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# Wages go up today

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
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THE LONG delayed increase in the CNMI minimum wage takes effect today regardless of the controversy involving last month's signing of the new minimum wage law by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio.

House Bill 10-158, which Tenorio signed into Public Law 10-13 on June 15th, raises the

## Regardless of controversy on supposed veto of bill

hourly minimum wage in the private sector from \$2.75 to \$3.05, except for the garment and construction industries where the minimum wage is to be increased to \$2.90.

The increase should have taken effect since January 1996, but it was delayed by law to July 1st.

In an interview Friday, the governor said the full implementation of the new wage law is to start July 1st despite claims made by Senate Vice President Paul A. Manglona that Tenorio's signing of H.B. 10-158 is not valid.

"There are no hitches. Not that I am aware of," said the governor. "As I said before, I am going to

implement the law as I signed it."

Manglona while acting governor on June 18th, vetoed the bill unaware that Tenorio had already signed it three days earlier.

He, however, maintained that his veto overrules the governor's signing of the new law because the latter did not relinquish custody of the measure until after the

veto.

But according to the governor, all that the new wage law needed was his signature on the bill.

He argued that there was nothing in the law requiring him to transmit the measure to the Legislature.

Nevertheless, the chief executive challenged Manglona or any other concerned party to bring the

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## Borja: I'm running



Jesus C. Borja

of this time, my declaration still stands that I'll be running under the Democratic Party for the 1997 elections," said Borja in an interview yesterday at luncheon he hosted for the Liberation Day Queen candidates.

According to Borja, he stands by his earlier declaration to run for governor mainly out of commitment to his family, friends and supporters.

Borja said he may find it hard to bow out of the race after he declared himself as a candidate and after he has gotten the support of so many people.

"I want to respect the commitments that have been made to me already by a lot of people. I think it would be unfair for me to, just out of the blue, disregard the commitments that I made to them and the commitments they made to me, because the governor changed his

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## CHC gets outstanding rating from US Health

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

THE COMMONWEALTH Health Center has received an outstanding rating from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for its excellent mammography facility.

Department of Public Health Services Sec. Dr. Isamu J. Abraham told the Variety Friday that the rating was given after a recent visit by Ronald Alexander of the Los Angeles District Office-Mammography Quality Standards Act.

Mammography is an examination of the breast by x-rays in order to detect tumors before they can be felt by hand.

Abraham said Alexander conducted the annual MQSA inspection for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Dr. Florence Houn, director for the Division of Mammography Quality and Radiation Programs, Office of Health and Industry Programs Center for Devices and Radiological Health, commended Abraham and his staff on this outstanding accomplishment.

"We recommend you for the effort and

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## Weather Outlook



Partly cloudy  
with isolated showers

## Kinney assails Lifoifoi for exerting political influence

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

PETITIONER Kaelani Kinney has accused Larry Hillblom's business advisor, Joe Lifoifoi, of giving testimony implying that the Legislature "is in his pocket."

In court documents filed Friday before the Superior Court, Kinney claimed Lifoifoi said he will not only resign from the Bank of Saipan as a director if the new probate act is declared unconstitutional, but will "simply go out and pass it again and again."

Kinney, through counsel David Lujan, said Lifoifoi testified that "this is my game," obviously referring to the passage of the legislation.



Kaelani Kinney



Joe Lifoifoi

In his recent testimony in court regarding remedies or sanctions to be imposed against the suspended Hillblom's estate executor, Lifoifoi admitted he lobbied

and spent \$1,000 from his own pocket for the passage of H.B. 10-147 (dubbed as Hillblom Bill) and its subsequent enactment.

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**SEA OF GRADUATES.** Members of Hopwood Junior High School's Class of 1996 take their seats during last Friday's commencement exercises. A total of 398 students graduated.

Photo by Ratty Arroyo

# Serb leader steps down

**SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)**-International officials announced Sunday that Radovan Karadzic had turned over his functions and powers to a deputy and stepped aside as Bosnian Serb leader.

"The document is signed and sealed by Mr. Karadzic," said a statement from Carl Bildt, the top international civilian official in Bosnia.

"As of today, Mr. Karadzic cannot exercise any public functions or public powers as president of Republika Srpska," the Serbs' self-proclaimed state.

"It is immediately illegal for

any public official or institution to accept decisions by, or instructions from, Mr. Karadzic or persons acting on his behalf," Bildt's statement said.

Bildt said Karadzic's powers had been turned over to Biljana Plavsic, a deputy known for her hard-line views.

Karadzic had been under intense international pressure to step down.

On Saturday, leaders of the world's leading economic powers meeting in Lyon, France, had demanded replacement of Karadzic, who has been indicted for war crimes in Bosnia.

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Bildt had threatened Serbs with reimposition of economic sanctions that were lifted in the Dayton peace deal unless Karadzic were replaced.

Karadzic is widely regarded as an impediment to elections set for Sept. 14 as a key part of the effort to stitch Bosnia back together after 3 1/2 years of war.

Bildt acknowledged that although Karadzic was leaving his official post, he would still exert influence. But he said that forcing the Bosnian Serb leader to step aside formally was one in a series of steps to crack his hold on power.

His replacement today is an important step towards the cleansing of Republika Srpska from the association with the crimes for which Mr. Karadzic and others have been indicted by the International (war crimes) Tribunal, but it is by no means the final step," Bildt's statement said.

"Mr. Karadzic will no doubt continue to exercise influence in different ways," it said. "He will continue to fight his losing battle."

Bildt said he would closely monitor developments in

Serb-held territory for indications that the transfer of power had actually taken place.

Karadzic's move came only a day after he was re-elected president of his Serbian Democratic Party in Bosnia. Also on Saturday, he reiterated his goal of seceding from Bosnia and uniting with other Serb-held lands.

His re-election, Karadzic told Bosnian Serb radio Saturday, "verifies ... the righteousness of the vision about creation of a strong state on the way to final uniting with other Serb lands."

## Lebed proposes restoring vice presidency in Russia

**MOSCOW (AP)** - President Boris Yeltsin's new national security chief has proposed restoring the post of vice president in Russia, a report said Sunday.

Alexander Lebed appeared to be suggesting the job for himself. After parlaying his strong third-place finish in June 16 presidential elections into the security post, he has been the most visible member of Yeltsin's team ahead of the runoff.

Lebed, a retired general, said the situation in the country, particularly the need to resolve the war in breakaway Chechnya, calls for a second in command, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

A vice president also presumably would take over in the event of the president's death or illness. Under current laws, no one succeeds the president; a new election has to be called within three months.

Heightened concerns about Yeltsin's health in recent days have raised questions about presidential succession.

The Russian Constitution does not provide for a vice president. It was adopted by referendum in December 1993, two months after Yeltsin's vice president, Alexander Rutskoi, sided with his hard-line foes in an armed uprising.

Police say kidnapping for ransom has become a flourishing business because many victims, particularly those from wealthy Filipino-Chinese business families, are believed to scare easily and pay quickly.

But even middle-class Filipinos now fear the ineffective police response has encouraged new gangs that choose targets randomly among the general public.

Accurate figures on the number of kidnappings in the country are difficult to obtain. Many families refuse to report kidnappings to police because of the widespread belief that current or former police officers are members of kidnap gangs.

The Star based its figures on reports from police and the Movement for the Restoration of Peace and Order, a group formed by the Filipino-Chinese community to lobby for stronger action against crime.

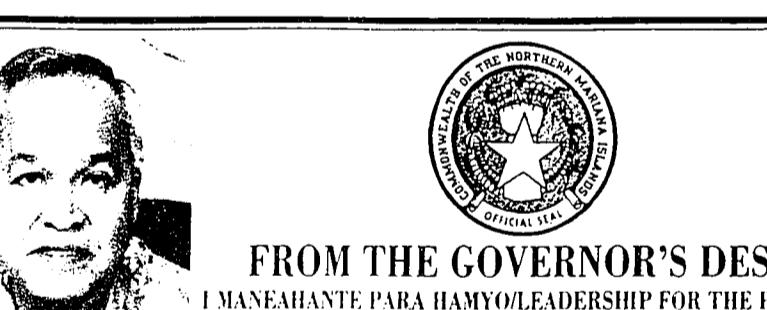
In this year's instances, law enforcement officers caught and charged 91 suspects and killed 11 in clashes. Among this year's 274 suspects, 19 were listed as police officers. Last year, six of 95 suspects were policemen, the Star said.

## Washington hearings presented opportunity for progress

Last week, as many of you know, the Commonwealth had the opportunity once again to plead our case before the United States Congress. In a Senate hearing on a bill that would affect our dealings with the federal government in terms of the administration of America Memorial Park, we also took the opportunity to speak of progress we've made and everyone has benefited from in the last year. Then, as we did last year, we testified before the House of Representatives in response to the Department of Interior's annual report on the CNMI.

A few headlines in our local papers and on the television news indicated that, for one, Senator Frank Murkowski was somewhat displeased over our action on minimum wage. He also remarked negatively about the sweatshop working conditions in the garment industry. Congressman Elton Gallegly, at the House hearing, very graciously and attentively listened to our cause.

Circumstances dictated that both hearings would be a little rough, which they were. We were prepared for this because we understand that Washington doesn't fully comprehend our position on minimum wage — that's why these hearings were the perfect opportunity for us to clarify our position, which we did very effectively. I am very



FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK  
I MANAHANTE PARA HAMYO/LEADERSHIP FOR THE PEOPLE

pleased with acting Attorney General Sebastian Aloot's superb ability to articulately articulate the CNMI's plan, our commitment to reform and our overall capability to solve local problems with local solutions.

As you may know, right now back in the states, there's a lot of talk about the garment industry, not in the Commonwealth, but back in the states and elsewhere in the world. Recall that when Senator Murkowski was here in February, he visited some barracks in deplorable conditions. He commented that these barracks were worse than some "third world" working conditions. At the time, and today I still agree that he is absolutely right. And that's why at that time I tasked him to send in U.S. Labor to close them down. Remember, unlike the Governor of Guam, for example, I do not have the authority to enforce federal law.

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approach was different than ours, and while he has every right to his own opinion, I find his logic faulty and hope that the impressions we made in Washington were not weakened because of it. Our Resident Representative said that he favors a cap on nonresident workers in the Commonwealth mostly because of the adverse impact they have on our local culture.

To me, his argument is weak. Cultural preservation occurs through the ability to share that culture with others who are not familiar with it; if we were to subscribe to his logic, no one anywhere would know anything about anybody else. It runs contrary to the premise on which the United States was built — what would the United States be today if the original settlers never allowed anyone else to settle America.

The hearings in Washington last week were successful. Despite differing opinions, despite a bumpy start and the concern by members of Congress, both the House and the Senate concluded that we must continue taking the responsibility for finding solutions to our own problems. It is clear to the Congress that although we are not perfect, we are addressing the issues of their concern and we are protecting the success of our Commonwealth as a result.

Our political leaders have differences indeed, but we're all in agreement when it comes to the Commonwealth. I'd like to commend the Speaker and the Senate President for supporting our collective goals in front of the U.S. Congress. With a unified front, we stand a much better chance in protecting the best interests of the you, the people of the Northern Marianas.

I have to admit I was a little surprised at the Washington Representative's testimony. His

I stand committed to that

open by the void created by our small population. We need our good workers and only we can determine that need, not the federal government.

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We must preserve our culture, there's no question about it. But that preservation is an act of self-responsibility. We must take the initiative to ensure our culture survives no matter where in the world we may be or who in the world may be visiting our home. It's all part of my vision for our Commonwealth. I see as self-sufficient and responsible for itself.

The reality of our sheer numbers alone dictates that even if each of us held a job, there would still be too many positions left

Tenorio to ask US Pres. Clinton:

# 'Where do we really stand'

By Rafael H. Arroyo

Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio is still planning to write President Bill Clinton to express his dissatisfaction over how the US has been treating the CNMI on the labor and immigration issue.

Particularly, Tenorio said he would like to know from the president whether the political relationship the CNMI has with the US under the Covenant should be continued or renegotiated.

"I am writing a strong letter to the President himself. I am going to find out from him exactly where



Froilan C. Tenorio

Bill Clinton

do we come in as a territory of the US. I want the president to tell me exactly how he feels about it.

There's a lot of things I don't like about the Interior Department and it's about time that I write the president about it," he said.

In a related development, Tenorio expressed concerns over criticisms hurled by US Sen. Frank Murkowski on the CNMI labor situation during last week's oversight hearing called by the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Reports have it that Chairman Murkowski during the hearing warned the Tenorio Administration that the worker conditions in the CNMI should improve.

"I guess he was upset because of the working conditions in the factories. Let me tell you I share his concerns and I want to get to the bottom of it," said Tenorio.

He said he wants to find out whether CNMI officials are negligent in their jobs and whether the federal government is not supposed to be doing something about it either.

"They have to be involved in this one. I mean if we're talking about working conditions, there are federal laws that apply over here. It is the responsibility of the federal government to enforce them," said the governor.

"I will review the minutes of the hearing and believe, me I am going to admit if we made a mistake but in some cases, I think we are doing a good job and I'll let the senator know about it," he added.

## Retirement Fund's Pinaula is CNMI's employee of the year

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

AN ACCOUNTANT from the NMI Retirement Fund was selected as this year's overall Employee of the Year for Saipan government departments.

Significantly, 44 of this year's kidnappings, or more than half the cases, were in Metro Manila.

In this year's instances, law enforcement officers caught and charged 91 suspects and killed 11 in clashes.

Among this year's 274 suspects, 19 were listed as police officers. Last year, six of 95 suspects were policemen, the Star said.

ria such as: the volume and quality of work performed, effective leadership style, planning and organization skills, innovation and creativity, utilization of available resources, and the impact from work accomplishments.

During Friday's awarding ceremony, Edward C. Pinaula received loud applause when Luis S. Camacho, chairman for the incentive award committee, announced his name as the overall winner.

Lt. Gov. Jesus Borja led the government dignitaries in congratulating Pinaula as well as the 19 other nominees.

Borja challenged the 20 "winners" and all government employees to continue improving the daily services to the public.

The nine other employees of the year are Albert S. Pangilinan-Finance; Tina T. Pangilinan-Superior Court; Edward C. Pinaula-Retirement Fund; Juan C. Robles-Public Auditor; Francisco H. Sablan-Management and Budget; Irene T. San Nicolas-Supreme Court; Catherine Ann S. Teregeyo-Labor and Immigration; Maria K. Torres-Public Defender; and George M. Ucherbelau-Public Works.



Lt. Gov. Jesus Borja congratulates Edward C. Pinaula for winning the overall Employee of the Year award during Friday's ceremony at the Multipurpose building in Susupe. Also in photo is Luis S. Camacho, chairman for the incentive award committee.

Photo by Ferdie de la Torre

## NMC accommodates NMA up to May '98

THE Northern Marianas College has served notice to the private Northern Marianas Academy that it could stay within the college's premises only up to May 1998.

NMC President Agnes McPhetres said a memorandum of agreement would be signed with the NMA giving this last two years to occupy a space at the government-run college and use its facilities.

McPhetres, however, said that under the agreement, the articulation of high school and college courses will continue.

McPhetres said the reason the NMA is being asked to relocate is that the NMC needs the facilities.

"We're growing and we don't have enough facilities. We don't have enough space for classrooms and even for offices," McPhetres said.

The NMA is a nonprofit private high school which has located itself at the college through an agreement since 1993.

Its students, while being in high school, take college courses under an early placement program. When they graduate, they do so both from high school and from two-year college.

According to NMC director Paz Younis, however, they're still trying to negotiate for a lesser lease fee.

The NMA used to pay only \$400 although for a smaller space.



Agnes McPhetres

it is occupying. The space holds the NMA offices and their classrooms.

The rental also includes the use of NMC laboratories, computers, and library, according to McPhetres.

Next year, McPhetres added, the rental would increase twofold to \$3,000, but still, she said, this is very cheap because everything is provided by the college.

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Rick Alberto

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## The Summer Heat

THE blistering summer sun turned my pick-up truck into an oven, the seat a frying pan and the wheels, a branding iron.

The tint on my windshield and windows didn't help any. The mean summer heat, coupled with the thick tropical humidity, brings you quite close to Lucifer's summer vacation home.

Hold it, JR! This is just the beginning. There's the long ride home to Koblerville. As I approach my car, I started psyching myself for the rat race hoping that I arrive safely and spared the radio obituary of "better known as..." or an EMT statistics and stint at the ICU.

Outside the office, I had to cross three road bumps. The company had it installed to ease pedal happy speedsters from robbing factory workers their right to a full lifespan.

I head out the main highway tired and despondent humming "ke sera, sera". I inched my way to the stop sign peeping to my left to see if the highway exterminator's anywhere in sight. The notion of being forced into a demolition derby or turned into instant statistics dances in and out of my mind.

Took off. Up ahead was the second stop sign at the foot of Capital Hill. The traffic lights are hardly visible against the glare in the skies of the Philippines Seas. It was a struggle and so you watch the pattern of take-offs and stops from all corners keeping your fingers crossed that you get out of it alive. I did.

There was a truck load of weary eye construction workers. You get the "I've never seen you before" stare from eyes that seem as lifeless as those on cadavers. I was tempted to be a rascal and lift my middle finger, but thought it impolite. The guy must be homesick or bone tired and abusively underpaid. I decided against it.

Up ahead, I saw the door on the driver's side open slightly followed by a head quickly making a bow to the highway down below. I am sure he wasn't taking a bungee dive. He was spitting excess betel nut saliva some of which landed on my side of the windshield. I was like "some common sense now fella" to no avail. I suppose this is the "island way" of disposing anything of excess, including betel nut saliva, or the new dump culture. This time I was ready to use my middle finger. But it happened to be a close friend and we exchanged smiles. He was jovial from betel nut high. I was pissed and ready to blow-off expletives.

As I headed down Gualo Rai, nobody wants to do 35 miles and I was momentarily thrilled at the notion of making it home in less than 20 minutes. But I had to tail an old sedan all patched-up with masking tapes, Ralph Nader's nightmare of vehicles "unsafe at any speed", running below the legal speed limit. It still is a violation of law. Perhaps it's safer dealing with a crawler than a speedster.

I turned to beach road to enjoy the panoramic view out west. Traffic was far more congested than the "freeway" on upper road. Figure there's nothing I could do about it other than to whirl-up unsolicited stress. So I coasted along. The huge truck ahead dwarfed my pick-up truck and I was saying "Oh, no, you ain't gettin' a piece of this baby". As I shifted gear to overtake the sucker, he changed lanes abruptly. I quickly down shifted and overtook him. As I came parallel to the driver's side, I showed the bugga my middle finger. Finally had to use it, regrettably. He gave me that nervous smile shifting gears in an unconscious fashion. He fits my description of a headless horse sapient.

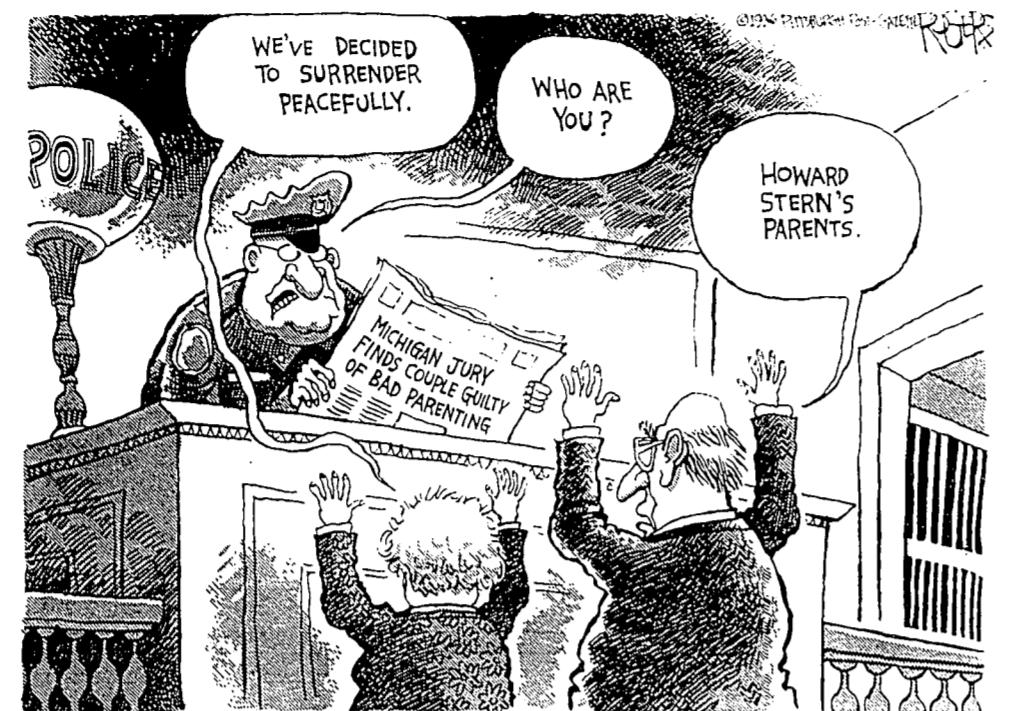
Along the way, I saw a gathering of people in one of the pavilions at Kilili Beach. It was the latest recruits of stateside teachers going through orientation. They replace the 70-some Filipino instructors, victims of a spineless policy, built around the theme "Made in the USA". The event had this scribe reminiscing of the Peace Corps days out here. This was the long hair and pot-smoking generation. I wonder what this group's about.

As I cruise down San Antonio, a young kid chewing betel nut on the truck bed started squirting red as blood saliva. I slowed down some hoping I'd dodge the red sprinkle. I don't mind betel nut chewing if only they'd clean up their acts. It's the wisdom basket tradition that is still strong today especially among the young generation. I suppose it's shabu substitute or the introductory stuff to drugs.

Coming close to the garment factory, employees were crossing the highway for incidents in small neighborhood stores. Others were strolling along the roadside with see-through dresses (night gowns?) displaying their undergarment. I was quietly protesting why can't they leave anything to the imagination. I was embarrassed at the thought for they weren't malicious in anyway. I was. Thank God there's no one in the truck except Me; Myself and I to share my humiliation.

As I turned the curve to the old airport road, there's the main stretch to my village of Koblerville. It magically opens up to the eastern skies, a full glare in the morning or the beginning of a gloomy day when dark fearful clouds start gathering. The flat open stretch is sorrowfully empty and literally lifeless. No big trees on either side to spruce it up. It gives that instant feeling that you're entering some ghost town in some desert land. I was furious that I live in an ugly village. If it weren't for the water, I'd have moved elsewhere. It's a community where people hardly know their neighbors. And we live in an island.

How I wish some magical sense of community emerges in the hearts of its residents so they can get together and beautify the road side with monkey pot trees or something or other. It'll take a little money to get this kind of project going. The main stretch used to be the main landing strip of military aircraft during the naval administration. So you can imagine both sides of the road being packed with coral rocks. It'll take a big backhoe to dig it with decency. Muscles won't do the job. Imagine driving into the main stretch with big trees lining up both sides of the road. We'd not only have windbreakers, but shades too and lots of oxygen at night when the heat cools off! Volunteers, anybody.



## Kinney . . .

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ment into Public Law 10-10.

Kinney contested the constitutionality of the law before the U.S. District Court.

Lujan expressed doubt whether Lifoifoi will be able to remain neutral without hostility to the heirs and continue in his role as part of the executor exercising his fiduciary duties in good faith.

"Good faith? Hardly. Bad faith. Obviously!" said Lujan in the memorandum concerning remedies.

Kinney's counsel pointed out that Lifoifoi proudly professed his role in alerting Joe Waechter shortly after Hillblom's death to the need to oppose the claim of Junior Larry Hillblom.

Junior is Kinney's daughter allegedly from Hillblom.

Lujan said Lifoifoi apparently forgot his story in the Special Master's proceeding which was that Waechter did not know about Junior until mid-July.

"Lifoifoi also loudly and boastfully professed his leadership role in passing P.L. 10-10, telling the incredulous story that he was doing this work on his own," said Lujan.

The lawyer said Lifoifoi was proud of his role as Hillblom's political man on Saipan.

He said Lifoifoi has a \$100,000 annual retainer from UMDA, Hillblom's political muscle in the Pacific, to deal with political issues.

Lujan said Waechter is UMDA's chairman and Peter Donnici serves on its board.

## Wages . . .

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matter to court to ultimately determine whether the Manglona veto is valid or not.

But regardless of whether the new law is valid or not, workers in the private sector are going to get the new \$3.05 minimum wage by today anyway.

This because July 1st is also the effectiveness date of the next 30-cent increase provided for by P.L.

When the scheme (to control the estate) was exposed and Juniper was closing in on the estate, Lujan said they (Donnici group) turned to their political expert to fix the mess they had created.

Lujan said Lifoifoi and David Nevitt of Carlsmith law firm, were not working for themselves but for the Donnici group and will continue to be loyal to Donnici if left in control of the estate.

"Kinney's counsel was somewhat confused by Calvo's characterization of the findings by the Special Master and Court which never mentioned that funds had been stolen," Lujan said. "Calvo on cross examination cleared up the confusion."

The lawyer said Calvo has been relying on Waechter for information and had no way to judge the accuracy of what he was being told because he has never read the Report or at least not more than a few pages.

Kinney has asked the court to remove permanently the executor and his counsel, Carlsmith, as remedies or sanctions for violating its fiduciary duties to the estate.

Kinney also wanted that the executor be surcharged for the entirety of the estate's loss and that key key transactions be unwound.

She asked that the executor be further surcharged for all expenses associated with the Special Master (SM) proceedings and be compelled to pay back to the estate for all attorney's fees paid to Carlsmith in regards to representation before the SM and post SM's related hearings.

Finally, Kinney requested that the executor ordered to pay all her attorney's fees and costs associated with the SM and post-SM related proceedings.

However, legislative counsels in both the executive and legislative branches told the Variety that the special minimum rates for the exempt categories take effect on July 1st of next year.

The only difference between that law and P.L. 10-13 is that garment and construction workers would only get a 15-cent increase.

Also, another provision in P.L. 10-13 establishes a monthly minimum salary of \$300 for categories of workers not covered by the minimum wage law, i.e. domestic helpers, farmers and fishermen.

# 398 graduate from Hopwood

HOPWOOD Junior High School on Friday graduated 398 students including valedictorian Lucy Yun Yuan and salutatorian Mi Jin Park.

Named as the top 10 graduates, aside from Lu and Park, were Berdanne Guasch Jarabese, Ferdinand Capinpin Mallari, Julliver Francisco Kintz, Nadine Camacho Deleon Guerrero, Ji Hye Choi, Yoo Min Kim, Hyun Aquino Justo, and Frances Maria Lizama Babauta. Janet Dayrit Guias got the honorable mention.

Lu and Park also received departmental honor awards for Language Arts and Social Studies. In addition, Park received an award for Mathematics (algebra).

The third awardee for Language Arts was Nadine Camacho Deleon Guerrero. Other Social Studies awardees were Julliver Francisco Kintz and Ji Hye Choi, who also received the award for Computer.

Other awardees for Math were Andrew Lewis Borja (basic algebra) and Vincent Norita Camacho (pre-algebra).

Science awardees were Nadine Camacho Deleon Guerrero, Herbert Aquino Justo, and Ferdinand Capinpin Mallari.

The award for Music went to Velma C. Flemming.

Declared Best Male Athlete was Francisco A. Mizutami, while the Best Female Athlete was Lorna T. Ogomuro.

The graduates will be enrolling at the Marianas High for their next ladder of education.

According to Education Commissioner William S. Torres in his message to the graduates, graduation from Hopwood "is the first big step into a bright future

which is filled with opportunities to inquire, learn, experience, and progress on..."

For Hopwood the ended school year 1995-96 was memorable for at least three "milestones" in its history:

- The return visit of an accreditation team from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges last March;

- The implementation of a year-round multi-track school calendar at the beginning of the school year; and

- The implementation of the middle school concepts such as student groupings during the start of the third quarter.

"Your graduation is the culmination of all these changes coupled synergistically with your hard work as students," said Principal David Borja and the three vice principals (Angelita Bunig, Albert Dueñas, and Billy Billy) in their joint graduation message.— Rick Alberto



Dignitaries who graced last Friday's graduation ceremonies at Hopwood Junior High School (from left) Education Board Chairman Tom Pangilinan, Rep. Malua T. Peter, Gov. Tenorio, PSS Commissioner William Torres and Hopwood PTA president Cris Kaipat.

## Planning Your Summer Vacation?

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### US military sets live fire exercises

VARIOUS military units of the Naval Special Warfare Forces will be conducting live fire exercise on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla on Saturday July 6, 1996 from 5 to 8 a.m.

The exercise then resumes Thursday July 11, 1996 through and including Friday August 2, 1996 from 12:00 midnight to 11:59 p.m.

The general area of the training exercise will be the Farallon De Mendenilla Military Training Area from the surface to 5,000 feet mean sea level on a ten (10) nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

Due to the dangers imposed by these exercises, the general public, especially tour operators, fishermen and commercial pilots are advised to stay away from the area during the dates and times indicated.

In addition, from July 8, 1996 through and including July 12, 1996 there will be a small boat landing operation in the vicinity of San Jose Harbor, along with a full training mission.

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# Demapan Oks jail inspection

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

SUPERIOR Court Associate Judge Miguel Demapan has granted Chief Public Defender Daniel J. DeRienzo's request to enter the Department of Public Safety's detention facility for inspection.

In an order Friday, Demapan ordered De Rienzo to submit a report about his inspection of the facility by July 5.

The judge also approved a motion to release De Rienzo's client, Chen Sheng Long, on a \$10,000 unsecured bond.

Demapan asked DeRienzo to appear before Judge Alejandro Castro on July 8 to determine the trial date and the judge who will be assigned in the case.

In his motion, the chief public defender said he wants to inspect the facilities in order



Miguel Demapan



Daniel J. DeRienzo

In its response, the Attorney General's Office defended the DPS saying the agency has made significant improvements in the facility during

the last two years. DeRienzo answered back accusing the government of engaging in an alleged cover-up about the real conditions of the facility.

## Federal suit vs Tenorio, gov't, DPHS dismissed

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

A COMPLAINT filed by a federally funded disabilities agency against Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio, the CNMI government, and the Department of Public Health was dismissed last Friday by the district court judge.

Judge Alex R. Munson issued the dismissal order on motion of the defendants. However, Munson gave the Northern Marianas Protection

nal case.

Citing the alleged deplorable conditions in the facility, the public defender said Long should be released for violation of due process, cruel and unusual punishment, and equal protection.

The defendants had argued that the complaint lacked a "justifiable controversy."

The defendants had also filed a motion for sanctions against the plaintiff for filing a complaint "not well grounded in law or fact."

This particular motion was, however, denied by Munson.

Munson ruled on the two motions from the bench after hearing both camps argue orally. The judge had also considered the written arguments submitted by William C. Campbell II, counsel for the NMPASI, and Special Assistant Atty. Gen. Celeste E. Andersen.

The NMPASI, in its complaint filed last April 26, asked the court to resolve differences it had with the defendants regarding "patients' rights to be accessed by the staff of the advocacy unit for purposes of inspection of themselves, their medical records and the facility of the Psychiatric Unit of the Commonwealth Health Center."

"A legitimate dispute exists as to rights conferred under the federal law," said NMPASI, a non-profit corporation that advances the rights of persons with disabilities, including those with mental illnesses.

It said the unresolved differences on certain issues took place during a meeting on Nov. 17, 1993.

"In spite of good faith efforts by both counsel, major areas of non-agreement still exist, precluding execution of the (access) agreement and leaving uncertainties, insecurities and controversy as to the rights of patients in the CHC, specifically the Psychiatric Unit," the complaint stated.

The complainant asked that the court, among other things, to resolve the area of non-agreement and issue an order that all parties comply with the final judgment.

In his June 28 order on the dismissal of the complaint, Munson said the complaint had no "real substantial controversy which unequivocally calls for the adjudication...of rights," quoting from *Western Mining Council vs Watt*.

Munson also noted that "neither has the named plaintiff yet suffered a threatened or actual injury resulting from the allegedly illegal conduct of these defendants."

The complainant was given 10 days' leave to amend the complaint "alleging a cause of action that falls within the federal statute."

## Sablan is new HANMI president

THE Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands (HANMI) last week announced the results of a special election of officers for Fiscal Year 1996-1997. Elected as president is Ron Sablan, general manager of the Pacific Gardenia Hotel.

Yuzo Takano of Hotel Nikko Saipan has been re-elected to one of three vice presidential posts. Vicente Camacho of the Summer Holiday Hotel and Shinji Kikkawa of Saipan Diamond Hotel fill the remaining two vice presidential positions. Hafadai Beach Hotel's general manager Akira Shigeita is the treasurer, and Mustafa Issa of Hyatt Regency Saipan is secretary.

According to Sablan, one of his goals as president will be to introduce the idea of a tourism advisory council made up of business people to consult with the CNMI government on matters related to tourism.

"Businesses have the first-hand knowledge about what works and what doesn't in tourism. We can offer sound recommendations to the government and help take more of the guess work out of developing a quality industry," said Sablan in a news release.

HANMI's new president said he's looking forward to working closely with all of the Association members, and encouraging even greater active participation in the organization during his term of office.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands is a professional association made up of 17 hotels on Saipan.

The membership includes: Aqua Resort Club, Chalan Kanoa Beach Club, Coral Ocean Point Resort Club, Dai-ichi Saipan Beach Hotel, Full House Hotel, Hafadai Beach Hotel, Hotel Nikko Saipan, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Mariana Resort Hotel, Oriental Hotel, Pacific Gardenia Hotel, Pacific Islands Club, Plumeria Resort, Riviera Hotel, Saipan Diamond Hotel, Saipan Grand Hotel, and Summer Holiday Ho-

### BPL to meet

THE Board of Professional Licensing will be conducting their July Board Meeting on Tuesday, July 2, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Board of Professional Licensing Office located at the Island Commercial Center Building, 2nd Floor, Gualo Rai.



Ron Sablan

tel. Associate members including the Marianas Visitors Bureau, and the Special Assistant to the Governor for Tourism and Trade. Advisors include Legal Counsel David Wiseman and Public Relations Counsel Lynn Knight.

## Tenorio: IG should out of public land issues

By Rafael H. Arroyo  
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio on Friday said the Interior Department's Inspector General should stay out of the issue of public lands in the CNMI.

In an interview during opening ceremonies for the new youth center in San Antonio village, the governor lashed back at a audit report turned in by the IG to Congress, saying the federal agency does not understand how the CNMI manages its public lands.

"This is where we part company with the US government. I am sorry but I think it is about time that they stay out of our jurisdiction involving the lease of public land," said Tenorio.

"I realize that there is a federal law giving the IG the power and authority to audit but I think it's about time they stayed out of it (public lands)."

Tenorio was particularly upset about a recent IG audit which said the CNMI has been losing a lot of money

in public land leases and exchanges. The audit report, which covered public land transactions from 1978 to 1994 was reportedly submitted to US Congress last week.

According to Tenorio, he disagrees with the observation that the CNMI is losing money over the land deals.

Somehow, he said the IG just does not understand the leasing of public lands here. He also pointed out that the only one case where this administration was involved was the lease for United Micronesia Development Association (UMDA) for a golf course resort hotel complex in Marpi.

"What we were doing was that we were basically renewing the lease agreement that was negotiated in the previous administration but was never approved by the Legislature. I must say that when I leased that (UMDA) property, I made it much more lenient and flexible for the developer to develop the property as they have planned to do," said the governor.



Asked if he believes the CNMI is losing millions in land lease deals, Tenorio said "No way. Definitely not. There are some problems with leases from the previous Administration, especially on Rota, I will be following up on them."

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# 1996 UNITY FESTIVAL SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

**July 1, 1996 to July 7, 1996**

July 1, 1996	7:00 p.m.	<i>Coronation of 1996 Liberation Queen and Her Royal court American Memorial Park PUBLIC IS INVITED</i>
July 2 - 3, 1996	6:00 p.m. to Midnight	<i>Activities and Entertainment continue at American Memorial Park Food, Fun, Games, Rides, Local Entertainment</i>
July 4, 1996	9:00 a.m.	<i>Parade starts at Kristo Rai Church 1996 Liberation Queen and Her Royal Court, Ethnic Association, Floats, Marching Units, Band Ceremony at Amphitheater Parachute jump with Flag - Amphitheater</i>
	11:00 a.m.	<i>Navy Seal-Army Reserve Ground</i>
	12:45 p.m.	<i>Activities at Memorial Park continue until midnight</i>
	1:00 p.m.	<i>Food, Fun, Games, Entertainment</i>
	1:00 p.m. to	<i>Boat Display - Smiling Cove</i>
	4:00 p.m.	
July 5, 1996	6:00 p.m. to	<i>Activities and Entertainment</i>
	12:00 a.m.	<i>American Memorial Park</i>
July 6, 1996	6:00 p.m. to	<i>Activities and Entertainment</i>
	12:00 a.m.	<i>American Memorial Park Queen's Ball-Tickets maybe purchased at Saipan Municipal Council's Office</i>
July 7, 1996	5:00 p.m. to	<i>Last Day of Celebration at American Memorial Park</i>
	12:00 a.m.	<i>Drawing of Raffle Tickets</i>

**THE 1996 UNITY FESTIVAL COMMITTEE  
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Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja (right) and wife, Mary Anne (left) joins 1996 Liberation Day queen candidates for a photo during a luncheon hosted by the Borjas yesterday at the Plumeria Resort Hotel. To Mrs. Borja's left is Michelle T. Iginoef, this year's Lib Day queen.

## Iginoef to be crowned as '96 Lib Day queen tonight

MICHELLE Taitano Iginoef will be crowned 1996 Liberation Day Queen by First Lady Grace Tenorio tonight, at 7:00 p.m. at the American Memorial Park.

Ms. Taitano is the daughter of Daniel and Abelina Iginoef.

A student at Marianas High School, she was sponsored by Sablan Construction.

"The effort of Michelle and her family was outstanding. They raised more than \$21,000 from the sale of raffle tickets. Every one of the nine candidates did a great job," said Margaret Duenas, chairperson of the Queen's Committee in a news release.

Angie Lyn Alysglam, daughter of Josepha and Danny Sablan, garnered second place with ticket sales of more than \$8,000. She was sponsored by the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

The Queen will be attended by her royal court, the other queen candidates: Ms. Alysglam; Estephania T. Rios, Sandra N. Carnacho, Nelissa Pua Nakamura, Antoinette I. Celis, Rosie Peredo, Mellania Lisua Sablan, and Valeria Quittuga Reyes.

"The committee really wants to thank the candidates, their families, and the sponsors. It was a wonderful example of what can happen when young people are supported by their families and by the community. They raised \$60,075.00," said Maria Pangalan chairperson of the 1996 Unity Festival, which has organized this year's Liberation Day events.

Everyone is invited to attend the Coronation and enjoy the carnival afterwards.

## Babauta bid for NMI delegate gets boost from speaker, SCC

RESIDENT Representative Juan N. Babauta used yesterday's hearing on legislative reforms needed in the Northern Marianas to focus in his primary goal: getting a Delegate to Congress for the people of the Northern Marianas. He had a strong support from Diego T. Benavente, Speaker of the CNMI House, and from Sam McPhetres, President of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce. Both men were in Washington for hearings held by the House and by the Senate. Both spoke in favor of a CNMI Delegate.

"I really appreciated the strong backing of President McPhetres and Speaker Benavente," said Babauta after the hearings held by the House Subcommittee on Native Americans and Insular Affairs. "It made a difference. We came out of the hearing with new support from a Member," Babauta was referring to the state-

ment of Representative Dave Kildee (D-MI), who listened to the testimony of the CNMI leaders and said he would support a Delegate. "It's the least we can do," noted Kildee.

Kildee was pleased by Babauta's knowledge of Michigan history. Michigan was represented by a Delegate from 1918 until becoming a State.

Most of the Subcommittee members hail from States once presented in Congress by Delegates. Babauta focused on the common ground. "Two hundred years of practice have established the irrefutable precedent for people living in non-State areas to have a voice in their nation's law-making body," he said.

Chairman Elton Gallegly (R-CA), whose State did not have a Delegate, because California was an independent Republic when it joined the Union asked Speaker Benavente if the CNMI



Juan N. Babauta

Legislature was prepared to take any action needed to provide for election of a CNMI Delegate. Answered the Speaker, "Yes". He also added that the last three CNMI Legislatures have all passed joint resolutions petitioning Congress for a Delegate seat.

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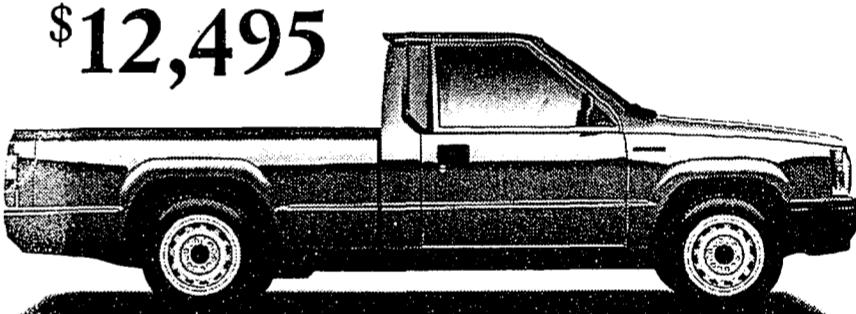
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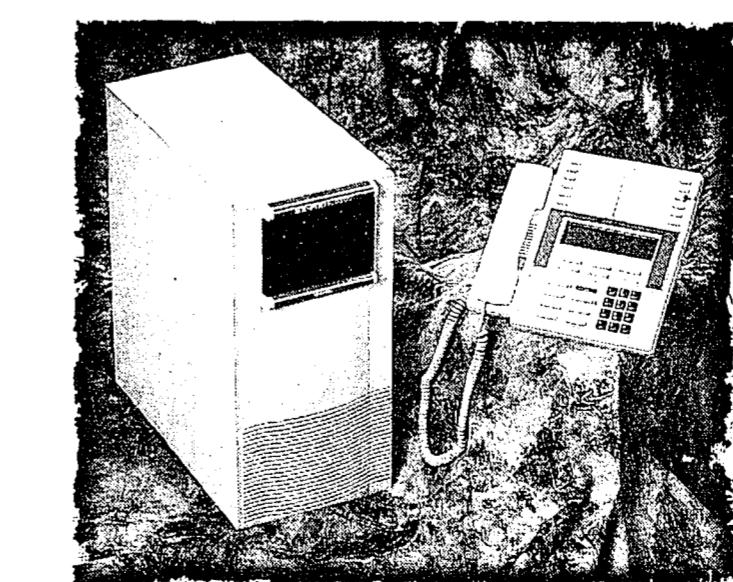


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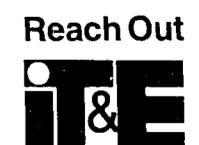


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# Food poisoning scare in Fiji, Tonga

A SALMONELLA poisoning scare has forced all grocery shops in Fiji to remove peanut butter imported from Australia.

Salmonella is a bacteria that can cause nausea and diarrhea.

General Foods, manufacturer of peanut butter sold in Australia, announced a national and international recall of Kraft and Eta brand peanut butter with use by dates before March

18, 1997 the Fiji Times reported.

Fiji, New Zealand, and other South Pacific Islands including Vanuatu and Papua New Guinea are importing countries involved.

A spokesman said the company had told wholesalers to contact retailers and ask them to remove the peanut butter from sale and to return it to the wholesalers.

The recall came after General Foods

was told by its peanut butter supplier that it had used contaminated nuts in a crunch ingredient.

General Foods has said it was considering taking legal action against the supplier, saying the salmonella scare was costing it a substantial amount of money.

In Tonga's capital of Nuku'alofa, stores have removed peanut butter and satay sauce products from their

shelves following the contamination warning from their makers Kraft Limited and General Foods Limited of Australia.

The products involved are being recalled as batches with certain use-by dates have been linked to a number of reported cases of gastro-enteritis caused by salmonella organism

resulting in nausea and diarrhea, Radio Tonga reported.

The manufacturing companies of the products are recalling all forms, sizes and varieties of ETA peanut butter jelly with use-by dates before March 18, 1997 and satay sauce with dates up to and including April 16, 1997....Pacnews

## Police step up patrols for threatened judge

POLICE in Fiji are investigating death threats made against Mr. Justice John Lyons, the Lautoka High Court judge who sentenced Amina Koya to three years' imprisonment Wednesday.

Divisional Police Commander Western Senior Superintendent Govind Raju said Lyons and his family were under police protection and police patrols had been stepped up around the area where he lives, the *Fiji Times* reported.

Raju said the judge's two children will now be put under police surveillance while at school.

Lyons said during the hearing of a bail application from Koya's lawyer Thursday that his children had been subjected to abuse, jostling and bullying.

Hesaid his wife had been abused, harangued, jostled and spat at.

Justice Lyons ordered that Koya's applications for appeal be transferred to the Court of Appeal in Suva because he considered it "unjust, improper and inappropriate" to do anything other than decline to decide on the application.

Amina Koya, wife of the late Fiji opposition party leader Saddiq Koya, was jailed for three years by the Lautoka Wednesday, for setting fire to her husband's law firm

on March 23, 1994, with the intention of claiming 100,000 Fijian dollars (US\$71,000) insurance.

Meanwhile, the new senator, Irene Narayan, has called for the immediate release of Koya "if there is a legal way."

She said Koya had suffered enough.

Narayan also thanked government for the release of Koya. Vakalabure called for the release of Koya a day after she was jailed

saying Koya's late husband played a crucial role in Fiji achieving independence, and Fijians owed a lot to Saddiq Koya for his foresight....Pacnews

**Canadian company proposes to build gas pipeline from PNG to Australia**

A CANADIAN company, IPC Limited, planning to build a gas pipeline from PNG to Australia has made an important breakthrough with the Cape York Aborigines for the use of their land.

The company proposes to build a \$1-billion pipeline from Pandora Gas field in the Gulf of Papua New Guinea to Cape York.

The gas will then be transported through more than 1,000 kilometers of underground pipeline to Townsville, the National reported.

The company had signed a memorandum of understanding with the Cape York Land Council, Monday to set up a protocol of consulting with indigenous groups along the proposed pipeline route.

IPC Limited had first approached Director of Council, Noel Pearson, said there was a lesson to be learned by other mining companies and project developers to begin consultation with the indigenous people early in the life of a project.

He said achievement with the IPC Limited is the best example he has seen in Queensland of a major developer doing business in the right way, in this post-Mabo context.

Meanwhile, the IPC Limited released its draft terms of reference for the project saying most of the feasibility study had been completed.

Pandora project is one of the series ambitious energy projects now being planned for Queensland....Pacnews

# Key clues found in Saudi blast

By EILEEN ALT POWELL  
DHARHAN, Saudi Arabia (AP)

- Hundreds of parts of an exploded truck bomb have been spread out on long plastic sheets at a devastated U.S. military complex. They include key clues that investigators hope will lead to attackers who killed 19 Americans and injured hundreds of Americans, Saudis and Bangladeshis.

Measures taken included moving the main gate; erecting barriers to slow vehicles approaching the entrance; stringing a second tier of concertina wire around parts of the perimeter fence; and increasing patrols.

President Clinton, in France for an economic summit, on Saturday assigned retired Army Gen. Wayne A. Downing to assess the bombing and security at other military installations and to report back to Perry within 45 days.

At the bomb site, Perry peered into the enormous crater left by the bombing and saw the extensive damage to the building, where huge chunks of concrete dangled from iron rods and overturned bathtubs lay inside exposed bathrooms.

Since the bombing additional security measures taken include moving perimeter barriers to 400 feet (120 meters) from the building - four times farther out than before. Perry acknowledged that U.S. officials must assume another attack is possible.

"We have to take that vulnerability very seriously," he said. "We are making our security plans as if there were other threats."

But the commander of the U.S. Air Force in Dhahran, Brig. Gen. Terry Schwaller, said that Saudi officials twice refused requests in March to allow the concrete-and-wire barrier to be moved out to the 400-foot (120-meter) line.

"We asked them to move it to the outside of the parking lot," Schwaller told a small group of reporters. "The answer was, 'Not at this time.'"

He explained their refusal by saying "the pace is different" in the kingdom. "We did as much as we could, given the environment," he said.

Schwaller said that after a November bombing that killed five Americans and two Indians in the

18 dead as gunmen open fire at crowd in Colombia

MEDELLIN, Colombia (AP) - At least 18 people were killed and 10 wounded when gunmen opened fire near a bus station in this western city, radio Caracol reported Sunday.

Several armed attackers arrived in two vehicles Saturday night and apparently shot indiscriminately toward people near the station, located in the city's Belen neighborhood, said Caracol, one of Colombia's most respected stations.

The motive for the violence and other details weren't immediately available.

The report described the massacre as the worst single attack in recent years in Medellin, a city of 2.5 million that is frequently hit by both drug and rebel-related violence.

weren't hurt."

FBI agents had laid parts from the truck on three long plastic sheets in the parking lot north of the eight-story building. In addition to the truck chassis, investigators have found blackened crankshaft, and a Mercedes-Benz hubcap they think came from the same vehicle, Air Force spokesman Maj. Jim Stratford said.

Persian Gulf newspapers quoted Saudi officials as saying that investigators had the fuel truck's license number.

Three leading newspapers said that witnesses gave Saudi investigators a "good description" of the two men who parked the truck, and the government would release composite sketches of two suspects.

U.S. Defense Secretary William J. Perry flew in for a brief tour of the bomb site Saturday and revealed that security had been stepped up prior to Tuesday's blast due to suspicions that people were scouting out the complex that houses some 2,000 American servicemen.

At the bomb site, Perry peered into the enormous crater left by the bombing and saw the extensive damage to the building, where huge chunks of concrete dangled from iron rods and overturned bathtubs lay inside exposed bath-

rooms.

"Absolutely devastating," Perry said. "It's a wonder more people

scouting out the housing complex. He cited "suspicious actions at the Khobar Towers which suggested they might have been under surveillance."

That was one reason that U.S. forces had built new fences, established a security perimeter around the area, posted lookouts on the roofs of buildings and run extra foot patrols in the area, he said.

Since the blast, Americans have been relocated from exterior rooms to rooms closer to the center of the buildings, a move he called "inconvenient but safer" for the soldiers.

Suspicion is focused on Muslim militants who want to drive the roughly 5,000 U.S. troops out of the kingdom, home to Islam's holiest shrines. American officials doubt several claims of responsibility by previously unknown groups.

Investigators have some evidence linking the attack to the November bombing in Riyadh, Perry said Friday.

The Saudis have mobilized thousands of security men across the kingdom in their effort to identify those behind the truck bombing, which further tarnished the kingdom's image as an oasis of stability in the often violent Middle East.

Americans in the kingdom have received threats in recent months, including one promising revenge if four men arrested in connection with the first attack were punished. All four were convicted and beheaded on May 31.

More than 40 FBI terrorist agents were in the kingdom to investigate the attack. White House spokesman Mike McCurry had suggested Friday that the agents had hoped for better cooperation from Saudi authorities.

But Perry said Saturday that cooperation was good. And the Saudi ambassador to the United States, Prince Bandar bin Sultan, called the cooperation between investigators from both sides "exceptional" given the circumstances.

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# Garuda stops DC-10 flights to Japan

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - The state-owned airline Garuda Indonesia now is using Boeing 747s on flights to Japan after one of its DC-10s crashed in southern Japan in mid-June, the official Antara news agency reported Sunday.

"The discontinuation of the flights to Japan which use DC-10 aircraft is to meet a request from the Japanese government, apparently as the accident is still fresh in their minds," it quoted Joop Ave, minister of tourism, post and telecommunications, as saying in Cilacap, Central Java.

The crash on takeoff from Fukuoka on June 13 killed three people and injured more than 100.

Ave said the Japanese government wanted the McDonnell Douglas DC-10s replaced with Boeing 747-400 airplanes.

In Tokyo, Japanese Transport Ministry officials could not be reached on the Sunday holiday. But ministry officials on duty at Fukuoka said Garuda was operating three flights a week to the southern Japanese city using Boeing 747s or McDonnell Douglas MD-11s.

They declined to say whether Japan had requested the change, but said other airlines fly DC-10s into Fukuoka regularly.

Ave said the accident had caused a decline in the number of tourists to Indonesia. He did not provide any figures.

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*Communists in China hope:*

# 'Hong Kong to boost party image'

By JOE McDONALD

BEIJING (AP) - The clock's numbers flash an urgent red above the milling crowds of Tiananmen Square, counting the seconds to Hong Kong's return, each tick hammering home its importance to Chinese dignity.

The date is still a year away, but China is issuing coins, producing a TV series, open-

**Bank to issue \$963M bonds to help finance export credits**

BEIJING (AP) - The Export and Import Bank of China plans to issue \$ 963 million in bonds this year to finance export credits for electronics and other high-tech equipment, a government newspaper reported Sunday.

Some of the money will be used for low-interest loans as part of China's foreign aid, the Business Weekly quoted general manager Zhu Hongjie of the Eximbank's planning department as saying.

Exports of machinery and electronics rose 6.5 percent to \$ 16.6 billion in the first five months of this year, compared with last year, according to customs officials.

Business Weekly said the Eximbank extended \$ 674 million in export credits last year and made \$ 6 million in low-interest foreign loans.

**Downed wire kills 15 people**

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - A stray bullet shot during a celebration knocked down a high-voltage power line that killed at least 15 people in northern Pakistan, a newspaper reported Sunday.

A group of villagers traveling to the northern city of Rawalpindi to attend a cattle show on Saturday fired their guns into the air to celebrate the occasion, the English-language newspaper The News reported.

One of the bullets clipped an overhead electric wire and sent it tumbling onto the group, the newspaper said, quoting Water and Power Development Authority officials.

Cattle shows in rural Pakistan are usually considered times of great celebration with many participants firing guns into the air and setting off fire crackers.

The power line also killed four buffalo - prized cattle to be displayed at the Rawalpindi show.

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ing a museum exhibit - missing no chance to celebrate the end of a painful legacy of colonial-era weakness.

But there's more than just national pride at work. China's Communist rulers want the historic event to rebuild their battered reputation among a populace that's fed up with soaring corruption and crime.

Official newspapers and TV implicitly remind Chinese nearly every day that by taking back Hong Kong after 156 years of British rule, the Communists will triumph where generations of emperors, presidents and warlords failed.

For anyone who still misses that point, a state publishing house plans to issue an "Atlas of Shame."

According to official news reports, its 100 maps will illustrate China's humiliations at the hands of foreigners, from the loss of Hong Kong in the 1840 Opium War through

their society and legal system.

The party that fought its way to power in 1949 under the banner of uniting a war-shattered nation also wants the Chinese public to look upon the return of Hong Kong as a stepping stone toward the loftier goal of recovering Nationalist-ruled Taiwan.

Beijing is promising to promote local Hong Kong leaders - under the same "one country, two systems" plan it has offered the rival Nationalists, who fled the mainland in 1949 after losing the civil war.

The upbeat publicity begins in earnest Monday, when top officials throw themselves a party marking the start of the one-year countdown.

On that day, the government plans to issue three commemorative coins in gold and silver. Each says "Smooth transition, long-term prosperity" in English and Chinese and portrays a book repre-

senting the Basic Law, the constitution China has written for post-1997 Hong Kong.

Also Monday, 400 photographs and paintings of historic Hong Kong go on show at the huge Museum of the Chinese Revolution, within sight of Mao Tse-tung's memorial hall on Tiananmen Square.

Official news reports say one picture shows Qing Dynasty mandarins forced to sign away Hong Kong in the first of a series of "unequal treaties" that would give Europe and Japan control over pieces of China.

Outside the museum, the countdown clock ticks down to the first second of July 1, 1997.

After that, one tiny sliver of China will remain in foreign hands - the Portuguese enclave of Macau west of Hong Kong, which is to return to Chinese control in 1999.

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# Doubts pervade Bosnian elections

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By BRANKA KOSTOVSKA  
MOSTAR, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - Most Mostar residence hope that local elections Sunday will pave the way for lasting peace. Instead, they could turn into a sure recipe for continued division and conflict in the city - and across Bosnia.

For 3 1/2 years, Bosnian Muslims and Croats have led separate lives in Mostar.

It was the scene of some of the fiercest fighting between the two groups, ending only in 1994 after the United States pressured them to form a federation to face the common Serb threat.

Parallel institutions have grown in Mostar to serve the two communities. Sunday's elections are meant to mend the city's divide.

But Croat separatists hope to cement their city's division through electing a radical party that wants the western side to remain purely Croat.

The already fragile Croat-Muslim federation might not survive such permanent division. And if Croats and Muslims go their irreconcilable ways, the peace agreement for all of Bosnia could unravel.

Croats and Serbs will feel free to secede and new fighting could erupt. Even the threat of force from NATO-led peacekeepers now in Bosnia might not be enough to keep the lid on violence.

The Dayton peace accord has called for a central zone, between the city's three Muslim- and three Croat-administered neighborhoods, where municipal and federal authorities will have offices. The Sunday vote is to fill posts on all levels in Mostar.

"The city will be unified with the establishment of democratic institutions," Dragan Gasic, spokesman for the European Union administration of Mostar, said Saturday.

"Of course there will be difficulties, but today we have problems in two different cities; as of tomorrow, we will be dealing with problems in one single city."

While united in their hopes for peace, Mostar residents have starkly different expectations of the outcome.

Some of them - mostly Croats from the western side - see the creation of three Croat districts as cementing the city's division. They are convinced that the central district will not be able to function - much like the Muslim-Croat federation.

"It's good that each side will have its own part of the city," said Ivan Ladic, a bank clerk in western, Croat-held Mostar. "These elections will bring us the same as those in 1991 - war, unless we know which part of the city belongs to whom."

Ladic, who lost a son in the Croat-Muslim fighting in 1993, predicted the city council would never function.

It would be impossible for its members to sit down together after their bitterly fought war, he said.

Others echoed the hopes of the international community to unify the city.

"I will vote with optimism and faith, for me and those people from the other side who believe in reconciliation," said Jasmina Hadzic, a Muslim who was expelled from her home in western Mostar in 1993 and now lives on the eastern side.

Hadzic, like many other Muslims, will cross to the western side to vote, since election regulations provide for residents to cast their ballots in the part of the city they inhabited before the war broke out in 1992.

About 99,000 registered voters are eligible to cast their ballots at one of 95 polling stations.

Buses, escorted by international police, will carry citizens across the dividing line to the polling stations.

One local and at least one international policeman will be overseeing security in each polling station.

"We don't expect incidents at the polling stations, but our biggest problem is indeed that we cannot control what happens if people want to visit their former homes," Gasic said.

More than 50,000 Mostar citizens from the pre-war population of 126,000 are refugees elsewhere in Bosnia or other European countries.

On Saturday, as many as 25 buses with Mostar refugees from Croatia and Bosnia were on their way home for the vote, and four buses were on their way from Serbia carrying 200 Mostar Serbs.

## At the movies

### Demi Moore's 'Striptease' will not be like 'Showgirls'

By DOUGLAS J. ROWE  
"STRIPTEASE" is no "Showgirls." Which, in a way, is too bad.

At least last year's attempt at mainstream titillation is finding a second life as "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" of the '90s, complete with midnight showings to audiences who laugh at, and participate with, a celluloid colossus of camp.

This latest try, starring Demi Moore, simply serves up forgettable mediocrity. It clearly aims to make you titter rather than titillate you. But while marketers and makers of "Striptease" are touting the Castle Rock release as a comedy, the movie careers between broad humor and heavy-handed seriousness.

Moore plays a wife and mother who's been fired from her job as a secretary for the FBI, then loses custody of her little girl to her defective ex-husband, played by Robert Patrick. Besides being an informant for the vicesquad, he steals wheelchairs from hospitals and is generally out of control.

To get her kid back and make money, Moore takes a job as a stripper at a Miami club.

One night, a sleazy congressman (Burt Reynolds) slips into the joint incognito and manages to get himself into a fracas that gets photographed. Enter Moore's No. 1 fan, who looks like he's from the Revenge of the Nerds Alumni Association and thinks the incriminating photos might help get her kid back.

Soon, he's sleeping with the fishes - in "The Godfather" sense of the phrase - and an earnest detective (Armand Assante) is on the case.

In between, a pythontitled Monty also sleeps with the fishes - in fact, nobody sleeps with anybody but fishes in this movie - the politician drools and pines over Moore, Moore pines over her little girl, and the detective takes over the nerd-fan's efforts to help her regain custody.

Moore thinks about her daugh-

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #1

The CNMI Council for the Humanities announces that funds are now available to support a new grant initiative called: The Changing Faces of the CNMI: Humanities Perspectives on Cultural Diversity.

The Council invites individuals, nonprofit groups and organizations to submit proposals that focus on the cultural and ethnic diversity of the CNMI.

Proposals should strive to generate community discussion and understanding of cultural and ethnic differences and may explore a number of topics such as but not limited to: the cultural and economic impact of Asia on the CNMI; the significance of recent and distant migration patterns in the Pacific, and the origins of beliefs, myths and stereotypes associated with racism.

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"mind," said Borja.

"I think if I changed that, some of those supporters, family members, party members, will say, 'Well, you're backing down on your word also.' So that's the position I'm in," Borja explained.

Borja up until now has yet to discuss candidacy matters with Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio.

Tenorio in an interview last week, said such a discussion is not necessary as Borja has already made up his mind about running for governor.

According to Borja, although he initially wanted a meeting with Tenorio prior to making a decision, he respects the governor's position not to talk it out.

"I have stated my intention that it would be nice if we talked about it. But if he feels that he doesn't want to talk, that there is no need to talk, then I respect him for that. I think we still have time," said Borja.

He added, "I would like to lay low and let matters calm down." Maybe in a month or two, the time would be right when we sit down and discuss these things again."

Borja became a Democratic Party aspirant for governor when Tenorio last year announced he is not seeking reelection after his current term.

Recently, however, Tenorio changed his mind and said he would likely run again for a second term, buoyed by the urgings of a pro-Tenorio bloc within the party.

Tenorio's change of heart has given Borja three options — to run again as Tenorio's second man; not to run in 1997 at all; or to run against Tenorio for the gubernatorial nomination.

As of now, Borja said he is going for the last option.

Borja's candidacy was endorsed by the Democratic Party central executive committee last May.

According to Borja, the party's endorsement of his candidacy is also one factor why he is bent on running.

"You may recall that some members of the executive committee were the ones that were saying, 'let's call the governor and the lieutenant governor and hear what their intentions are.' I did appear in that meeting and it was a very good feeling for me to find out that they did endorse me," said Borja.

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL  
PSS RFP96-006**

The CNMI Public School System is seeking proposals from professional writers with demonstrated experience (i.e. - published books, essays, articles on Pacific History) for an updated version of the CNMI History Book first published in 1991. The update shall include revisions to the existing text and the illustrating, editing and proofing that make for complete "camera ready" copy as required by the PSS.

In response to this project request, we ask that individuals or firms provide a brief description and hard copies of historical works which they have authored and edited as evidence of their experience and expertise. Responders are also requested to provide any other information they consider pertinent in a brief narrative. Scope of work is available at the Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd floor, Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, during normal working hours, except Holidays.

Proposals must be received no later than 2:00 p.m. July 22, 1996 at the PSS Procurement & Supply Office located on the third floor of the Nauru Building. A non-refundable fee of \$25.00 in the form of a certified bank check or postal money order payable to "Treasurer PSS" must be included with the submission. All proposals should be addressed to William S. Torres, Commissioner of Education. Proposals must be delivered with an original and a duplicate.

The PSS reserves the right to:

1. Reject any and all proposals and reissue an amendment project request.
2. Request additional information from any individual or firm submitting a proposal in response to this RFP.
3. Negotiate a contract with any individual or firm selected for providing this service in response to this RFP.
4. Waive any non-material violation of the rules of this project request.

The PSS will not reimburse or pay for any of the cost incurred in the preparation and submission of a response to this request. For additional information on this project, please contact Tim Thouroug at telephone number 664-3790.

/s/ William S. Torres  
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Louise Concepcion  
PSS Procurement & Supply Officer

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) is requesting for proposals to publish its 1995 Annual Report. Proposals shall be submitted to the Commonwealth Development Authority or mailed to P.O. Box 2149, Saipan, MP 96950 no later than July 18, 1996, 4:30 p.m. Copies of the RFP package may be obtained at the CDA office at Watkins Building in Gualo Rai. Inquiries may be directed to Ms. Lydia M. Sablan, CDA Acting Executive Director, at telephone no. 234-7145.

The Commonwealth Development Authority reserves the right to reject any proposal in the interest of the CNMI Government.

*/s/ Lydia A. Sablan*  
Acting Executive Director

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MVB Board Conference Room  
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- I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
  - 1. Call to Order
  - 2. Roll Call
  - 3. Adoption of Agenda
- II. Executive Session (Closed Door)
- III. LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT (closed to public)
- IV. Managing Director's Report
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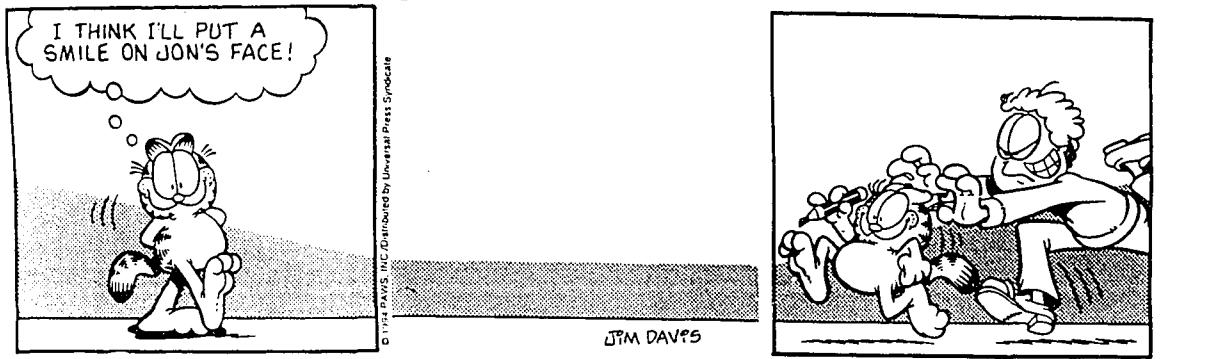
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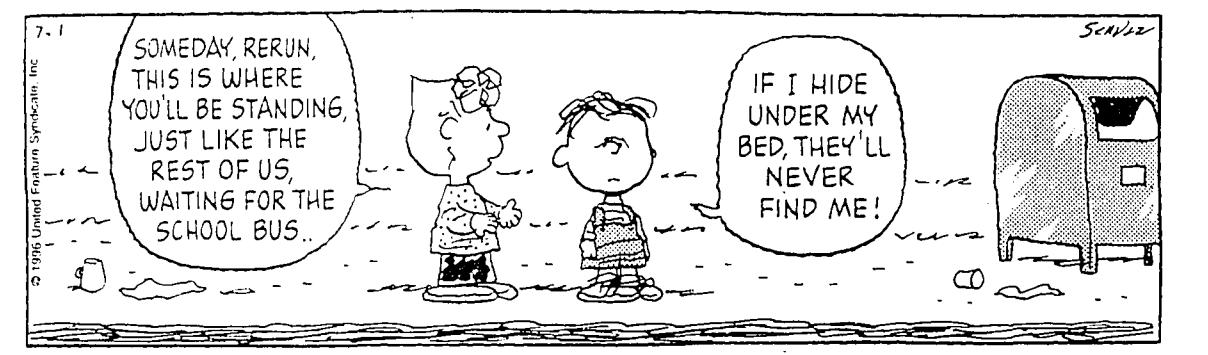
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STELLA WILDER  
YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

graph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

**TUESDAY, JULY 2**  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — Try not to expect too much from yourself today. You have your limitations, and you must accept and live with them day after day.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Remember that what goes around comes around. Today you'll become more familiar with some things from your past.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Show more discretion about the things you go after at this time. Avoid throwing good money after bad! Play it safe when it comes to major investments.

You will know what it means to be blessed with great successes, but you will also know what it is to feel frustrated and disappointed. Fortunately, every low will be followed by a high and you can swing the balance of your emotions in your own favor.

Also born on this date are: Betty Buckley, actress; Tom Cruise, actor; Tom Stoppard, playwright.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding para-

graph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — A domestic situation may be blown out of proportion today unless you take charge and keep things under control.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You can score points with a friend or loved one today simply by following your instincts and doing something at exactly the right time.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) — You may have mixed feelings today about leaving something behind that has recently become a surprisingly important part of your life.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — It will be a good day to come home again, literally or figuratively. The odds will be in your favor when it comes to an old friendship.

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# SPORTS

## Reds beat Cubs

CINCINNATI (AP) - Eric Davis and Joe Oliver hit bases-loaded doubles in a five-run fifth inning that swept the Cincinnati Reds to their seventh straight victory, 9-5 over the Chicago Cubs on Saturday.

The Reds matched their season-best winning streak and improved to two games under .500 (36-38) for the first time since May 12. The defending NL Central champions have been as many as 11 games under .500 this month.

Mark Portugal (4-5) allowed five hits over seven innings in 92-degree heat to win his third consecutive start. The right-hander also had a pair of singles in the five-run fifth.

Cubs reliever Jim Bullinger (3-6) gave up Hal Morris' game-tying single

in the fourth, then loaded the bases with one out in the fifth.

Reliever Kent Bottenfield got Reggie Sanders to ground to third baseman Leo Gomez, but catcher Scott Servais dropped the low throw home for an error that let Portugal score for a 4-3 lead.

Davis followed with a ground-rule double for two more runs, and Oliver added another ground-rule double for an 8-3 lead.

The Cubs wasted a 3-0 lead.

Cardinals 6, Pirates 5

In St. Louis, Brian Jordan singled home the winning run with out in the bottom of the ninth inning as St. Louis won its seventh straight at home.

The Cardinals' win was their 11th in 12 games at Busch Stadium. St.

Louis has won 11 of its last 16 overall.

Willie McGee opened the ninth with an infield single off Dan Miceli (1-4) and Ozzie Smith followed with a bloop single.

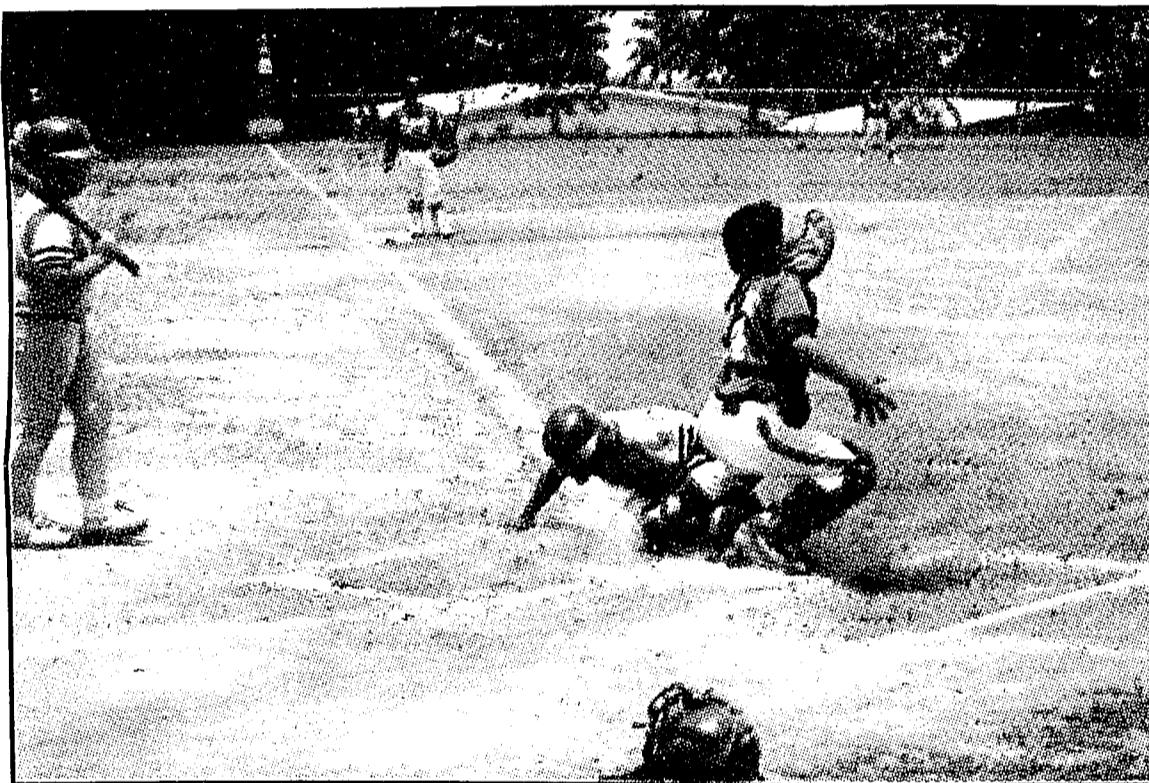
Ray Lankford's groundout to second sent McGee to third before Miceli walked Ron Gant to load the bases. Jordan, who went 3-for-5 and entered the game batting .386 with runners in scoring position, then lined a pitch between short and third for the game-winner.

Miceli had not been charged with an earned run in his previous seven appearances.

Rick Honeycutt (1-0) pitched 1 1-3 innings of scoreless relief.

Padres 7, Giants 6

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Garapan Pirate Syl Teregeyo slides safely at the home plate just a split-second before AA Falcon catcher Jeremiah Suel makes the catch during Little League action yesterday at the San Vicente ballfield.

## Norman disqualified over ball violation at Greater Hartford

By CHRISTINE HANLEY

CROMWELL, Connecticut (AP) - The Greater Hartford Open lost the biggest name in its field and gained a new leader.

After defending champion Greg Norman was disqualified over a technical ball violation, D.A. Weibring shot an even-par 70 Saturday to take sole possession of the lead heading into the final round.

Weibring, who took the past three weeks off to regain some strength sapped by the Bell's Palsy he was diagnosed with earlier this year, finished 54 holes at 7-under 203, one stroke better than second-round leader Kevin Sutherland, who had a 72.

Norman was disqualified late Friday for using an improperly

labeled ball in the first two rounds. He was five strokes out of the lead at the halfway mark and his early exit was the buzz all day.

"You live by the rules of the game," said Norman, who was in good spirits Saturday morning despite the fact the mixup cost him a serious chance to become the tournament's first repeat champion.

Norman won the GHO last year with a course record 13-under 267 total.

The action, which was announced Saturday, was prompted by Norman's admission to golf officials that there might be a problem with the ball he was testing for Maxfli.

Golf officials said the ball was physically identical to one ap-

proved by the USGA, but was mislabeled with a stamp number that designated it as one that is not on the USGA's list of conforming balls.

His departure was a letdown for fans and tournament officials, but opened the door for those left hunting for a piece of the \$ 1.5 million purse.

"You know, I'm sure there's going to be a few disappointed people out there - and a few happy golfers," Norman said. "But the fact is, I could have easily won this golf tournament."

Dressed casually in jeans and a black T-shirt, Norman was relaxed and good-humored while telling reporters his ac-

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## NMBBF forming team to Mr. Universe tilt

THE Northern Marianas Bodybuilding Federation is now forming a team to send to the 50th Men's World Bodybuilding Championships (Mr. Universe). The championships will take place 12-16 November, 1996 in Amman, Jordan. The NMBBF is informing the public that anyone remotely interested in competing at the World Bodybuilding Championships must contact the NMBBF Secretary, John Davis at 288-3744 no later than 15 July, 1996.

Inquiries will not be entertained after 15 July, 1996.

## 1996 Major League Baseball Game tonight Glazers vs Brewers & Individual Stats

### Glaziers:

Player	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	E	BATTING
Camacho, Paul C.	5	22	7	8	2	0	0	5	0	5	.364	
Guerrero, Mike C.	8	35	12	14	4	1	0	10	1/1	2	.400	
Camacho Greg C.	6	27	9	12	0	1	2	9	1	5	.444	
Ada Wilber	8	44	7	13	3	0	0	8	2/1	4	.295	
Tenorio Joe C.	7	13	4	4	2	0	0	4	13	1	.308	
Camacho Tony C.	8	32	6	10	1	0	0	8	3/1	7	.313	
Castro Ben	6	11	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	6	.182	
Ngotel Willard	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	
Camacho Mike C.	3	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.000	
Aguon Mariano	7	19	6	3	0	0	0	0	7	3	.158	
Sablan Eddie	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	.000	
Kalen Ken	7	33	13	12	2	2	1	8	4	6	.364	
Cabrera Jeff	2	5	12	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	.400	
Camacho Dennis	6	19	5	5	1	0	0	3	7	4	.263	
Castro Albert	2	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	.200	
Magofna Roy	2	5	3	4	0	0	0	0	1	3	.800	
Igitol Ivan	4	13	4	6	1	0	0	1	2/1	2	.462	
Taitano Edwin	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	.500	

### Pitching Record:

Player	G	INN	R	ER	HIT	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	W/L	ERA
Magofna Roy	7	34	33	15	42	4	4	0	15	17	3-3	3.97
Castro Albert	7	29	27	6	21	3	1	0	21/2	36	0-2	1.86
Ada Wilber	1	0/3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0	0.00
Guerrero Mike	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0-0	0.00
Camacho Tony	1	2	5	3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	13.50
Camacho Paul	1	11/3	4	3	1	0	1	0	3	0	0-0	20.30

### Brewers:

Player	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	E	BATTING
Guerrero Nick C.	3	15	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.267
Mesa Jess C.	7	31	6	14	1	1	0	7	0	1	.452	
Luzama Tony	7	30	5	6	3	0	0	2	3	9	.200	
Stol Jess	7	26	5	13	1	2	0	7	2	3	.500	
Benavente Bill	7	20	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	7	.150	
Castro Nick	4	19	1	6	0	1	0	1	0	2	.316	
Ngiraked Clinton	2	6	2	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	.167	
Acosta John	6	19	6	5	0	0	0	1	4	3	.263	
Ouph Bio	4	6	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	.333	
Rekemesik Darius	2	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	.200	
Atalig Joe	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	
Guerrero Jack	7	28	5	8	1	1	0	4	1	4	.286	
Kapile Ray	4	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	.667	
Kaiap Fred	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.00	
Palacios Dino	3	9	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	.222	
Saimon Nick	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	
Ada James	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.000	
Guerrero Joe	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	
Abraham Al	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	
Fital Emery	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	

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