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## Post story: Did Tan pay for congressional trips?



Willie Tan

By Zaldy Dandan  
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THE WASHINGTON Post reported Saturday that the CNMI-sponsored "junkets" for U.S. congressmen and staffers may have been financed by garments magnate

Willie Tan.

The report, written by William Branigin, also quoted unnamed "critics" who said that the CNMI economy is not a "miracle" as some conservative policy analysts have termed it, but a "mirage" built on about \$1 billion federal grants over the past 20 years and the "exploitation" of Asian labor.

"The (critics) charge that instead of dealing with its problems, the CNMI government is spending more than \$1 million on lobbyists and junkets designed to burnish the islands' image and bamboozle congressional visitors."

Branigin is the author of the 1994 Post "expose" on the al-

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## NLRB orders new Daiichi union vote

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
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THE NATIONAL LABOR Relations Board is seeking to nullify the results of last year's union elections at the Dai-Ichi Hotel after it found the polling was widely "influenced" by an anti-union campaign launched by employers and the Legislature.

The board mentioned specifically the filing of legislation proposing to impose a limit on the stay of workers in the Commonwealth as an action that influenced the outcome of the union election.

Hotel employees voted "no" during the election held in March 21, 1996.

The board, in its Feb. 5 report, recommended that a new election be held.

The labor movement in the Commonwealth, which is facing

odds, is spearheaded by H.E.R.E. Local 5, and the Commonwealth Labor Federation.

In February 1996, a bill seeking to impose a four-year limit for guest workers in the CNMI was introduced in the Legislature.

Days before the scheduled election at Dai-Ichi, union critics House Majority Leader Pete Reyes and Rep. Stanley Torres brought the proposal back into the limelight, and introduced bills that would further limit contract renewals to two years.

The bills, the board noted, were accompanied by a barrage of press releases expressing the legislators' "anti-union sentiments."

Torres even alleged that Local 5 was engaged in organized crime.

Reyes, for his part, filed another bill proposing to send home foreign workers who have pending complaints with the labor de-

partment.

Taking cues from the legislators' press statements, the board said "Clearly, the threats were widely disseminated."

The anti-union campaign, the board said in the report prepared by hearing officer Boren Chertkov, "created an atmosphere of confusion, and fear of reprisals so as to render impossible the rational, uncoerced selection of a bargaining representative."

"It is also clear that the legislators' remarks and proposals were timed to have an impact of the election. This timing was not mere coincidence, as most articles mentioned the upcoming election, and in many instances, the legislators themselves mentioned the election as if to assure that Dai-Ichi employees would heed their remarks before voting," the report

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## Tinian accident kills woman, injures 2 kids

By Ferdie de la Torre  
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A 36-year-old woman died while two minors were injured during a vehicular accident on Tinian Sunday night.

Acting Public Safety Information Officer Lt. Nicolas Mangarero identified the fatality as Anicia Borja Evangelista, an employee of the Governor's Office.

Mangarero said the two minors suffered minor injuries. It was not clear yet whether they were related to Evangelista.

Initial police investigation showed that prior to the incident, Evangelista was walking along a road eastward with the two kids.

While Evangelista and the kids were walking near Royal Casino in San Jose, a vehicle travelling eastward struck them at 9:39

p.m.

Emergency medical technicians and police officers responded and took the victims to Tinian Hospital. Evangelista was pronounced dead.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as Rotex Bugarin, manager for Tinian Mobil Block Plant.

Mangarero said it was not indicated in the report what type of vehicle was driven by Bugarin.

No alcohol or drugs were involved in the accident. The operator was not arrested, Mangarero pointed out.

DPS Saipan has not received information yet whether Bugarin violated any traffic laws.

The case was placed under further investigation.

It is the first fatal vehicular accident in the CNMI so far this year, police said.



American Red Cross NMI Chapter Chair Jocelyn Guerrero (left) and volunteer Alice Romolor applaud as Gov. Tenorio signs a proclamation declaring March as American Red Cross Month. Photo courtesy of Governor's PIO

## Tenorio: No need for any limit on workers' stay

By Zaldy Dandan  
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GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio yesterday said that there is no need to impose a limit on an alien worker's employment tenure.

Senate Majority Leader Thomas P. Villagomez (R-Saipan) told the Variety Thursday that the Senate wants alien workers to "exit" the CNMI after two consecutive years of employment as the federal government could impose a maximum limit of five years employment.

But according to the governor, it is the CNMI and not the federal government that has control over the commonwealth's immigration policies.

"There is no need (to impose) any limit on (an alien worker's employment)," he said in a media conference yesterday.

The House of Representatives rejected Wednesday the Senate amendments to House Bill 10-136 which originally had a four-, and not two-, year limit provision.

The original House bill would also exempt from the limit, alien workers in professional and executive positions.

The Senate version would likewise exempt professionals and executives but only if they receive a \$30,000 annual salary.

Villagomez, in an interview Thursday, said the Senate proposed a 2-year limit to prevent the federal government from imposing stricter immigration

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Froilan C. Tenorio

## WEATHER Outlook



Partly cloudy with isolated showers



# China bids its leader farewell

By CHARLES HUTZLER

BEIJING (AP) - Thousands of Chinese - many of them bused in by government-run work units - thronged a main Beijing thoroughfare Monday for a glimpse of the motorcade carrying the body of Deng Xiaoping.

The Chinese leader, who died last week at 92, was to be cremated at a cemetery for revolutionary heroes in preparation for a memorial service on Tuesday attended by 10,000 Communist elite.

Armed police in dress uniforms lined the roads at 3-meter (10-foot) intervals, keeping crowds waiting for the funeral procession to the south of the avenue that runs through the heart of the city. A motorcade of about 40 luxury sedans and two white minivans draped in yellow and black ribbons crept into the Babaoshan, the cemetery where many of China's revolutionary veterans are interred.

It was unclear if one of the vans carried Deng's body. But most of the motorcade left the cemetery about a half-hour after it arrived - a sign that the cremation might have begun.

"I came to have a last look," said Liu Guilan, a 50-year old retired worker at nearby Capital Iron and Steel, a state factory that prospered under economic reforms launched by Deng.

Liu, however, said the crowds did not compare with those who mourned the death of longtime Premier Zhou

Enlai in January 1976.

"When Premier Zhou came by, everyone cried," she said. "There were white flowers all around the gate (to the crematorium). We stood there for four or five hours freezing."

Monday's procession took place just hours before U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright arrived in Beijing on the last stop of a nine-country, 11-day around-the-world tour.

Many of those gathered along the road, wearing white paper flowers or black armbands of mourning, said they had been sent by their work units at state-run industries.

Few shed tears.

Police, in fact, were on the lookout for any sign of emotion that could trigger unrest. They cleared a 150-meter (yard) path through the crowd across the street from the cemetery after journalists converged on a man unfurling a pro-Deng sign.

But a former official of the mining bureau wept silently as the motorcade passed.

"He really had an impact on the building of our country."

We're eating, dressing better.

That would have been extremely difficult before," said the man, who gave only his surname, Tang.

"I came to have a look. Comrade Xiaoping's life... everything he did, it's not easy," said Meng Deyuan, another worker at Capital Iron and Steel.

Most of the crowd drifted away after vehicles from the motorcade left the cemetery.

Shortly afterwards, a man climbed up a tree and tacked a small white banner to it that declared in Chinese characters:

"Eternal Glory to Beloved Comrade Deng Xiaoping."

The man, who would not give his name, quickly scurried off after putting up his modest paeon. He told reporters that he wanted to show his respect for the "great man" Deng.

Then a second young man from Shenzhen, the fishing village near Hong Kong that Deng's reforms turned into a boomtown, unfurled several sheets of computer paper praising Deng.

As crowds of journalists gathered around to take his picture and interview him, police nervously pushed the crowd

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## Albright promises Japan continued Okinawa effort

TOKYO (AP) - U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright promised cooperation with Japan Monday on ongoing efforts to reduce the U.S. military burden on the southern island of Okinawa.

During her two-day visit to Japan - one of nine nations on her first trek as secretary of state - Albright has stressed that U.S.-Japanese security ties are key in the Asian region.

Masaki Onita, head of the Foreign Ministry's North American Affairs Bureau, said that in a breakfast meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto, Albright reiterated that the presence of U.S. troops in Japan is important for regional security.

The United States has nearly 30,000 U.S. troops on Okinawa - more than half of its 45,000 in Japan.

Roughly one-fifth of Okinawa Island is reserved for U.S. military use. Albright has said the United States does not intend to reduce the number of U.S. troops in Japan or Asia.

Onita said Albright apologized, however, over the belated admission by U.S. officials recently that Marines on Okinawa accidentally fired more than 1,000 rounds of depleted uranium bullets on a remote Okinawan range in 1995.

In her meeting with Hashimoto, she said the United States would make such an error did not happen again.

Hashimoto promised to do his utmost to ensure that security arrangements between the two nations will continue.

Tokyo is in a particularly sensitive position now because thousands of leases for base land must be renewed by mid-May.

Although Japan is responsible for providing the land, nearly 3,000 pacifist landowners are threatening to refuse to sign the leases.

Albright left Monday for Beijing, where she is expected to gently press China to uphold human rights.

## Bloodbath at Empire State Bldg

By TIM WHITMIRE

NEW YORK (AP) - A gunman fired into a crowd of tourists on the observation deck of the Empire State Building Sunday, killing one person and wounding six others before fatally shooting himself in the head.

Ali Abu Kamal, 69, died at Bellevue Hospital without regaining consciousness five hours after the shootings, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's press office said. His passport said he was from Ramallah, on Israel's west bank, and entered the United States on Christmas Eve, Giuliani said.

Witnesses said dozens of people - many of them foreign tourists - fled in panic toward stairways and elevators as Abu Kamal sprayed bullets on the outdoor deck that surrounds a large, windowed room on the 86th floor.

"I've never seen so much blood in my life," said Belgian businessman Stef Nys, who said he saw the man shoot himself and fall, his dentures

popping loose.

"The most scary part was when people started to panic."

The man muttered something about Egypt seconds before he began shooting shortly after 5 p.m. (2200 GMT) on the 86th floor observation deck of one of the world's best-known tourist sites, witnesses said.

Abu Kamal used a .380-caliber handgun which he apparently bought in Florida at the end of January, Giuliani said.

Police weren't sure of the significance of his remarks about Egypt. A city police terrorist task force and FBI agents were investigating, Giuliani said.

Police Commissioner Howard Safir said the shooter apparently acted alone.

"There are different reports about things that were said," but no indication of his motivation, Giuliani told a City Hall news conference.

Giuliani said Abu Kamal had a receipt indicating he bought the .380 caliber Beretta semi-automatic pistol used in the shooting in Florida a month ago.

The other dead man was a 27-year-old Danish musician visiting the Empire State Building with an American friend from Connecticut, who was shot in the head, Giuliani said. Witnesses said they understood the Danish man played in a rock band called the Bush Pilots.

The others wounded included a French couple from Verdun, both shot in the buttocks, whose 16-year-old daughter escaped injury; a 30-year-old Swiss man, shot in the shoulder; an Argentine man, 52, shot in the shoulder; and a man from the Bronx, shot in the right leg.

Three shooting victims - the Swiss, Argentine and Connecticut man - were listed in critical condition at Bellevue Hospital.



Ethnic Koreans watch activities at the cordoned-off South Korean consulate in Beijing last week, where North Korean defector Hwang Jang Yop has been housed since seeking asylum there. The ethnic Koreans, who live in China and are Chinese citizens, had arrived at the consulate hoping to get visas to visit South Korea, but were told the consulate is closed.

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# Bill for gov't pay hike OK'd

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

THE BILL that would raise by some 10 percent the salaries of government officials and employees breezed through the House of Representatives Friday, and now heads to the Senate where it is also expected to be approved.

Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio, in earlier interviews, said he also supports a pay hike provided that the Legislature identifies the funding source.

House Bill 10-359 was introduced last Feb. 6 by Tenorio partymate and House Minority Leader Dino M. Jones (D-Saipan), shortly before the House unanimously voted to override the line-item veto on the "salary adjustment" provision of the fiscal year 1997 budget bill.

If signed into law, however, House Bill 10-359 would not take

## Senate is next stop for move to raise salaries by 10%

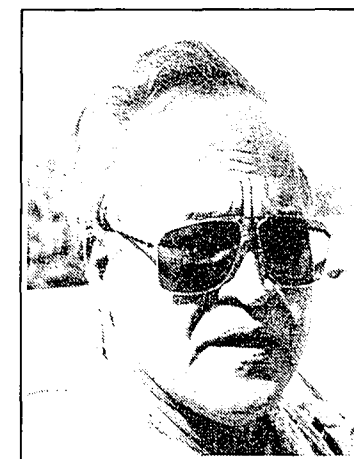


Dino M. Jones

effect until after sufficient funds are appropriated.

"It's about time (government employees) get a pay hike," Jones said in an interview with the Variety. "They deserve it."

## Governor off to D.C., Baltimore and Narita



Froilan C. Tenorio

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio will leave on Saturday, March 1, for a two-week official trip that will take him to Baltimore, Washington, D.C. and Narita, Japan.

Tenorio, in a media conference yesterday, said he will meet with congressional leaders and Interior Department officials in the nation's capital.

The CNMI has been recently getting "bad press" in Washington, and a high-ranking Interior official has urged a U.S. Senate standing committee to support a

bill that would gradually increase the CNMI's minimum wage level to the federal rate.

CNMI government officials and businessmen are opposed to the federalization of the local minimum wage rate, saying that it would only devastate the economy.

The governor said he may also meet with U.S. Navy officials and ask them to reconsider the Navy's recent decision not to allow the construction of a golf course in Tinian's lease back land area.

"I think there's a way for us to reverse the decision," he said.

In Baltimore, Tenorio said he will follow up on the CNMI's agreement with the Baltimore Police Department (BPD).

Under the agreement, BPD will "loan" some of their homicide division police personnel to the CNMI which, in turn, will send selected police officers to BPD for on-the-job training.

Tenorio said he will arrive in Narita on March 13, "at the latest," to attend an economic council meeting with Japanese government officials and business leaders.

## Bailout measure for MHS breezes through House

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

THE House on Friday passed two resolutions asking Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio to identify \$1 million for allotment to the Marianas High School and requesting the Department of Public Works to expedite the construction of classrooms for the Public School System.

The resolutions were both introduced by Rep. Maria (Malua) Peter and on the same day approved by the House, seen as a quick gesture for the emergency nature of problems at the MHS and of the lack of

classrooms.

Education Commissioner William S. Torres and MHS acting Principal James Feger thanked Peter and all the legislators who signed the resolutions.

Feger told Peter during the continuation of a meeting called by the House committee on education and welfare headed by Peter last Friday that he would xerox House Resolution No. 10-97 (requesting the governor for \$1 million for the MHS) and give a copy to each of the teachers and administrative staff of the

high school, which needs the amount to "rectify a number of discrepancies in the sanitary, health and safety conditions" of the school.

The MHS faced the prospect of temporary closure if it doesn't meet the sanitary requirements by Thursday.

The resolution noted that the notice from the Department of Public Health's sanitation unit further indicated that other discrepancies would need to be rectified within 90 working days.

"...The House requests that the Governor identify, with all

chitects—may receive more than \$56,000 a year.

• Secretary of Community and Cultural Affairs—not more than \$65,000 a year.

• Secretary of Commerce—not more than \$65,000 a year.

• Commissioner of Public Safety—not more than \$70,000 a year.

• Secretary of Finance—not more than \$70,000 a year.

• Secretary of Public Works—

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• Secretary of Public Health—not more than \$80,000 a year.

• Secretary of Natural Resources—not more than \$65,000 a year.

• Secretary of Labor and Immigration—not more than \$65,000 a year.

• Attorney General—not more than \$70,000 a year.

• Public Defender—not more than \$65,000 a year.

• Public Auditor—not more than \$70,000 a year.

## Continental 'willing' to talk

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

CONTINENTAL Micronesia yesterday expressed willingness to accept CNMI government's call for a meeting on the former's plan to put up a maintenance hub.

It stressed however that the talk "may not influence our decision" on where to construct the small-and wide-body aircraft maintenance center.

"We'll sit down and talk with them... and add that [meeting] in our review. The officials will be willing to talk with them [CNMI government]," said Sandy Taespe, Continental spokesperson, in a telephone interview from Guam.

"I'm not quite sure though if the talks will, in any way, influence our decision," she added.

Rep. Stanley Torres, expressing concern over the \$3.5 million deal Continental inked with Guam Inter-

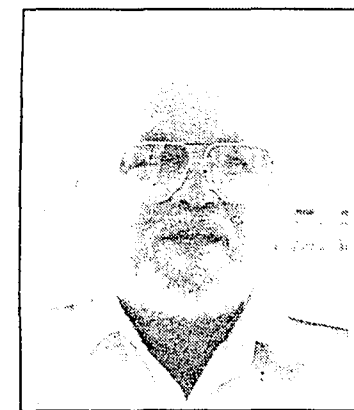
national Airport Authority on the use of hangars formerly used by the US Naval Air Station, has urged Congress to invite the airline's top brass and explore the possibility of having the latter's maintenance hub built on Saipan.

In his letter to House Speaker Diego T. Benavente and Senate President Jesus R. Sablan, Torres said CNMI Legislature "should be more aggressive" in pursuing its bid to win Continental over against Guam.

"I request that we invite Continental Micronesia executives to a hearing where we could discuss their plans and see what we could, or should do in order to entice them into moving to Saipan," said Torres in his letter.

Continental's repair and maintenance hub is expected to generate employment and boost revenues, prospects that have locked Saipan and Guam in a battle to win the facility into their respective turfs.

Taespe said Continental is still re-



Stanley Torres

viewing the matter "thoroughly" and is basing it on the airline's "route structure."

"Where Continental Micronesia will decide to put up its wide-body maintenance center depends on how we restructure our routes... we're looking at that... the center will basically hinge on that route," she explained.

## MHS classes remain suspended

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

CLASSES at the Marianas High School remains suspended today, as general cleaning and refurbishing of classrooms and facilities continue for the fourth day.

Workmen from the Department of Public Works started the emergency cleanup Saturday on orders of Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio.

The MHS had been given until Thursday by the Department of Public Health to meet

sanitation requirements after finding the school filthy and many facilities rundown.

A notice put up at the Principal's Office told teachers and staff to wait for further notice as to when the classes will resume.

The notice also said the examination schedule was put on hold until further notice.

Public Works Deputy Secretary Martin Manglona, meanwhile, said the DPW was to finish the cleanup last night.

Manglona also said he met

with the governor Sunday and that he expressed satisfaction with the emergency work done at the school.

"All the credit should go to the governor because he directed us (to do the cleanup job)," Manglona told the Variety.

The unexpected suspension of school, apparently a necessary evil and which was precisely what the school was trying to prevent after the DPW notice, drew a flak from students.

Vanessa Borja, correspondent secretary of the student council, said a lot of students "are like mad about it (suspension) because it's just now that they're doing things."

"They should have done this (cleaning) a long time ago. They're wasting a lot of students' education and time," Borja said in an interview.

"If they extend (the class) days just to clean up the school, they're gonna extend our graduation; what if we don't graduate in June," she added.

**SAY NO TO DRUGS**



Bill Clinton

By JIM ABRAMS

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congress should delay a vote on the balanced budget amendment to avoid what could be a crushing defeat, a senior House Republican said Sunday.

"You don't want to take a vote if you don't think you are going to win," said House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio.

"My sense is that they ought to delay it."

The Senate is heading toward a vote as early as this week on a proposal to amend the Constitution to require the federal government to operate in balance.

In order to get the 67 votes, or two-thirds majority, supporters must capture both of the last two fence-sitters, Democratic freshmen Mary Landrieu of Louisiana and Robert Torricelli of New Jersey.

The vote is also thought to be too

close to call in the House, which passed a balanced budget amendment in 1995. The measure then failed by one vote in the Senate.

"It's in trouble," Kasich said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

"We need to keep building the case with the American people."

House movement on the amendment has already stopped in the Judiciary Committee, where several Republicans have joined Democrats in saying the measure should be rewritten so that the Social Security trust fund is excluded from future balanced budget considerations.

President Clinton and most Democrats opposed the amendment, saying it does not provide enough flexibility for times of economic recession and leaves Social Security vulnerable to future budget-cutting requirements.

"The balanced budget amendment subjects our economy to enormous risks in perpetuity and I think absolutely is something we should not do," said Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin on CBS.

Rubin said both he and the president had talked to Landrieu and Torricelli and the administration had "been working very hard to avoid enactment of a balanced budget amendment."

The administration contends that the need for a constitutional amendment has been removed by the commitment, from both Democrats and Republicans, to balance the budget by 2002.



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## Lache na mansana

(I sigiente un' ihemplo pot checho' ti kombene gi halom familia. Hu presenta gi hechuran estoria pot para tana' fino dididi, konrespeto. Tai tai ya un' pula' hafa sustansiaña.)

Guaha dos umasagua gai patgon un' patgon lahe yan palaoan. Todo mauleg gi primet sakan siha relasion niha estake hihot echo taotao i dos patgon. Dispues, kada rato kume ma'uñgag i boten niha lao ni un' biahe 'nai mapua.

Kada minachom atdao marimata i palaoan sa' ti kontento i asaguaña nu i amotsan taloane. Yangin matto tatte ginen i checho', plantao senaña lao ti kontento ni hafa mapreparayegue'. Ha rimata talo i asaguaña.

Maseha mahahaga' sa' matrompunaso, humidde kahulo' ya ha chogue checho' guma' kulan mohon sen mauleg entaloña yan i asaguaña. Kada manana si Yuus, ha preparaye amotsan taloane i asaguaña ya kulan hananaña patteña gi finagpo' ritiradan chochu'. Kada dia manatagtag sinparat lao ha susuñgon i mattiro pot familiaña.

Mamaisen i patgon niha lahe hafa na kadarato si nanaña maaña. Kao guaha bidadaña lache osino ti nahoñg mauleg na felisitasion osino inaguaiya gi entalo dos sainaña? Finatagaye as tanaña ya sinañgane na u espiha hafa mauleg para u chogue.

Animo i palaoan para u rebirensia i asaguaña. Humanao para i tenda man espiha nu i mas paire na katne puede ke siha kontento i asaguaña ya ti u inaña talo. Sigiente ogaan ha estufao i katne ya ha planta para amotsan asaguaña. 'Nai mamata i lahe, matachoñg ya duro ha daflogue i amotsaña estake ni un' poñgpuñg sobla gi plato.

Ha faisen i asaguaña amano 'nai mamahan katne. Ineppe na gi tenda ya anai ha fagchae' nuebo na hinalom, ha abona todo i guaha. Ha fatinase i asaguaña amotsan taloane para teñguaña. Gi oran amotsa, ha daflogue i lahe inestufao katne ya esta papagpag sekosña. Gi ritiradan chochu', mamaisen talo kao siha mafatinasegue' nu i mismo sentada.

Dos tres dias malofan, hokog i katne gi halom kahon ais. Mamaisen i asaguaña kao guaguaha' soblan katne sa' diberas na mañge' na katne.

Ha birague' i asaguaña ya malag i kahon ais. Ha planta gi hilo' lamasa i ilu yan tolañg siha ni mafasensine. Ilegña: "Estague' na katne un' kakano' deste tres dias malofan". Man atan i lahe ya hali'e na i ilun lahiña estaba gi hilo' lamasa.

Yangin un' komprende hafa sustansiaña osino moratña este na estoria, chamo nina' chachatsaga sumañgane' hafa hinasomo maseha ñgaian 'nai umasoda hit pot para talie' kao un' danche pumula' hafa hu kekesañgan. Esta guaha ha 'nai huna' setbe este na estoria gi entalo' mangachoñg. Uno osino dos ha' dumanche lao memegaña manlahce.

### Kao echoñg i tinas?

Gi fina' maneskada, kahulo' un' gachoñg ho ya ha pega un' lapas gi halom basu ni mañañagan lamita hanom. Mamaisen dispues gi tropa kao tunas pat echoñg i lapas gi halom basu. Todos manman oppe na echoñg.

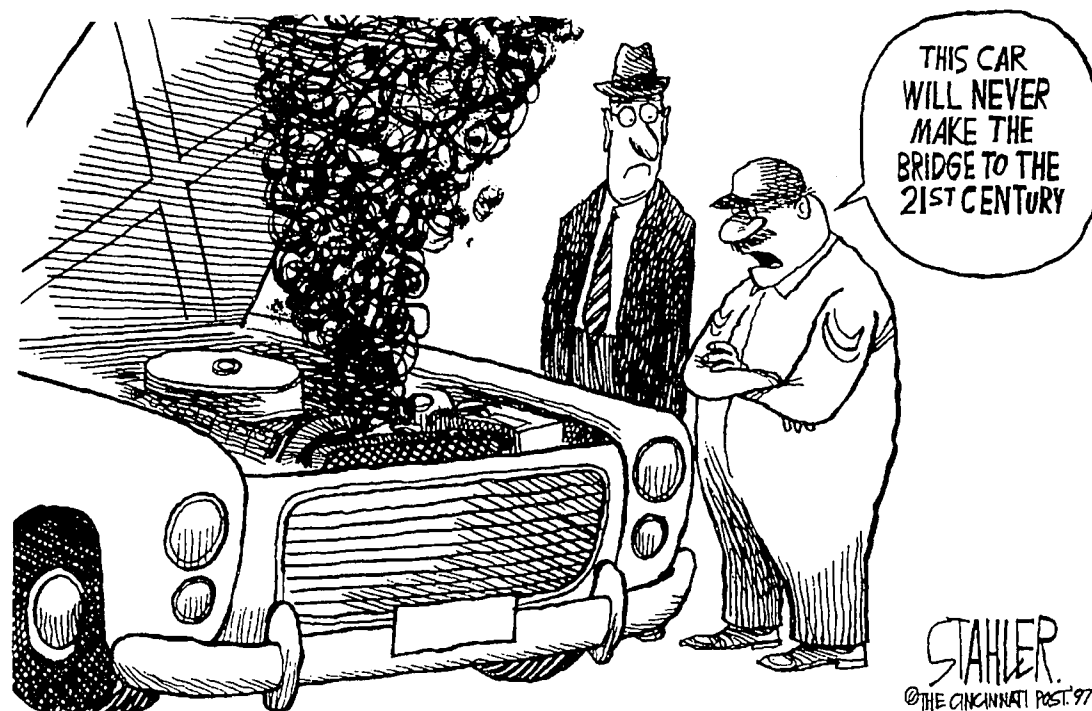
Dispues sige man asaulag rason na depende gi hafa i man intended gi hafa mafaisen: Kao hafa i a'anog gi halom basu osino pot prinsipio. Man oppe i orihinat mamaisen na i kuestion: Kao tunas pat echoñg i lapas gi halom basu?

Man oppe uno na yangin ha atan i lapas gi halom basu, huñgan echoñg. Guaha chumansa na echoñg sa' tinilaika nu i medio hanom gi halom basu. Sige dibaten bulacherias lao ni uno umoppe i kuestion.

Kahulo' i amiguho ya ha lagnos i lapas ginen i basu ya ha pega gi hilo' lamasa. Mamaisen talo un' biahe kao tunas pat echoñg i lapas. Ni uno kumuentos ya sige i chaleg tuyan. Punto: Yangin tunas un' attikuo tat komo i lapas, ni un' pega gi halom basu ni mañañagan medio hanom, siempre u tunas ha' ennao na lapas.

### Fino' mañaina

Ilegniha i man amkota "Sañganeyo" haye amigumo ya bai' sañgane hao hafa na klasen taotao". Sustansiao este na fino' mañainata ya mauleg un' kula hafa sustansiaña. Yangin sake amigumo, siempre i mañake ha' bidamo diaramente. Lao 'nai mauleg na taotao amigumo, hago lokue' siempre un' sen mauleg na taotao. Ayeg mauleg haye seso un' fa' amigo sa' dañgkulo ha reflelektia giya hago mismo hafa hao na klasen taotao. Atan lokue' haye amigon famagun miyo sa sobla de siña in pila' aktibidatña diaramente. Si Yuus Maase!



## JACK ANDERSON and JAN MOLLER WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Clinton wants Haitian president to act

WASHINGTON—Concern within the U.S. government about political killings in Haiti has now reached to the highest levels.

A little more than two years ago, America pointed its guns at Haiti's military rulers and forced them from power in a bloodless invasion. Last fall, Vice President Al Gore praised America's intervention as one of the most "defensible uses of diplomacy and military force" in history.

Since the invasion, America has invested millions of dollars in building democracy on that impoverished strife-torn island. American tax dollars have helped to train new civilian policemen and to disarm government thugs who terrorized the neighborhoods of Port-au-Prince.

But there's a dark side to Haiti's new democracy. The old military thugs have been replaced with a different cast of characters. Political killings have dropped since the military rulers were ousted. But they're still a fact of life.

And the Clinton administration is now getting worried that Haiti's president Rene Preval, isn't serious enough about finding the culprits.

Preval had already given his personal assurances to Gore that the killings were being investigated thoroughly. But that didn't stop Clinton himself from firing off a letter to Preval on Dec. 12. A copy of it was obtained by our associate George Clifford III.

Clinton wrote that the government was concerned that Haiti was dragging its feet on the investigation into the killings of Jacques Florival and Antoine Leroy, rightwing opposition leaders who were killed last August by people linked to Preval's palace security forces.

"I am writing today out of concern that the economic and political progress you have made may now be jeopardized unless there is movement in the Haitian government's investigation into the murder of opposition figures Leroy and Florival," Clinton wrote.

Sources tell us that Preval had assured Gore and Assistant Secretary of State Jeffrey Davidow that Haiti was doing all it could to find the killers. Gore had buttonholed the Haitian president when the two met last year in Bolivia, where Gore was attending an environmental summit meeting.

But those assurances weren't enough for Clinton who worries that the resurgence of political violence could sour Republicans in

Congress on the administration's experiment in democracy-building.

"It would be extremely important for me, in the context of our negotiations with Congress, also to have from you a personal assurance, which I could cite, that this investigation will be pressed actively, and that every effort will be made to apprehend and prosecute those responsible," Clinton wrote.

A senior administration official told us that after being pushed by the administration early last fall to solve the killings, Preval's government appeared to be making good progress.

By December, however the White House and Congress were told that the investigations were again floundering. At the time, Clinton administration officials were working with Republicans on Capitol Hill to hammer out a bipartisan approach to future Haiti policy.

"We made intensified efforts to impress upon President Preval and his key advisers in this area the necessity to step up the investigative efforts," the official said.

The handling of political killings will be a hot topic when National Security Adviser Samuel Berger and Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott visit Haiti in the coming weeks, the official said. "This will be the first such visit after the election, and it will be a gesture really, of continuity in terms of the administration's support for the ... reforms in Haiti," the official said.

We have learned that President Clinton will soon announce a Latin American trip, but it is unclear whether or not it will include a stop in Haiti.

The administration official who spoke to us stressed that even though the killings continue, the situation in Haiti remains far better than it was before the invasion.

THE FUR FLIES — A column we wrote late last year has sent fur flying in the nation's capital.

We reported in December that Jason Alderman, a 27-year-old congressional staffer, had inserted language in an appropriations bill asking that dog runs be built in an historic city park in Washington. Alderman launched his personal crusade after he was allegedly told by a Park Police officer to keep his dog leashed while in the park.

After our column, calls began flooding the office of Rep. Sidney Yates, D-III., Alderman's boss, who helps control the Park Service's purse strings. Yates has now backed off on building the dog runs.

# Mole specimen not Hillblom's

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

LARRY Hillblom's estate executor Bank of Saipan has sought the rejection of a joint proposed DNA testing protocol as it introduced a revised protocol to govern such test in determining the paternity of Hillblom's alleged "pretermitted children."

BOS counsel Rodney J. Jacob in a motion filed in the Superior Court Friday said should the court decide to adopt the heirship claimants' joint protocol, such action should be modified as an alternative.

Jacob stated that Davies Medical Center produced a new paraffin block and microscope slide last Feb. 19 that purportedly contains samples of tissues removed from Hillblom.

It was learned, however, Jacob said that the paraffin block and

microscope slide which Davies produced to Forensic Science Associates (FSA) on Nov. 29, 1995 apparently does not contain Hillblom's mole.

The BOS lawyer said instead the tissues/mole contained in that block/slide set which is currently in FSA's custody and the testing of which has been the subject of debate between the parties involved.

The protocols submitted apparently are from a third party unrelated to the litigation, Jacob pointed out.

Jacob said it appears that on Nov. 29, 1995 when the Davies pathology department personnel retrieved a block/slide set referenced in a Hillblom pathology report numbered DMC-69755, they instead produced a set numbered DMC-69775 on it.

The lawyer said Davies is still

in possession of the sample labeled DMC-69755, the block/slide set with Davies accession number which matches the number on Hillblom's pathology report.

Contrary to the statements contained in the protocol, Jacob said FSA does not have custody of any Davies tissue sample allegedly from Hillblom.

"Each of the previously submitted protocols must be revised to reflect the current state of affairs, including the fact that FSA does not have custody of specimen DMC-69755."

He said the claimants' protocol does not provide for any division of the samples as all DNA analysis would be performed either by claimants' expert FSA or Lab Corp and will rely on DNA extracted by

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Aside from giving due process, Jacob said the division of samples to be subject to DNA testing is a matter of good science.

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FSA. Jacob said the test results should be sealed until admissibility to court issues are resolved.

The executor also asked the court that it should order the non-Davies samples be excluded from testing.

The non-Davies samples are those various materials of unknown origin gathered from Hillblom Moon Bay in California, Saipan and Tinian.

Jacob added that the deposition testimony of Davies personnel makes clear that the mole was removed from someone other than Hillblom.

## Would Tenorio prefer Sablan as lieutenant governor over Borja?



Froilan C. Tenorio



Jesus C. Borja



Jesus R. Sablan

THIS ONE is for the books.

Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio last week said if he were Lt. Gov. Jesus C. Borja, he would step down from office implying he cannot work well in an administration headed by someone "he is running against."

If Borja ever heeds Tenorio's suggestion, doubtful as it may seem, the latter will be in for tougher times than if Borja remains his lieutenant governor.

The reason? Borja's resignation would mean the ascent of the third highest ranking CNMI official—Senate President Jesus

R. Sablan—a political opponent the governor should be wary of, maybe even more than Borja.

Sablan is the other half of the Republican Party's gubernatorial ticket in the upcoming November elections, which is headed by former Gov. Pete P. Tenorio.

Under Section 7, Article 3 of the CNMI Constitution, the senate president shall become lieutenant governor in the event of a vacancy in either the governorship or the lieutenant governorship.

Tenorio and Borja has been at odds over who between them would be the Democratic Party's gubernatorial candidate this year.

Borja in March of last year declared he is running for governor in view of Tenorio's 1995 announcement against a second term in office.

But when Tenorio changed his mind and opted for reelection, Borja by then has already committed himself to run for the highest office in the land.

Borja subsequently named Tenorio's Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Benigno M. Sablan as runningmate heading into an April primary, only to learn later that the party's governing central executive committee has ruled against one.

The committee endorsed Tenorio for governor and Borja for lieutenant governor in an apparent move to force the two to run again as a team.

Lately, Tenorio had asked for and was given Benigno Sablan's resignation on the premise that he would not want to work with someone who is running against him.

He also said the same holds true for his lieutenant governor, Borja.

## House acts on bill to repeal law on confiscated endangered species

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

THE HOUSE of Representatives on Friday passed a bill that would repeal a law which gives confiscated endangered species to the Commonwealth's senior citizens or the manamkos.

House Bill 10-336 now heads to the Senate.

Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio has urged for the repeal of Public Law 8-19, saying that it violates the federal Endangered Species Act.

In a Dec. 26 letter to the leaders of the Legislature, Tenorio said P.L. 8-19 is preventing the CNMI from receiving grant funding from

the U.S. Division of Fish and Wildlife (USDFW).

Repealing the law, he said, will make the CNMI eligible to receive annually up to \$400,000 from USDFW to be used to benefit endangered species.

Tenorio said the CNMI Lands and Natural Resources Department could use the money to implement the brown tree snake program, and to allow the CNMI to apply the Endangered Species Act on an island-wide basis.

He said that since the law's enactment in 1993, the local DFW has never given any confiscated poached endangered species to

the Aging Program.

Even if the law is repealed, Tenorio added, DFW would still be able to give confiscated wildlife to the elderly so long as the wildlife is not a federally-listed endangered species.

P.L. 8-19 was signed on April 23, 1993 by then governor Lorenzo I.D.L. Guerrero.

The bill for the law was sponsored by then representatives Jesus P. Mafnas, Herman T. Guerrero, Francisco A. Flores, Manetto U. Maratita and Herman T. Palacios.

Among the endangered species mentioned in P.L. 8-19 are fruit bats, coconut crabs and turtles.



# Hyatt: Case dropped by NLRB

HYATT Regency Saipan yesterday said it has been exonerated of union charges that its failure to renew 37 alien employees violated the National Labor Relations Act.

Mustafa Issa, General Manager of the Hyatt commented: "We are very gratified that the NLRB has seen fit to drop these charges."

We knew that our hiring policy was fully compliant with both CNMI law and U.S. labor laws. Once objective lawyers took a look at the case, they came to the same conclusion."

The union had claimed that

the hotel got rid of Filipino employees do discourage union support. The facts were that 35 of the 37 employees were replaced by resident workers entitled to hiring preference under the NonResident Workers Act. The order two had been employed under Temporary Work Authorizations which the Department of Labor and Immigration refused to renew.

Josephine Mesta, the Hyatt's Director of Human Resources said: The NLRB's action confirms that our hiring policy of preferring local workers is valid. The Hyatt and other

hotels can proceed to fully comply with the requirement of local preference without having to worry about the NLRB hauling us into court again."

The NLRB's action has broader implications for the entire island because the hotel workers union has filed many charges attacking the non-renewal of alien workers in situations where locals were available and qualified. The first loss the union suffered on this issue came last December when Chief Judge Alex Munson of the United States District Court denied the

NLRB's request for an injunction requiring the reinstatement of these workers. He concluded that the Hyatt would be able to prove that its action was not only lawful but required by the Nonresident Workers Act. The NLRB itself has now come to the same conclusion.

There are a few remaining charges involving comments allegedly made by various Hyatt supervisors during the election campaign. Although the Hyatt continues to deny these charges as well, in the interests of avoiding expensive litigation, it has agreed to settle them by confirming its employees rights and agreeing to the holding of another election to determine em-



Mustafa Issa

ployee sentiment. Both Issa and Mesta expressed confidence that the hotel would win this election by at least as wide a margin as it won the December 1995 election.

## CUC reports progress in its negotiations with Mitsubishi

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

THE Commonwealth Utilities Corp. yesterday sent a followup letter to Mitsubishi of Japan on its request for better payment terms for its loan.

Executive Director Timothy Villagomez and Comptroller Yenny Tom had just come from Tokyo to negotiate for lower interest rates for its loan payments and for the direct payment to Mitsubishi and not through a Japanese bank.

The CUC officials, according to CUC Public Information Officer Pamela A. Mathis, had been told by Mitsubishi that it needed to check with the Japanese government regarding the request.

"So we don't know how long or how big of a project it is for them to check with the government," CUC Public Information told the Variety.

CUC's loan with Mitsubishi is in yen (¥6.4 million) and dollar (\$1.4 million). It was used to undertake Phase 2 of the Saipan power plant project (Engines 7



Timothy Villagomez

and 8).

Under the payment scheme imposed by Mitsubishi, CUC has been depositing in a Japanese bank an average of \$200,000-\$300,000 in every month since March 1992.

Mitsubishi, however, gets its payments from the CUC account every six months.

The CUC wants to do away with its Japanese bank account and instead deposit its money in a local bank where it says it would earn a

higher interest.

It wants to pay Mitsubishi directly.

Mathis said the trip of Villagomez and Tom was definitely a breakthrough.

Mathis said the CUC had never been in a better financial situation as now, pointing out that it had been up to date in its payments.

"Because we are making the payments, we're in a position to negotiate," she said.

Also, she said, the fact that the Mitsubishi people agreed to sit down and talk about CUC's requests was already a headway.

## DPS, CrimeStoppers to meet with villagers in Koblerville

THE Department of Public Safety in conjunction with the CNMI Crime Stoppers Program will be conducting a community meeting for all residents of Koblerville, As Perdido and As Lito today, February 25 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Fire Sub Station IV in Koblerville.

The agenda for this meeting are as follows:

- Neighborhood Watch Program
- Crime Stoppers Program

- D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) and
- Police Community Relations
- Law Enforcement Explorer Program
- Drug Problem in the CNMI (Show case display) and
- Guest

- Speakers
- Safety Tips
- a. Boating Safety (Equipment demonstration)
- b. Traffic (Equipment demonstration)
- c. Fire Prevention (Handouts)

## Three dead as robbers attack inter-island boat in Philippines

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (AP) - Pirates posing as passengers attacked a small inter-island vessel in the southern Philippines, killing three passengers and wounding three others, police said Monday.

Police said the attack Sunday night off Zamboanga del Norte province was the third in the area this year.

Police senior superintendent Reinerio Camins said four pirates, who posed as passengers, suddenly drew pistols and a rifle and fired indiscriminately at passengers and crew members, killing three and wounding three others.

The unidentified men then robbed the passengers and crew of cash and valuables before transferring to another boat which had been trailing the vessel, Camins quoted the vessel's skipper

as saying.

The boat was traveling from Siocon town in Zamboanga del Norte to Zamboanga City, about eight hours away, carrying 15 people, including the pirates, and a cargo of dried coconut.

Early this month, hooded pirates held up passengers on another inter-island ferry from Zamboanga City and abducted a wealthy Chinese-Filipino trader and her son who were on board.

A similar attack took place in the area last month, police said.

In the earlier attacks, the pirates fled toward Basilan province, a stronghold of Muslim guerrillas, but police said they could not determine the attackers' identities.

Police said they would beef up security aboard inter-island ferries, the main mode of transport between the south-

ern islands, to deter attacks.

Kidnapping and piracy, often by Muslim separatist rebels and bandits, are rampant in many southern Philippine areas.

Meanwhile, a cargo ship sideswiped a large passenger ship Monday at a Manila harbor, causing minor damage and no injuries, the coast guard said.

A coast guard official said the Sulcon 15 cargo ship was coming out of the harbor when strong currents caused it to bump the Princess of Orient, a luxury liner with about 700 passengers from central Cebu City.

A steel gangplank on the side of the passenger ship was dented and part of the cargo ship's bow was slightly damaged, the coast guard official said.

Both vessels are owned by Sulpicio Lines Inc., one of the country's largest shipping companies.

## China ...

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away from the sidewalk across the street from the entrance to the cemetery.

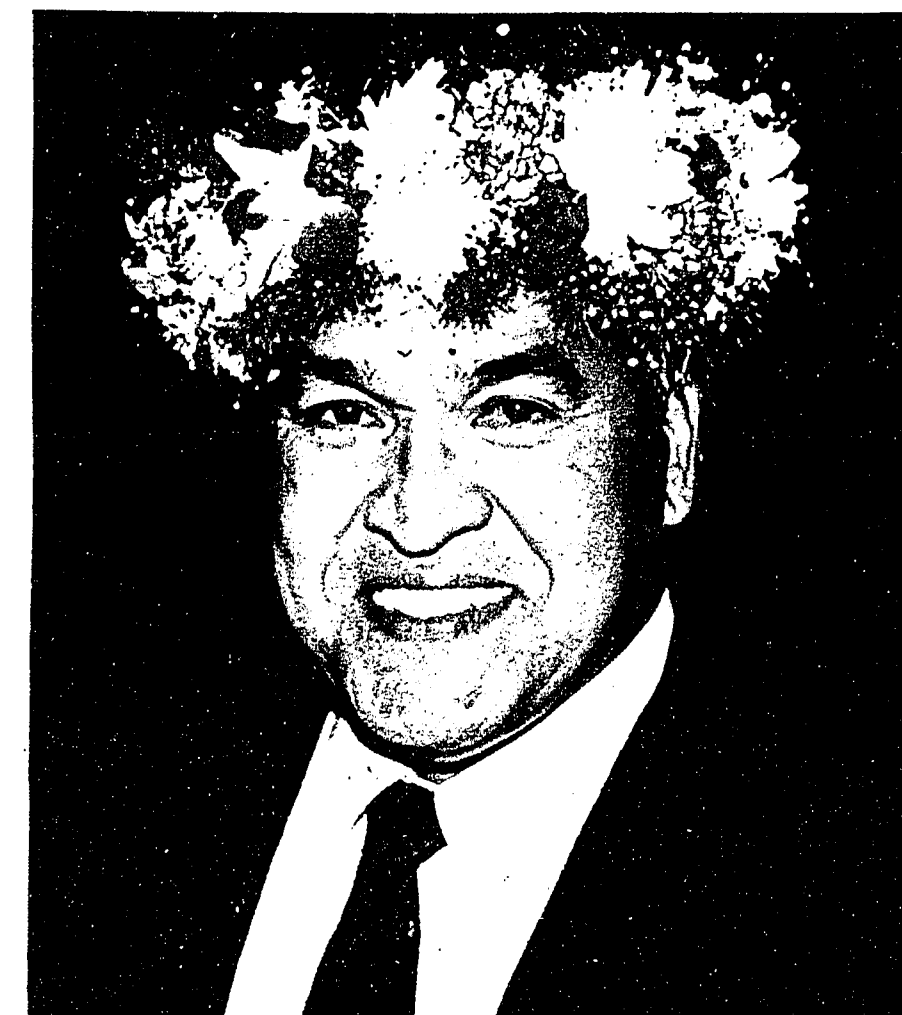
According to sources at state-run television, Deng was to be

cremated at the cemetery Monday. Government offices contacted Monday either said they did not know, or declined to comment.

Eulogies praising Deng's exploits and his economic reforms, which raised tens of millions of Chinese from poverty,

ran continuously on government television and in other media.

A casket containing Deng's ashes will be covered by the red Communist flag for the memorial Tuesday, the last day of a six-day mourning period. At his family's request, his ashes are to be scattered at sea.



## I Maneahante para hamyo Leadership for the People

Governor Froilan C. Tenorio listens to your concerns at the Governor's meeting in the villages

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DUE TO THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF MRS. ALICE EVANGELISTA, GOVERNOR FROILAN C. TENORIO'S TINIAN VILLAGE MEETING IS POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE,

AND

AT THE REQUEST OF ROTA MAYOR JOSEPH INOS, GOVERNOR FROILAN C. TENORIO'S ROTA VILLAGE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED.

THE GOVERNOR WILL RE SCHEDULE THESE IMPORTANT MEETINGS AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME.

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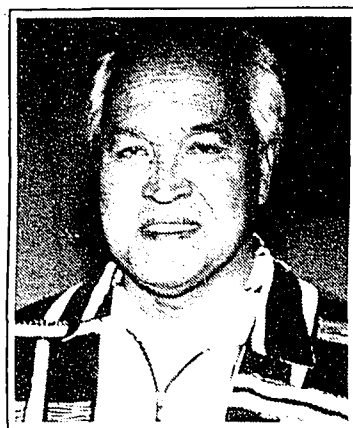
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# Governor hails cop's arrest



Froilan C. Tenorio

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio hailed the efforts take by the Department of Public Safety lending to last week's federal indictment of Officer Newhart I. Techur on charges of possession of crystal methamphetamine (ice) with intent to distribute.

But the Governor said the departmental 'housecleaning' proposed by DPS Commissioner Jose Castro had better be both broad and a permanent focus of the police force.

"Not everyone in the commu-

nity needed to have a bloody and tragic murder in Koblerville to alert them to the affects of this drug," Governor Tenorio said in a news release.

"And certainly not DPS officers who have been watching for years. It has always been hard for me to believe that there wasn't some drug involvement within the department in view of the widespread use of drugs in this community."

"I think that by now, most of our people know that drug use is

the key to the burglaries that also plague our island, day and night," the Governor continued, "and that is another area that particularly concerns me.

"It had better be understood that officers who look the other way when brothers, nephews or other relatives repeatedly commit these crimes will not be tolerated."

Tenorio echoed the remarks of Assistant U.S. Attorney David Wood, who urged CNMI citizens not to lose faith in the police force.

"This point is, we can clean up the mess, given time and expertise," the Governor said, "but what's most important is that the community is behind the effort to stop crime."

## 'Past lessons require stricter rules on RP worker deployment'

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

THE PHILIPPINE government is merely rectifying from past experiences which saw hundreds of Filipinos suffering from labor abuses when it insists that host-country employers abide by their respective employment contracts with the workers.

Julia Heidemann, Philippine Consul, in a briefing, said strictly enforcing provisions of the workers' employment contracts, "is our way of assuring that cases of abuse against Filipinos workers are lessened if not totally eradicated."

"So I hope CNMI authorities and employers understand us," she said.

These contract provisions include, among others, the guarantee that the workers are given free food and housing.

CNMI authorities and employers have frowned on this provision of the contracts because there exists no Commonwealth law granting the benefits.

CNMI Gov. Froilan Tenorio has said he is leaving the matter for employers to decide.



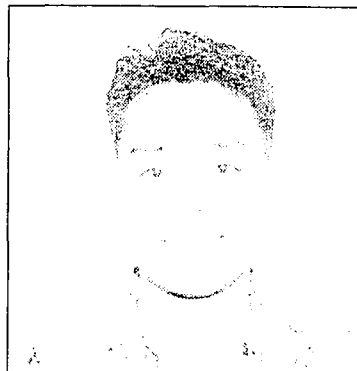
Julia Heidemann

Thus far, only the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands has expressed approval on the matter, coming out with a proposal to provide its 2,000 Filipino non-resident workers a package of benefits, "duty food" and housing included, for \$50 a month.

HANMI, according to Labor Attache Jesus Varela, has entered into an agreement with the Philippine government on the matter.

Heidemann has expressed hopes more CNMI employers' groups will follow suit.

## Democratic Party chair in tonight's Cable Forum



John Oliver DLR. Gonzales

UP CLOSE and personal with the man with the plan.

Yes, Daniel Q. Quitugua, Chairman of the NMI Democratic Party, will be joining John Oliver DLR.

## Military sets exercises

MILITARY Units are conducting AERIAL & SHIP TO SHORE bombing exercises on the island of Farallon De Mendenilla from February 23 to March 3, a notice from EMO said.

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

Due to the dangers imposed by this

exercise, the general public, especially tour operators, fishermen, and commercial pilots are advised to stay clear of this area during the dates indicated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Emergency Management Office at 322-9528/9.

Your cooperation and understanding on this matter will be greatly appreciated.

# 55,000 green cards in lottery

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff

A TOTAL of 55,000 permanent residence visas (green cards) are at stake in the new lottery program of the U.S. government, the State Department has announced.

Deadline for submission of entries is March 5, 1997, according to Green Card Registration, Inc., a California-based company that facilitates lottery entries.

Acting Atty. Gen. Robert Dunlap said alien workers in the CNMI "may be" eligible to join the lottery.

However, he said, it would not automatically give the green card holder the right to work in the CNMI or enjoy other privileges he or she may have in other U.S. territories since the Commonwealth is not under the jurisdiction of U.S. immigration.

A green card allows the holder to live and work permanently in the U.S. while keeping his or her present citizenship. One may enter or leave the U.S. The green card holder can also seek U.S. citizenship later.

The CNMI, under its Covenant with the U.S., controls its immigration, labor, and taxation.

"This means that nonresident workers can participate in the lottery program, but (if they win) that would not give them greater rights to be here in the CNMI," Dunlap said.

The lottery program, according to the State Department's information sheet provided by the INS office, was based on Section 203(c) of the Immi-

## AG's Office burglarized

AN UNIDENTIFIED person/s burglarized the Attorney General's Office's Criminal Division twice last week and stole appliances, the Variety learned yesterday.

A source said a prosecutor discovered that four items were missing from his office when he "walked in" last Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Police officers as well as Deputy Atty. Gen. Loren Sutton, chief of the Criminal Division, came and conducted an investigation.

The stolen items were still in the office at noon on Feb. 15, the source said.

The following day, the same prosecutor discovered that two other items were also taken away from his office.

The AGO has asked anyone who has seen the stolen items to call Crime Stoppers or Department of Public Safety.

Items stolen were a black Panasonic VCR Super Drive System Model#NV-SD4060PX with serial #G6SA50602; black Panasonic 20" color TV Model CT-20G11; Sanyo 20" color TV; Hitachi Easy Guide System VCR; New Goldstar VCR Model#P730M, and a coffee maker.

—Ferdie de la Torre

## Dunlap: Alien workers here may be eligible to join



Robert Dunlap

Diocese of Chalan Kanoa. The company charges \$50 for individual application; \$75 for a married couple.

Asst. Officer-in-Charge Robert Johnson of the Immigration and Naturalization Office in Guam said private companies are authorized to facilitate applications "as long as they are not doing immigration job."

"The INS Office is not involved in the lottery program," Johnson said in a telephone interview from Guam. "Our involvement comes only after the lottery winners are announced."

To be included in the lottery, an application must be completed and filed with the State Department, according to the information sheet from Green Card Inc. "The State Department will randomly select 55,000 names by computer, and these will be the lottery winners."

Visas for giveaway under

the diversity immigrant (DV) category are divided among six geographic regions, according to the State Department's information sheet.

"Not more than 3,850 visas (7 percent of the 55,000 visa limit) may be provided to immigrants from any one country," it said.

"Entitlement to immigrant status in the DV category lasts only

through the end of the fiscal (visa) year which the applicant is selected in the lottery. The year of entitlement for all applicants registered for the DV-97 program ends September 30, 1997."

Regions covered by the program include Africa, which has the biggest allocation cut off number at 35,830; Asia; Europe; Oceania; South America; Central America; and the Caribbean.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

Amendment I (02/19/97)

# SUMMER JOB

THIS IS TO INFORM ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT THE CNMI JTPA OFFICE IS SOLICITING ONE HUNDRED (100) APPLICANTS FOR THE YOUTH VACATION EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM.

GIVEN THE CRITICAL NEED OF ESTABLISHING WORK EXPERIENCES FOR STUDENTS EXITING THE SCHOOL SYSTEM, PRIORITY CONSIDERATION WILL BE ACCORDED TO **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AGES 16 & UP**, WHO ARE BELOW THE POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINE (ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED).

HOWEVER, DEPENDING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL FUNDING, THE PROGRAM MAY ACCOMMODATE THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE CONSIDERED HIGH INCOME TO FULFILL THE 100 SLOTS.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS **THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1997**. NO APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE ESTABLISHED DATE.

ALL STUDENTS ON **GREEN TRACK** ARE ENCOURAGED TO VISIT THE JTPA OFFICE LOCATED DIRECTLY ACROSS CUC, OR CONTACT MRS. LAURENT T. CHONG OR MR. MARTIN C. PANGELINAN AT 664-1700/4 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

RESPECTFULLY,

*J. R. Nogis*

/s/ FELIX R. NOGIS  
JTPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

XC: PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER



## Audit report: CNMI Gov't earned \$89,000 in 2nd quarter of 1996

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

THE COMMONWEALTH government earned close to \$100,000 from the CNMI lottery operations for the second quarter of fiscal year 1996, a public auditor's report showed.

The amount, according to Leo Lamotte, Public Auditor, was in accordance with the terms of agreements and memorandum of understanding for the operation of the CNMI Lottery between the CNMI and the Tattersall Sweep Consultation of Australia and its accredited authorized representative, The Mail Service, Saipan Ltd.

As agreed upon by both parties, the CNMI government is to receive 35 per cent in commissions, taxes, duties and fees for the subscription price paid for each on-line lottery ticket sold in the Commonwealth.



Leo Lamotte

Government is also to be paid 26.5 per cent of the subscription price of each instant game ticket shipped by TMS for sale in the CNMI.

Lamotte, in his report, said audit procedures went in accordance with the "Government Auditing Standards" issued by the Comptroller General of the United States which included tests of records

and other auditing procedures "as were considered necessary under the circumstances."

The report's tabulations showed that the CNMI government received \$89,039 in total revenues which including interest from 87,777 on-line tickets and 198,472 instant game tickets sold.

Government was paid \$30,722 in compensation for the on-line tickets sold and a separate \$52,595 for the instant game ones.

The Commonwealth Lottery Commission Act which was enacted on June 3, 1983 authorized the operation of a public lottery in the Commonwealth. Actual operation of the public lottery began when rules and regulations were finally laid out and adopted on October 14, 1993.

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

### ROTA HARBOR MAINTENANCE AND ADDITIONAL DREDGING PROJECT

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified contractors to perform earthwork in conjunction with the ROTA HARBOR MAINTENANCE AND ADDITIONAL DREDGING PROJECT. CPA Project No. CPA-RS-001-96 located at the Rota West Harbor, Rota, CNMI.

This Project, in general consists of marina expansion dredging (by others) south of the commercial dock to the revetted mole causeway between Anjoia Island and the existing boat slips. The volume of dredged material is estimated at 25,000 Cubic Yards. The Contractor awarded this Project will assist the dredging effort through the removal and disposal of all material dredged. Two disposal sites have been permitted. The primary disposal site consists of spreading and compacting dredged material at Anjoia Island. An alternate disposal site exists behind the Rota High School gymnasium and shall be used in the event the primary disposal site reaches capacity. Spreading and disposal of material shall be in accordance with the locations and details provided in the construction drawings and specifications.

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

The contract award, if it is to be made, will be based on the pay items as listed in the proposal form. The proposal shall show each construction cost item separately in accordance with the plans and specifications. Proposers are required to submit qualification statements with their proposals. The CPA will evaluate the proposals on factors that include pricing, responsiveness, the contractor's level of experience and reliability of equipment to perform this operation without delay.

Proposals shall be received no later than 2:00 p.m. March 07, 1997 (local time) at the office of:

The Executive Director  
The Commonwealth Ports Authority  
Saipan International Airport  
P.O. Box 1055  
Saipan, MP 96950  
Tel: (670) 664-3500  
Fax: (670) 234-5962

A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the Rota Harbor at 11:00 a.m. on February 21, 1997. All questions must be submitted in writing or by fax to reach the above address no later than March 3, 1997.

Proposal documents are available from the CPA with payment of a non-refundable amount of \$35 per set. Cashier's and certified checks or money orders shall be made payable to:

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY  
P.O. Box 1055  
Saipan, MP 96950

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

Signed: *Carlos A. Shoda*  
CARLOS A. SHODA  
Executive Director  
Commonwealth Ports Authority  
Saipan, CNMI

February 7, 1997

## Elsewhere in the Pacific

### PNG hires foreign mercenaries

**HONIARA (Pacnews)** - Bougainville rebel leader, Francis Ona, has called on PNG's prime minister, Sir Julius Chan, to come out clear on whether he really wants peace or war on Bougainville.

Ona's call comes in the wake of reported moves by the Chan Government to hire foreign mercenaries to wipe out the secessionist rebel leadership and rescue five PNGDF soldiers

held captive by the rebels.

A Weekend Australian newspaper report says up to 150 mercenaries drawn from Africa, are now in PNG preparing for the operation.

But Ona, who is political and military leader of the rebels, says Chan is going to lose, whether his foreign "hired killers" succeed or fail in their objectives.

"Sir Julius will lose the trust and

respect of all Bougainvilleans and peace-loving people, and dishonoured by all moral people of goodwill".

The rebel leader says however, that the engagement of the mercenaries will not change the Bougainvilleans' resolve for social, political, economic, cultural rights and self determination which they have been fighting for in the last nine years.

### Phone sex services in Pacific seen as declining

**HONOLULU (Pacnews)** - The use of Tuvalu, Niue, and other Pacific Islands' telephone country codes for an international phone sex service, may be on a downward spiral.

Niue's premier, Frank Lui, has already ordered the closure of the service.

And in Honolulu, East-West Center telecommunications expert, Maheroo Jussawalla, says recent action by 65 member countries of the World Trade Organization, will soon make such use of Pacific Islands' country codes, much less financially lucrative.

Now, calls from one country to another that are routed through some Pacific nations cost much less than direct calls.

The reason, says Jussawalla, is major differences in telephone tariffs charged to make international connections.

Beginning next January, most countries tariffs will come into closer alignment, diminishing the financial benefits of a Pacific Island pass-through routing. The major exceptions are Japan and Canada, which have not become a party to the WTO action.

### Bougainville intercepts PNG rescue operations

**HONIARA (Pacnews)** - Bougainville rebels say they have intercepted a PNG military order for an operation to rescue five PNGDF soldiers who are hiding in the jungle on Fauro Island in Solomon Islands' Shortlands' group.

BRA intelligence claim PNG troops would cross the border to Fauro and attack Solomon Islands' police field force personnel if they got in the way of

the rescue operation.

The message was allegedly sent Wednesday to the Loloho military camp in Central Bougainville from the Tauroto base near the border with Solomon Islands in South Bougainville.

Meanwhile members of Solomon Islands police field force continued to search the jungles of Fauro Island for the stranded PNG soldiers.

### Fiji's Labour Party seeks relief from garment rules

**SUVA (Pacnews)** - The Fiji Labour Party (FLP) has written to the Australian and New Zealand governments, saying the rules of origin under SPARTECA should not apply to Fiji factories employing a large number of expatriate Asian workers.

FLP leader, Mahendra Chaudhry, says these factories' labour costs cannot be regarded as local input, which is one of the important conditions under the trade agreement, Radio Fiji reports.

SPARTECA gives Fiji preferential trade access into the two countries.

Chaudhry's comments come in the wake of media reports that an estimated 2,000 expatriate Asians have been granted permits to work in garment factories.

The Labour leader has also rejected government's claims that locals are not keen on factory work.

The FLP estimates that only a thousand of Fiji's 13,000 school leavers annually, are absorbed into the workforce.

## Uncertainty over land leases in Fiji

**SUVA (Pacnews)** - A report by a government-appointed committee to review the future of the Agricultural Landlord and Tenants Act (ALTA) indicates there is little likelihood of native leases being renewed, the Fiji Times reports.

The committee has instead recommended the amalgamation of holdings for introducing mechanised farming in the cane belts. The committee noted "there is no legislative provision in ALTA for the granting of new lease terms or renewal of

leases upon expiry of current terms. Its report said the stage was set for indigenous Fijian landowners to go into large scale mechanised sugarcane farming - a shift the committee described as a "golden opportunity" for landowners to jump to the fore of the industry.

The renewal of land leases under ALTA and the review of Fiji's post-coup constitution, are regarded the most contentious issues between Fiji's two major races - native Fijians and migrant Indians.

### Rights group seeks to halt bills affecting auditor's job

**APIA (Pacnews)** - In Western Samoa, the Civil Liberties Organisation (CLO) is seeking public support to halt controversial laws affecting the chief auditor's job. If passed in parliament next month, the Constitutional Amendment Bill will slash the auditor's term to a three year contract.

Presently, the chief auditor remains in office until the age of 62.

The government bill comes in the wake of the continued suspension of chief auditor, Su'a Rimoni Ah Chong, since 1995, following his report to parliament alleging widespread corruption by the ruling

Human Rights Protection Party government.

It also flies in the face of a recent Appeal's Court ruling that "it is in the best interest of the people of Western Samoa that the chief auditor is given the security of tenure."

Meanwhile, many government departments have remained unaudited for years; a situation finance minister, Tuila'epa Sailele, has publicly remained tight-lipped about.

And with government controlling two thirds of the 49 parliamentary seats required to make the change, the bill looks almost certain to be passed.

### Tonga tackles typhoid

**NUKU'ALOFA (Pacnews)** - The first ever Healthy Island Project for the region aimed at tackling typhoid was officially launched this week by Tongan governor, Tu'i'afitu, on north Vava'u. The health officer at Neiafu, Namoe Sau, says the people of Koloa village have expressed the willingness to cooperate in the fight against typhoid, Radio Tonga reports.

Namoe says the people's main problems are with the conditions of bathroom, toilet and kitchen facilities along with water and the village environment. He says the villages in Vava'u encountered an outbreak of typhoid late 1995. Meanwhile, World Health Organisation consultant, Ratu Navili-Tidamu, is meeting people from the two villages to look at ways of avoiding a recurrence of typhoid.

### Solomons denies knowledge of rescue plan

**HONIARA (Pacnews)** - Solomon Islands' security officials have denied knowledge of a planned operation by PNGDF soldiers to rescue five PNG citizens reportedly stranded on Fauro Island in the Shortlands. Assistant police commissioner,

Michael Wheatly, says the situation at the border is tense but things are quiet, SIBC reports.

Wheatley was reacting to reports of an intercepted PNG military order for a rescue operation.

The BRA intelligence was quoted

as saying the PNG troops would cross the border to Fauro and attack Solomon Islands police field force personnel if they got in the way of the rescue operation.

But Wheatley says there will be trouble if the PNG soldiers cross the border.

### Secret offer to finance plans to end conflict

**PORT MORESBY (Pacnews)** - The Australian Government has reportedly made a secret offer to finance a plan to help end the Bougainville conflict.

The Post-Courier quotes the Melbourne Age newspaper as saying Australian Foreign Minister, Alexander Downer, indicated he would arrange funding if PNG's Prime Minister, Sir Julius Chan, accepted the proposal.

Downer is in PNG this week for talks with government officials.

The newspaper said two Brisbane-based lawyers developed the plan. It involves bringing the warring parties to a secret location in Australia where

experts from Harvard Law School would lead a course in settling armed deadlocked disputes.

The newspaper quoted Bougainville Premier, Gerard Sinato, as saying the plan had widespread support from his people.

However, Sir Julius Chan, has denied the newspaper report saying Downer did not raise the issue during their discussions in Port Moresby this week.

He told a news conference in Port Moresby Thursday that there will be no "declaration of war" on Bougainville but the necessity to capture the BRA rebels dubbed "criminals" will never be ruled out.



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Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Marianas Visitors Bureau, hereby give notice that a Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 27, 1997, 9:00 a.m., at the MVB Conference Room, 2nd floor, Joeten Dan Dan Building.

#### AGENDA

#### I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Oath of Office - Director Bartley A. Jackson
- Adoption of Minutes - January 31, 1997

#### II. CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Chairman
- Policy Review Committee (Dir. M. Fejeran)
- Ad Hoc Committee on Privatization (Dir. E. Rechebei)
- PR & AD Committee (Dir. J. Ayuyuy)
- Tourist Site Development Committee (Dir. F. Abraham)
- Budget Committee (Dir. R. Hocog)

#### III. Managing Director's Report

- Management Reports
  - Marketing
  - Public Relations and Community Programs
  - Research
  - Field Operations
- Report on Industry Matters
  - Trip report
  - Japan Airline (JAL) new route
  - Managing Director's appointment to Pacific Asia Travel Association Board of Directors

#### c. Miscellaneous Correspondence

#### IV. Old Business

#### V. New Business

#### VI. Miscellaneous/Announcements

#### VII. Adjournment

/s/ ANTONIO S. GUERRERO  
Chairman of the Board



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# 177 killed in India blaze

By BIKAS DAS  
BARIPADA, India (AP) - Workers using shovels and pitchforks recovered more bodies early Monday from the charred remains of a Hindu religious festival where fire struck a day before. Officials raised the death toll to 177.

Gobinda Chandra, a district magistrate overseeing in Baripada, said 154 bodies had been found at the site by mid-morning Monday, and another 23 people had died of injuries in the hospital.

He said 123 people remained hospitalized, 30 of them in critical condition.

Fire swept through a makeshift thatched-roof hall near the town of Baripada, 1,250 miles (2,000 kilometers) southeast of New Delhi, where 12,000 devotees had gathered to seek the blessing of a dead Hindu guru.

An official investigation was opened into the cause of the blaze.

Urmila Jena, who escaped with

only minor injuries, searched for her 7-year-old daughter Monday.

"She was with me when the fire broke out and I just can't find her now," Mrs. Jena said. She paused for a moment, then began calling her daughter's name.

Lakhender Pandu, a farmer from Behrampur, 500 kilometers (310 miles) Baripada, said he had attended the festival with 16 other villagers.

He escaped injury in the fire, and was searching for his friends Monday.

"I can't find anyone, maybe they are dead, but I hope they are not," he said.

Baripada was overwhelmed by the disaster. The town has only two fire trucks.

The state government ordered doctors from larger towns to rush to the site.

Staff at the local hospital Monday were trying to move out patients whose conditions were not serious to make room for burn victims. The

hospital had only 200 beds, many without mattresses.

Sunday, local reporters had seen some patients being cared for on the hospital veranda after fire victims filled its wards.

On Sunday, some of the injured were left lying on the road leading to the hospital, waiting to be treated.

On Monday, hundreds of relatives of those who had come to attend the festival started arriving to seek information.

They found bodies lined up in two rows on the muddy ground near the charred hut.

Two policemen guided relatives to the bodies for identification.

When a positive identification was

made, a policeman wrote the name of the victim on a piece of paper and put it on the chest of the dead, securing the slip with a pebble.

Relatives of the victims wailed, or stood in silent shock.

"With the initial shock over, we are trying our best to save the injured," said Orissa state home minister Sanjeeb Hota.

"Also, we are getting ready to deal with the emotional problem. People have lost their parents and parents have lost their children. It will be a very difficult task."

Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda will visit the disaster site later Monday.

The devotees of Swami

Nigamananda had spent several days worshipping at an area known as Madhuban grounds on the outskirts of Baripada.

Swami Nigamananda has been dead many years, but his followers, mostly in eastern India, worship his memory and continue to seek his otherworldly blessing.

The Nigamananda festival has been held in Baripada annually for the last 46 years.

Press Trust of India news agency, quoting witnesses, reported that the fire started from an electric short circuit in the main hut and people, most of them villagers, panicked and rushed to the exits.



The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Sadaka Ogata, right, talks to newly-arrived Zairian refugees at Kibabati Port, in Western Tanzania Friday. Ogata is on a 10-day, six nation tour of the African great lakes region. U.N. officials said the number of Zairian refugees entering Tanzania has risen to 1,000 a day since the beginning of the month, a result of stepped up fighting on the western side of the lake. AP Photo

## Key Zaire town falls to rebels

By TINA SUSMAN  
KISANGANI, Zaire (AP) - Zaire will never negotiate with anti-government rebels, despite their continued victories in eastern Zaire, the president's son vowed Sunday.

"There are no negotiations with the rebels... We are firm on that," said Nzanga Mobutu, who serves as his father's spokesman.

"Our position remains the same from the start. We will not discuss or negotiate whatsoever," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from southern France.

Even as he spoke, government officials in the Zairian capital Kinshasa were conceding that the rebels had made fresh advances toward the northeastern military headquarters in Kisangani, the country's third- The Defense Ministry said Kalima, a small mining town about 180 miles south of Kisangani, fell under rebel control Saturday.

"It is probable that the rebels have taken over control of Kalima," Defense Minister Likulia Bolongo said in a statement Sunday. "What is surprising is the systematic chase of the refugees by the rebels."

The rebels also confirmed the town's capture. "It is true," said spokesman Moise Nyarugabo Muhizi.

The rebel advance prompted more than 25,000 refugees who had taken

refuge in Kalima to flee into the forest.

Most of the refugees are Rwandan Hutus who have been on the road since the 1994 Hutu-orchestrated slaughter of a half-million Rwandan Tutsis. They're reluctant to return home for fear of reprisals by the Tutsi-led government in Rwanda.

Refugee workers fear the rebels will next attack the 160,000 people in the Tingi-Tingi refugee camp, 150 miles southeast of Kisangani. Laurent Kabila, leader of the rebel Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire, alleges Zaire's government has armed former Rwandan Hutu soldiers and militiamen among the refugees at the camp.

Capt. Ndngoli Esenge Ekeli, a legal adviser to the ministry of defense, told the Associated Press on Sunday that the "determination of the rebels to attack the refugees demonstrates Laurent Kabila does nothing but obey the Tutsis in their objective to exterminate the Hutus."

Zaire has long accused Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda of militarily backing Kabila.

Ndngoli accused Burundi of sending aircraft to the strategic southeastern port city of Kalemie, the southernmost town Kabila captured on Lake Tanganyika two weeks ago, to deliver troops and supplies.

He also accused Uganda of send-

ing surface-to-air missiles to another rebel-controlled city, Goma, on the eastern border with Rwanda.

Kabila, whose fighters have captured a 900-mile strip of eastern Zaire, had threatened a new offensive if the government hadn't begun peace talks by midnight Friday.

International efforts to bring both sides to the negotiating table in Cape Town, South Africa, appeared stalled again Sunday.

Kabila's Alliance picked up arms in September, after the government tried to oust ethnic Tutsis from eastern Zaire. Their rebellion is aimed at ousting Mobutu, whose 31-year dictatorship has left mineral-rich Zaire among the world's poorest countries.

"The military advance is needed to force the hesitant Zairian so-called authorities to come to negotiate their relinquishing of power," Kabila told The Associated Press in Bukavu Saturday.

Mobutu quietly flew to his villa in southern France Friday night for further medical treatment for his battle with prostate cancer, Nzanga Mobutu said. He said his father would return to Zaire by Tuesday "if all goes well."

Before Mobutu left, he ordered yet another shakeup in the military command. The president named Gen. Mosala Mondja Dongo as commander of the Lower Zaire region, replacing Gen. Mulumba Ambote.

# Iraq to yield missile parts

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Iraq has agreed to turn over missile parts to the United Nations, ending a dispute with U.N. inspectors responsible for destroying the country's long-range missiles.

The agreement was announced in a joint statement Sunday following meetings between Iraqi officials and Rolf Ekeus, the chief U.N. inspector, who is visiting Baghdad.

Ekeus has repeatedly accused Iraq of misleading his inspectors and has demanded that Iraq allow the United Nations to test debris from destroyed missile engines in the United States.

He has said that Iraq may have removed and hidden sophisticated Russian-built engines or engine parts and replaced them with virtually useless Iraqi-made pieces before destroying the missiles.

The statement did not say when the parts would be removed or in what

countries they would be tested. But it made clear that the material would be put under U.N. authority.

"The government of Iraq agreed to the removal of remnants of proscribed missile engines from Iraq for in-depth technical analysis by the (U.N.) commission," said the statement, which was signed by Ekeus and Tariq Aziz, Iraq's deputy prime minister.

The United Nations has said it will not consider lifting sanctions imposed on Iraq following the 1990 invasion of Kuwait until Iraq fully cooperates with U.N. arms monitors working to dismantle its chemical and biological weapons and long-range missiles. The invasion led to the Persian Gulf War.

Ekeus later left Baghdad and at a news conference in Bahrain said the United States and France had offered to analyze the missile material, remnants of roughly 130 missile engines. He said Russia may also offer to

analyze the material.

The parts will be shipped to the United States where a meeting of international experts - not including Iraqis - will be held.

"The experts will give us advice on distribution of these items," said Ekeus.

Both sides agreed that the results would not be made public without first discussing them with the Iraqi government, the statement said.

U.N. officials have said they are still investigating Iraq's chemical production and want to verify that Iraq has destroyed

mustard gas and sarin as demanded by the United Nations.

"We received some comments from Iraq which reflected the government of Iraq undertook to continue to address to our concerns and to intensify our work," Ekeus told reporters in Bahrain.

## Iran to mediate end to Kurdish struggle

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Iran wants to mediate an end to a power struggle between rival Kurdish groups in northern Iraq, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported Sunday.

Senior officials from two Kurdish groups arrived Friday for talks with Iranian officials to settle a fight for control of the Kurdish-controlled region, which was carved out of northern Iraq after the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Jalal Talabani, head of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, asked for Iranian mediation in a meeting Saturday with Agha Mohammadi, a representative of Iran's supreme leader, the agency said.

The official agency quoted Mohammadi as saying that Iran was ready "to respond to the requests."

Nichravan Barzani, a senior official of the rival Kurdistan Democratic Party, was also in Iran, the agency said. It said the KDP had asked for the meeting in Tehran, but did not elaborate.

Last August, the KDP drove Talabani's supporters out of Irbil and surrounding areas with help from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's army. A U.S.-brokered cease-fire took effect in October, and it largely has held.

The United States and Britain patrol a "no fly" zone over northern Iraq to protect the Kurds from attacks by Iraq, but the allies have given up trying to maintain order on the ground.

The United States, Britain and France set up a "safe haven" for Kurds after a failed rebellion by the Kurds in 1991.

## Serbs install new city leaders

By MISHA SAVICBELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - The Socialist Party of Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic is purging local party leaders because of electoral losses, officials and independent news media said Sunday.

New opposition-led governments have been installed in 14 large cities and towns after the opposition coalition Zajedno, or Together, led three months of protests to defend electoral victories overturned by Milosevic.

As a result, Socialist leaders in at least five municipalities have been sacked.

In the town of Uzice, where the Socialist Party won only 29 seats in the 67-seat local assembly, the local party branch has been dissolved and

a new one will be formed, the VIP news service reported.

The head of the Socialists' local branch in Smederevo also has been ousted, a party official said on condition of anonymity.

And the local Socialist strongman in Nis, where Zajedno won decisively, was kicked out of the party altogether.

In at least two towns - Lebane and Leskovac - the Socialists are losing out to their own ally, the Yugoslav United Left, the Telegraf daily reported Sunday. The neo-Communist party led by Milosevic's wife is drawing support away from the Socialists.

In Lebane, all the leaders of the Socialist Party branch were dropped.

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Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio and Lt. Governor Jesus C. Borja, through the Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors, hereby give notice, that the regular meeting of the CPA Board of Directors will be held on February 27, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the CPA Seaport Office Conference Room, Puerto Rico, Saipan.

The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

### I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes (January 13, 1997)

### II. CORRESPONDENCE

### III. COMMITTEES REPORT

1. Finance Committee
  - a. Adoption of Financial Statements
2. Seaport Facilities Committee
3. Airport Facilities Committee
4. Other Committees (if any)

### IV. EXECUTIVE REPORT

### V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Licensing of Harbor Pilots
2. Board Resolution No. 01-97 re Airport Police

### VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Draft Policy re Sexual Harassment
2. Supplemental Budget Request No. 04-97

### VII. PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

### VIII. Executive Session) LEGAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

### IX. ADJOURNMENT

All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony on the above agenda items.

/s/ VICTOR B. HOCOG  
Chairman, Board of Directors

Date: February 14, 1997



# Defector campaigns against IRA

By GENE KRAMER

WASHINGTON (AP) - Declaring "I'm Irish, I'm not hiding," IRA guerrilla turned informer Sean O'Callaghan has begun a three-week campaign to persuade Americans to help pressure his former comrades to renounce terrorism.

"Joint action by the Irish and American governments must make it absolutely clear to the (Irish) Republican leadership that violence will not be tolerated," said O'Callaghan. He was released Dec. 6 after serving eight years of multiple life sentences in British prison for two homicides and several terrorist strikes.

With the onset of spring, "Northern Ireland could tip over the edges into really serious bloodshed" because the Irish Republican Army "has now abandoned the cease-fire and is back to murdering people," he said told The Associated Press after his arrival Saturday from Europe.

O'Callaghan, 42, said he seeks maximum exposure to convey

his message to U.S. officials, lawmakers and the media. Talks are planned with National Security Council officials, newspaper editorial boards, TV interviewers and think tanks, at the National Press Club and on Capitol Hill before he continues to Boston, New York, Chicago, Indiana and California.

Asked if he fears for his life at the hands of IRA agents, O'Callaghan acknowledged "there's the reality of danger" that could increase. "I don't believe they'd be quite that stupid" to strike in America, but, "they will work over a period of time and try to trace me somewhere."

He said he has decided, "either you do what you think is the right thing or you go into hiding. I'm Irish, I'm not hiding from Gerry Adams," head of Sinn Fein, political ally of the Irish Republican Army.

On Tuesday, O'Callaghan was scheduled to participate in a debate organized by Congressman Peter King, a friend of Adams who during a congres-

sional visit to Northern Ireland earlier this month supported inclusion of Sinn Fein in future peace talks.

O'Callaghan said Sinn Fein should be included only after renouncing violence and without any expectation of radicalizing the larger "democratic nationalist movement."

He praised as "well meaning" the Clinton administration's involvement in the Northern Ireland peace process but said Adams should "absolutely not" be readmitted to the United States because the IRA has ended its cease-fire in the British-ruled province.

"The comparisons people like Gerry Adams are trying to make between South Africa (under apartheid) and Northern Ireland, quite frankly are sick."

O'Callaghan grew up in the Irish Republic, joined the IRA as a teenager and eventually became a Sinn Fein executive. Disillusioned, he said he became an informer for Irish Re-

public security and provided information that helped foil several IRA operations. They included a planned bombing of a 1983 concert at London's Dominion Theatre to be attended by Prince Charles and Princess Diana and the IRA's receipt of a shipment from Boston of 7 tons of weapons, he said.

O'Callaghan, a Roman Catholic, said he defected after realizing that "this wasn't a glorious war against British occupation, but kind of a squalid tribal war" since Northern Ireland's people were predominantly Protestants whose forebears had lived there "longer than white families have lived in the United States."

He said his journey is financed on a "shoestring" by Irish peace groups, U.S. hosts and other private funds, including a loan he hopes to pay off by writing a book about his undercover work.

O'Callaghan said he wants to persuade Americans that "you must bring maximum pressure on (Irish Republicans) to real-

ize that violence is absolutely counterproductive ... any bullet, any dollar provided from America to the provisional IRA is against the wishes of the government of the Irish Republic, against the wishes of the overwhelming majority of the people who live in Ireland."

Acknowledging that his record of "large scale deception" entitles people to suspect his motives, O'Callaghan said since his release from prison "my life is an open book," with fewer credibility problems than Gerry Adams.

People sentenced to life for offenses in Northern Ireland serve about 11 1-2 years, he said. He attributed his early release to prison authorities finding that "I wasn't a threat to society any more, these (offenses) happened when I was a teenager, I had taken a lot of risks with my own life and saved a lot of people from being killed ... there was no evidence against me, so I might never have over."

## French police pressure illegals

PARIS (AP) - French police at dawn Sunday forced about 400 illegal immigrants to leave a church they had been occupying to protest the conservative government's immigration policy.

The immigrants, mostly Chinese women and their young children, had demanded negotiations to legalize their status in France.

They had entered the Saint Jean Baptiste Church in eastern Paris on Saturday, after a march by tens of thousands of people protesting the government's proposed immigration law.

The bill, which parliament is to vote on Tuesday, is aimed at strengthening existing laws on illegal immigration.

Socialist Party leader Lionel Jospin said the march showed that "numerous men and women... have

set the limits for the government" on the immigration issue.

Speaking on French television Sunday night, Jospin said the government had "backed down" by removing the most controversial aspect of the bill. That section would have required people lodging foreign guests to tell their local governments when the guests left.

Currently, hosts are obliged to get permission to have certain foreign guests - mainly from Africa and the Middle East - but there is no need to inform authorities when they leave.

An amendment to the bill would put the onus of declaring departure on the foreigners, not the French hosts.

The bill is the latest in a series of measures over the last decade intended to crack down on illegal immigration, which the far-right blames for France's social ills, including a

record 12.7 percent unemployment rate.

The far-right National Front party gained new momentum with its Feb. 9 win in a mayoral election in the southern town of Vitrolles - the party's fourth mayoral victory.

Early Sunday, police, backed by about 15 police vans, forced open the locked door to Saint Jean Baptiste Church and threatened to arrest those who refused to leave, a member of the occupiers' group said.

Paris City Hall had ordered an immediate evacuation of the church, saying the occupation hindered the church's normal functioning and posed hygiene problems.

One occupier, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Sunday that after negotiations with police the group decided to leave the church calmly.



Thousands gather on the Opera House steps to protest against the construction an apartment building only a short stroll from Australia's famous landmark. The huge, 237-apartment block is the first of three large buildings that will form a concrete curtain as tall as the Sydney Opera House. The complex will block the view from historic Circular Quay, the site of the first British landing in 1788 and the first stop for most tourists in Australia.

AP Photo

# Albright heads to Beijing

By BARRY SCHWEID

TOKYO (AP) - Given a unique chance to assess China's new leaders during official mourning for Deng Xiaoping, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright flies to Beijing Monday hoping to smooth a complex and sometimes rocky U.S.-China relationship.

Albright is carrying reassurance that the Clinton administration is committed to a One-China policy and that even private visits to the United States by officials of the Taiwan government will be limited.

She flies there also with a lecture on human rights, but one the former Georgetown University professor will deliver politely and with the caveat that U.S. policy is far broader than any single issue.

China can expect the United States to cosponsor a resolution at an international human rights conference in Geneva criticizing the way the communist-run government in Beijing treats its people.

And Albright said Sunday on ABC's "This Week" program: "They expect me to raise human rights as an issue, and I will." That said, however, she described the relationship as complex.

The Clinton administration is pleased that China helped conclude international treaties to ban nuclear weapons tests and to re-



Madeleine Albright

strict the spread of nuclear technology. China's support of Korean peace talks to begin next month also is a plus.

But a widening trade imbalance and questionable weapons sales to Pakistan, repression of political dissidence and missile tests near Taiwan are sore points.

Albright also intends to remind the Chinese that the United States expects Hong Kong's capitalist way of life to continue after the prosperous British outpost returns to Chinese sovereignty July 1.

She hesitated before going through with the Beijing visit during a mourning period for Deng, who died Wednesday at 92.

Unlike they did in similar circumstances at Mao Tse-Tung's death in 1976, however, the Chi-

nese agreed to have her there provided she left Beijing before Tuesday's funeral and canceled a Monday night dinner and sightseeing forays into the capital.

As a result, her meetings with Foreign Minister Qian Qichen, Prime Minister Li Peng and President Jiang Zemin will be held in quick order, totaling less than three hours.

"She will get into the business we have to with China," said Nicholas Burns, the State Department spokesman. "And that's to move ahead."

Deng was regarded by many American experts as a leader who favored a good relationship with the United States. He also ordered soldiers of China's People's Liberation Army to fire on pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square in June 1989 in an attack that killed hundreds, possibly thousands.

High-level exchanges, suspended then by the Bush administration to try to force political reform, are being stepped up. Besides Albright's visit, Vice President Al Gore is getting ready to go to Beijing, and Presidents Clinton and Ziang are expected to exchange visits within the next two years.

"It would obviously be a great

advantage for China as well as all of us if there were a smooth transition," Albright said last week in London. "We very much want to have a multifaceted relationship."

In Tokyo, her next-to-last stop on an 11-day worldwide trek, Albright hailed Japan as the key to Asia's security and tried to nudge the government to trim its trade surplus with the United States.

She made a special pitch for auto makers and producers of auto parts in a meeting with Foreign Minister Yukihiko Ikeda. She reinforced her point by meeting with

the American Chamber of Commerce on "opportunities and barriers to fair market access," Burns said.

It was a matter of urging Japan to implement agreements already reached, Burns said. "She did not come here to negotiate trade issues," he said. "She came to raise issues."

Albright also talked in Tokyo with trade minister Shinji Sato and became the first American secretary of state in 14 years to sit down with Japan's Defense Agency. The aim was to soothe lingering concerns over the U.S. military presence on Okinawa, where almost 30,000 U.S. troops are based.

## Recent Atlanta bombs 'similar'

By CHELSEA J. CARTER

ATLANTA (AP) - Investigators have found some similarities in the bombs exploded at a nightclub Friday and an abortion clinic last month, a federal official said Sunday.

"We are certainly exploring the possibility that they were made by the same person or group but we are not ignoring the possibility that they weren't," said Bobby Browning, a spokesman for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Five people were injured when the nail-packed device exploded late Friday in a rear patio area of The Otherside Lounge. Police found a second bomb nearby and detonated it with a remote-controlled robot. Last month, two bombs exploded an hour apart outside an abortion clinic, injuring seven people.

ABC News reported Sunday that a number of components in the nightclub and abortion clinic bombs - specifically the wiring, timing and dynamite - were so similar that officials believe they were made by the same person or group.

Responding to the report, Browning said: "There are some similarities in the construction of the devices but there are some differences too."

Mayor Bill Campbell on Sunday called the bombing of the gay and lesbian nightclub a hate crime. But investigators said it was too early to determine a motive for the city's second bomb attack since the blast at the Centennial Olympic Park last summer that killed one person.

"Anyone who plants an explosive device that targets a particular group is expressing hatred," he said. "Gays and lesbians were targeted

in the first bomb. Law enforcement officials were targeted with the second one."

A national ATF response team combed the area Sunday, searching for clues. More than 50 federal agents are on the case, including the same task force investigating the Jan. 16 abortion clinic bombing.

A second device - apparently intended for police and rescue workers - exploded about an hour later outside the clinic in suburban Sandy Springs.

"The secondary devices are unusual. There hadn't been one used in the United States for more than 30 years until last month in Atlanta. Typically, they are aimed at first responders," said FBI spokesman Jay Spadafora.

"I think the agents know to keep a low profile after Sandy Springs." There have been no arrests in any of the bombings.

"This is a very troubling scenario. Nobody has been able to weave a thread that connects the three together in any way thus far," the mayor said. "It's clearly a person or persons ... seeking with this bait-and-ambush explosion tactic to do more damage than is seemingly apparent on the face of it."

The mayor met with gay and lesbian activists Sunday and ordered extra police protection for nightclubs frequented by homosexuals. Several rallies were held throughout the city in response to the nightclub blast.

Candace Gingrich, Newt Gingrich's half sister and supporter of gay rights, criticized the House Speaker during a rally for not denouncing the nightclub bombing - as he did the abortion clinic blast.

## Vandals desecrate Lincoln tomb

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. (AP) - Police in Springfield, Illinois, are trying to find the culprits who vandalized Lincoln's Tomb.

Swastikas and obscenities were spray-painted on the site of the

tomb at the Oak Ridge Cemetery this weekend.

Human excrement and a T-shirt were found on the observation deck.

Staff members at the historic site discovered the vandalism to-

day.

Black plastic is being used to cover the spray-paint damage. And a high-powered spray-washing device and special cleaning solution will be used to clean the tomb's walls.

## Trade gap threatens Clinton plan

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration is counting on Chile's president to push Congress toward accepting his country into a reconstructed NAFTA as the next step toward creating a Western hemisphere free trade zone.

But the idea's sharpest critics aren't on Capitol Hill - they're thousands of Americans whose jobs have gone south to Mexico.

That makes the pertinent question whether Congress will listen to Eduardo Frei, its Chilean guest this week, or to folks like Gary Hefner, unemployed American.

Hefner was laid off last month after a 30-year career at a General Electric plant in Hickory, N.C. For 40 years, the plant made electric transformers to power America.

Last year, Hefner and 300 co-workers received notice: Contending the Hickory factory was no longer profitable, GE was shutting it down and moving the work to Monterrey, Mexico.

"They put us out to pasture because we were making \$15 hourly wages and they could get the work done in Mexico for 83 cents an hour," Hefner said.

Opponents of free trade have made similar charges since President Clinton went against labor unions and many in his own party in 1993 to push the North American Free Trade

Agreement through Congress.

With the assistance of former Presidents Ford, Carter, Reagan and Bush and a healthy dose of Republican support, Clinton won that battle against opponents who, in the phrase of Ross Perot, warned of a "giant sucking sound" as Mexico drained high-paying jobs from the United States.

The 1997 replay promises an even tougher fight. Opponents have armed themselves with statistics showing swollen trade deficits with Mexico and Canada since NAFTA's birth.

Clinton blames factors unrelated to NAFTA. He argues that unless Congress quickly renews his authority to expand NAFTA, the United States risks losing to European and Asian competitors already moving into America's economic back yard.

The president hopes by 2005 to bring not only Chile but all the democratic nations of Latin America into what would be the world's largest free trade zone.

Frei is coming to Washington for a Wednesday meeting with Clinton and a speech to a joint session of Congress on Thursday.

Clinton travels to Mexico in April and makes his first presidential trip to South America the next month.

However, Clinton's carefully orchestrated sales schedule is in danger of slipping over a dispute that has tied up the free trade effort for the past two



President Clinton

years.

Trying to mollify unions and environmentalists, Clinton wants authority to negotiate environmental and labor safeguards as part of any new trade agreement. The Republicans who control Congress don't want to give Clinton such authority, saying those issues don't need to be addressed in trade agreements.

In the new battle, opponents say Clinton will have to overcome a dismal NAFTA track record.

Ralph Nader's Public Citizen released a report Sunday titled "NAFTA's Three Year Reality" that charged the trade agreement has cost more than 600,000 American jobs and resulted in soaring trade deficits with Mexico and Canada.

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### Adoption Case No: 97-07 NOTICE OF HEARING

You are hereby notified that the above-entitled matter has been set for a hearing on the 28th day of February, 1997, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., at the Superior Court in Tinian.

If you have any interest in the above-entitled case, you are advised to appear on the date and time mentioned above.  
 Dated this 8th day of January, 1997.  
 Clerk of Court  
 By: /s/ DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
**CIVIL ACTION NO. 92-220**  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:  
 FRANCISCA T. SABLAN,  
 Deceased.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
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 /s/ REYNALDO O. YANA  
 Attorney of Petitioner

## PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS  
**CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-150**  
 MICHAEL DIAZ,  
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 By order of the above Court:  
 Dated this 12th day of February, 1997.  
 /s/ CLERK OF COURT

## Post...

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leged "widespread labor abuses" on Rota.

The Post is one of the most influential and leading national newspapers.

Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio's spokesman yesterday dismissed the report as a "cut and paste reshaped story."

"His article is proof of why we have to invite congressmen and policy analysts to visit us," Mark Broadhurst said.

Tenorio, in a media conference yesterday, said it is the CNMI government that is paying for the congressional visits.

**Donor**  
 Tan, Branigin in his report said, is the "influential Chinese-American businessman who dominates the (CNMI) economy," and is a "leading local donor" to the U.S. Democratic Party.

Tan's firms donated at least \$20,000 to the Democratic National Committee, the report said, citing Federal Election Commission records.

Branigin reported that "Tan, who was fined \$9 million by the federal government in 1992 for labor violations, usually meets with the (congressional) visitors when he is on Saipan."

He said Tenorio's spokesman and former Tan employee, Mark Broadhurst, denied that any of the congressional visits were financed by Tan, "but questions persist" about the garments magnate's role.

"After being informed that Tan had paid the largest fine ever levied by the U.S. Labor Department," Branigin noted, "Rep. Bennie Thompson said he 'thought it ironic that we visited that operation.'"

## NLRB...

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sated.  
 Amid its anti-union campaign, the hotel management granted its employees wage increases, and the board was convinced it was a scheme to influence the employees' vote.

"The employer attempted to influence the outcome of the election by granting a benefit during the critical period immediately preceding the election," the board said.

Describing the NLRB's report as "ridiculous," lawyer Michael Dotts, who represented Dai-Ichi

Thompson (D-Mississippi) was one of the six U.S. congressmen who recently visited the CNMI. Congressional visitors are usually brought to a Tan garment factory for a "guided tour."

The Variety tried to contact Tan for a comment, but this reporter was told that Tan is off-island.

**Human rights**  
 Citing a "human rights advocates report," Branigin described the CNMI labor situation as one in which "imported workers have included young women who have been promised jobs as waitresses, then forced into the sex trade."

"Farmers and construction laborers," Branigin added, "also have been cheated of their wages, maids have become virtual slaves to local families on welfare, and the Chinese garment workers have been persecuted by their government for exercising rights guaranteed by U.S. law."

However, Branigin said congressional visitors "have appeared" not to notice these alleged abuses, and have generally praised the CNMI "after their CNMI-paid trips and a few days of being wine and dined by local authorities and businessmen, usually with plenty of beach and golf time thrown in."

The Tenorio administration has instituted labor and immigration reforms to curb abuses, but Branigin said U.S. Interior Department officials are still claiming that the "widespread abuses" of alien workers continue.

Gov. Tenorio, in an earlier interview, said the congressional visits will help improve CNMI's image in Washington, D.C.

He said it would cost the CNMI more if the federal government takes away the Commonwealth's control of its own immigration, minimum wage rate and taxation.

in the election, said his client will seek a review of the board's decision.

"I think it's kind of ridiculous in many respects," Dotts said. But even if another election is held, Dotts said, Dai-Ichi "would still win by a larger margin."

Meanwhile, the bill imposing limits on the stay of guest workers in the CNMI was passed by the House of Representatives.

When it reached the Senate two weeks ago, the bill was amended to further restrict the stay of guest workers to two years.

The Senate version of the bill is scheduled to be taken up by the yet-to-be-formed conference committee.

## Tenorio...

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requirements on the CNMI.

Speaker Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan) on Friday appointed four House members to the joint House-Senate conference committee which will attempt to reconcile the House and Senate versions of the bill.

Named to represent the House of Representatives were Crispin I. DL Guerrero (R-Saipan), Heinz S. Hofschneider (Ind.-Saipan), Maria T. Peter (R-Saipan) and Karl T. Reyes (R-Saipan).  
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## SPORTS



## Guam Rugby Championships

## Saipan sweeps 7's tilt

By Erel A. Cabatbat  
Variety News Staff

THE SAIPAN Rugby Union Team B outplayed Guam Team B, 24-12 then defeated two more teams to sweep the Budweiser Rugby Sevens Championships over the weekend at the Wettengel Field in Dededo, Guam.

Earlier, the Guam Rugby Football Club scored its first ever win in a Seven's match against Saipan when it defeated an injury plagued Saipan Rugby Union A, 21-10, in an exhibition game before the start of the tournament.

The Saipan B team, helmed by Leva Tasi, scored twice in the first

half for an early lead. Guam managed to score in the final half but Penni Tasi, Okland Salavea, Robert Maisa, Jose Tuigamala, Eka Veamatahau and John Mikeson made the big plays for the team.

Tasi scored a try after taking a pass from Greg Koebel, eluding three Guam defenders for the points. Salavea, Maisa and Tuigamala made the necessary plays to set up Eka Veamatahau and rookie John Mikeson for a try apiece as the team posted a 24-12 victory.

In the team's next outing, SRU B leaned on its speed, power and experience in trouncing its younger rivals.

Against the Andersen Air Force Boonie Dogs, it was Jared Power's turn to shine as he made clutch assists setting his teammates to score.

With Penni, Kevin Eickhom and Matt Otto scoring and Mike Bishop taking full control of the ball, the team notched its second win, 25-7.

SRU B completed its dominance of the four team field by demolishing USS Blue Ridge Navy, 19-5.

Playing under a steady rain, Saipan Team A got off to an early start in the exhibition match with William Setefano scoring a try to give his team a 5-0 lead.

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## Budweiser, Bud Ice shoot for 2nd wins

## O'Doul's, Michelob fight for survival

By Erel A. Cabatbat  
Variety News Staff

Team Standings	W	L
Budweiser	1	0
Bud Ice	1	0
O'Doul's	0	1
Michelob	0	1

O'DOUL'S and IT&E will try to keep their championship bids alive by taking on separate opponents in the semifinal round of the Inter Commercial Basketball League's 1997 Budweiser Cup tonight at the CMS Basketball Court.

O'Doul's will face unbeaten and pennant winners Budweiser-Saipan

Stevadore in the face game while Michelob will go up against Bud Ice-FIT/SNE in the final game.

The semifinal round format states that the two best teams after the single round robin will advance to the best of five championship series. A loss by either team will definitely make it difficult for the team to stay in contention for the title.

O'Doul's, sponsored by Basic Construction and Golden Lobster Restaurant, lost to Budweiser during their initial meeting, 85-105. The team, however, missed the services of four key players due to several

reasons.

With their title bid at stake, the team is expected to come in full force and try to end Budweiser's seven consecutive wins dating back to the eliminations.

Michelob-IT&E will also face a tough assignment against resurgent Bud Ice. The team lost its initial game against the FIT/SNE sponsored team during the eliminations.

Budweiser won its first assignment in the semis by routing Michelob, 128-83 behind the 25

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**Tournament's Best**—Penni Tasi flashes the victory sign before a Saipan Rugby Union scrum at the Susupe Sports Complex. Tasi was adjudged as the "Player of the Tournament" in the recently concluded Guam Rugby Sevens Championship in Guam. With him is two-year old Savali Talalemotu.

(Photo by Erel A. Cabatbat)

1997 Bud Light Dart League  
Lite Beer pulls away

## Master Division

Team Name	W	L	%
Pacific Trading "Lite Beer FBI"	56	21	72.73
EPISI "This Is It"	34	32	51.52
Mom's Round Two "Bad Boyz"	27	39	40.91
Pacific Amusement "Masters"	15	40	27.27

## A - Division

Team Name	W	L	%
Johnson's "Pugua Power"	50	27	64.94
Dart Busters	43	34	55.84
Oleai Beach Restaurant	41	36	53.25
Manny's Flyboy II	40	37	51.95
Team Red Dog	34	32	51.52
Lo Cash	37	40	48.05

## Tommy's Monsters

Team Name	W	L	%
Tommy's Monsters	25	52	32.47

## B - Division

Team Name	W	L	%
Pacific Isle "Shockers"	51	24	68.83
Oleai Beach "White Trash"	53	26	66.23
Manny's "Angus Beef Eaters"	50	27	64.94
Calvo's "Cut Throats"	42	35	54.55
Johnson's "Pescador 2%	42	35	54.55
Patrick's Hattricks	36	41	46.75
Dart Vaders	30	36	45.45

Team Name	W	L	%
Tom's Golf Club Repair "The B Team"	33	44	42.86
Dart Busters	32	45	41.56
STS "Snipers"	31	46	40.26
Victoria's Secrets	25	41	37.88
Sapan Computer Serv. "Team SCS"	26	51	33.77

## C - Division

Team Name	W	L	%
Johnson's "Blind Navigators"	51	26	66.23
Rudy's "Dominant Mikes"	43	34	55.84
Tom's Golf Club Repair "Lite Monsters"	42	35	54.55
Mom's Round Two "Dart Tarts"	38	39	49.35
Bad Company	38	39	49.35
Pacific World "Angus Beef Eaters"	35	42	45.45
Pat's Hat's	34	43	44.16
Oleai "Angles"	27	50	35.06

## Mixed Doubles Division

Team Name	W	L	%
PJ's	50	27	64.94
Mii & Suzi	41	25	62.12
Bobby & Dina	46	31	59.74
Larry & Jean	22	22	50.00
Mashon & Lydia	30	36	45.45
Mike & Sheila	25	41	37.88
Rudy & Miles	25	41	37.88
Pat & Tel	25	41	37.88

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PACIFIC Trading kept its scorching pace by winning nine out of 11 outings to pull away in the Masters Division of the 1997 Bud Light Dart League.

With a league's best 72.73 winning percentage, the Lite Beer FBI Team hiked its win loss slate to 56-21 to remain as the hottest team in the tournament.

EPISI This Is It is a faraway second with 34-32 mark while the Bad Boyz of Mom's Round

Two are third with 27-39.

The Masters of Pacific Amusement continue to hug the cellar of the four team field with an anemic 15-40 slate.

The Pugua Power maintained its hold of the leadership in the A Division after going 9-2 for the week.

The Johnson team totes a 50-27 record to fend off the determined bid of the Dart Busters. The Dart Busters jumped to second booting Team Red Dog and the Flyboyz II.

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## Friday Intercommercial League

## Microl shocks A. Marketing

Team Name	W	L	Pct	Tot Pins	Ave	Gem	Ser
1 Saipan Stevadore	40.0	16.0	71.43	41175	980	1115	3115
2 Advance Marketing	39.0	17.0	69.04	41330	984	1105	3183
3 Panthers Security	32.5	23.5	58.04	41158	979	1131	3216
4 Wushin Corporation	31.0	25.0	55.36	40892	973	1075	3092
5 L & W	28.0	28.0	50.00	41175	980	1098	3212
6 Kang's Corporation	28.0	28.0	50.00	40519	964	1074	3098
7 Microl/Toyota	28.0	29.0	48.21	40024	952	1047	2986
8 Halina's Kitchenette	27.0	30.0	46.43	40510	964	1070	3144
9 Duty Free Shoppers	26.0	30.0	45.54	40028	953	1100	3012
10 Toshiba	25.0	31.0	44.64	40570	965	1118	3036
11 PSTC Bowlers	18.5	37.5	33.04	40783	971	1113	3039
12 Joeten Enterprises	15.5	40.5	27.68	36292	955	1054	3014

## Last Week's High Scores

High Scratch Game-Team	Score	High Handicap Game-Team	Score	High Scratch Series-Team	Score	High Handicap Series-Team	Score
L & W	1003	L & W	1094	Hensley, Don	240	L & W	3212
Saipan Stevadore	955	Saipan Stevadore	1050	L & W	2939	PSTC Bowlers	3039
PSTC Bowlers	924	Kang's Corporation	1048	Saipan Stevadore	2748	Saipan Stevadore	2993
Kang's Corporation	899	PSTC Bowlers	1021	Panthers Security	2708	Kang's Corporation	2921
Panthers Security	896	Halina's Kitchenette	1019	Wushin Corporation	2623	Microl/Toyota	2897
High Scratch Game	Score	High Handicap Game	Score	High Scratch Series	Score	High Handicap Series	Score
Pangelinan, Paul	247	Pangelinan, Paul	284	Pangelinan, Paul	657	Pangelinan, Paul	708
Sana, Richard	233	Irinaka, Yasu	250	O'Brien, Dave	636	Cru, Jack	687
Halstead, Mark	225	Sana, Richard	244	Cru, Jack	624	O'Brien, Dave	681
O'Brien, Dave	225	Cruz, Jack	243	Sana, Richard	598	Irinaka, Yasu	648
Kang, Kim	223	O'Brien, Dave	240	Zapanta, Ross	581	Gallardo, Manny	646
		Kim, Tae K	240				

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MICROL/Toyota rebounded from an opening game loss to beat Ad-

vance Marketing, 953-988; 972-951; and 972-913 to register the week's biggest upset win in the Friday Intercommercial League at the Saipan

Bowling Center.

Microl/Toyota, composed of Abundio Ayuban, Cesar Dumatol,

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