

Rift over CUC looms

By Rafael I. Santos

A CONFLICT is brewing between the Executive Department and the Legislature over the question on CUC appointments.

A day after the Senate warned the administration of "inter-branch battles," Governor Froilan C. Tenorio accused the legislature of interfering with the affairs of the Executive Branch.

He also accused the Senate of inaction on his nominees for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board.

The governor was referring to the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations chaired by Sen. Steven M. King.

"...They're not doing their job..." Tenorio said in a midday press conference in Capitol Hill yesterday.

The AEGI has not acted on the appointments of Saipan lawyer Lecia Eason and Acting Finance Director Maria D. Cabrera, the governor said.

"There were no public hearings on the appointments," he told a few reporters.

Tenorio implied that Senators have been slow in acting on the executive nominations. He also complained that the Senate had enough time to work on the appointments, but that they did not "do anything."

Eason was nominated by the governor on March 4 while Cabrera was nominated to serve as Finance Director on January 22. Senators have 90 days to act on the appointments, however Tenorio said that is "no excuse" for them to delay any action on the nominees.

On Tuesday, Sen. King sent a memorandum to the governor, warning him that a confrontation between the two branches of government would be inevitable should the CUC board proceed with a scheduled meeting on that day.

"If you proceed with the swearing-in ceremony despite the lack of the Senate's confirmation on the appointment in question, you will be hastening the realization of the inter-branch battles so familiar during the past administration."

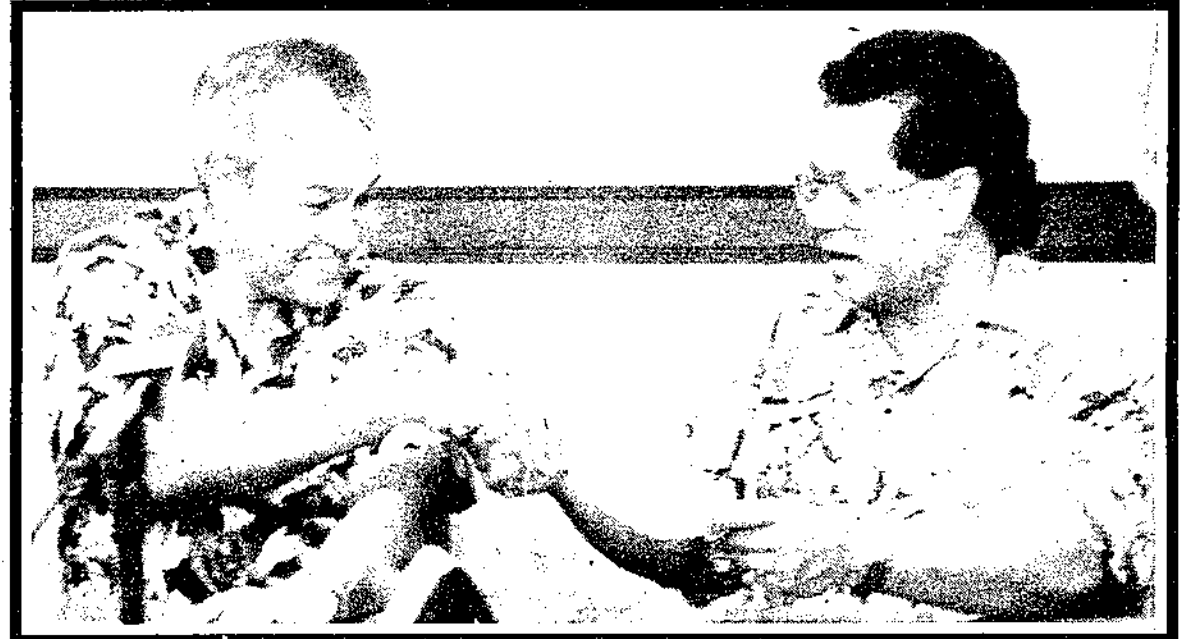
King insisted that it would be

illegal for the board to hold a meeting as Eason's appointment has not been confirmed. Cabrera,

on the other hand, could only serve CUC as an "ex-officio" board member the moment she is con-

firmed as Finance Director, the Tinian senator stressed.

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Juan (Pan) Guerrero of the WW II Commemoration Committee receives a check from Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio as payment for 10 tickets which the latter purchase from the committee.

MPLC's abolition worries director

By Rafael I. Santos

THE MARIANAS Public Land Corporation, which is being abolished under the governor's reorganization plan, is looking into the possible impact of the scheme to MPLC employees as well as the corporation's liabilities.

MPLC Executive Director Bill Concepcion said there are major issues that the corporation must take into consideration before the planned dissolution takes effect.

First he said, they have to en-

sure there is a "smooth transfer of responsibilities and assimilation of employees" to the proposed Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

Concepcion said he will discuss with Benigno Sablan, Acting Director of Department of Natural Resources, the results and ramifications of the dissolution of MPLC.

According to Concepcion, the major issues that must be addressed are numerous.

At present, he said, there is no

clear mechanism with regards to the transfer of fiscal property from MPLC to the proposed lands and natural resources department.

He also needs to clarify how MPLC workers could be assimilated to the lands and natural resources department.

With regards to the finances of the corporation, it should be made clear where will such money go, he said in an interview early this week.

Under the governor's plan,

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Medical referral

CHC eyes LA's Kay Group

By Ferdie de la Torre

THE DEPARTMENT of Public Health and Environmental Services has expressed interest in entering into a medical referral agreement with the Los Angeles-based Kay Medical Group.

Dr. Ned S. Arriola, DPHE deputy director, told Marianas Variety that they are currently reviewing the "package" of the Kay Medical Group which he admitted really attract their interest.

The DPHE deputy director said two representatives from Kay's Group—Christopher P. Robson, director of business development and Elfriede K. Geiger, business manager, went to the Commonwealth Health Center last week and presented their comprehensive package.

"We find it rather reasonable especially to cardiology which is their specialty...the price is rather low and yet they are using quality standards," Arriola said.

He cited among other things that the Kay Medical Group will put the patients in hotels for their fast recuperation after three days at the hospital.

Dr. Isamu J. Abraham, DPHE acting director, asked Arriola, Pete Antalan, hospital administrator and other "inhouse" leaders to carefully review the Kay program.

Arriola however, pointed out that although they are entertaining the idea of getting the Kay Medical Group, they have not taken formal action yet.

He said they are still keeping an open option with other interested parties like the Stanford University Hospital, Guam Memorial Health Plan, Sharp Health Care, Straub Clinic and Hospital and others.

"The message is let's make our own decision regarding medical referral," Arriola said.

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Woman in robbery charged

By Ferdie de la Torre

GOVERNMENT prosecutors filed four criminal charges against a woman who was accused of assaulting a female cashier with a hammer in a daylight robbery at Poker and Games Kingdom on the Beach Road in Garapan on Saturday.

Lawyer Charles R. Rotbart, Assistant Attorney General, filed charges of robbery, theft, aggravated assault and battery, and assault with a dangerous weapon against the defendant Lucia C. Sablan.

In filing robbery, Rotbart pointed out that last March 19 Sablan did

unlawfully take property from the victim Lea Rosemarie Gaspar by use of immediate force and with a dangerous weapon—a hammer and inflicted serious bodily injury in violation of 6 CMC section 1411 (a) and punishable under 6 CMC section 1411 (b) (2).

Theft charge arose after Sablan took cash and check worth at least \$250 and less than \$20,000 belonging to the Poker and Games Kingdom which is violation of 6 CMC section 1601 (a) punishable under 6 CMC sections 1601 (b) (2) and 4101 (b).

The defendant also caused serious bodily harm to Gaspar which

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Lucia C. Sablan

U.S. wants Japan, Germany on UN council

By VICTORIA GRAHAM

UNITED NATIONS (AP) - The United States on Tuesday for the first time suggested expansion of the 15-nation Security Council to 20 members and reiterated its position that Japan and Germany should become permanent members.

But speaking to a U.N. working group studying more equitable council representation, U.S. Ambassador Karl F. Inderfurth did not discuss veto powers of permanent members or say which other nations should be seated. The U.S. position, he said, was still evolving.

The council includes five permanent members with veto power

the United States, Britain, China, France and Russia - and 10 non-permanent members serving two-year terms, nominated by their regional groups.

But the issue of the council's composition, permanent membership and veto power has taken on increasing significance in recent years.

The Security Council has become increasingly effective since decisions are no longer blocked by the old Cold War rivalries. But many countries in the 184-member United Nations argue that the Security Council is in many ways a relic of the past that is undemocratic.

A change in council composition and powers would require an

amendment to the U.N. Charter, involving a vote in the General Assembly which is heavily weighted toward developing nations. The General Assembly has called for working group hearings on the issue, but no changes are envisioned in the near future.

A charter amendment also would require approval by the current council in which any of the five major powers could cast a veto. None is willing to give up its own veto power and all appear reluctant to grant that power to others.

Inderfurth, the U.S. envoy, told the hearing: "We believe one necessary enhancement is the addition of Japan and Germany to permanent membership, a change

that will help the council better reflect the contemporary realities of global power."

He also said that expanding the council to 20 members, suggested by others, is "a sound basis for further discussion."

He did not say whether the United States believes that Japan and Germany should wield veto power. He also did not indicate which national groups should be represented in the expanded membership.

Various proposals have circu-

lated, including some calling for permanent, nonvoting members and seats such as Brazil, India, or Nigeria.

Inderfurth said the United States is concerned that if the council adds too many more members its ability to act effectively in a crisis might be hindered.

"There is a direct link between the council's size and its capacity to act effectively and quickly," he said.

In a crisis, he said, slow action can be as damaging as no action.

Russian plane crashes in Siberia, 75 on board

HONG KONG (AP) - Rescue parties began searching Wednesday for an Aeroflot jetliner that crashed in Siberia with 75 people on board, Aeroflot officials said. No information on casualties was immediately available.

The Airbus A310 was four hours into flight SU-593 from Moscow to Hong Kong when it disappeared from radar screens, said Vassili Tkachenko, the Russian airline's general manager in Hong Kong.

"The aircraft was located on the ground and a rescue team with helicopters is working," he said.

The 183-seat jet left Moscow on schedule at 4:40 p.m. Moscow time (13:40 GMT) Tuesday with 63 passengers and 12 crew on board, he said.

He said he received a telephone call from Aeroflot officials in Moscow at 4:30 a.m. Hong Kong time (2030 GMT) to tell him the plane was missing and that rescue parties had been dispatched.

Aeroflot official Vladimir Soukhov in Tokyo said the plane has been located 250 kilometers (155 miles) from Novokuznetsk, a town in the Altai mountains, but did not know in which direction, or whether rescue parties had reached it yet. He said 40 of the passengers were Russians, but did not know the nationalities of the remaining 13.

Tkachenko said Aeroflot bought the plane new in 1992 and it had between 5,000-7,000 flying hours. Novokuznetsk is about 4,000 kilometers (2,500 miles) east of Moscow.

U.S. says Korean diplomatic efforts at "critical point"

By ROBERT BURNS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Diplomatic efforts to end the nuclear standoff with North Korea have reached a critical point, raising the possibility of "progressively stronger measures," Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Tuesday.

North Korea called the U.S.-South Korean decision to deploy Patriot missiles a "declaration of war," but Clinton administration officials emphasized they prefer to gradually increase the pressure without resorting to force.

It remained unclear when, and even whether, the Clinton administration would press for U.N. economic sanctions against North Korea. China cautioned that sanctions could prove counterproductive, although it did not explicitly reject the idea.

"Sanctions will be an option soon to be considered," Christopher told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, unless the communist North Korean government changes course and al-

lows full U.N.-sponsored inspection of its nuclear facilities.

President Clinton, in an interview with USA Today, said he has been "very impressed with the leadership the Chinese have shown ... to try to dissuade North Korea from pursuing its nuclear options and instead to try to encourage them to become a full member of the world community."

A pre-emptive U.S. military strike against North Korea's nuclear complex, centered north of the capital at Yongbyon, appears to be among the least likely options, but Christopher suggested Washington was prepared to turn up the heat.

"Our diplomacy has reached a critical point," Christopher said. "We have made it clear to North Korea that it must become a responsible member of the international community or that community will have no choice but to pursue other options. These other options include progressively stronger measures."

North Korea maintains that its

nuclear program is entirely peaceful, but the United States and others contend it is being used to manufacture nuclear weapons.

At the Pentagon, spokesman Dennis Boxx said the formal go-ahead for shipment of Patriot missiles and an air-defense battalion to operate them in South Korea was given Monday. He said it would take four to six weeks for the missiles and the battalion to reach South Korea, set up and begin operations.

Comments by Christopher and other administration officials seemed calculated to reassure China, Japan and other nations that the United States will try to settle the dispute without a confrontation, while showing a firm resolve.

High-level U.S.-North Korean talks that had been scheduled for this week were canceled after North Korea prevented international inspectors from completing a check on a nuclear laboratory. The standoff prompted the International Atomic Energy Agency to refer the matter to the U.N. Security Council

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constitutes aggravated assault and battery charge or violation of 6 CMC section 1203 (a) punishable under 6 CMC sections 1203 (b) and 4101 (a).

And lastly, the AG's Criminal Division said, the assault with a dangerous weapon charge was filed after the accused attempted to cause bodily injury to the victim with a dangerous weapon—a hammer, in violation of 6 CMC section 1204 (a) and punishable under 6 CMC sections 1204 (b) and 4101 (a).

During Monday's bail hearing, Sablan appeared with Assistant Public Defender Lawyer Christine Matson.

Superior Court Associate Judge Miguel S. Demapan ordered that the bail of \$100,000 cash remains.

Demapan set a preliminary hearing on March 28 at 9 a.m. at

courtroom B.

According to court information, Sablan entered the Poker and Games Kingdom Saturday at about 9:30 a.m. and struck the cashier-attendant Gaspar who was alone at that time, with a hammer.

Sablan took an estimated \$3,000 worth of cash and check and fled on board a pick-up van. A male cashier of the poker establishment returned and saw the bloodied Gaspar on the floor.

The witness chased the suspect and was able to jot down the plate number of the van which led to the arrest of Sablan somewhere in Garapan.

Gaspar, 29, who hails from Philippines, suffered serious injuries to the head and was brought by responding Department of Public Safety police officers and paramedics to the Commonwealth Health Center.

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Board member explains 'walk-out'

By Rafael I. Santos

COMMONWEALTH Utilities Corporation Board member Laura I. Manglona, who walked out during a meeting of the Board of Directors the other day, yesterday said she did what was proper for her to do.

Manglona, who was the only board member retained by the governor, excused herself soon after Acting Board Chairman Greg Sablan called the meeting to order on Tuesday at the CUC Conference Room.

The former Rota municipal council member told Sablan, Acting Finance Director Maria D. Cabrera and Lecia Eason that she could not attend the meeting because she was concerned about the possible consequences of their action.

In a press conference yesterday, Manglona said she received a memorandum from Senator Steven King, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigation, warning her of Senate action against the board.

She said she was told in the

letter that the meeting and the reported swearing-in of Eason were illegal.

There was also a confusion as to the legality of holding a board meeting, she said.

According to her, there were

conduct business.

Cabrera could serve only as an "ex-officio" member of the board once confirmed as Finance Director, according to King.

Eason, a Saipan lawyer, is yet to be confirmed by King's com-

actually push through as Manglona excused herself.

"I want to make it clear to the public that I did not just walk out of the meeting. I was concerned [about the possible Senate action]," she told the Variety.

"I want to protect the integrity of the governor," Manglona was quoted as saying before leaving the conference room on Tuesday.

The former school teacher said she did not want the Executive Department to suffer the consequences of the meeting.

"I really care about the governor," she said in yesterday's press conference.

Manglona explained that she had no problem with the board members, the governor or the Senate. She said she just wanted to be sure that every action that the board was to take was legal.

"I want Maria (Cabrera) and Lecia (Eason) to be confirmed because I feel [they are] very qualified..."

She said she is ready to meet with them as soon as Cabrera and Eason are confirmed to decide whom to pick as new CUC Executive Director.

Manglona said the board's priority should be that of the appointment of a new executive director.

CUC Board of Directors select an executive director who should oversee the operations of the utility firm.

Acting Executive Director Velma Palacios is scheduled to leave the utility firm on April 15, 1994. With less than a month before her scheduled departure from the CUC, no replacement has been identified yet.

According to Manglona, she wanted to cooperate with the governor on who should take over the CUC. She said she was open for suggestions from Tenorio.

"I have no objections... if the governor has somebody in mind," she said.

However, the way things go in Capitol Hill and at the utility firm, no successor would be hand-picked very soon due to the confusion on the CUC appointments.

Board members could not decide on who should run the utility firm for lack of quorum as Manglona insists on waiting for a resolution to the problem.



Laura I. Manglona

two conflicting legal opinions on the issue. One opinion states that CUC Board of Directors cannot conduct a meeting without the confirmation of Cabrera and Eason to the Board and the other says the board could proceed and

mittee and the whole Senate.

Until their confirmation, they are not allowed to assume the functions of board members, King said.

Tuesday's scheduled meeting of the four board members did not

NMI beauties give studees school items

By Ferdle de la Torre

THE LOVELY contestants for this year's CNMI Miss Universe/International beauty pageant together with the past "Queens" distributed school supplies to the kids at San Antonio Peer Program yesterday morning.

The beautiful ladies provided assorted books, pencils and coloring books to the delighted 13 kids yesterday morning.

The ladies—Elizabeth Tomokane, Carla Castro, Susan Gonzales, Ruth Ann Palacios, Grace Flores, Melody Encina, and Mary Manibusan shared some light moments with the children.

Only one contestant—Gloria Itibus missed the visit.

In a press conference last February 12 at Pacific Gardenia, the Northern Marianas Beauty Pageant Association presented only seven candidates.

Rota however recently fielded Manibusan as their representative. She was not introduced to

the media in the press conference.

Ginny Reyes, Northern Marianas Beauty Pageant Association president, said three past CNMI beauty titlists also helped the contestants in distributing the school items.

They were Christine Untalan, 1986 Miss NMI Universe, Gloria Propst, 1988 Miss NMI International, and Cristina Borja, 1991 NMI International.

The kids in return entertained their "visitors" with three songs and had a 30-minute talk with the beauties.

Reyes said they decided to donate "something on their hand" to the kids as a show of the spirit of sharing.

The beauty pageant will be held on Sunday at Hyatt Hotel's Giliigans. The winner will represent the Commonwealth during the Miss Universe beauty pageant in Manila in May. The Miss International winner on the other hand will compete the contest to be held in Japan.



NMI beauties share school items to kids at San Antonio Peer Program.

CNMI-Japan cultural exchange

THE MARIANAS and Miyazawa High Schools Cultural and Sports Exchange program is once again part of CNMI and Japan history.

During the week of March 14 to 18, more than 300 staff and students from Yokohama, Japan ascended on Saipan to learn, teach,

give, take, share, absorb, and compete through the best educational experience known, sight, sound, smell, taste, and touch.

Upon returning to their homes and families in Japan, the CNMI will have more than 300 ambassadors of good will promoting a positive experience of their stay in Saipan.

Student athletes from both schools competed in a number of games; softball, basketball, table tennis, track and field, soccer, and roccball.

Track and Field: Miyazawa and Marianas had an enjoyable

time with Miyazawa winning 38 to 24.

Softball: Miyazawa shut-out Marianas 7 to 0

Soccer: Marianas scored first but it was the sustained pressure and experienced Miyazawa team that scored more frequently and won.

Basketball: The home team had the home crowd going but Miyazawa's gutsy determination brought equal amount of cheering from their gracious host; Marianas won 86 to 47.

Table Tennis: Four dynamic players from Marianas took on

their counterparts from Miyazawa. Miyazawa exhibited their outstanding maneuvers but fell prey to Marianas for the second year in danger. Marianas' Micronesian Allstar won it again.

To top off their educational experience and whatever story, fictional or non-fictional, that will spread because of it, the Marianas High School students gave their guest from Miyazawa High School a perfect going away present, the annual Marianas High School Cultural Day festivities. Sayonara Miyazawa, until next year and thank you.

Funeral for Dr. Cobb

This is to inform the general public and staff/personnel in the Department of Public Health & Environmental Services, that a memorial service will be held for Dr. Randy Cobb on Thursday, 24 March at 2:00 PM at the CHC Chapel. Members of Dr. Cobb's family will be present. Randy's many friends and members of the Commonwealth Community are invited to join us.

If you have any questions you may call the Commonwealth Health Center for Dr. Bernard Gallagher or Dr. Estella Christian at 234-8950 through 8954 extension 2430.

\$9 M lottery prize this Saturday

THE CNMI Lottery Commission announced that the March 26th CNMI Lottery Tattslotto game will be a special SUPERDRAW having a total pool of \$9,000,000. "This special SUPERDRAW prize from the CNMI Lottery is one of the unique special benefits that CNMI Lottery players received as a member of the Tattslotto Lottery Pool" said Elliott Sattler, spokesman for the CNMI Lottery.

What is normally a jackpot of between several hundred thousand dollars and a million dollars is enhanced by the Lottery to create a special SUPERDRAW prize several times during each year, a press release from CNMI Lottery said yesterday. The game itself does not change. The odds of winning do not change. Said Sattler, "All that changes is the fact that one or more CNMI resi-

dents could instantly become a multi-millionaire if they are the sole winner of the grand prize in the lottery."

The CNMI Lottery Tattslotto Game is easy to play. There are only three basic decisions to be made. First, a player must decide whether to go to the CNMI Lottery shop in Puerto Rico on Middle Road or the CNMI Lottery shop in San Jose Beach Road. Second, the player must decide whether he or she wants to play a full ticket of 12 games or as few as four games. (Each game costs 30 cents so a full ticket costs only \$3.60 while a four game ticket costs \$1.20). Third, the player needs to decide whether he or she wishes to select their own six numbers on each game ticket or let the computer make a random "Quic-Pic" selection.

Each game has the numbers 1-45. These numbers are repeated on each of the 12 games on each ticket. For each game played, the player selects any six of the 45 numbers. Numbers are then randomly drawn at the Lottery Headquarters in Australia on Saturday night. Besides the six primary numbers that are drawn, players are given an additional opportunity to win as a result of the drawing of two additional "supplementary numbers." The results of the winning draw are immediately available on Marianas CableVision (MCV) which shows a broadcast of the number drawing at 9:15 p.m. Saturday night or Saipan Cable Television (SCTV) which reports the winning numbers at 9:30 p.m. Saturday night. Therefore, local players can know immediately if they have won a prize. All prizes won will be paid at the CNMI Lottery shops on Tuesday,

March 29th.

Any player who matches their six numbers on the ticket with the six primary numbers drawn for the lottery will win or share the grand prize. Prizes are also awarded for matching less than all of the numbers drawn. Prizes are also awarded for matching five primary numbers plus either supplementary; any five primary numbers; any four primary numbers; or any three primary numbers plus either supplementary.

CNMI Lottery players have won nearly \$73,000 in prizes playing Tattslotto since the CNMI Lottery first offered the game in October of

1993. Prizes have ranged from approximately \$10 for hundreds of people who have matched three primary numbers plus either supplementary numbers to \$7,555.00 for a second place prize. Any person who plays the CNMI Lottery Tattslotto Game could be the next big prize winner. "The only absolute certainty involved in the CNMI Lottery Tattslotto Game is the fact that if you do not play, you will not win. If you don't play - the Lottery can't pay" said Sattler.

Tickets for the \$9 million dollar CNMI Lottery Superdraw are now available at Lottery stores. Each

shop is open Monday through Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Additionally, both CNMI Lottery shops are open until 9:00 o'clock p.m. on Friday in order to give all the people of Saipan and opportunity to purchase their SUPERDRAW tickets. In conclusion, Sattler stated: "I urge all players to avoid the last minute rush by purchasing their CNMI Lottery \$9 Million SUPERDRAW tickets early. In order to assure appropriate entry of all tickets sold for the SUPERDRAW, the sale of tickets must stop promptly at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on Saturday."



Dr. Jim Taylor, San Antonio Peer Program teacher, makes fun with the NMI beauties.

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This is to inform the general public that the Marianas Islands Housing Authority (MIHA) is currently accepting "Housing Preservation Grant (HPG)" Program loan applications for the rehabilitation and repair of residential housing units owned and occupied by very low-income families.

Under the HPG Program, low interest (3%) loans of up to \$10,000 with a repayment term of fifteen (15) years will be available for, but not limited to, construction of water catchment tanks, septic tanks, additional room(s), repair or replacement of deteriorating plumbing system and hazardous electrical system, installation of special features for handicapped and/or disabled member(s), additional windows for adequate ventilation, repair or replacement of roofs damaged by storms or typhoons, and replacement of tin roofing to concrete roof.

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1. Adjusted annual income is less than or equal to the "very low-income" limits according to size of household as established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
2. Must own the property for at least one (1) year prior to requesting financial assistance or have a leasehold on the property at least ten (10) years beyond the term of the loan.
3. Property must be primary residence after HPG assistance is completed.

The time period for acceptance of applications will end on April 30, 1994, or for a period of time to allow for the receipt of the first twenty (20) applications. Recipients among the eligible applicants will be randomly selected by drawing of lots.

Those interested in obtaining an application or additional information about the program, should contact the MIHA Central Office at telephone nos. 234-6866/9447/7670/7689; Tinian residents call 433-9213; and Rota residents call 532-9410.

The "Housing Preservation Grant (HPG)" Program is an equal opportunity program. Discrimination is prohibited by Federal Law.

(s) JOHN M. SABLAN
Executive Director

"MIHA is an equal opportunity and fair housing public agency"

Senate confirms Patrick, Gorelick for top justice jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate unanimously confirmed President Clinton's nominees on Tuesday for two top Justice Department jobs.

By a unanimous voice vote, senators approved the nominations of Jamie S. Gorelick as deputy attorney general and Deval Patrick as assistant attorney general heading the department's civil rights division.

Gorelick will replace Philip Heymann, who resigned in January after a dispute with Attorney General Janet Reno. Gorelick has been general counsel for the Defense Department.

Patrick fills the post Clinton originally sought for Lani Guinier. The president withdrew the nomination of the law professor, an old school friend, after conservatives attacked her views on the Voting Rights Act.

Patrick is a partner in a Boston law firm. He has said he would use the civil rights job as a "bully pulpit" to speak out against bigotry and hate crimes.

Clinton has yet to name a successor to Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell, the department's No. 3 official. Hubbell resigned last week amid a dispute over his billings at the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock, Ark., where he worked with Hillary Rodham Clinton.

DON'T BE A LITTERBUG

Cops nab three students for dope

By Ferdie de la Torre

THREE male students were arrested after they were found in possession of possible marijuana in separate incidents in Tanapag and in Susupe the other day.

The Department of Public Safety said it was reported Tuesday at 11:05 a.m. in Tanapag that two male juveniles were arrested after a witness found from one of them concealing a possible marijuana.

No other information was given.

At Marianas High School in Susupe, a male student was also arrested after an MHS employee noticed him hiding a possible marijuana.

The incident was reported Tuesday at 12:43 p.m.

Last March 15, six persons, including four juveniles, were arrested for possession of possible marijuana joints in separate incidents.

Of the four juveniles, two were apprehended at MHS and two others at Hopwood Junior High School.

NMC offers customer service course

GOOD customer service is the key to success in the visitor industry, the commonwealth's economic foundation, and Northern Marianas College wants to help local businesses improve customer satisfaction through a series of employee training seminars on Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

The "Customer Awareness Training" will be offered in a series of five training seminars, each two to four hours in length: "Orientation to the CNMI, Guest Service, Improving Communication Skills, Service/Imaging, and Effective Leadership Skills." The seminars were developed in conjunction with this University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Last year, more than 200 residents from the government, visitor industry, and other service industries attended the U.N.L.V.-N.M.C. seminars.

The orientation seminar will be taught by N.M.C. instructors Tony V. Guerrero and Noel Taisacan. The other four will be presented by Professor Andy Nazarechuk, who is the Director of the U.N.L.V. Hospitality Research and Development Center.

Northwest Airlines is providing complimentary air fare for Nazarechuk from Nevada to the CNMI.

On Saipan, the seminars will be held at the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio, which is donating the space for the event. They will begin Friday, April 8 with "Orientation to the CNMI" from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. and continue April 11-12 with "Guest Service" from 9-11 a.m. each day. The cost for each four-hour seminar is \$40. The "Improving Communication Skills," "Service/Imaging," and "Effective Leadership Skills" seminars will also be held from 9-11 a.m. at P.I.C. on April 13, 14, & 15, respectively. Each of these seminars will cost \$20.

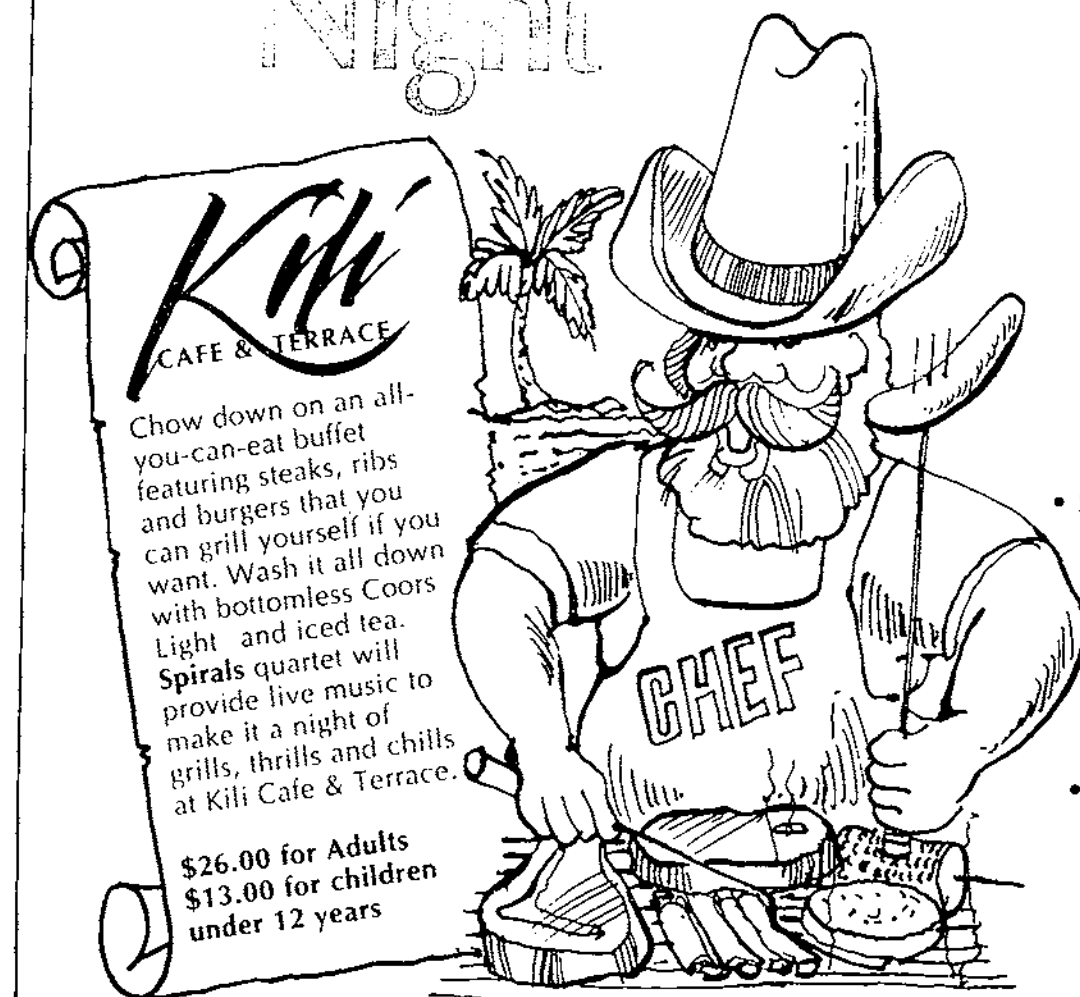
The registration deadline is Tuesday, April 5 for the Saipan seminars.



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Clinton says he's an 'honest, struggling' believer

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton says he considers himself an "honest, struggling" Christian believer who could not do his job as president without his faith.

In an unusual public profession of that faith, Clinton said in a television interview aired Tuesday night that he considers himself a person who has "sinned as a child of God, who has sought for-

giveness, searched for redemption and is struggling to grow and to find the guidance of God in this job."

In the interview, Clinton, a Southern Baptist, made clear his

abiding differences with those fellow evangelical Christians who oppose his support for abortion rights and of rights for gay Americans, including the opportunity for homosexuals to serve in the

armed forces.

The president reiterated his view that there are too many abortions in the United States and that there should be more adoptions instead.

"But I do not believe it is self evident from the Bible that all abortions are murder," he said.

As for homosexuality, Clinton said that while it did not make it into the Ten Commandments, "thou shalt not bear false witness did."

"If you don't want to vote for me, that's fine," he said. "But it is not right to go around saying everybody's Christianity or religious faith or character should be evaluated totally on the basis of these two issues."

As Clinton expressed it, his faith and his work are intertwined.

"I do not believe I could do my job as president, much less continue to grow as a person, in the absence of my faith in God and my attempt to learn more about what it should be..." he said.

And in what could have been a reference to his struggle to put the Whitewater affair behind him, he said his faith provides him "a solace and a support in the face of all these problems I sometimes am not smart enough to solve."

"Only God knows the truth of a person's heart and the full facts of a person's life," he said. "Not only what they have done but what they have not done."

And who, he was asked, is Bill Clinton "in his heart."

"An honest, struggling believer, trying to grow every day, trying to learn more every day, never pretending to be anything other than I am," the president replied.



Froilan C. Tenorio today.

The on-going war of words between the executive and the legislature has further damaged the already strained relations between the two branches. Tenorio however appeared determined to go ahead with his agenda because he has a "duty do something with CUC."

CUC, he said needed immediate attention from the government.

moot," he said, adding that the opinion was meant only for then Governor Pete Tenorio.

He made it clear that he cared only for the new opinion issued by the AG's office.

Tenorio did say what action his government would take on the controversy. However, he said he was looking into the problem and promised that something would be done by the end of yesterday or

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In his letter to Tenorio, the AEGI chairman said he was dismayed that a notice of meeting was signed by Eason and Cabrera as full-pledged members.

Reacting to the letter, the governor said the legislature should not make a big issue out of the meeting.

"The legislature should not question the legality of this [with the Executive Branch]. They can check it with their legal counsel," Tenorio said, reiterating that there was nothing illegal in the government's decision to ask CUC board members to meet.

"After consultation with the Acting Attorney General, I felt I had the authority and obligation to do it (to ask the board to meet)," Tenorio said.

He believed that if acting directors can serve the government in an acting capacity, acting CUC board members can also do the

same.

Tenorio also dismissed suggestions that he was trying to interfere with the functions of the legislature.

"This is not a question of Executive Branch trying to interfere with the duties of the Senate. If anybody is interfering here, it's the legislature..." he stressed.

The governor, who admitted asking the board to convene the meeting to resolve some internal and other problems in the utility firm, said he was advised by the Attorney General's Office that the holding of the meeting was legal.

When told by the reporters that there was an earlier opinion that contradicted the latest AG's stand on the CUC board issue, Tenorio said the previous opinion was not meant for the present administration.

He added that the 1987 opinion "does not affect me." "That's

Governor lauds fund raising project

GOVERNOR Froilan Tenorio, yesterday purchased the first ten tickets worth \$10 each for the 1994 Raffle Extravaganza, a fund-raising project of the Commemoration Committee of the 50th Anniversary of World War II.

Yesterday was the kick off of the fund raising project which aims to generate \$1.5 million for the com-

mittee and various humanitarian organizations in the CNMI. Juan Guerrero of the Commemoration committee said 150,000 tickets have been printed and hoped they will reach their target of \$1.5 million. He added that the project was not only intended to raise funds, but to help various social service organizations.

According to him, 70% of the proceeds will go to such social service organizations as the American Cancer Society, American Red Cross, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of American, CHC Hospital Volunteers, CNMI Scholarships and Karidat.

The rest of the money will be used for the 50th Anniversary cel-

bration of World War II, he said.

Nancy S. Weil, also from the Commemoration Committee, said there will be 102 cash prizes totaling to more than \$200,000. The anniversary grand prize is \$50,000 and the Liberation grand prize is \$30,000.

The grand drawing for the raffle

will take place at 4p.m., July 17 at the American Memorial Park.

Governor Tenorio hailed the launching of the program, saying "it's a good idea."

He said if the project proved to be successful, he would recommend that it be launched every year. (RISantos)

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If the plan pushes through, the Kay Medical Group for Cardiac, Vascular, and Pulmonary Surgery, agrees to provide cardiologic care and cardiac, vascular and pulmonary surgery to CNMI patients.

In his letter to Abraham last month, Robson explained that off-island referral personnel need make only one telephone call to reach their office and to handle all aspects of the referral process.

Robson said their patient care coordinators—Sue Miller, Roberta Eunson or Elena Gomez

handle all aspects of the referral, including admission, diagnostic testing, transfer of test results, family housing and transportation from and to Los Angeles International Airport.

There are always two complete surgical and cardiology teams available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for emergencies at anytime, he pointed out.

Last July 1, Abraham terminated the Patient Referral and Consultative Agreement between the CHC and Sharp Health Care

International Services in San Diego.

Abraham explained that the reason behind its termination is because they found out that the service costs have proven to be more expensive.

He said Sharp convinced the previous CHC administration that the medical referral budget could be significantly reduced if they got their services.

Abraham however, said they found it not so.

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MPLC would be dissolved, however, its functions would be transferred to the lands and natural resources department.

Concepcion said he was concerned how the new office which will oversee land exchange would be funded.

At present, there pending civil cases against MPLC in CNMI courts. If the governor's plan is implemented, MPLC would be abolished and a specific department or office should be answerable to all land suits against the corporation, Concepcion said.

The government must determine who should take responsibility for these legal liabilities, he said.

MPLC is also engaged in land negotiations, addressing problems on land encroachments and exchanges. Concepcion is asking who is going to take over these responsibilities.

At the same time, he said, the government must remember that MPLC has contract obligations.

These, he said, are but some of the matters that must be addressed

by the government, he said, he will bring these things to the attention of Sabian.

An action is needed as soon as possible because "we only have 60 days," he said.

The legislature is yet to act on the proposed reorganization. It may reject or modify it.

Concepcion said he supported the governor's plan. "It looks very good...if the intention is aligning areas or offices. It makes a lot of good sense," he said.

MPLC, the executive director said, has been expecting the abolition of the autonomous agency.

"We were not surprised. We have been waiting for it for years," he told the Variety.

The dissolution of MPLC will mean transfer or assimilation of workers by other agencies or departments.

Concepcion, his deputy as well as the board would definitely have to go, the executive director said.

MPLC, which was created in 1978, was supposed to be abolished in 1988, but during the last Constitutional Convention, del-

egates decided to extend its existence to another 2 years.

However, four years have already passed and the corporation is still operating, Concepcion said.

Earthquake hits east of Ensenada

ENSENADA, Mexico (AP) - A moderate earthquake struck near this port city Tuesday, shaking buildings as far north as San Diego.

A police spokesman said they had not received reports of damage or injuries.

"It wasn't that strong. We felt this oscillating movement, side to side, for three or four seconds and that was it," said Pedro Sanchez Talamontes, an editor at the newspaper El Mexicano.

The earthquake was 5.3 in magnitude and centered 33 miles (53 kms) east of Ensenada, and was followed 10 minutes later by a 3.6 quake in the same area, a spokesman from the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, Calif., said.

The stronger earthquake was felt 70 miles (113 kms) north in San Diego. Police received at least half a dozen phone calls from concerned residents, but there were no reports of injuries or damages, a department spokesman said.

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Visa developing "Electronic Purse" card

By MARY BETH SHERIDAN

NEW YORK (AP) - Visa International is developing a do-it-all credit card that could pay for highway tolls, telephone calls or chocolate bars from vending machines.

The company said Tuesday it is joining with an international group of nine other financial companies to develop the product, called the Electronic Purse. The consortium will try to establish universal standards so cards could be used anywhere.

The Electronic Purse would be plastic like a credit card, but would carry a microchip. It could pay for small-ticket items, such as fast-food burgers, unlike many credit cards.

A consumer would "load" money onto the card before using it, probably through a bank automatic teller machine. The card could be loaded repeatedly.

Similar cards, often dubbed "smart cards" or "chip cards," have been tested in the United States and more widely in Europe. The consortium expects to test the Electronic Purse by late 1995.

Before the cards could be used widely, pay telephones, vending machines and toll booths would have to be fitted to process them. Visa said it was forming a separate consortium to work on developing equipment for the cards.

Credit-card analysts, however, said the cards might not be popular for years.

"This is a lot of baloney," said Spencer Nilson, publisher of the Nilson Report, a credit-card trade publication in Santa Monica, Calif. "Smart cards are not efficient, they're too costly, there are a lot of flaws in them still," he said.

Robert McKinley, president of RAM Research Corp. of Frederick, Md., was more optimistic. But he said that cards with microchips are easily damaged.

"It can be a reality," he said, "but there is a lot of work involved in getting these systems in place."

Analysts said cards with micro-

chips cost dlr 3 to dlr 8 each. That's far more than prepaid cards with magnetic strips, which are currently used for payment at some subways and grocery stores.

Peter Hill, Visa's senior vice-president for payment technologies, said he expected the new cards would cost about \$1, "given the volume of cardholders we'd attract" and improvements in technology.

He said the cards would be convenient and safer than carrying cash.

The consortium to set standards for the new card includes two large U.S. bank companies -

NationsBank, based in Charlotte, N.C., and Wachovia Corp., based in Winston-Salem, N.C.

It also includes Electronic Payment Services Inc. of Wilmington, Del. The non-U.S. members are Banksys of Brussels, Belgium; Financial Information Systems Center of Taipei, Taiwan; Groupement des Cartes Bancaires of Paris; Sociedad Espanola de Medios de Pago, of Madrid; and Sociedade Interbancaria de Servicos, of Lisbon, Portugal.

The consortium will accept other members in the future, Visa said.

Stock market closes mixed

NEW YORK (AP) - The stock market ended mixed Tuesday after the Federal Reserve decided to nudge short-term U.S. interest rates higher.

Stocks were solidly higher after the news until the Dow Jones industrial average turned negative late in trading. Analysts attributed the drop mostly to weakness in health-care and tobacco stocks, each wrought with problems Tuesday.

Generally, stock investors breathed a sigh of relief as bond prices rose sharply higher and credit market interest rates tumbled following the central bank's announcement.

The decision to raise the degree of pressure on reserve positions followed a regularly scheduled meeting of the Fed's top policy-making group, the Federal Open Market Committee.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan released a brief statement reporting the Fed's actions, which he said would likely be associated with a "small increase in short-term money market interest rates."

Private economists interpreted

that to mean the Fed was increasing the federal funds rate, the interest banks charge each other on overnight loans, from 3.25 percent to 3.5 percent.

It marked the second time the Fed has increased the funds rate this year. On Feb. 4, it boosted the funds rate from 3 percent to 3.25 percent, the first increase in this key short-term rate in five years.

"The markets were relieved the increase was not more than 25 basis points," said James Solloway, director of research at Argus Research Corp.

Though stock prices dropped Monday on speculation of a rate increase, traders said the expectations were already built into the market.

Stock investors generally don't like to see interest rates rise because that makes share prices relatively less attractive and increases the cost of money to companies.

Tobacco stocks were knocked down by word that a House of Representatives subcommittee recommended a \$1.25 tax on cigarettes to pay for the administration's health-care plan. Drug stocks were hurt by word

that Sandoz Pharmaceuticals plans to launch its cholesterol-reducing drug at about half the price of competing products made by Merck and Bristol-Myers.

Stocks ended mixed abroad. In Tokyo, the 225-issue Nikkei index fell 1.1 percent, while in London, the Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index rose 0.1 percent. Stocks rose 0.5 percent in Frankfurt and fell 0.1 percent in Paris. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials fell 2.30 points to 3,862.55.

Advancing issues outnumbered declines by about 9 to 7 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,186 up, 932 down and 651 unchanged.

Big Board volume totaled 282.24 million shares as of 4 p.m. (2100 GMT), against 247.36 million in the previous session.

Among other major market indicators, the Standard and Poors index of 500 stocks rose 0.26 to 468.80, while the NYSE's composite index rose 0.33 to 260.24. The Nasdaq composite index, meanwhile, fell 0.82 to 796.48 and at the American Stock Exchange, the market value index rose 0.96 to 471.73.

Dollar-gold prices rise

By MARY BETH SHERIDAN

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar finished narrowly mixed against other major currencies Tuesday after whipsawing during the day on conflicting impressions of whether the Federal Reserve was raising interest rates.

Gold prices rose. On the New York Commodity Exchange, gold for current delivery closed at \$389.20 a troy ounce, up \$3.40 from Monday. At 4 p.m. EST, Republic National Bank of New York quoted gold at \$389.00 a troy ounce, an increase of \$3.30.

Traders said the dollar initially fell after the U.S. central bank added reserves to the money market through two-day repurchase agreements. While such an operation is routine, investors mistakenly took it as a sign the Fed had decided against pushing up short-term interest rates, as the markets expected.

But later, the Fed announced it was hiking short-term interest rates.

The federal funds rate, a key rate for overnight loans between banks, rose from 3 to 3.5 percent.

Investors then bought the dollar, pushing up its value. Higher interest rates usually buoy the dollar, since they translate into higher returns on dollar-denominated deposits.

However, the interest rate hike was less than what some in the markets expected. "People had pretty much discounted in a 25-basis-point hike," said Win Thin, an economist at MCM Currencywatch, an analysis service.

Traders said the volatility reflected confusion over which way the dollar would go in the future. The dollar has been weak despite the U.S. economic recovery and political turmoil in Russia. The dollar is often seen as a haven in times of international conflict.

"None of these factors seems to have given the dollar any support," said Stephen Flanagan, a vice president at PaineWebber Inc.

In Tokyo, where the trading day

begins, the dollar closed at 105.95 yen, down 0.13 yen from Friday's close. Japanese markets were closed Monday for a holiday. Later in London, the dollar closed at 106.00 yen. In New York, the dollar ended at 106.03 yen, up from 106.00 Monday.

Other dollar rates as of 4 p.m. EST in New York, compared with late Monday: 1.6885 German marks, down from 1.4310; 5.7648 French francs, up from 5.7623; 1.668 Italian lire, down from 1.669; and 1.3669 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3693.

Other dollar rates in Europe compared with late Monday: 1.6879 German marks, down from 1.6980; 1.4305 Swiss francs, down from 1.4370; 5.7753 French francs, down from 5.7938; 1.9005 Dutch guilders, down from 1.9080; 1.6665 Italian lire, down from 1.6755; and 1.3663 Canadian dollars, up from 1.3641.

The British pound closed in Europe at \$1.4868, up from \$1.4840 late Monday. In New York, the pound ended at \$1.4875, cheaper than \$1.4895 Monday.

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1 ACCOUNTANT - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$500-\$800 per month.

Contact: JC MARKETING, INC. (SAIPAN), P.O. Box 2721, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 233-6349(03/31)TH/15081.

2 CARPENTER

1 COMMERCIAL CLEANER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.

Contact: PEDRO C. SAN NICOLAS dba PAB Construction Company, P.O. Box 1102, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-4670(03/31)TH/15086.

2 CARPENTER

1 REINFORCING STEEL WORKER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.

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1 WAREHOUSE WORKER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.

1 WAITER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45-\$2.85 per hour.

1 BAKER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45-\$3.00 per hour.

Contact: J.C. TENORIO ENT., INC., P.O. Box 137, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6445 ext. 7584(83/03/31)TH/8287.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$800 per month.

Contact: PACIFIC ISLAND PROMOTION ENT., INC., Caller Box PPP 214, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 233-6349(03/31)TH/15083.

1 COOK (RESTAURANT)

1 WAITRESS (RESTAURANT) - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.

Contact: C & M COMPANY, INC. dba Ming Palace Chinese Restaurant, P.O. Box 1219 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-1005(03/31)TH/15076.

1 WAITER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.90-\$3.40 per hour.

2 WAITRESS - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.55-\$3.30 per hour.

4 COOK - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$3.15-\$3.45 per hour.

1 COOK HELPER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$3.10-\$3.35 per hour.

2 HEAD WAITER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.95-\$3.30 per hour.

2 NIGHT AUDITOR - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$3.30-\$4.00 per hour.

Contact: MICRO PACIFIC DEVELOPMENT, INC. dba Saipan Grand Hotel, P.O. Box 369, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6601(04/07)TH/7764.

1 KITCHEN HELPER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.

Contact: DIAMOND HOTEL CO., LTD. dba Saipan Diamond Hotel, P.O. Box 66, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-5900 ext. 278(04/07)TH/7762.

6 WAITRESS - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.

Contact: CHEMBOY ENTERPRISES, P.O. Box 1970, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 235-2615(04/07)TH/15155.

2 DRESSMAKER - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.50 per hour.

Contact: VIVIAN K. PANGILINAN dba Holiday Shop Dress & Tailoring, P.O. Box 5434 CHR, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-0428(04/07)TH/15141.

3 WAITRESS, RESTAURANT

3 COOK - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.50 per hour.

Contact: FERGEL C. CRUZ dba La Filipiniana Restaurant, P.O. Box 1868, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-3569(04/07)TH/15145.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - College grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$4.65 per hour.

Contact: KANG CORPORATION dba Kang's Auto/H. Equip. Parts Supply, Hotel Supply, Comm'l. Bldg. Constr. Contractor & Repair Shop., P.O. Box 3053 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 288-9366(04/07)TH/15144.

3 (DIVING) INSTRUCTOR, SPORTS - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$1,000 per month.

1 FILM COORDINATING SERVICES - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$1,700 per month.

Contact: MARINE TECH (SAIPAN), INC., P.O. Box 5739 CHR, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 322-5079(04/07)TH/15147.

4 GAS ATTENDANT - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.

Contact: CASTRO SERVICE STATION INC., P.O. Box 282, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-5985(04/07)TH/15148.

1 COOK - High school grad., 2 years experience. Salary: \$2.45 per hour.

Contact: FRANCISCO D. DIAZ dba Reiko's Restaurant, P.O. Box 476 CK, Saipan, MP 96950. Tel. No. 234-6179(04/07)TH/15154.

Second Anniversary Rosary for

FELIX C. VILLAGOMEZ

We the family of the late Felix C. Villagomez would like to invite all our relatives and friends to join us for the 2nd Anniversary of our beloved husband, father, grand father, and great grand father. Rosary will be said nightly at the Residence of Mr. & Mrs. Antonio/Grace Aidan in Fina Sisu (Next to Saipan Cultural Center) Commencing Sunday March 27, at 8:00 p.m. thru Monday, April 4th. On the final day, Monday April 4, 1994 Rosary will be said at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) Mass will be offered at Mt. Carmel Cathedral, 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be served after the Mass at the residence of Mr./Mrs. Antonio/Grace Aidan.

Kindly Join Us.

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

SOLEDAD DELA CRUZ CABRERA

Better known as "Da'n Flegin"

of San Jose Village, Tinian, passed away on Thursday, March 17, 1994 at the age of 80 years.

SHE IS PREDECEASED BY HER:
PARENTS: Pedro Salas & Dolores Lizama Dela Cruz
HUSBAND: Francisco Mendiolola Cabrera
SISTERS: Maria D.L.C. Semes, Ana C. Manalo & Magdalena D.L.C. Lelo
BROTHER-IN-LAW: Vicente C. Cruz, Jesus Manalo & Gregorio Lelo

SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER:
CHILDREN & THEIR SPOUSES: Dolores C. & Ambrosio M. Ayuyu (Tinian) & Juan D.L.C. & Susan K. Cabrera (Tinian),
BROTHER: Manuel Lizama Dela Cruz of Tinian.
SISTER-IN-LAW: Blandina Muna Dela Cruz of Tinian
BROTHER-IN-LAW: Timothy Semes

She is additionally survived by 14 grandchildren, 49 great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

Rosary is being said nightly at the residence of her granddaughter Mrs. Lucia A. Javier, MIHA Housing No. T03, San Jose Village, Tinian at 8:00 p.m.

Last respect maybe paid on Thursday, March 24, 1994 beginning at 3:00 p.m. Mass of the resurrection will be on March 25, 1994 at 3:00 p.m. at Tinian San Jose Church and burial will follow immediately at Tinian San Jose Cemetery.

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SPORTS



Cleveland routs Pacers 93-61

CLEVELAND held Indiana to its lowest NBA point total ever Tuesday night, routing the Pacers 93-61 in Richfield, Ohio.

The 61 points matched the third fewest by an NBA team since the 24-second clock was introduced in 1954. The lowest output was 57 by Milwaukee against Boston in 1955.

Indiana shot only 29 percent from the field, missing 58 of 82 shots. The Pacers also were cold at the foul line, making just 13 of 20 (65 percent).

The Pacers' previous NBA low was 64 points against New York on Dec. 10, 1985.

Terrell Brandon scored 15 points to lead a balanced effort by the Cavaliers, who snapped a five-game losing streak. Danny Ferry, Chris Mills and Gerald Wilkins each scored 13 points for Cleveland, while Mark Price and John Williams each had 11.

Rik Smits led the Pacers with 10 points.

Knicks 87, Bulls 78

In New York, Hubert Davis scored 24 points, including a 3-pointer with 1:51 left that capped a decisive 7-0 run, and the Knicks won their 10th consecutive game.

The Knicks held the opposition under 90 points for the ninth time during their longest winning streak since they won 11 straight in 1972-73. They limited the Bulls to 41 percent shooting for the game and 32 percent (12-for-37) in the second half, when Chicago scored just 34 points.

Scottie Pippen led the Bulls with 25 points, but made just 10 of his 24 shots. Horace Grant finished with 17 for Chicago, and Patrick Ewing had 18 points on 7-for-22 shooting for New York, which pulled into a tie with Atlanta for the best record in the Eastern Conference.

Nets 105, Clippers 102

In East Rutherford, N.J., Derrick Coleman and Kenny Anderson each scored 25 points as the Nets got their sixth straight home victory.

P. J. Brown scored six of his 12 points in the final 1:44 and grabbed 16 rebounds for the Nets, who have won 14 of their last 16 at home.

New Jersey opened the fourth quarter with an 8-0 run to take an 84-79 lead.

A jumper by Brown and two free throws by Anderson helped



Japanese sports enthusiasts pose for a while at the Micro Beach.

the Nets take a 105-102 lead. The Clippers had a chance to tie in the closing seconds, but Mark Jackson missed a 3-pointer from the top of the key.

Dominique Wilkins led the Clippers with 33 points.

Timberwolves 83, Rockets 81
In Minneapolis, Chris Smith rebounded his own miss and scored the game-winning basket with five seconds left.

The loss halted a five-game winning streak by the Rockets,

who lost for only the third time this season after taking a lead into the fourth quarter.

Stacey King scored 19 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and blocked a career-high seven shots for the

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Magic Johnson profile

By BILL BARNARD

MAGIC Johnson never quite resigned himself to a life away from the basketball court.

He reluctantly gave up on wearing No. 32 again, passing the ball as well as anyone in basketball history and leading the Los Angeles Lakers to a sixth NBA title with him as a player.

Johnson now faces his biggest challenge in sports, bringing back to contention a team that this season has lost 10 games more than it's won.

For Magic, that means contention for a championship, not the playoffs. Just making the playoffs is not enough to motivate or interest Magic Johnson.

Reaching the playoffs was something the Lakers always did in his 12 years as a player. Contending for a title was practically a divine right; they made the NBA Finals eight times in the 1980s.

But here they are, in just their third year since Johnson's retirement, 5{ games out of a playoff spot that's been theirs since Magic was in high school.

It could be a long climb back, even for him.

His career numbers - No. 1 in assists, five championships, three MVPs - legitimize his greatness. But those who worked with him cite his grace under pressure and his no-nonsense approach to the game.

"He has been the ultimate example," former Lakers coach Pat Riley said a few years ago. "If we want to thank him for anything, thank him for that."

Johnson spent most of the last two years in a business suit, pursuing his other interests, including part ownership of the new Toronto franchise, a dream that was thwarted last October.

He also became well-versed in the language of HIV, the virus that he's had since 1991; the virus has shown no outward signs of slowing him down or diminishing his spirit.

HIV made Johnson retire the first time in '91, but it didn't keep him from coming back as a player. Fear did that.

Even though he'll be coaching this time, don't be surprised if you hear people predicting Johnson will rip off his suit coat some day and reveal a uniform underneath. It might not happen, but people will talk about it.

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NFL approves two-point conversion rule

By DAVE GOLDBERG

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - The two-point conversion became a part of the NFL on Tuesday in a move designed to liven up a game that last year often seemed to be a long-ranged duel between field goal kickers.

"I really think its time has come," said general manager George Young of the New York Giants, co-chairman of the competition committee.

"There was an image out there that we weren't doing enough to score touchdowns. Right or wrong, we had to do something about it."

After scoring a touchdown, worth six points, a team will not have the option of either kicking the ball through the goalposts for one point or of going for the two-point conversion.

The two-point conversion will be run from the 2-yard-line rather than the 3, as in college football. The team must run or pass the ball into the end zone to score the two points. It comes after a season in which there were three field goals kicked for every touchdown and field goals accounted for 24 percent of the points.

A decade ago, the ratio was two touchdowns to one field goal.

It was passed along with two other rules changes designed to add offense, all of which were passed without the participation of the coaches, many of whom were opposed.

The others:

— Kickoffs will now come from the 30-yard-line rather than the 35 and will be from a 1-inch (2.5-cm) tee to prevent kicks that hang in the air almost as long as punts. Kickers now can use tees from one to three inches (2.5 to 7.5 cms).

— Failed field goals will now be placed at the spot from where the kick was attempted rather than at the line of scrimmage. That means the kicking team will be penalized between seven and eight yards for missing.

But the major change is the two-point conversion, which has been used by colleges since 1958 and was used by all of the NFL's old rivals, the AFL, World Football League and USFL. But it had always been rejected by NFL coaches, who saw it as one more decision on which they could be second-guessed.

New York Giants coach Dan

Reeves was upset because the coaches weren't allowed in the debate over the rule change - they were told to arrive for the meeting at 2 p.m., and by then the owners and GMs had already voted for the change.

"What was the greatest comeback in history? Buffalo over Houston in the playoffs two years ago," Reeves said, referring to the Bills' overtime win after trailing 35-3 in the third quarter. "They didn't need a two-point conversion to do that."

But the Giants were one of the 23 teams that voted for the change following the lead of Young, whose committee recommended the two-pointer by an 8-0 vote.

"I don't think it's that big a factor," said Young,

who opposed the rule until this year. "I don't think teams will try to win with a two-pointer. The time it will come into play is when you're behind by eight points or 11 points."

But most coaches didn't think the two-pointer would have much effect.

"I was against it two days ago, I was for it yesterday and I don't know what I think today," said

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