shortage and to diversify the industries other than tourism and garment, officials said yesterday.

A four-man team from the Department of Commerce, led by Secretary Pedro Q. Dela Cruz, is today leaving for Taipei to conduct an investment seminar for some 40 prospective investors.

The seminar, to be held tomorrow at the Far Eastern Plaza Hotel, coincides with the 10-day CNMI Food and Culture Festival in the same hotel which started last May 22.

"The investment climate is very ripe here and we see an increase in foreign investments," Dela Cruz told a press conference.

He said the investment seminar would try to attract Taiwanese businessmen into investing in resort hotels, golf courses, and casinos.

Saipan needs at least 7,290 rooms by the year 2000 to accommodate the projected number of tourists, Dela Cruz said.

The figure, he said, is a conservative estimate.

The number of hotel rooms at

present is 3,800.

"Every hotel is booked right now, with occupancy of about 90 percent," Dela Cruz said.

Dela Cruz said the investment seminar will also encourage Taiwanese businessmen to go into joint ventures with local business men and women in food production and import substitution to diversify the economy and reduce reliance on imports.

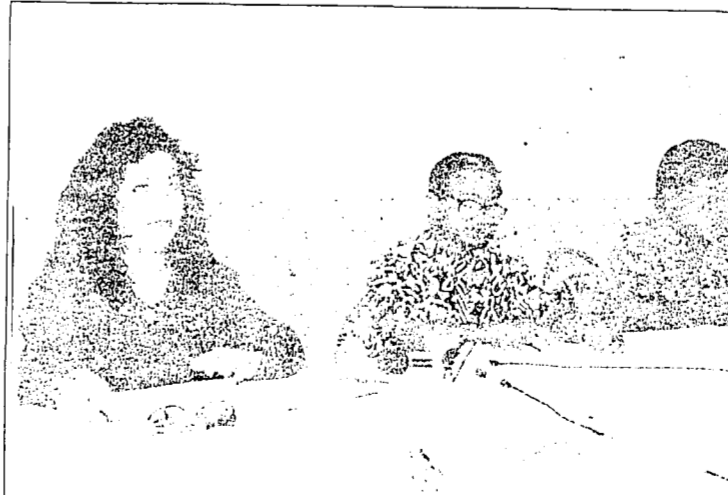
The Commerce team—also composed of economist William (Bill) Stewart, business advisor Lee Cabrera, and foreign investment officer Frances Torres-Salas—will present a 30-minute video describing CNMI's investment climate and tourism potential.

The seminar, according to Dela Cruz, will emphasize that the CNMI is not seeking additional garment factories and labor-intensive industries.

Investors would be encouraged to enter into such areas as light manufacturing, mariculture, agriculture, and fishing.

Dela Cruz said the success of the mission could mean an economic bonanza for landowners wishing to lease their lands.

It could also mean increased tax revenues for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, he added.



TOURISM, TRADE MISSIONS. Marianas Visitors Bureau Managing Director Anicia Q. Tomokane presents to media Commerce Secretary Pedro Q. Dela Cruz (right), who's heading a team to woo Taiwanese investors, and MVB board member Frederico Dela Cruz who is part of the CNMI delegation to the Hong Kong International Travel Expo. Both groups are leaving today.

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NMI to take part in HK expo

ANOTHER group of officials on a mission to promote the CNMI is leaving today to participate in the International Travel Expo in Hong Kong. The group is composed of Marianas Visitors Bureau board members Frederico Dela Cruz of Tinian, Felicitas Abraham of

Saipan, and Rosita Hocog of Rota, and MVB Marketing Director Norman Berg. One other group from the Department of Commerce led by Secretary Pedro Q. Dela Cruz is leaving also today for Taipei to promote the CNMI before Taiwanese businessmen.

According to Berg, this will be the seventh time the CNMI is participating in the Hong Kong travel show, which is slated for tomorrow until Sunday. The MVB will share a common booth with the Guam Visitors Bureau, Continental Micronesia, Hyatt, and the Pa-

cific Islands Club. Berg cited the significance of Hong Kong as a tourist market because of its large population of expatriates working in that British colony which China is set to take over in the middle of next year.

Hong Kong is also the gateway to the People's Republic of China, from where a significant number of nonresident workers in the CNMI come from. During the first seven months of the current fiscal year, 3,131

visitors from Hong Kong to the CNMI have been recorded.

The figure represents a 58 percent increase over the 1,978 visitors recorded during the same period last fiscal year.

There are two direct flights from Hong Kong to Saipan weekly during Mondays and Fridays.

"If there are daily flights we will see a tremendous number of travelers from Hong Kong," Norman told a press conference. -Rick Alberto

Saipan son graduates magna cum laude

A SON of Saipan has graduated Magna Cum Laude from a Catholic university in Washington, D.C.

Herbert Aidan Yamada, Jr., who completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology at the Catholic University of America, received a congratulatory message yesterday from the House of Representatives.

Yamada, who graduated last May 11, is an alumnus of Mt. Carmel School.

A resolution adopted by the House yesterday states that Yamada's "academic achievements and honors reflect well on himself and are a matter of great pride to the citizens of his home in CNMI."

According to the resolution introduced by Vice Speaker Jesus Attao, Yamada had consistently made the Dean's List by maintaining a grade point average of 3.71 over all and has earned membership in Phi Eta Sigma.

The resolution also said that Yamada was accepted as a concentrator in the Department of Psychology "wherein he has distinguished himself as an outstanding student within the department."

He received several letters of commendation from his professors and advisors and nomination by his department into the American Psychological Association's Minority Students Excellence program. (MCM)

NMC to hold annual computer, telecom fair

ON June 1st and 2nd, the Northern Marianas Computer Club will be sponsoring the Second Annual Computer and Telecommunications Fair.

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NOTICE

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Babauta sentencing postponed

THE SUPERIOR Court postponed anew yesterday the sentencing of Ryan Babauta in connection with the murder of a Bangladeshi security guard last year.

Presiding Judge Alexandro Castro granted Babauta's request to reset the



Ryan Babauta

sentencing pending the submission of the Probation Office's pre-sentence report.

Charles Rotbart, Babauta's counsel, told the court that he has not received a pre-sentence report.

Upon learning this, Castro formally requested the Probation Office to do the report as he set the continuation of the sentencing on Aug. 12.

The judge also granted Rotbart's request to allow the release of Babauta during the schedule of his school classes.

Babauta has been detained at Kagman Juvenile facility since he was arrested last year for the killing of Nazrul Ansary.

Babauta entered into a plea agreement with the government and testified against James I. Iribus.

A jury, however, reached a verdict last February declaring Iribus not guilty to all the charges in connection with the murder of Ansary and attempted murder of another Bangladeshi security guard. (FDT)

AG seeking full sentence for Mobil station 'thief'

THE ATTORNEY General's Office has sought the revocation of a suspended sentence against a man for violating one of the conditions when he allegedly joined a group of men who broke into a gas station on Rota and stole money.

In his motion, Assistant Atty. Gen. Gabriel Acosta said Tifford S. Toves failed to obey all criminal laws, which was one of the conditions of his suspended sentence.

Acosta said last March 7 Toves entered a plea of guilty to a criminal offense and was sentenced to 90 days in jail, with 45 days suspended for one year.

The 30 days were converted to 240 hours of community work service.

Acosta said last May 9 on Rota, Toves entered the Dean's Mobil Station through the window.

The defendant destroyed a computerized cash register worth \$7,000 by throwing it to the floor so he could retrieve money.

Toves also aided his two other male companions in stealing cases of beer and cartons of cigarettes from the store.

Toves and his companions were charged with burglary, theft and criminal mischief.

While under police investigation, Acosta said the defendant admitted participation in the gas station incident. (FDT)

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DEAR MR. PALACIOS:

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO EXPRESS AN ISSUE OF SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT YOUR ABILITY TO SERVE AS VETERANS ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR HERE IN THE CNMI. YOUR POSITION IS STAFFED BY POLITICAL APPOINTMENT AND AS SUCH, YOUR INEFFECTIVENESS OFTEN OVERLOOKED.

THE RECENT FULL MILITARY FUNERAL CONDUCTED FOR A RETIREE, MASTER SERGEANT FRANCISCO PALACIOS DELEON-GUERRERO, DID NOT FULFILL THE ESSENTIALITY OF THE CEREMONY. IT WAS AN EMBARRASSMENT FOR THE VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE SINCE YOU, MR. PALACIOS, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BLUNDER.

I AM A RETIRED MILITARY PERSON WHO ADVANCED TO THE HIGHEST NUMERICAL ENLISTED RANK (E-9) IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES; AND AS SUCH, I GOT TO EXPERIENCE MUCH MORE MILITARY ETIQUETTE THAN MOST OF OUR MILITARY VETERANS HERE AND ANY PLACE ELSE. NOT TO MENTION THE INTENSIVE AND SENSITIVE TRAINING I RECEIVED TO QUALIFY AS AN UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE SPECIALIST.

IT SO HAPPENED THAT MY GREEN BERET BUDDY IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS LETTER. IT IS MORALLY PAINFUL TO WITNESS THAT THIS DESERVING INDIVIDUAL WAS FRIVOLOUSLY MEMORIALIZED. THE UNCOUTH SCHEME YOU AND MR. ALFRED TAITANO DID WOULD NOT SATISFY ANY VOCABULARY OF ETIQUETTE NOR PROTOCOL.

AS YOU WELL KNEW THAT MASTER SERGEANT DELEON-GUERRERO'S FUNERAL WAS TO RATE FULL MILITARY HONOR BY REGULATION. AS YOU ALSO KNEW THAT I WAS THE SURVIVORS ASSISTANT OFFICER CHOSEN BY THE FAMILY AND APPOINTED BY THE UNITED STATES ARMY. WITH MY RESPONSIBILITY, YOU SUPPOSED TO KNOW THE KIND OF ETIQUETTE AND PROCEDURES MUST BE FOLLOWED.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, IF YOU DON'T KNOW, IS LIMITED OF THE FOLLOWING: 1) TO PROVIDE A NATIONAL FLAG FOR THE DRAPING OF THE CASKET AND TO BE PRESENTED TO THE NEXT-OF-KIN; 2) TO PROVIDE A HEADSTONE FOR THE GRAVESIDE; 3) TO ASSIGN BURIAL PLOT WITHIN THE VETERANS CEMETERY; AND 4) TO ASSIST THE FAMILY WHEN REQUESTED. ANY OTHER ARRANGEMENT WHAT SO EVER, MUST BE COORDINATED WITH THE SURVIVORS ASSISTANT OFFICER. TO AUTHORIZE MR. ALFRED TAITANO TO GIVE AN IMPROMPTU REMARK IN BEHALF OF THE VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE WITHOUT PRIOR CHECKING WITH THE RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL WAS AN INSULT FOR THE FAMILIES AND FOR THE DECEASE.

MR. PALACIOS, A LOT OF QUESTIONS COMES TO MIND: 1) DID YOU CONSIDER THE SIGNIFICANCY OF THAT REPRESENTATION? YOU COULD HAVE HAD AN ESTIMABLE "SOMEONE." 2) WHY DIDN'T YOU REPRESENT THE OFFICE OF THE VETERANS AFFAIRS SINCE YOU ARE BEING PAID FOR SUCH RESPONSIBILITIES. 3) THE REASON TO CARRY OUT THE BONER WAS BECAUSE YOU HAD TO BRING WATER FOR THE BASEBALL PLAYERS; WAS BEING A WATER BOY YOUR PRIORITY FUNCTION DURING A FULL MILITARY FUNERAL? 4) DID YOU CONSIDER THE VIRTUE OF THAT REPRESENTATION? 5) WAS YOUR TIME NOT WORTH MASTER SERGEANT DELEON-GUERRERO'S RESPECT? 6) AND FINALLY, DO YOU IN TEND TO CONTINUE SERVING US IN YOUR LEVEL OF MENTALITY?

WE, THE VETERANS NEED TO BE SERVED AND REPRESENTED IN A COMPETENT MANNER. THE INDISCRIMINATE MANNER IN WHICH VETERANS BENEFITS ARE BEING SERVED HERE IN CNMI CHEAPENS AND UNDERMINES THE ENTITLEMENTS. AS WHAT I HAVE INFORMED GOVERNOR FROILAN C. TENORIO WHEN HE FIRST TOOK OFFICE: "WE NEED SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTAND THE ESSENCE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MANAGE THE VETERANS AFFAIRS." CNMI IS IN A UNIQUE MILITARY/POLITICAL SITUATION AND MUST BE DEALT WITH COMPETENCY ACCORDINGLY."

SINCERELY,

 FRANK CEPEDA
 SURVIVORS/ASSISTANT OFFICER/
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 GOVERNOR FROILAN C. TENORIO

2nd PNG envoy to FSM presents credentials

PALIKIR, Pohnpei--President Bailey Olter called the occasion "important" saying, "We hope that the relationship between our two governments will grow in strength and make a tangible contribution to the well-being of our peoples and our Pacific region as well," as the second PNG Ambassador to the FSM, Ambassador Veali Vagi presented his credentials to the President, May 23, in a brief ceremony held at the President's Cabinet Room.

Present at the ceremony were Vice President Jacob Nena, Speaker Jack Fritz, Lt. Gov. Dion Neth, Cabinet members, and members of the diplomatic corps and other officials.

President Olter congratulated the ambassador for assuming the important post, saying he has every confidence that the Ambassador's appointment to the FSM is a further tangible evidence of PNG's Government's commitment made four years ago when PNG decided to accredit the country's first Ambassador to the FSM. The President said that his Government will continue to ensure that the steady and meaningful progress achieved in the two countries relations thus far will not be lost but further solidified.

FSM and PNG are neighbors and are small developing countries in

the Pacific, said Olter, adding, "We share many similar experiences and aspirations. Our countries share a common international maritime boundary, and together our countries own one of the richest fishing grounds in our Pacific region and the world. On this basis, there is more reason for our two countries to continue to work along side each other in our collective efforts to develop the resources of our Exclusive Economic Zones to the mutual benefit of our two countries."

The President said the FSM recognized that for many years the two countries have cooperated closely in regional and international fora.

"We have worked together in important negotiations on global environmental agreements," he said. "We value Papua New Guinea's friendship and leadership, both of which flow naturally from your geography and political maturity."

This President added that Prime Minister Chan's able leadership on the issues of nuclear testing in [our] region further attests to Papua New Guinea's natural leadership role in [our] region.

He conveyed to the President, wishes from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for the President's continued good health and happiness and for the prosperity and the well-being of the people of the FSM.

P. Moresby's high crime rate traced to police inefficiency

PAPUA New Guinea's new police commissioner has identified one of the reasons for Port Moresby's high crime rate.

He said too many officers are inefficient, lazy, disobedient or drunk while on duty. The commissioner is cracking down on unruly behavior among officers, and two men have already been charged with illegally using police vehicles, Radio Australia reported.

The new police commissioner, appointed just last month, Bob Nenta, said he wants his discipline reforms to begin in Port Moresby because police operations in the capital are, to use his own words, a virtual basket case.

The weekend before last, five police vehicles crashed in Port Moresby, four of them were being used without proper authority and one, a CID car,

was being driven by a civilian. Commissioner Nenta said, PNG police recruit graduate well disciplines and enthusiastic but within six months of being exposed to police operation in the field they're a disaster.

Nenta said he's incensed at the rate at which PNG policeman lose guns and any policeman losing a firearm would be sacked or demoted....Pacnews

Cooks graduate is record holder

A CHEMISTRY Major, Tuare Tangianau, has become the first Cook Islander from Mangaia atoll to receive a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Hawaii.

He graduated on May 12, Hawaii Public Radio reported.

He is also the first Pacific Islander to successfully complete four years of undergraduate study in Hawaii under a new scholarship program sponsored by the East-West Center's Pacific Islands Development Program.

Tuare Tangianau has now returned to Mangaia, the southernmost and second largest atoll of the Cook Islands.

Mangaia is located 200 kilometers southwest of Rarotonga....Pacnews

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of licenses was imposed years ago.

The Department of Commerce lifted the moratorium last year, and later issued 12 new licenses to garment manufacturers.

Proponents of HB 10-152 saw the need to reimpose the moratorium considering the impact of having more factories in the Commonwealth.

At the same time, the US government has raised concern over the CNMI's failure to maintain the immigration cap at the 1992 level.

In vetoing the bill last month, Tenorio said the garment industry "is doing better things than harm" in the CNMI.

The industry contributes a great deal to the CNMI's revenue, the governor has said.

Meanwhile, Benavente recalled that the issue on immigration was among the major concerns raised by Sens. Daniel Akaka and Frank Murkowski when they visited Saipan on a fact-finding mission last February.

Benavente, however, said the House's action was just "partly" in response to the concern raised by the Washington officials.

"Our main consideration when we acted on the bill had to do with our own people's concern," Benavente said. "Our people are more concerned with the problems we would face if we bring in more and more factory workers to

the Commonwealth." Licenses issued to new factories will not be revoked, but they would be asked not to bring in more alien workers, Benavente said.

Justifying her negative vote on the override, meanwhile, Teregeyo argued that the imposition of a moratorium would curtail competition within the industry.

The garment businesses currently operating, she added, "will stand a better chance to continue to make huge profits and remain in business."

"With less competition to worry about, plus the action this body took earlier to enact a minimum wage partial application to the garment and construction industries, the garment industry in particular will stand to benefit more than any other industry," the congresswoman said.

Attao, for his part, said barring the entry of more garment factories in the CNMI would lessen the government's sources of the much-needed revenues.

"I'd like to see the Commonwealth generate more revenues for our projects," Attao said.

AS for the federal government's concerns about immigration, Attao said the local government would have to "deal that issue separately."

"First of all," he said, "we have to generate millions on dollars in revenue before accomplishing anything else."

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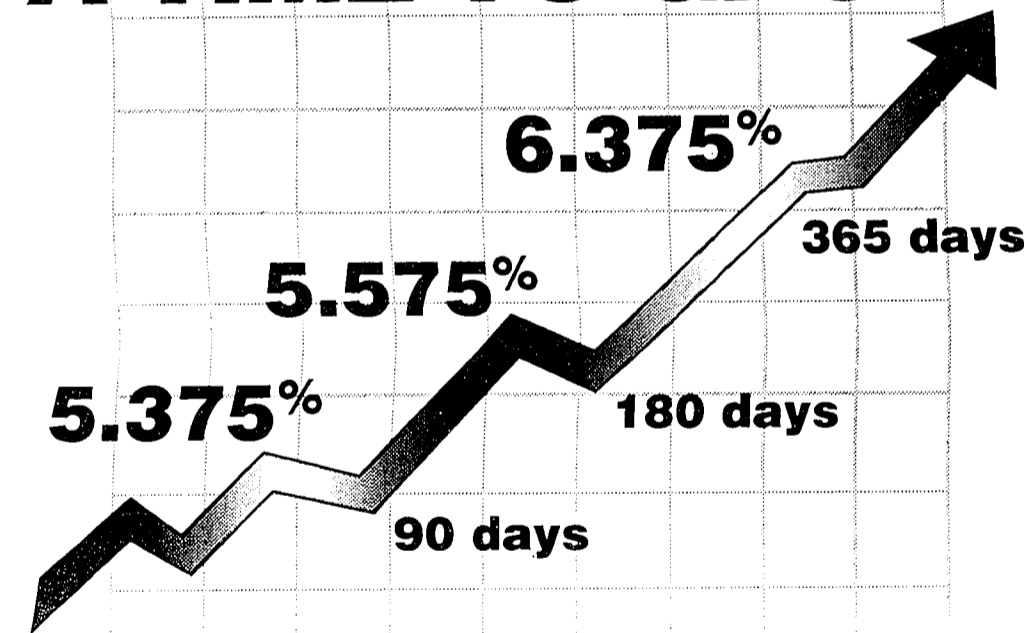
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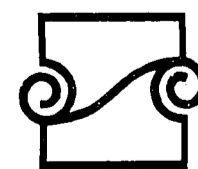


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMP) will be holding a public hearing regarding Coastal Permit Application No. SMS-96-X-170 submitted by Hongkong Entertainment (Overseas) Investment, Ltd., through their representatives J.C. Tenorio & Associates for the construction of the Tinian Palace Hotel and Casino.

The Tinian Palace Hotel and Casino Project is designed for a six-story hotel and casino building with a total of 409 rooms. The ground floor will feature a casino facility with a dedicated space of 85,660 square feet, an additional floor area for two (2) restaurants, gift shops, office space, theater, auditorium, sauna and fitness center, public toilet facilities, swimming pool, administrative offices, and ample parking area. The hotel and casino will be built on 12.5 hectares of land situated almost directly across Tapa Beach. A staff housing with a capacity of over 600 employees will be constructed on the same land parcel. The land was acquired from private land owners and the remaining area is leased public land.

The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 1996 at 6:30 pm at the Tinian Gymnasium in San Jose, Tinian.

The Public is invited to attend and to submit written comments and/or to make oral comments regarding this project. All written and oral comments received will be made a part of the permit application record, and will be considered in any decision made concerning the proposed project.

Please contact Coastal Resources Management at 234-6623/7320 or 3907 if you have any questions or require further information regarding this project.

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Foreign worker abuse increasing

By OLIVER TEVES
MANILA, Philippines (AP) - While working as a housemaid in Oman, Nenet kept a pair of scissors hidden under her pillow to protect herself from the sexual advances of her employer's son.

"I might kill him," she wrote to her mother in the Philippines. "He wants me and he is insistent."

Nenet, who spoke on condition that her last name not be used, spent 20-hour days cleaning, ironing and cooking - with no days off - while trying to avoid her harasser. She finally convinced her employer to let her go home to the Philippines by fabricating a story that her 3-year-old child was ill.

Nenet's experience is becoming increasingly common, according to about 50 U.N. experts who began meeting in Manila on Monday to discuss the growing problem of abuse associated with exported female labor.

The problem particularly affects Asian nations. Overall, about 50 percent of Asian overseas workers are now women, up from less than 15 percent two decades ago, according to a U.N. study.

Among Filipinos, most overseas workers a decade ago were men who labored at construction sites in the Middle East or as crewmen aboard ships. Today, women now account for about 55 percent of the more than 5 million Filipinos working abroad out of a total population of about 68 million.

In the first five months of this year, 94,136 Filipino overseas workers encountered serious trouble, more than double the 40,971 in all of the previous year, according to the Kanlungan Center Foundation, a Manila group that works on behalf of workers abroad.

But the "scare stories" about workers abroad do not discourage Filipinos from continuing to go overseas, said Miriam Tugawin of the Kanlungan Center.

"I think they are more scared about the life they have here than abroad," she said. "Here, they have nothing to eat."

Nenet says she went abroad to make more money. In Oman, she earned dhs 156 a month. In the Philippines, where unemployment is 8.3 percent and millions find work just a few hours a month, many earn well below the minimum wage of dhs 6.35 a day.

The policy of encouraging labor exports from the Philippines was launched in the 1970s by then-President Ferdinand Marcos in response to an economic slowdown.

The governments of India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Thailand and other countries also actively encourage overseas employment as a means of reducing unemployment at home and earning foreign exchange.

About 80 percent of the half-million Sri Lankan workers abroad are women, nearly all working as house-

maids in the Middle East. At any given time, hundreds of maids there are being harbored in Sri Lankan embassies after fleeing rape and physical abuse by their employers, the government says.

As reports of abuse increase, the Philippine government has started to reconsider the labor exports. Many Filipinos feel ashamed that their nation has become a supplier of maids to the world. Many also question why so many women - and men - have abandoned their responsibilities as parents and spouses for the attraction of money abroad.

Children of overseas workers often perform badly in school and grow up with little self-discipline because of the missing parent, says Simeona Rojas, principal of Christ the King College high school north of Manila.

The school began a special program to help children of overseas workers after it discovered that they account for about 30 percent of its 3,500 high school and elementary stu-

dents. "Psychologically they are like orphans," Rojas says. "They do not know what to do so they are easily influenced by gangs."

The numbers of new workers going overseas declined last year after a Filipino maid, Flor Contemplacion, was executed in Singapore for the murders of another maid and a child in her care. Although Contemplacion confessed to the crime, many Filipinos believe she was innocent.

A delegate at this week's U.N. meeting, Alcestis Abrera-Mangahas, says more migrant workers are women these days because of the growing wealth in newly developed countries, where better-off citizens are able to pay for household help and entertainment.

Demand for Philippine labor is likely to decline, many believe, as economic expansion slows and protectionism of local labor rises in wealthier countries - and as the Philip-

pine domestic economy picks up. South Korea, for example, which sent workers to the Middle East as its economy was developing in the 1970s, now hosts about 85,000 foreign workers from the Philippines, Nepal and other Southeast Asian countries. Meanwhile, despite her dismal ex-

perience, Nenet says she is willing to take her chances and work overseas again. This time, she is considering Guam.

"As they say, when you work abroad, one of your feet is already in the grave," she says. "But I am not afraid."

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SEALED PROPOSALS for THE SAIPAN HARBOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SECURITY INC., AT SAIPAN TANAPAG HARBOR SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, CPA Project No. CPA-SS-007-96 will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan Mariana Islands 96950, until 2:30 P.M. Friday, June 21, 1996, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, shall provide the installation of approximately 2000 linear feet of 6 Ft. high vinyl coated Chain-Link Fence with gates to enclose and Control ccess to the Harbor, Construction work must be performed without interrupting on-going port operations and concurrently with other construction activities of the Dock.

Proposals submitted must be available for acceptance for a period up to 60 days after the designated date for opening, of proposals. CPA may award a contract on the basis of the initial offer received without negotiations. Therefore, the initial offer should contain the offeror's best terms.

The Project is being financed by funds from the CPA. The contract award, if it is to be made will be made within two months (2) from the receipt of proposals. Depending upon availability of funds, CPA reserves the right to uphold such proposal in effect for three (3) months from the date of proposal opening.

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

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

Each proposer must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (CPA Proj. No. CPA-SS-007-96) the "proposer's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EO Clause" a "Certification of Non-segregated Facilities" (See Specifications).

Required Notices for All Contracts

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

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

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

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

A proposer or prospective prime contractor or proposed subcontractor shall be required to submit such information as the Office of Federal Contract Compliance may request prior to the award of a contract or subcontract. When a determination has been made to award the contract or subcontract to a specified contractor, such contract or shall be required, prior to award, or after the award, or both to furnish such other information as requested.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, or can be obtained from this office upon payment of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) for each set of plan documents. This amount is non refundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the CPA HARBOR PROJECT SITE OFFICE, at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 31, 1996 to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant, in writing at least five (5) days in advance for answers at this pre-proposal conference, with a copy of same mailed simultaneously to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority. Attendance at the pre-proposal conference and site visit are considered essential to the potential contractor's understanding the project elements.

Each prospective proposer shall file with the Commonwealth Ports Authority, a notice of his/her intention to propose in a form substantially similar to that supplied in the specifications, not less than six (6) calendar days prior to the date hereinabove designated for opening of proposals. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in accordance with Section 3.2(7) of its Procurement Rules and Regulations.

CARLOS A. SHODA
Executive Director
5/22/96

Asahara tried twice to kill self in prison

By PETER LANDERS

TOKYO (AP) - Doomsday guru Shoko Asahara said Tuesday he had twice tried to kill himself in prison, and that he hoped that those who died in last year's subway nerve-gas attack would be reborn in a higher world.

The statements came as Asahara made a last-ditch appeal against the

outlawing of his Aum Shinri Kyo cult, accused in the subway attack that killed 12 people and left more than 5,500 injured.

At an administrative hearing in the jail where he is being held during his murder trial, the 41-year-old cult leader argued that neither he nor his group poses a threat to society.

"I would never give orders or

commands to carry out destructive activities," he said, speaking in a clear, self-assured voice. "Please let my followers continue their training."

Aum has already been dissolved as a religious organization and declared bankrupt. But authorities are seeking to invoke a rarely used anti-subversive-activities law that would effectively ban the cult, prohibiting its members from raising funds or assembling in large groups.

Tuesday's hearing was the fourth on the issue, and the Justice Ministry's public security agency, which is arguing for the ban, wants it to be the last.

At the hearing, Asahara's lawyers cited notebook entries made by the cult leader in the months following his arrest last May.

In them, Asahara defends the cult and rails against his treatment by police and prison officials. He described interrogation sessions lasting 10 hours, and said he twice tried to kill himself in his cell by suffocation.

"I was not able to die," he said. Asahara said he was continuing his religious training in jail, with the aim of achieving rebirth on a higher plane for everyone, including those who died in the subway attack. But he acknowledged no responsibility for those deaths.

Some top disciples have implicated Asahara as the mastermind of the March 20, 1995 nerve-gas attack on the subways. Asahara's trial began last month, but he has so far refused to enter a plea to any of the charges against him.

In court, Asahara has said little, and refuses to respond to his birth name of Chizuo Matsumoto. But in the hearings on the anti-subversive law, he has spoken vigorously in his own defense.



Commuters go through checkpoint installed outside a subway station nearby Tokyo District Court as doomsday cult guru Shoko Asahara appears at a third court session Thursday. AP Photo

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc., (NMPASI), is requesting proposals for Accounting Services on a part-time basis. These services shall include but not limited to, maintaining complete records of transaction; Preparations of Financial Statements such Federal Financial Status Reports, Cash Position Reports, Financial Status Reports and other internal reports; Assist in the preparation of annual budgets; Complete and file any tax liabilities that NMPASI should pay; Project income from any proposed fund raising and attend to other duties as instructed. Knowledge of Government Accounting is a must.

Please submit RFP package to NMPASI office located close to the Marianas Variety Building in Garapan no later than 4:00 p.m. Friday May 31,

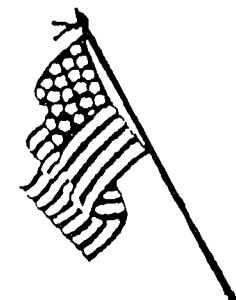
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130 arrested in marijuana festival

SPARTA, Wisconsin (AP) - Police arrested 130 people at a weekend marijuana festival attended by about 3,000 people. An organizer of the event denounced the arrests as the actions of a "fascist police state." But there were no serious confrontations between au-

thorities and marijuana supporters, who paid \$ 25 each to attend the annual "Weedstock Festival."

Police made the arrests, 111 of which involved drugs, from Thursday to late Monday at the event, which advocates legalizing marijuana. Authorities also issued 109 traffic citations.

"They tore up the Constitution," said organizer Charles Masini, who claimed festival participants were peaceful and called authorities fascists.

Monroe County Sheriff Dale Trowbridge said they were merely protecting people's safety. "If they don't violate the law, they don't have to worry about getting arrested," Trowbridge said. "I don't think that this has become a police state. Are they saying then that it's okay for them to break the law and do anything that they want?"

Qatar reports arrests after attempt on minister's life

DOHA, Qatar (AP) - An unspecified number of people have been arrested following Friday's apparent assassination attempt on Qatar's health minister, who escaped unhurt, the official Qatari News Agency reported.

Monday's story quoted an unidentified interior ministry official as saying that the motive for the attack on Ali Saeed al-Khayarin had been "subversive." It did not elaborate.

The minister was parked at a petrol station in Doha, the Qatari capital, when gunmen pulled up and sprayed his car with more than 100 bullets.

Following the attack, diplomatic sources told The Associated Press in Doha that one of the assailants was a senior army officer. Qatar, a tiny Gulf state on the eastern side of the Arabian Peninsula, has been tense since June 1995, when the emirate's present ruler, Sheik Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, ousted his father in a bloodless palace coup. Al-Khayarin is not considered a key figure in the struggle for power among supporters of the current ruler and his deposed father, now living in exile in the United Arab Emirates.

In February, authorities said they had foiled a coup attempt which the government blamed on supporters of the former ruler, Sheik Khalifa bin Hamad Al Thani.

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Death & Funeral Announcement

Joseph Alepuyo Deleon Guerrero

Was called to his eternal rest on Thursday, May 23, 1996 (Saipan Time) at St. Francis Medical Center in Honolulu

He is survived by his:

- Wife : Arlene A. Deleon Guerrero
- Children : Jo-Lyn, Joseph and Joshua
- Parents : Mayor Jesus S. & Victoria A. Deleon Guerrero
- Parent-in-Law : Mrs. Remedio Arriola
- Sisters : Perdita, Rose Marie, Anna and Maryann
- Brothers : Juan, Jesse, John and Antonio

He is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Rosary is being said nightly, 8:00 p.m., at the residence of his parents, Mayor and Mrs. Jesus S. Deleon Guerrero in Kagman.

Last respect may be paid on Saturday, June 1, 1996, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at his parents' residence in Kagman.

Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at Mt. Carmel Cathedral, 3:00 p.m., Saturday, June 1st.. Burial follows at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your prayers and condolences are most humbly appreciated



Suu Kyi: Free all detainees

By AYE AYE WIN RANGOON, Burma (AP) - Pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi closed a dramatic opposition congress Tuesday with an appeal for the military regime to free hundreds of delegates arrested to prevent it.

Reading to reporters the resolutions adopted by the handful of delegates who eluded mass arrests, Suu Kyi urged the government to open a dialogue with the opposition and said the powerful military should be subject to control by a civilian Parliament.

The resolutions demanded the ruling State Law and Order Restoration Council call into session the parliament elected in 1990. It was never allowed to convene after the pro-democracy movement won 392 of 485 contested seats.

In an olive branch to the military, the resolutions stated that the armed forces were "a necessary institution in this country and we endorse the view that the armed forces should be an honorable institution which will take care of the defense of the nation and help bring about democracy."

The three-day conference posed the biggest challenge to the regime offered yet by Suu Kyi, winner of the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize for her non-violent promotion of democracy, since she was freed from six years of house arrest last July.

Burmese music played as she took the podium to read the resolutions before about 200 supporters under a specially built bamboo-and-thatch meeting hall draped with the fighting peacock banners of her National League for Democracy.

Wearing a traditional Burmese sarong, Suu Kyi adopted a tone of irony when asked about reports in government-controlled papers that up to 90,000 state employees had attended demonstrations in favor of the junta Monday in parks around Rangoon.

"The government allows its supporters to meet in public parks," Suu Kyi said. "Why not us?"

Banners at the pro-government rallies bore slogans like: "Those who create disturbances are our enemies. Those who destroy law and order are our enemies. Those who let themselves be used by foreigners are our enemies."

Suu Kyi noted to general laughter: "Well, they do seem to have a lot of enemies."

Government sound trucks cruised the streets of poor Rangoon neighborhoods Monday night, urging people to turn out early Tuesday to a rally at a playground. Similar rallies were expected to be held in other parts of the country.

The rallies tried to counter percep-

tions of public support for Suu Kyi and her National League for Democracy, which defied the regime's arrest of 262 people to prevent the meeting and turned the crackdown into public relations triumph.

The meeting on the anniversary of the 1990 elections was to bring together surviving opposition candidates not already killed, jailed or driven into exile. It posed a symbolic challenge to the legitimacy of the SLORC, which arrested 238 of the delegates in a nationwide roundup. Only 18 eluded arrest and attended.

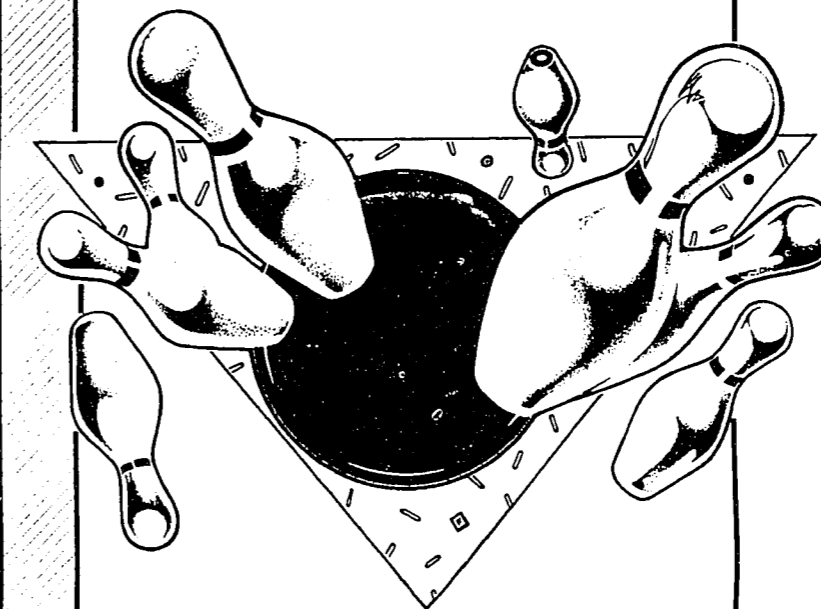
Suu Kyi scored a triumph Sunday by pledging in her opening speech to step up opposition activities and hold more congresses - implicitly daring the regime to crack down again and reap a new whirlwind of international condemnation for crushing dissent while quietly cutting deals with foreign corporations.

The SLORC's reaction has swayed, through the voice of the state-controlled press, between calling Suu Kyi a "maggot" and politely, but just as firmly, refusing any dialogue with her.

The tone is harsher in the English-language press, apparently aimed at foreign criticism.



Burmese pro-democracy leader of the National League for Democracy (NLD), Aung San Suu Kyi smiles as she answers reporters' questions after a news conference at her residence in Rangoon on Thursday. Suu Kyi said the NLD will still hold their conference on Sunday despite nearly 200 arrests of NLD party delegates. AP Photo



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PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-624

VERIFICATION BY PETITIONER

Petitioner, Jiang Yue Mei, being duly sworn, deposes and states that he/she has read the foregoing petition and understands the contents thereof and further states that the matters contained therein are true to the best of his/her knowledge.

DATED THIS 28th day of May, 1996

Jiang Yue Mei
Petitioner

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 28th day of May, 1996
NOTARY PUBLIC

PUBLIC NOTICE
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-598

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
LORENZO ILO RANGAMAR, DECEASED
NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on June 4, 1996, at 1:30 P.M. in the courthouse of the Superior Court in Susupe, the petitioners, Marita Amistoso Rangamar, will petition the court to be appointed administratrix of the estate of Lorenzo Ilo Rangamar.

Any person, who has any objection to said petition, may appear in said court on said date and time to make such objection. Dated this 20th day of May, 1996.

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China sees bumper grain harvest

BEIJING (AP) - China expects a bumper summer grain harvest this year, according to a report on Tuesday. The forecast by the State Statistics Bureau said that among the 10 major summer grain producing provinces, only Shandong will fall short of last year's output. Overall, grain production will be up 2 percent, it said.

Climate change raises worry about flooding

BEIJING (AP) - Climate change will cause sea level rises of 15 to 75 centimeters (6 to 30 inches) in the next century that could inundate large parts of China's heavily populated coast, according to predictions by Chinese oceanographers.

The warning is the result of a five-year research project by the State Oceanic Administration, the China Daily reported Tuesday. It said scientists urged the government to build new bulwarks along areas likely to be inundated.

Rising sea levels also would increase the hazard of storm surges, the salinization of farm land and erosion of the coastline, said researcher Du Bilan, who lead the study. Coastal areas are home to about half of China's cities and 40 percent of its population of 1.2 billion people.

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Local governments have raised the purchase price of grain for mandatory state quotas in a move to give farmers more incentive to produce it. The price of wheat in central China's Henan province has risen to 76 yuan (\$ 9.2) per 50 kilograms, an increase of 41.5 percent over the previous year, the China Daily reported. It did not give a figure of overall purchase price increases, but China's agriculture minister said in March the state would increase the purchase price of grain by 20 percent this year.

The summer harvest is expected to start in about 10 days in north China. The country's present annual output of grain is about 450 million tons, and last year's harvest was 465 million tons.



Two young girls in traditional Chinese costumes carry bundles of flowers during a parade to bring good wishes and chase away evils on Cheung Chau, one of Hong Kong's outlying islands. AP Photo

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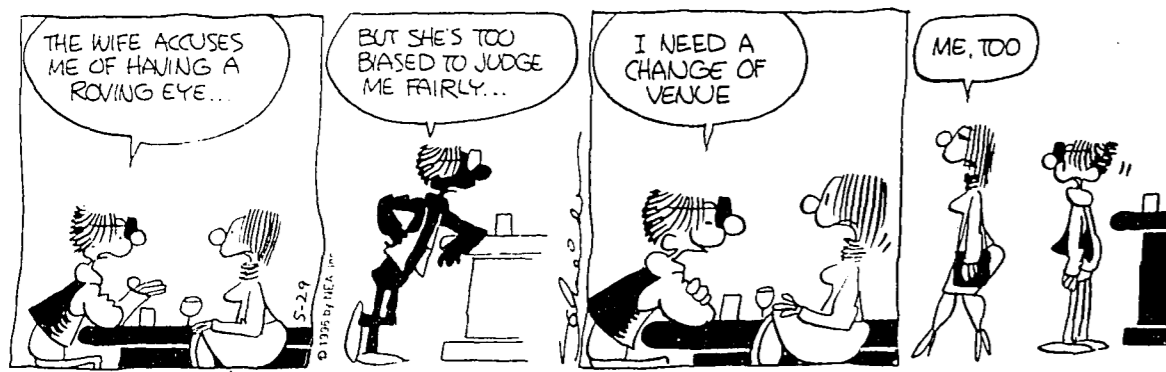
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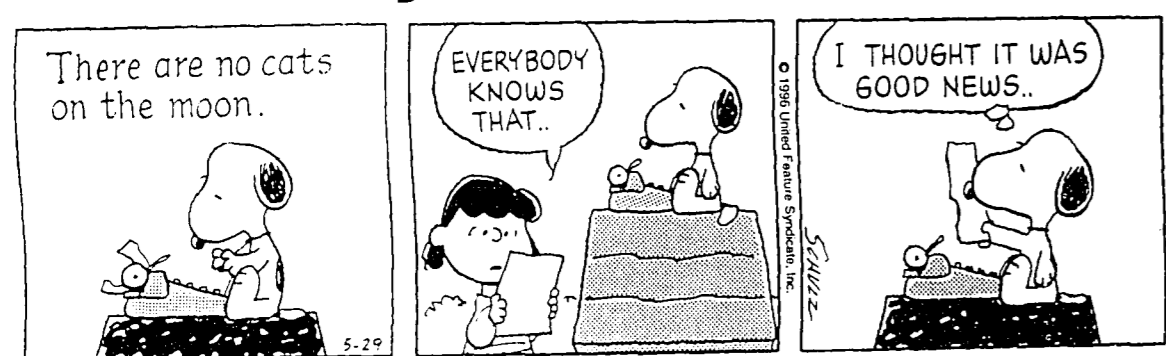
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YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you have a vivid memory, and you enjoy reliving situations from your past whenever you can and whenever it is practical and possible to do so.

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CLOSERS

Earth Tip: Recognizing the environmental benefits, many periodicals have begun using recycled paper.

Clothes dryer lint filters that have not been cleaned are a common cause of household fires.

Airplanes must avoid clouds that are made of volcanic ash. The microscopic shards of volcanic glass are not detectable by radar but can cause engines to fail.

CROSSWORD PUZZLER

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes 'Answer to Previous Puzzle' and copyright information.

Completed crossword puzzle grid with answers filled in.

Gov't . . .

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which will then transfer the workers to agencies needing them.

"By having the FTEs centralized in my office, we can have better control on the number, priorities and justification," he said.

Asked if the hiring of more people have political undertones, next year being an election year, Attao vehemently objected to such an observation.

"That has never come to my mind. It's just that there are offices that do need more manpower. The governor's position is that we should deliver public services efficiently and thus, this request," said Attao.

According to Attao, the Administration may not necessarily utilize the FTE request for 200 more people but would like to have the means available if there would be a need in the future.

"Actually, I was asking for only about a hundred FTEs. But if they were so generous, they can give us 200. There are still agencies and offices that

do need more people so they can function efficiently and effectively," said Attao.

He added that priority will be given to those agencies that generate revenues or are involved in law enforcement activities - like Revenue and Taxation agents, Immigration and Labor investigators, drug enforcement people, Customs agents and the like.

As far as political motives, the

special assistant insisted he has none.

"As you know, the Legislature is controlled by Republicans. They would not give me 200 more people if it was for political reasons. I am a Democrat. If it was political, they would probably scrap off any such requests to hire more people," said Attao.

"I don't think they would be that stupid to give me manpower when I am a Democrat serving in a Democratic Administration," he added.

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a.m.

The Variety gathered that a Bangladeshi security guard found the victim floating near a speed boat located in front of the Commonwealth Marine Leisure Corp.

The police are still investigating the case.

In other police reports, a fire of unknown cause totally damaged a residential house on 16th Highway in San Jose before dawn yesterday.

No one was reported injured in the blaze, police said.

In Kobleville, a man identified as Pedro L. Romoloz, 26, was arrested for allegedly threatening a 43-year-old man with a gun Monday night.

Romoloz was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon, disturbing the peace, and illegal possession of firearm and ammunition.

In Chalan Kanoa, a 16-year-old boy was arrested for grabbing the purse of a 39-year-old woman near Subway restaurant Friday night.

Top . . .

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On the women's side, defending champion Steffi Graf had the opening day off and said she felt surprisingly healthy after months of health problems.

"I think I'm better prepared than I was last year," she said Sunday, adding that she felt no pain from her chronic foot and back injuries.

"My back has been incredible for the past six or seven weeks," said Graf, who shares the top seeding with Monica Seles. "It feels good to be able to practice and feel comfortable physically. But it is worrisome that so many players are getting injured."

Seles, the three-time French winner returning for the first time since she was stabbed by a fan three years ago, faced Caroline Dhenin on Monday. Seles was hampered by a sore shoulder that forced her to pull out of the Madrid Open on Friday after one match.

Dhenin, a 21-year-old Frenchwoman ranked 168th, said she planned to take advantage of Seles' injury by "hitting high balls to make her lift her shoulder."

Before the game, Seles christened Court A as Court Suzanne-Lenglen, the French tennis star of the 1920s.

Norman . . .

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letters and faxes had been sent to Norman since the Master's, and only two were negative. An agent with International Management Group before joining Norman, Williams said he has seen nothing like it in all his years of representing athletes.

"They're still coming in, which is quite incredible," he said. "I've got boxes and boxes of them all around me."

Norman usually replies to every piece of fan mail he receives, but found it impossible to reply to all the letters and faxes he received after the Master's. Instead, he responded through full-page advertisements in two American golf magazines and an Australian newspaper.

KidSpot FIND THE WORDS. THE NAMES OF THE PICTURE CLUES ARE

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KidSpot puzzle featuring a grid of letters and various picture clues like a hat, a bird, a rabbit, and a moon.

Advertisement for The Movie House featuring Tom Berenger in 'The Substitute' and other movies like 'Explosive, Exciting and Energetic'.

Jennifer Capriati of the United States, back for the first time since 1993 after dropping out of professional tennis as a teen-ager, was paired with China's Jing-Qian Yi.

Sampras may be over his back problems, but he admitted he was "rusty" after losing to Yevgeny Kafelnikov at the World Team Cup in Dusseldorf, Germany on Saturday.

Sampras has never gone past the quarterfinals here.

His opening opponent, 33rd-ranked Gustafsson, won the St. Petersburg Open in March. Gustafsson

only recently returned to action following shoulder surgery in 1994.

It could also be an emotional time for Sampras, devastated by the May 3 death from brain cancer of his coach, Tim Gullikson.

If Sampras can overcome the obstacles and win the French Open, he would become the first American since Don Budge in 1938 to win all four Grand Slams. Agassi, a losing French Open finalist in 1990 and 1991, has also won the other three Grand Slams: Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and the Australian Open.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands State Rehabilitation Advisory Council

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 11 of PL 8-41, the Open Government Act of 1992, the State Rehabilitation Advisory Council hereby serves notice that it will hold its 3rd Regular Meeting on Friday, May 31, 1996 in Rota, at the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation in Teneto Village. Interested persons are welcomed to attend.

AGENDA

- I. Call To Order
II. Adoption of Agenda & Review of SRAC February 13, 1996 Minutes
III. Old Business:
1. Discussion of Consumer Satisfaction Survey Results
2. Partnerships in Employment Conference
3. Discussion of Annual Report
4. Replacement of former member
5. Draft of OVR Policies & Procedures
6. Clarification of Personal Assistance Definition
IV. New Business:
1. 1996 Rehabilitation Counseling with Deaf and Hearing Adults
2. Correspondence:
a. Letter from Fiscal Officer to SRAC Chairman
b. Memo from OVR Director to SRAC Chairman
c. Joint letter to Governor regarding ADA
d. Letter from OVR Director to Region IX-RSA
e. Memo from OVR Director to SRAC Chairman
3. ADA Statewide Conference, North Carolina
4. SRAC Membership Training
5. RAC Manual
6. Financial Status Report
7. Confidentiality
8. Standing Committees (State Plan and Policy & Procedure)
V. Miscellaneous
VI. Adjournment
/s/ Patricia T. Conley, Director
May 22, 1996

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, individuals who wish to attend this meeting but require accessibility accommodations such as large print or sign language interpreter must call 664-6537 (voice) or 322-6449 (TDD) to allow organizers ample time and access to public meetings.

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

SEALED PROPOSALS FOR THE SAIPAN HARBOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WATER SYSTEM. AT SAIPAN TANAPAG HARBOR, SAIPAN, MARIANA ISLANDS, CPA Project No. CPA-SS-004-96 will be received at the office of the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, until 2:00 P.M., Friday June 21, 1996 at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of the installation of a 12" water line around the perimeter of the new dock facility, forming a loop that will connect to the 16" CUC water main at two points on Middle Road; one near Kaiser Cement and the other near the road to Shell Marianas. This will also include three (3) fire hydrants, and five (5) 2" laterals to the new dock face including water outlet boxes. All aspects of this Project shall be in accordance with the plans and specifications. Construction work must be performed without interrupting on-going port operations and concurrently with other construction activities of the Dock.

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

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

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

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

Each proposer must complete, sign and furnish, prior to award of the contract (CPA Proj. No. CPA-SS-004-96) the "Proposer's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities" (See Specifications).

Required Notices for All Contracts.

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

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

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

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

A proposer or prospective prime contractor or proposed subcontractor shall be required to submit such information as requested prior to the award of a contract or subcontract. When a determination has been made to award the contract or subcontract to a specified contractor, such contractor shall be required, prior to award, or after the award, or both to furnish such other information as requested.

Contract documents, including plans and specifications, may be examined at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, or can be obtained from this office upon payment of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) for each set of plan documents. This amount is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made by check payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at the CPA HARBOR PROJECT SITE OFFICE, at 10:00 a.m. on, Friday, May 31, 1996, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions should be submitted to the Consultant, in writing, at least five (5) days in advance for answers at this pre-proposal conference, with a copy of same mailed simultaneously to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority. Attendance at the pre-proposal conference and site visit are considered essential to the potential contractor's understanding the project elements.

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

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

CARLOS A. SHODA
Executive Director

Date: 5/16/96

Don't Drive Drunk!

SPORTS



Bulls sweep Orlando

By MIKE NADEL
ORLANDO, Florida (AP) - It was revenge for Michael Jordan and a return to the National Basketball Association championship for his Chicago Bulls.

The Bulls dethroned Orlando as Eastern Conference champions Monday, defeating the wounded Magic 106-101 behind 45 points from Jordan.

The Bulls meet Seattle or Utah in the final, which could come Friday if Seattle wraps up its Western Conference series against Utah on Tuesday night.

Jordan, who led the Bulls to titles in 1991, 1992 and 1993 before a truncated retirement, returned last season only to make

Jordan overwhelms with 45-point output

numerous mistakes in a second-round loss to Orlando.

He has said that memories of that bitter defeat motivated him for this season, when he won his eighth scoring crown and fourth Most Valuable Player award and led Chicago to an NBA-record 72-victory season.

After three below-average games this series, Jordan was sensational Monday. He was 16 of 23 from the floor, kept the Bulls in the game when they struggled in the first half and helped them overtake Orlando in the third quarter.

Now his Bulls are 11-1 in the

playoffs and back in the finals for the fourth time in six years. And they have beaten the Magic seven straight times.

The Magic became the first team since the Chicago Stags (1948-50) to be swept from the playoffs three straight years. Orlando lost 3-0 to Indiana in the first round in 1994 and 4-0 to Houston in last year's finals.

But despite injuries that sidelined starters Nick Anderson and Horace Grant as well as top reserve Brian Shaw, the Magic played with heart and desire.

Led by Shaquille O'Neal and Penny Hardaway, who finished with 28 points apiece, the Magic opened with a 15-4 burst and were still up 73-65 with 3 1/2 minutes left in the third quarter.

But the Bulls then went on a 15-3 run, with Dennis Rodman scoring five points and Jordan

and Pippen getting four each, to take the lead for good.

Chicago led 80-76 when Jordan went to the bench for a rest with 9:55 to go and increased that to 88-81 when he came back about three minutes later thanks to Toni Kukoc's 3-pointer, Ron Harper's three-point play and Luc Longley's 15-footer (4.5-meter shot).

Upon returning, Jordan immediately made an impact, hitting a 20-footer (6-meter shot) and a 3-pointer for a 95-85 lead, and the Magic never threatened.

Brooks Thompson, Orlando's first guard off the bench in place of Shaw (neck spasms), scored 17 points. Anthony Bowie started for Anderson (sprained wrist) and had eight points.

Once again, however, nobody could help the Magic at power forward. Grant, who excelled against Chicago in the playoffs last year, missed the last three games with a

hyperextended elbow.

Without Grant to contest him, Rodman dominated the boards. He had 14 rebounds Monday, giving him a 15.8 average in the series, as the Bulls won the rebound battle all four games.

Hardaway scored 13 points and O'Neal 10 as Orlando led 31-23 after one - the first time this series that the Magic scored more than 30 points in a quarter. Jordan, who had 13 points in the period, kept the Bulls close.

O'Neal and Rodman exchanged shoves with 1:31 left in the second quarter and each was assessed a technical foul. O'Neal then made his fifth straight free throw, giving the Magic a 51-40 lead.

O'Neal was 6 of 9 from the line but still finished at 36 percent for the series and 39 percent in the postseason as Orlando set a record for lowest free throw percentage (.543) in a playoff series. Houston, which shot .567 against Utah in 1985, had held the mark.

Top women seeds win at start of French Open

PARIS (AP) - Under drizzly skies, two top-seeded women easily defeated their first-round challengers on the opening day Monday of the \$10.5 million French Open.

Fifth-seeded Iva Majoli of Croatia, fourth-ranked in the world, defeated Silke Meier of Germany 6-3, 6-4.

Meanwhile Anke Huber of Germany, sixth-seeded at the French Open and a finalist in January's Australian Open, had little trouble stopping American Gigi Fernandez 6-2, 6-2.

They played on a damp Center Court where Pete Sampras was playing Magnus Gustafsson in the afternoon.

"It was awful playing," said the fifth-ranked Huber. "It was cold and there was always a bit of rain."

Third-seeded Agassi was up against Spain's Jacobo Diaz, while former two-time champion and seventh-seeded Jim Courier faced Andrei Olhovskiy of Russia.

Muster, among the walking wounded at the French Open, was talking down expectations.

"Last year was a now or never occasion," he said Sunday. "But this year is a different story. Winning or losing is not going to make a lot of difference."

While No. 2-ranked Muster was spared the first day of play, top-seeded and top-ranked Sampras was recovering from back spasms.

Sergi Bruguera, the 1993 and 1994 champion recovering from a foot injury, was to face fellow Spaniard Javier Sanchez.

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Yankees defeat Angels

IN Anaheim, California, Bernie Williams went 5-for-7 in his first start since coming off the disabled list, and New York scored eight runs in the fifth inning.

Williams hit five singles, drove in three runs and scored three times for New York, which tagged former Yankee Jim Abbott (1-8) for seven runs and eight hits in four-plus innings.

Andy Pettitte (7-3) allowed five runs and eight hits in seven innings, including home runs to Chili Davis and Tim Wallach. The left-hander struck out six and walked three.

Tino Martinez hit a three-run homer in the eighth, his seventh, to increase the Yankees lead to 16-5.

Rangers 3, Indians 2

In Arlington, Texas, Kevin

Elster scored from first on Darryl Hamilton's double, sliding under catcher Sandy Alomar's tag in the ninth inning.

Lou Frazier singled with one out in the ninth off Jack McDowell (5-3) and stole second on a pitchout. Frazier got caught off second by shortstop Omar Vizquel on Elster's grounder for the second out.

Hamilton followed with a double down the right-field line that bounced into the corner. Right fielder Manny Ramirez chased it down and threw to second baseman Carlos Baerga, whose relay throw to the plate arrived as Elster slid headfirst to avoid Alomar's tag.

Roger Pavlik (7-1) pitched a six-hitter for the Rangers, striking out five and walking none.



Students from San Antonio Elementary School flash a banner symbolizing their school's motto during Saturday's opening ceremonies for the Tony Quitugua Memorial Olympics. The event showcased the track and field talents of schoolkids from Saipan, Rota and Tinian.

Norman lies low for Memorial

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - Greg Norman faced all the reporters and answered all the questions after suffering one of the biggest collapses in sports history.

But Norman has laid low since last month's Master's, when he fired a 78 in the final round to blow a six-stroke lead and lose by five to Nick Faldo.

Norman plans to continue maintaining a low profile this summer, despite an outpouring of compassion and support from fans and peers around the world.

"He's not giving any (individual) interviews over the next couple of months," said Frank Williams, his business manager. "He's refusing everybody, even close personal friends. We feel he's overexposed."

Norman was scheduled to appear Wednesday at a news conference at Muirfield Village Golf Club, one day before the 21st Memorial begins in suburban Dublin.

It will be the first time sports writers have had access to him since April 21, after the final round of the MCI Classic at Hilton Head Island, South Caro-

lina. Norman spent most of a month on his yacht, Aussie Rules, off the coast of Mexico and Central America. During that time, he made only one public appearance - at a previously scheduled outing in Fort Worth, Texas, for Bell helicopters, one of which he owns.

He spent last week at home in Hobe Sound, Florida, practicing his game and tending to his business, Great White Shark Enterprises Inc.

Williams said more than 7,500

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