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## Governor: 'I may have to go to jail'

*No money to pay \$12-M judgment, insists Tenorio*

By Zaldy Dandan  
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GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio admitted Friday that he doesn't have the \$12 million the court ordered him to pay for "mispending public funds," and that he may have to go to jail if the ruling is not overturned.

He added, however, that the court decision only "proves" that the CNMI should hire special judges from the U.S. states.

Special Judge Benjamin J.F. Cruz, who is from Guam, is not familiar with interpreting constitutional questions, Tenorio said.

"I don't want to say anything against the judge," he added, "but Guam doesn't have a constitution, (that's why) we need to hire



Froilan C. Tenorio

lawyers and judges from California or Hawaii who have been exposed to (cases involving) the interpretation of a constitution."

Tenorio said a "more correct" reading of the CNMI Constitution would have proven that he

did not mispend public funds, as Cruz's ruling states.

"For three consecutive years we had no budget, but we had needs and we had the money.

"I didn't have the choice then. It was a tough decision to make, but (I had to do it)."

He said all the "misspent" money, which amounted to more than \$8 million, went to needed public services.

"(We're talking about, for example,) students who are to be thrown out of their dorms in the mainland if the scholarship funds were not made available," Tenorio said.

He added that even lawyer Ted Mitchell, who brought the case against him, did not claim that he (Tenorio) spent the money on himself.

**'Incorrect'**

Acting Attorney General Robert Dunlap, for his part, said Thursday.

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## US court orders hotel to bargain with union

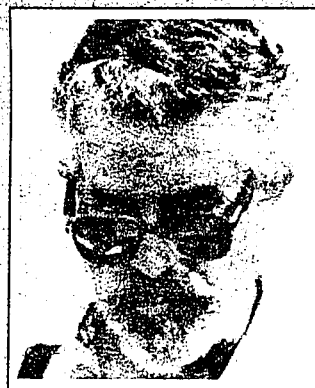
By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff

IN TWO separate rulings, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld last week the National Labor Relations Board's orders for Hafadai Beach Hotel to face the workers' union across the bargaining table, and to reinstate with backpay some 20 workers who were discharged from employment allegedly due to union activities.

Both decisions issued June 12 were anchored on the circuit court's interpretation that the National Labor Relations Act applies to both resident and nonresident workers in the CNMI.

Hafadai Hotel petitioned the appellate court to review the two NLRB orders, saying nonresident workers were not covered by NLRA, thus the board lacked jurisdiction over these cases.

In the first case, Hafadai said NLRB "should have divided the resident and nonresident workers into separate bargaining units," arguing that the two categories of workers were



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governed by two different laws.

Hafadai believed alien workers in the CNMI were regulated only by the Nonresident Workers Act which in the same manner provides "preferential treatment" for resident workers.

In denying Hafadai's petition, the Circuit Court agreed with NLRB's argument that NLRA, as applied in the United States, does not provide any distinction between resident and nonresident CNMI workers.

"Given that NLRA applies to the CNMI...and the NLRA

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## Dissecting the school choice plan

### 'Will school voucher system work here?'

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff

(First of a two-part series)

PRECY Castro wants to send her ten-year-old son to a private school, but her economic status won't allow it. For Castro, and several other "not-so-well-off" parents, the government's school voucher plan is great news.

Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio and Rep. Heinz Hofschneider had worked together to come up with the bill called "Parental Choice Scholarship Program."

The governor is excited about the plan, determined that he has discovered a cure to what is perceived to be an ailing quality of

public education in the CNMI. Voucher proponents from the mainland eagerly push for the CNMI's experiment, optimistic of results which they said could superimpose the troubled voucher scheme in other U.S. jurisdictions.

Each parent, according to the government's plan, would get a scholarship grant in an amount ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,000. It may sound like a simple setup, but don't count on the simplicity of its language.

In the mainland, the voucher system continues to be a hot subject of public debates.

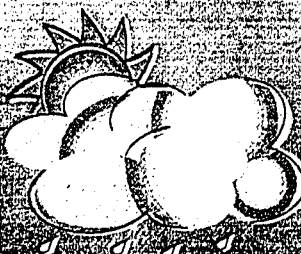
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## US Treasurer unveils new \$50 bill



U.S. Treasurer Mary Ellen Withrow holds a new, re-designed \$50 bill during a news conference at the Bureau of Printing and Engraving in Washington Thursday where the new bill was unveiled. The bills, aimed at preventing counterfeiting, feature a larger portrait of Ulysses Grant, a security thread and color shifting ink in the numeral on the lower-right corner of the bill.

## WEATHER Outlook



## PIA starts using bigger aircraft

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

STARTING today, the Pacific Island Aviation will use the bigger Shorts SD3-60 twin-engine turbo prop in its flights from Saipan to Tinian, it has been announced.

PIA President and Chief Executive Officer Robert Christian said this move is part of a market

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# Rioting erupts in Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Mobs burned cars, shops and government buildings in riots that erupted during government-organized celebrations

for an environmental award on the East Java island of Madura, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Troops were sent and fired shots,

but no casualties or arrests were reported in Saturday night's violence in Bangkalan, 650 kilometers (406 miles) east of Jakarta, the Suara

Pembaruan said.

Officials could not be reached Sunday for confirmation.

During celebrations of the city's award for cleanliness, the stage was pulled down, causing panic among the organizers and spectators, the paper said.

It said East Java military commander Maj. Gen. Imam Utomo ordered the state-owned electricity company to turn off power for the city, hoping the blackout would prevent the rioting from spreading.

Bangkalan district head Djakfar Safit told the paper that the causes of the rioting were being investigated.

"It has nothing to do with the elections," Djakfar said.

The paper quoted unspecified sources as saying the rioting was touched off by rumors that the festival was held to celebrate the landslide victory of the ruling party Golkar in the May 29 general elections.

Earlier this month, rioters burned shops, houses and government buildings in nearby Sampang, 50 kilometers (31 miles) southeast of Bangkalan, in a protest claiming vote rigging in favor of the ruling party.

Djakfar said the situation had returned to normal on Sunday.

Last Friday, election protests erupted in rioting in Jember, in East Java, 800 kilometers (500 miles) southeast of Jakarta.

## Death verdict for McVeigh was not easy, say jurors

By MICHAEL FLEEMAN

DENVER (AP)—One juror said convicting Timothy McVeigh and sentencing him to die cost her some of her innocence, but left her with no second thoughts.

Another juror, the foreman, said listening to the wrenching testimony about the Oklahoma City bombing left him exhausted, but he was able to put aside his emotions during deliberations.

For 2 1/2 months, Tonya Stedman and Jim Osgood sat next to each other in the jury box. They joined the 10 other panelists in condemning McVeigh to death Friday for the deadliest act of terrorism on U.S.

soil.

The experience, they said in separate interviews Saturday, was never easy.

"I'm 24, but I don't feel 24 anymore," said Ms. Stedman, who described finally getting her first good night's sleep after leaving jury service.

"I shed tears many times knowing that my decision was guilt and I cried knowing my decision was death because it's so hard," said Ms. Stedman. "As confident as I felt in those decisions, it was still emotionally jarring because this is a person's life."

## Israel Supreme Court rejects appeal to indict Netanyahu

By DINA KRAFT

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israel's Supreme Court Sunday rejected an appeal to overrule prosecutors and charge Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with fraud in a government influence-peddling scandal.

The court rejected the petitions by a 4-1 vote, ruling that prosecutors' decision that there was not enough evidence to indict Netanyahu "was a reasonable one."

"The court does not interfere with such decisions," the judges wrote.

At issue is Netanyahu's appointment of a political ally as attorney-general in January. Police suspect the man, Jerusalem lawyer Roni Bar-On, was appointed in exchange for political support from Aryeh Deri, leader of a key partner in Netanyahu's ruling coalition, who allegedly believed Bar-On would act to end his corruption trial.

# AGO lashes at Manglonas

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

THE government has lashed at former Lt. Gov. Benjamin T. Manglona, ex-Rota Mayor Prudencio T. Manglona and other members of the Manglona clan for trying to delay the trial for the \$2-million suit over alleged fraudulent acquisition of public land.

Government counsel Assistant Atty. Gen. Thomas E. Clifford said the defendants hope that the current administration will be replaced and the new "management" would be more likely to "forgive and forget the land sins of the 1980's."

"Their hopes are misplaced. First, there is no reason to believe that any new administration would interfere with the Attorney General's independent law enforcement function," said Clifford in response to Manglonas' motion for continuance of trial date.

Aside from Benjamin T. Manglona and Prudencio T. Manglona, the government also named as respondents in the suit the former mayor's father Prudencio M. Manglona, Anto-

## Clifford says defendants in land case using delay tactics

nio T. Manglona, Vincent A. Manglona, Benita A. Manglona, and former government surveyor Abel C. Barcinas.

The Manglonas, except Prudencio T. Manglona, were named title defendants as the first cause of action was brought to clear title on the adjoining public land that was allegedly grabbed.

The court set the trial for Oct. 1997.

However, the defendants sought continuance of trial date citing the alleged trial conflict of their counsel, the mayoral campaign of Benjamin T. Manglona and the new law on public lands (P.L. 10-57).

In the government's response filed Friday in the Superior Court, Clifford stated that the defendants and their counsel have known since last January that the trial would go forward.

"They were free to retain new counsel at that time, or their counsel could have withdrawn as counsel in the other matter," Clifford pointed out.



Benjamin T. Manglona

He said it was rumored that the former Lt. governor would run for Rota Mayor so the failure to raise this issue at the proper time is no justification to delay the proceedings.

Besides, Clifford added, there is nothing more than Benjamin Manglona's self-serving statement that he cannot prepare for trial and run for office at the same time.

"Manglona (Benjamin) claimed to know nothing about this matter in his deposition—so it is unclear what prepara-



Prudencio T. Manglona

tion he has to do for trial," said the lawyer.

The new law, P.L. 10-57, Clifford stressed, has nothing to do with this lawsuit, which is brought pursuant to the AGO's constitutional mandate to enforce Commonwealth law.

"It is the Attorney General who controls and settles lawsuits that he brings pursuant to that Constitutional mandate. It is the Attorney Gen-

eral who has the authority to compromise any claim for money, chattels or land that he brings pursuant to that mandate," he said.

Clifford claimed that the Manglonas inaccurately stated that the new Board of Public Lands is "akin" to the former Marianas Public Lands Corp.

The government counsel said the new law expressly leaves the Division of Public Lands in the Department of Lands and Natural Resources of the Executive Branch.

"It is only the Board of Public Lands that is separate, and in total contrast to MPLC, its duties are merely to determine whether to transfer interests in public land," he said.

"The trial should go forward as scheduled. The NMI people deserve their day in court and they deserve their land back at the earliest opportunity," Clifford added.

The Manglonas contended that the suit was obviously groundless and politically motivated.

## Tinian casino gears for November soft opening

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

TINIAN—The first multi-million-dollar casino that is expected to infuse life into this island will soft-open in early November, it was learned Friday.

The casino, to be operated by the International Casino Management Pty. of Australia, is just one component of the \$200-million combined Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, owned by Hong Kong Entertainment (Overseas) Investments, Ltd.

Tinian Dynasty will also have a 410-room hotel, which will be CNMI's first five-star hotel. It will be managed by the Renaissance Hotels.

Mediamen had a tour of the 60-percent-completed hotel-casino complex Friday morning, and were impressed by what they saw.

Carved wooden strips and slats embellished walls of marbles from Italy and China.

One-thousand workers from China work round-the-clock to finish the project, which was targeted for completion, first in August, then moved to September, and now November.

The project was at one time delayed because of lack of aggregate materials for the making of hollow blocks.

The complex has a helipad that can accommodate at one time three choppers.

It has a staff housing on a 25,000-square-meter lot for the 1,400 employees the hotel-casino will have once it is fully operational.

According to Antonio C. Kuan, finance manager of the Saipan office of Kong Kong Entertainment, chartered daily flights to Tinian from several points of destination are under negotiations with Continental Airlines.

But first, the Tinian airport runway has to be extended for big planes to be able to land.

According to the Tinian Casino Gaming Commission, which regularly monitors the construction of the Dynasty, said the project is proceeding on schedule, although Hong Kong Entertainment had requested that the August opening be moved to before the year-end because of weather and other problems.

The Tinian municipality is also readying to cope with the expected influx of workers and tourists when Tinian Dynasty becomes fully operational with the recruitment of more policemen and customs, quarantine and labor officers.

"We're anticipating 1,500 people a day once this casino starts operating," said William B. Nabors, chief executive officer of the Office of the Mayor.

Nabors said six Tinian cadets are now training on Saipan to be police officers.

Nabors assures that Tinian is ready for the takeoff of its casino industry, although he said it is hard to imagine how an island town with 1,600 local population and 2,300 aliens could ever have this Las Vegas dream turn into reality.

"We waited for so long," Nabors said.



Miss CNMI Universe Melanie Sibetang (2nd from left) poses for a photo with Little Miss CNMI winners during the June 7 pageant night. From left are Claire Dina Cabrera (most talented award), Victoria Ana T. Cabrera (Miss Little CNMI), Monique Frances I. Muna (1st runner-up), Ms. Photogenic, Congeniality and Talented award), and Nicole Michelle S. Babauta (Miss Sweetheart).

## Hotel project planned in Tanapag

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

A HOTEL is being planned to be built in Tanapag, and the Coastal Resources Management has scheduled a public hearing on June 26 prior to granting it a coastal permit.

Joo Ang Corp. submitted the application for the six-story Tanapag Resort Hotel, which will have 70 rooms.

Joo Ang Corp. apparently is the same owner of the Joo Ang Apparel garments factory whose application to re-

locate from Dan Dan to San Antonio was approved by CRM last June 3.

According to the application papers, the hotel would cater to the increasing Korean tourists.

The medium-sized hotel will have a swimming pool, a game room, a restaurant, and small shops.

It will be built on a 3,723-square-meter privately owned lot.

The proponents said the area was chosen because it has "outstanding views of the Tanapag Lagoons and a large

public park immediately across the road from the project site."

The area is also predominantly residential and partially light commercial.

The hotel project is scheduled to be finished in 16 months after the start of construction.

When it's operational, most of its patrons will be bused to the hotel since majority of the rooms will be sold as part of a package tour in Korea and other Asian cities, according to the proponents.

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# Manglona: Lift CDA moratorium

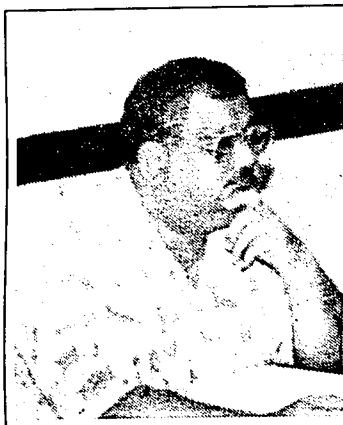
By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

THE mayor of Tinian has released to media a letter he sent almost four months ago to Commonwealth Development Authority Chair Juan S. Tenorio wherein he reiterated his appeal that the moratorium on commercial loans be lifted.

Herman M. Manglona told Tenorio he was making the request for the lifting of the moratorium so the Tinian people for the imminent takeoff of the island's casino industry.

CDA has imposed a moratorium on direct loans for commercial and apartment buildings for the past five years, although it guarantees loan applications of this kind to banks.

"I have made several attempts in the past to communicate with your office to request that you lift the moratorium on loans for com-



Herman M. Manglona

mercial development on the island of Tinian but I have had no success to date. I am writing again to request your assistance in this matter," Manglona said in his letter dated Feb. 25.

While acknowledging the risk of delayed or nonpayment is inherent in any loan, Manglona said the people of Tinian "will not be

able to participate in the development of our island" if no loans for commercial development is made available to them, especially now that Tinian "is...on the brink of economic development with the advent of the casino industry."

Manglona said it would be too late for the Tinian people to be involved in the casino industry as service providers when the ca-

sino "is up and running."

The casino of the multimillion-dollar Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino is scheduled to open in early November. The hotel-casino complex will employ some 1,400 people and as many as 1,500 tourists are anticipated to visit Tinian daily once both hotel and casino become fully operational.

"Now is the time for the people to prepare to offer services to the casino industry, not when the construction is completed," the mayor told the CDA chair.

Manglona invited Tenorio to Tinian to "meet with the public, and especially the Chamber of Commerce and the business community to discuss the areas of concern."

## Apatang wants workers barred from getting business licenses

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

REPRESENTATIVE David M. Apatang has introduced a bill that would disallow alien workers from getting business licenses in the CNMI, and from hiring workers for their own businesses.

House Bill 10-417 states that alien workers may only engage in business if he or she has a foreign investment certificate or long-term business certificate, both of which requires an applicant to have \$1 million as capital.

The bill proposes that alien workers who arrived in the CNMI after July 28, 1987 should not be allowed to apply for a business license.

Five years after the bill is signed into law, workers who arrived before July 28, 1987 would also no longer be permitted to engage in business.

However, the bill would exempt alien workers who have



David M. Apatang

been in the CNMI before July 28, 1987 and are already engaged in business before the bill is signed into law.

Apatang (R-Saipan), in an interview, said his bill would stop the practice of alien workers applying for business licenses without going through the "normal channels."

He added that the current setup is "not fair" to employers whose workers engaged in business may

not be devoting their "full energy" toward their job.

Apatang said some workers with businesses even recruit their co-workers whom they supposedly advise to file frivolous complaints in order to "change employers."

"I have attended a lot of labor hearings involving such incidents," he said, adding that his bill "would help reduce the number of such frivolous labor complaints."

The bill is co-sponsored by House Majority Leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan), Reps. Melvin O. Faisao (R-Saipan), Karl T. Reyes (R-Saipan) and Manuel A. Tenorio (R-Saipan).

A similar, but more stringent, bill has been filed by House Minority Leader Dino M. Jones (D-Saipan).

Unlike H.B. 10-417, Jones's legislation has no exemptions, and would disallow all alien workers from engaging in business.

## Cing not anti-casino but is only against TCGC's policies, practices

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

SENATOR David M. Cing said Friday that he is not against Tinian's casino industry, but only against the practices and policies of the current Tinian Gaming and Control Commission.

Cing (D-Tinian), in an interview, said Tinian casino investors have "nothing to worry about."

He said his calls for the "cleaning up" of Tinian's casino industry is directed against TGCC, and not against the investors.

"The investors should be reminded that I was the one who fought for a Tinian casino industry, that I was

batting for it as early as in 1985 when I was a delegate to the Second Constitutional Convention," Cing said.

"I even quarreled with my party mate (Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio) when he proposed (in 1995) casinos for Saipan, because I know that it would kill Tinian's casino."

Cing added, however, that "there are a lot of deficiencies" in Tinian's casino industry for which TGCC should be blamed.

For example, he said, casino employees have been sent to the Philippines and Australia to undergo training, when it would have been better to bring in instructors to Tinian where they could teach any interested resi-

dent. "Second, why is it we close our eyes to the immediate needs of the employees? Their insurance and retirement? Cing said, but did not elaborate.

He said casino investors who may have "problems" should "come out in the open" and not "do it under the table."

Cing said he will come out with "more details" on "under the table deals" soon.

He added, "It is useless to have this casino industry if it's not going to benefit Tinian residents."

"If it's only for outsiders, better throw it out in the ocean."

## House panel OKs auto insurance bill

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

CITING the need to "promote safety on the roads," the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism is recommending the approval of a 17-page bill that would require drivers to get liability insurance.

The amended House Bill 10-61, which now returns to the House of Representatives for further action, states that no motor vehicle may be registered in the CNMI unless the

applicant has proper proof of liability insurance for that vehicle.

Likewise, no person may operate any motor vehicle unless he or she, or the vehicle, is covered by minimum liability insurance.

The "proper proof" of such insurance must be with the driver.

Drivers who are not carrying the document would pay a \$100 fine, while those driving without insurance would pay a \$350 fine.

All such insurance policies should

cover not only the owner of the vehicle, but also any other person who drives the vehicle with the owner's permission.

However, insurance providers must offer motorists uninsured and underinsured vehicle insurance as an option.

Insurance companies that would not follow the proposed law's provisions could have their business license suspended or revoked.

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# Guerrero welcomes probe



Edward M. DL Guerrero

By Jojo Dass

Variety News Staff

PUBLIC Works Secretary Edward M. DL Guerrero said he welcomes the probe being called by House Speaker Diego Benavente on contracts reached with Korean firms even as he hinted the move could be a politically-motivated one.

"It's unfortunate that the Speaker asked the Office of the Public Auditor to probe. He could have just come to DPW and ask for information," said Guerrero.

"I welcome the probe. I have no problem having the OPA investigate these two contracts because I have nothing to hide," he stressed.

"We should not let politics get into this. I think we should just all work together," said Guerrero, the Democratic party's official candidate for Saipan's mayoralty post.

Benavente, who is a Republican, has asked OPA to review the \$23 million Cross Island road project awarded to World Corp. and Hanjung Korea Heavy Industries.

He also asked OPA to look into the \$21 million correctional facility project.

Guerrero is Democratic Party

House. . .

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The bill would also authorize the police to setup roadblocks and checkpoints to check if motorists have liability insurance.

"To prevent any loopholes," the committee report stated, "and (to) further insure that no person will be damaged in an auto accident and not justly compensated, an insurance provider or the government can be (held) liable...for damages that people suffer as a result of... (allowing) people to drive without insurance."

The end result of the bill, according to the committee report, "is that nearly every practical means have been employed to ensure that people who drive are insured, and, if someone is injured in an auto accident... (that) damages will be paid."

H.B. 10-61 was introduced last year by Rep. David M. Apatang (R-Saipan).

Eight of the nine committee members signed the recommendation for approval: Committee chair Michael P. Tenorio (R-Saipan), vice chair Vicente M. Atalig (R-Rota), House Minority Leader Dino M. Jones (D-Saipan), Stanley T. Torres (Ind-Saipan), Manuel A. Tenorio (R-Saipan), Ana S. Teregeyo (R-Saipan) and Karl T. Reyes (R-Saipan).

## Says Speaker's call for 'sole-source' inquiry 'political'

candidate for Saipan mayor.

"I proceeded to negotiate terms because we feel that we don't have the financial resources.

"However, the (correctional facility) contract stipulates that it will not become effective until the Legislature and the Commonwealth Development Authority approves it. That's the process and we know it," said Guerrero.

He said Haitai Development and Construction came forward with a consolidated proposal offering to finance the project on a 7.5 percent fixed interest rate over a 10-year period.

"It was a very reasonable offer so we went ahead and negotiated an agreement," said Guerrero.

"We went through the procurement process... we wrote justification to the Procurement and Supply Office for the sole-sourcing of the project and everybody signed on the agreement," he further explained.

The plan to build a new correctional facility was made following a recommendation on the matter by the Office of Insular Affairs.

Meanwhile, the agreement on the \$23 million Cross Island project, Guerrero insisted, is also above board.

Guerrero has assured that 100 percent of the work to be done will be subcontracted to local contractors.

He explained that unlike other contracts where contractors are allowed to subcontract by themselves, the one on the Cross Island project ensures that all subcontractors can not partake of the job unless allowed by government.

The project was approved in

1995. It will be constructed under a set-up where the contractors are made to shoulder the \$23 million estimated cost which will later be paid back by the CNMI government under a 7-year repayment plan.

Guerrero and members of the CNMI Contractors' Association met last Friday to discuss the project.

"It (meeting) is very very very good... and very enlightening," said Richard Szumiel, CNMICA head,

in an interview.

He has earlier raised concerns over what he alleged as "secret deals" done by DPW and Hanjung.

Guerrero has denied there is such an agreement.

Benavente called for the probe citing these concerns.

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# Job info disclosure bill OK'd

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff  
If you've been a bad employee,  
you will probably have slimmer

chances of getting another job in  
the future if the "employment in-  
formation disclosure" bill be-  
comes a law.

The House of Representatives  
approved last Thursday House Bill  
10-395 which seeks to allow cur-  
rent or past employers to divulge

information about an employee  
to the prospective employer.  
Introduced by Majority Floor  
Leader Pete Reyes, the bill noted

that "there currently exists legal  
climate in the Commonwealth  
which dissuade current and past  
employees from releasing perti-  
nent information regarding their  
employee's job performance."

Curbing information about an  
employee's job performance or  
professional conduct, the bill says,  
"can potentially create situations"  
wherein future employers are not  
adequately informed about the  
applicant's qualifications and  
therefore may not be able to make  
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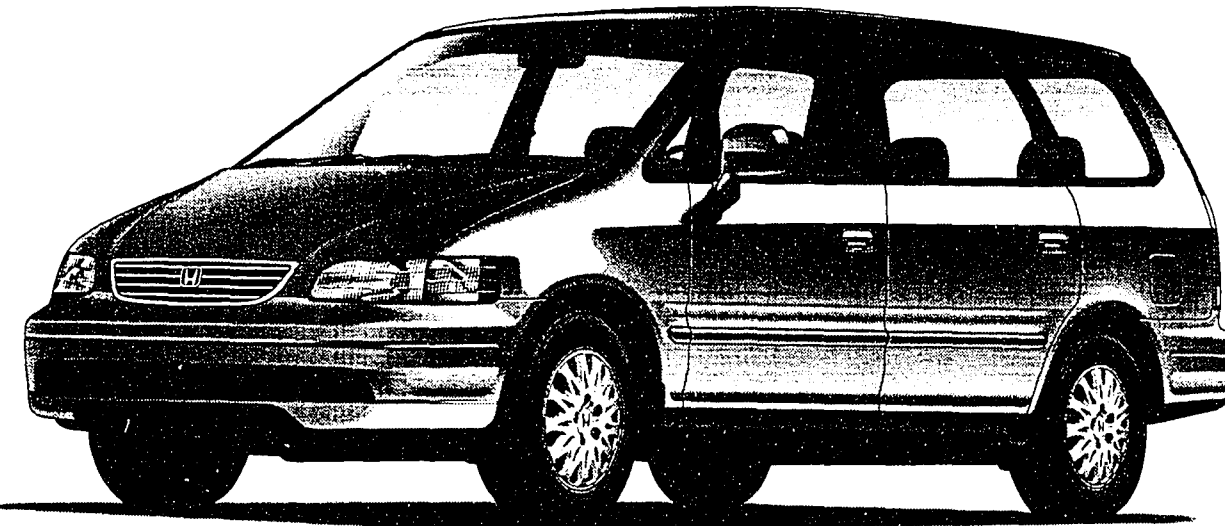
The bill if enacted into law will  
be known as "The Employment  
Information Disclosure Act of  
1997."

The purpose of this proposed  
law, according to HB 10-395 "is to  
create a climate where information  
flows freely and potential employ-  
ers may make fully informed, in-  
telligent hiring decision."

The bill provides that "Any em-  
ployer who in good faith provides  
information about the job perfor-  
mance, professional conduct, or eval-  
uation of a former or current employee  
to a prospective employer... may not  
be held civilly liable for the disclosure  
or the consequences of providing the  
information."

The bill provides that an em-  
ployee who is given a failing grade  
or "unfriendly" remarks by his cur-  
rent or past employer, would have  
to yield evidence to prove that the  
boss issued such information "with  
malice or intent to mislead."

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## Congratulations to my political opponents for supporting School Choice/Vouchers

I couldn't be happier than to  
learn that our former Governor  
and his running mate endorsed  
Rep. Heinz Hofschneider's bill to  
put a school choice/voucher  
scholarship program into Com-  
monwealth law. In an election  
year, this measure should be  
above politics and so far, that is  
how things have been going.  
Congressman Pete P. Reyes  
supports it and all the legislators  
I am aware of who have dis-  
cussed it publicly have as well.  
Tom Camacho of the CNMI Par-  
ent-Teacher's Association is be-  
hind it as are President Agnes  
McPhetres of Northern  
Marianas College and educator  
Rita Inos. Within the past week  
San Vicente PTA President Ro-  
man Benavente has endorsed it  
too.

Even my Lt. Governor favors  
it though I am afraid Jesse would  
probably want to appoint a "Blue  
Ribbon Task Force" to study it  
for five or ten years.

I was proud to read on the edi-  
torial page of the Wall Street  
Journal that, "The CNMI experi-  
ment is the boldest effort yet to  
redirect the central focus of pub-  
lic education from schools to



**FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK**  
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FOR THE PEOPLE

children." Now, one of our local TV  
anchors teased me a little bit the  
other night, by saying I shouldn't  
have been surprised by the Jour-  
nal piece, since I brought its au-  
thor out to the CNMI. Well, I'll  
plead guilty to that. It's about time  
we got some positive attention in  
the states.

As I predicted in this column not  
long ago, there is opposition to this  
proposal but until the past few  
days it was way underground.  
Now Board of Education Chair-  
man Don Farrell weighs in to tell  
us that school choice isn't the an-  
swer. Mr. Farrell is busy telling the  
legislature that the Public School  
System will continue its past ter-  
rific performance, as long as he  
gets another \$30 million + in his  
budget. This administration has  
already added millions to the PSS

budget and look what it has pro-  
duced! If the Public School Sys-  
tem is doing such a great job, why  
have private schools been such a  
growth industry here?

Mr. Farrell uses the traditional  
threats in support of his budget. If  
we don't give it to him, he says  
he'll charge a buck a day for our  
kids to ride the bus to school. If  
we don't give it to him, he'll pull  
subsidies for Head Start and the  
Literacy Program. He's making  
no promises about im-  
proved education either, just  
demanding one-third of the  
entire CNMI budget pie. How  
long are we going to stand for  
this blackmail?

Mr. Farrell uses the tired sepa-  
ration of church and state argu-  
ments that teacher's unions in the  
states have used to oppose

choice/voucher proposals there. I  
guess he has never learned that  
the GI Bill and Pell Grants pay for  
the education of people at reli-  
giously funded institutions every  
day, since they follow the individual  
rather than the school, exactly  
what we're proposing in the CNMI.  
Memo to Chairman Farrell:  
Preserving your system isn't what  
parents in the CNMI are con-  
cerned about. They want their kids  
educated.

Education has been a continu-  
ing focus of this column, because  
in the competitive world that we  
face, our children must learn or fall  
behind. We had better be think-  
ing hard about how to improve  
our schools and if that means  
new ideas and educational ex-  
periments, I'm behind them  
100 percent. Lots of other  
places have educational prob-  
lems too, but they're doing  
more about them than before.

As you may know, the Chi-  
cago schools have been some of  
the worst in the nations for years.  
Well, they're finally doing some-  
thing about it. The New York  
Times tells us that these days in  
Chicago, kids who don't do their  
homework or pass tests to gradu-

ate don't automatically get pro-  
moted anymore. They flunk,  
and then face summer school  
until they can pass the test or if  
they fail, repeat the entire grade.  
As you might expect, there are  
a lot of unhappy students and  
parents, but they're sticking with  
it.

It's tough not just on the kids,  
but on bad schools, which wind  
up on academic probation.  
Some Chicago principals have  
been fired for non-performance.  
This new program is being  
watched nationally and there  
are predictions it will be  
adopted elsewhere.

As this suggests, the focus  
shouldn't be just on building  
more classrooms and piling  
up bigger and bigger bud-  
gets, but what the students  
are getting out of those class-  
rooms and the present edu-  
cational system. Next time  
you hear Chairman Farrell  
threatening to punish your  
kids if he doesn't get his bud-  
get passed, ask yourself this.  
Does he care about their  
education or \$30 million to  
expand his empire?

Si Yuus Ma'ase.

# Incinerator money out soon

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

PUBLIC Works Secretary Ed-  
ward M. DL Guerrero said the  
release of the \$16.6 million for  
the construction of at least three  
incinerators is now "just around  
the corner" following the as-  
surance given to the Office of  
Insular Affairs that the firm in-  
volved will "retrofit" its design  
to make burners compatible with  
possible regulations that may  
be enforced by the year 2000.

"NK3, the firm doing the  
project, has sent a letter to OIA  
Director Al Stayman assuring  
that it will continue to work and  
improve the incinerators' capa-  
bility so that it remains opera-  
tionally fit by the year 2000,"  
said Guerrero.

The letter was sent through Fi-  
nance Secretary Antonio Cabrera  
who made an official trip to the



Al Stayman

US mainland over the weekend.  
"Stayman need that letter of  
assurance before he can move  
to release the fund," explained  
Guerrero.

Guerrero said he has asked  
Cabrera to talk with Stayman  
and discuss the possibility of



Antonio Cabrera

the fund's immediate release.  
Plans to have the incinerators  
built have been stalled by te-  
dious review done by officials  
of the US Environment Protec-  
tion Agency which later ap-  
proved its design.

The release of the fund was

further stalled with proposals to  
have the burner's designs fit  
with new regulations that may  
be enforced by the year 2000, a  
move, described by Guerrero as  
"unfounded" and "unfair."

"Why should we be asked to  
observe regulations that are yet  
to be finalized?" he raised.

EPA approved the burners'  
design after it was established  
that Saipan's trash burns less.

Incinerators burning beyond  
the 30-ton limit requires EPA  
environmental tests and regular  
monitoring.

With the fund's release, at  
least two of the burners will  
immediately be constructed to  
have it fully operational by early  
next year.

"We will expedite the con-  
struction of the two (inciner-  
ators) to enable us to immedi-  
ately address the garbage prob-  
lem," Guerrero said in an inter-  
view last March.

The three incinerators will be

constructed at the Aguigan  
Point, Lower Base and  
Kalabera.



## Worker alleges he was paid only \$900 for 10 months' work, sues

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

A BANGLADESHI worker who  
allegedly received only \$900 for  
working as a building maintenance  
in 10 months has sued his employer.

Rahman Moklesur, through coun-  
sell Jay H. Sorensen, demanded pay-  
ment from Mohan S. Hemlani in  
liquidated damages, and unpaid and  
overtime wages.

In the complaint filed in the Supe-  
rior Court last week, Sorensen said  
respondent Hemlani hired Moklesur  
on Oct. 15, 1993 as a building main-  
tenance and repairer.

During late 1995, Sorensen said a

Temporary Work Authorization was  
issued for the complainant to work  
for Hemlani due to pending case  
against his former employer, Island  
Saipan Investment, Inc.

The lawyer claimed that the  
Bangladeshi performed his services  
diligently from his first day of work on  
Sept. 15, 1993 until he left the employ-  
ment of Hemlani on May 14, 1997.

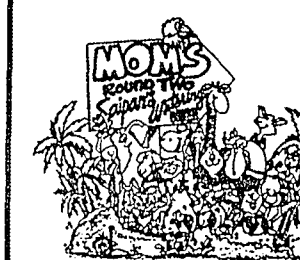
Sorensen said Hemlani has refused  
to pay the worker his regular wages  
during the entire period of his em-  
ployment, except the \$900 given for  
10 months.

Sorensen said respondent required  
Moklesur to work in excess of 40

hours per week without overtime  
compensation.

Pursuant to Fair Labor Standards  
Act, the lawyer explained that  
Hemlani is required to maintain  
accurate wage and hour records and  
to pay Moklesur overtime compen-  
sation for time worked in excess of  
40 hours per week at a rate of not  
less than one and one-half of each  
complainant's regular rate of pay.

Sorensen said during Moklesur's  
employment, Hemlani promised  
him he would complete the neces-  
sary procedures to arrange a perma-  
nent transfer to the respondent's  
employment.



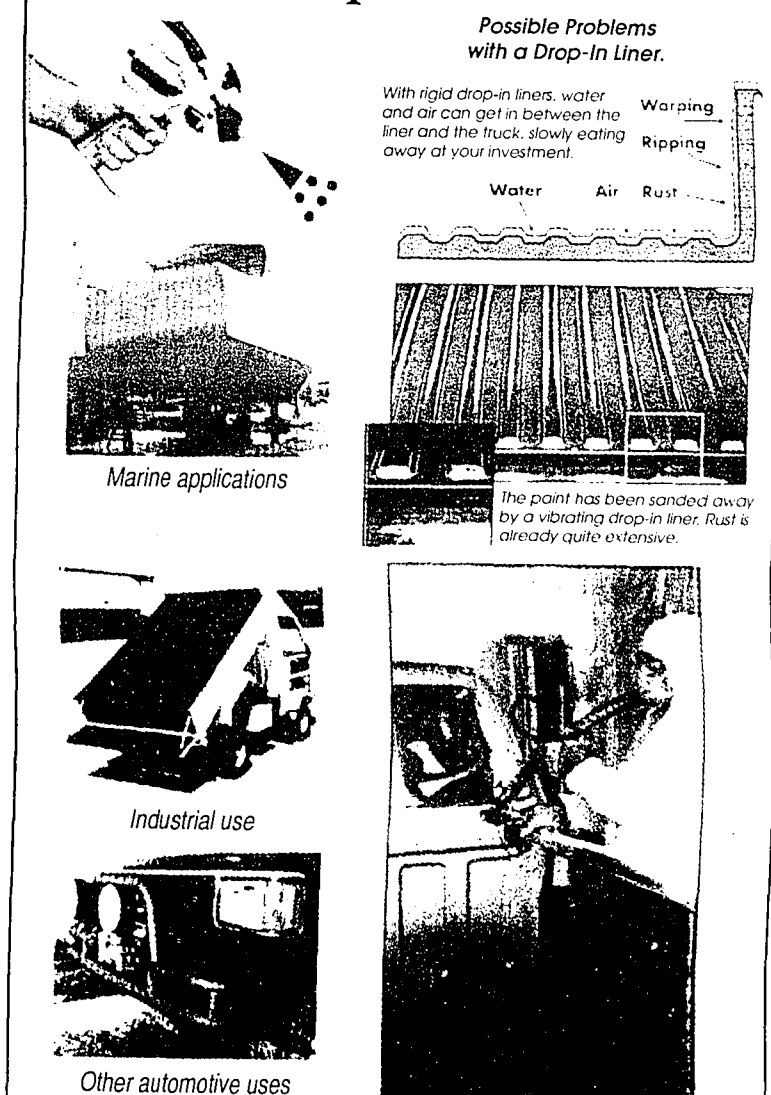
## MOM'S ROUND TWO Menu for the Week

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# MVB wants CSC ruling reversed

Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

THE Marianas Visitors Bureau asked the Superior Court Thursday to reverse the decision of the Civil Service Commission reinstating an MVB employee who was terminated for alleged gross insubordination.

MVB, through counsel Assistant Atty. Gen. Thomas E. Clifford, stated that the CSC's decision ignores a number of relevant facts and erroneously applies the Personnel Service System Rules and Regulations and other legal standards.

In the CSC's final decision, some conclusions of law are legally erroneous and unsupported by substantial evidence, said Clifford in MVB's petition for judicial review.

Last May 14, CSC issued an order reinstating Tomas M. Calvo to his previous position of Rota Field Office supervisor with MVB.

The CSC led by its Chairman Eugene A. Santos ruled that Calvo be given back pay and all other employee benefits during the 15 working days after the effective date of the adverse action.

CSC said Calvo's employment record will reflect that he received a suspension for 15 working days beginning June 22, 1996.

According to CSC's findings,



Anicia Tomokane

Calvo, who had worked for more than 10 years with the MVB, complained to the main MVB office about the lack of sufficient equipment, supplies, and support for the Rota Field Office.

Calvo believed his complaints were ignored by MVB administration in Saipan, the CSC stated.

During an appreciation party for the members of the tourism industry at the Rota Roundhouse on Dec. 29, 1995, Calvo berated MVB Managing Director Anicia Tomokane for her performance as the bureau chief.

"He (Calvo) used abusive and offensive language directed at Tomokane. Calvo spoke loudly enough that his statements were

overheard by MVB employees and other guests at the party. More than once, Tomokane ordered Calvo to stop. Calvo did not stop," said the CSC decision.

CSC said both Calvo's consumption of alcohol and his frustration at the perceived lack of support from the MVB main office caused him to confront Tomokane.

Calvo admitted his behavior at the party was inappropriate and unprofessional and has since apologized to MVB managing director and others, the ruling said.

In 1996, Tomokane, pursuant to MVB Board chairman's written delegation of authority to effect adverse actions, terminated Calvo's employment.

"Under the circumstances of this case, MVB should have given Calvo an opportunity to correct his behavior. Calvo deserves an opportunity to show that he can continue to be a valuable employee. Calvo should not have been terminated, but rather, suspended for a definite period of time," added the CSC.

## MVB to send delegation to Russia

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

THE Marianas Visitors Bureau is sending an eight-man promotional team to Russia at the latter part of this month, the second such group since November last year.

MVB Deputy Managing Director Alvaro Santos said the CNMI delegation, headed by Managing Director Anicia Q. Tomokane, will meet with Russian travel officials and travel agents.

The delegation will also "affirm the agreements that have been established during the first trip," Santos added.

Santos said the meetings will discuss, among other things, the routing of planes that will bring the Russian visitors and procedures to facilitate their entry into the CNMI.

Those in the promotional trip

include some from the Hotel Association of Northern Mariana Islands who "want to look at the possibility of increasing the number of visitors from Russia" and two MVB board members.

The Russian tourists have become much desired because they stay an average of six to seven days, double the average three-day stay of the CNMI's number one tourists, the Japanese.

Russian visitors also are known as big spenders.

During the first seven months of the current fiscal year (October 1996-April 1997), Russian visitors to the CNMI increased by 2,345 percent from 22 during the same period in FY 1996 to 538.

Santos said the best time for Russians to come here is in November-March when it is winter-



Alvaro Santos

time in Russia. "It can get incredibly cold over there during winter when the temperature can go down to as low as 40 degrees below zero centigrade."

The delegation will leave on the 18th but first proceed to Korea to attend a travel exposition.

## 'Misuse' of gov't car probed

THE police are investigating an alleged misuse of a government vehicle involving an employee of Aging Office.

Public Safety Information Officer PO3 Cathy Sheu said it was reported Thursday at 3:56 p.m. that a public car was seen at the parking lot of Diego's Mart in Susupe.

Sheu said it appears that the operator of the vehicle was playing poker at the time.

The case was referred to the Attorney General's Office for further investigation.

Meanwhile, the police received

on Thursday two separate sexual abuse of a child complaints.

Sheu refused to divulge more details about the cases pending investigation of the incidents.

In San Jose, an unidentified person/s reportedly stole a battery for a government vehicle which was parked outside the Division of Environmental Quality Thursday afternoon.

In Chalan Piao, a 38-year-old man sought police's assistance after burglar broke into his car and stole a speaker and a rear view mirror cover Thursday morning. (FDT)



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NMHC reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any and all proposals in its best interest.

/s/ MARYLOU S. ADA  
Corporate Director

# Pacific tuna conservation pushed

By Giff Johnson  
for the Variety

MAJURO-Japanese and United States officials expressed optimism that high level fisheries talks in the Marshall Islands last week can produce agreement setting in motion negotiations for what would be a precedent-setting management and conservation pact for the entire Pacific region.

Marshall Islands President Imata Kabua expressed the sentiments of many in the region in opening the conference when he said that the adversarial approach between fishing nations and island countries may have worked in the past, but it was time to see if there was a better way to confront pressing conservation issues.

"The Atlantic and Indian Ocean tuna fisheries have been harvested at or beyond their maximum sustainable levels," Kabua said.

Though the Pacific tuna stocks are considered strong, "we cannot be complacent; we must take precautions," Kabua said.

Representatives of two of the major fishing nations agreed with Kabua's sentiments.

"We're anxious to get (management) arrangements in place for the Pacific," said Brian Hallman, the deputy director of the U.S. office of marine conservation and the head of the U.S. delegation in Majuro.

"The time to do it is now because the tuna stocks are not overfished. It's much harder to get together and make rules when the area is over-fished."

More than 100 officials from all the Pacific islands and the five major fishing nations, U.S., Japan, Taiwan, S. Korea, and China, are meeting in Majuro at the high level multi-lateral conference on the conservation and management of highly migratory fish stocks in the Pacific. The meeting was called by the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA).

"We thought that the multilateral treaty with the Americans (purse seiners) was big," said a fisheries agency official in Majuro referring to the broad access accord that brought peace in the mid-1980s to fisheries relations with the U.S. tuna fleet after years of confrontation over illegal fishing. "But what we're trying to do here is of much greater significance."

It is the first meeting to grapple with how to involve both fishing nations and island countries in developing a comprehensive agreement for tuna conservation.

But conference chairman Satya N. Nandan said that although the Forum Fisheries Agency, when it was formed 20 years ago, called for cooperation for management of tuna, it could not happen then "because some of the important distant water fishing nations were not ready to recognize the sovereign rights of coastal states over highly migratory species in their exclusive economic zones."

The long delay in negotiating a cooperative arrangement, however, "may have worked to the advantage of both sides," Nandan said. "Both sides know each other well and this creates a very good

atmosphere for this meeting."

The selection by the FFA of Nandan to chair the sessions that run through Friday was hailed by the Japanese and other delegations as lending great stature and credibility to the discussions.

"Before coming here we were somewhat pessimistic about what could be accomplished," said Tatsuo Saito, the special advisor to Japan's minister of agriculture and head of the Japanese delegation.

"But given the excellent chair (Nandan) and our early discussions we are very hopeful."

Nandan was a central participant in early Law of the Sea negotiations, drafting the brief that led to

the Suva Declaration in 1976 under which Pacific islands agreed not only on the 200 mile exclusive economic zone concept, but also agreed to take a coordinated regional approach to fisheries access negotiations with distant water fishing nations.

The recently concluded United Nations conference adopted an agreement for implementing Law of the Sea provisions relating to fisheries that has helped to set the framework for the Majuro meetings, Nandan said in the opening Tuesday.

The three basic elements of that U.N. agreement include that:

\* management of fish stocks must

be based on a "precautionary approach" and the best scientific evidence available;

\* there is a mechanism insuring compliance with management measures so that they are not undermined by the fishing countries; and

\* a system for peaceful settlement of disputes is established.

"We need a legal framework to bind everyone," Saito said. "If there is a clear agreement, we are more than willing to participate because it's essential (for management of the resources)."

Saito expressed optimism that the week of discussions would produce some tentative agreements.

Prior to this meeting, the FFA

countries "made decisions on their own, on their own exclusive economic zones," he said.

But this meeting is bringing all the key parties to the table to develop "some mechanism for control" of the Pacific fisheries.

Hallman said that broad rules of conservation need to apply to all fish stocks in the region but in such a way that they "do not detract from the sovereignty of the island states in their 200 mile zones."

"Island nations are very sensitive to this. I think we can construct an international regime for conservation and management that doesn't detract from the rights of coastal states."

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## Marshalls suspends, probes coin program

By Giff Johnson  
for the Variety

**MAJURO**—Following the appearance last week in Majuro of two Germans with suitcases full of Marshall Islands commemorative coins that they wanted to trade for hard cash, the Marshall Islands government has suspended the redemption of its coins.

An investigation into the commemorative coin program is being launched because of concern that coin dealers and individuals may be trying to cheat the government.

Finance Minister Ruben R. Zackhras issued a directive halting the redemption of the commemorative coins, saying that "it appears that there is a conspiracy to defraud the Marshall Islands government."

The Minister's directive said that there are indications that agreements among the Marshall Islands, its coin suppliers and its approved agents are not being complied with.

Government officials said that they are suspicious about the large quantities of coins coming in from Germany, and worry that the commemorative coins are being sold at well under their \$50 face value to individuals who then are coming here to make a profit by selling them back to the government.

The two individuals who came earlier this month seeking redemption of the coins had approximately \$150,000 worth of \$50 coins in their possession.

The two Germans have filed a claim through a local attorney with the government's attorney general's office seeking resolution of the matter.

There are two more Germans each with 1,000 coins waiting to come and get their coins redeemed for cash, said a government official in Majuro. "Within a week, we could end up paying \$300,000," he said. "It's really dangerous."

The coins, he added, were designed for collectors, not for speculators who want to make a profit. The exact number of Marshall Islands commemorative coins that were minted is unclear, but officials said that it appears that the total value could be more than \$20 million.

The Marshalls started a commemorative coin program in the late 1980s, selling \$10, \$25 and \$50 denomination coins depicting major events, such as anniversaries of moon landings. Unicober, a Wyoming-based company, handles both the Marshalls coin and stamp programs.

The coins are advertised as "legal tender" of the Marshall Islands. Earlier this year, the government instituted regulations allowing redemption of up to 10 coins per day provided that the original sale invoice was presented with each coin being redeemed. But those regulations have now been suspended in the wake of a flood of coins coming in for exchange.

## Elsewhere in the Pacific Voting at PNG begins

**PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (AP)**—The future of a government that was nearly ousted recently in a uproar over plans to use mercenary soldiers was on the line Saturday as Papua New Guinea voters turned out for parliamentary elections.

Officials said there were some protests and disruptions near polling stations, but there were no major problems as the two-week-long balloting began.

Prime Minister Julius Chan was forced to resign in March over his plan to use foreign mercenaries to crush a 9-year-old rebellion on the copper-rich island of Bougainville, 800 miles northeast of the capital, Port Moresby.

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Under pressure from mutinous soldiers and street protesters, Chan stepped down while an inquiry was conducted. He resumed office last week after saying he had been cleared of any wrongdoing.

Two former prime ministers, Pias Wingti and Sir Michael Somare, are among the 2,370 candidates seeking just 109 legislative seats. Both men have held the office twice since independence was granted in 1975.

Also in the running is finance minister Chris Haiveta, who signed the \$36 million mercenary contract with London-based Sandline International, and former deputy prime minister Ted Doro.

It will Papua New Guinea's fifth general election since receiving its independence from Australia.

A result is not expected for up to two weeks after the voting ends on June 28. The new parliament is not scheduled to be sworn in until July 15.

A record 2.6 million have registered out of an estimated 3.4 million eligible voters in the South Pacific country of 4.3 million. There are 2,370 candidates seeking 109 seats.

More than 6,500 soldiers and defense force members are being deployed to provide security during the voting.

## Medicines on way to kidnapped MP

**PORT MORESBY (Pacnews)**—The Bougainville Transitional Government has dispatched medication to Panguna for kidnapped Bougainville Regional MP John Momis.

The medical supplies - antibiotics and painkillers - left Buka Thursday after a helicopter returned a group of people from North Nasioi who had earlier briefed the transitional government on Momis' condition. The Post-Courier reported.

They said Momis was being held

at Moroni village in Panguna and that a doctor who is a candidate for the Central Bougainville seat had requested the medication for him.

The request has raised some fears about the kidnapped Melanesian Alliance leader's health.

Momis regularly needs medication for an ongoing ailment, and is reported to be suffering from body aches brought on by the amount of walking he has had

to do since being seized by the Bougainville Revolutionary Army June 1.

The Independent newspaper reports that John Momis is safe in Panguna. But a small supply of cough mixture, and antibiotics was sent for the MP Thursday with a North Nasioi Peace Committee.

The committee had gone to Buka to brief Premier Gerard Sinat on the latest matters regarding Momis's capture.

## Villagers arrested for squatting on gov't land

**APIA (Pacnews)**—Armed villagers have blockaded a main road to the Western Samoan capital Apia, saying they will remain until 21 people arrested earlier are released from custody and any charges dropped.

Those arrested include five women and two children.

The standoff follows a mid week police raid involving 100 officers to evict squatters from Vaiusu village,

close to the capital, from 300 acres of government owned land they have cultivated. The action comes after villagers had ignored several eviction notices.

There's been disagreement between state run Samoa Land Corporation who want to build a race track, and Vaiusu and several neighbouring villages of the Faleata district who lay claim to original ownership.

# Clinton: Keep China trade ties

By RON FOURNIER  
SAN DIEGO (AP) — With China poised to gain control of Hong Kong, President Clinton vowed Saturday to "keep a close watch" over the colony's freedoms and argued that continued U.S. trade will keep Beijing in line.

"I am convinced the best way to promote our interests and our values is not to shut China out but to draw China in," the president said in his weekly radio address.

In California for a speech on American race relations, Clinton once again cited Hong Kong's July 1 transformation from British to Chinese rule as ground to extend normal trade relations with Beijing. Critics of China's human rights record are lobbying Congress to cut trade ties.

Clinton noted that Beijing's strongest critics in Hong Kong support U.S.-China trade because the colony prospers as the superpowers' commercial conduit.

More than half the goods flowing between the United States and China go through Hong Kong. Politically powerful American businesses prosper, too: More than 1,100 U.S. companies operate in Hong Kong, he said.

Making a broader case, the president argued that shrink-

ing ties to Beijing would isolate the Chinese people, derail U.S.-China efforts to combat drug trafficking, jeopardize U.S. jobs dependent on the emerging market and reduce incentive for Beijing to "abide by the norms of international conduct."

"If we treat China as our enemy, we may create the very outcome we're trying to guard against," he said. "Extending normal trading status is not a

referendum on China's policies, it's a vote for America's interests."

Clinton said human rights activists have "legitimate concerns" but argued that cutting trade ties "will set back those goals, not achieve them."

Seventeen days before Britain hands over its colony to China, Clinton declared, "The United States is doing its part to keep faith with the people of Hong Kong."



President Clinton shakes hands with Bill Lann Lee, the new Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, in the Oval Office of the White House Thursday as Attorney General Janet Reno watches. AP

"We'll keep a close watch on the transition process and the preservation of freedoms that the people of Hong Kong have relied on to build a prosperous, dynamic society," the president said.

He promised to work with the new Hong Kong govern-

ment to "maintain a productive relationship."

"China has made important commitments to maintain Hong Kong's freedom and autonomy, and our nation has a strong interest in seeing that these commitments are kept," he said.

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## NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS "HOME OWNERSHIP WEEK"



The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Board Chairman, Mr. Juan S. Tenorio, wish to inform the public that Governor Froilan C. Tenorio has proclaimed June 16-22 "Home Ownership Week". In his Proclamation, the Governor noted that housing projects stimulate economic productivity which positively affects any neighborhood and results in a booming community; home ownership is a definitive ambition which parents have instilled in their children, from generation to generation, which heightens the standards of living and individual development; and, with home ownership, households grow stronger and neighborhoods are secured. The Governor further encourages every Commonwealth resident to partake in this fundamental quest toward home ownership.

NMHC is hosting several events in conjunction with the celebration of "Home Ownership Week." On June 17th, NMHC in partnership with the Self-Help Housing Corporation of Hawaii, represented by Ms. Claudia Shay, Executive Director, will be conducting a Self-Help Housing Workshop at the NMHC Conference Room in Garapan. The Workshop is designed for public, private-non profit, community and religious leaders who in one way or other, impact on housing issues within the community. The Workshop will assist these leaders in providing the full range of technical assistance to help low-income families with building their own houses through team self-help method.

On June 20-22, NMHC will host the Second Annual Housing Expo at the Multipurpose Community Center in Susupe. Exhibitors from the public and private sector will be available with their respective displays. The public, particularly families who are planning to build or obtain a loan to build their house, are encouraged to take advantage of the Expo event. The Expo will also be held in Rota and Tinian in the coming weeks.

In other NMHC news, the Corporation was successful in helping a special-needs, challenged client with the construction of a private residence. NMHC makes it a priority to provide assistance to challenged individuals in our community with their respective housing needs. It has renovated some public housing units to become ADA compliant.

The Housing Corporation has also held several community meetings in the Public Housing Subdivisions in Garapan, Mihaville and Koblerville. The meeting affords the opportunity to resident tenants to raise concerns or obtain current information affecting their participation in the Section 8 Program. Ms. Marylou S. Ada, Corporate Director of NMHC, has established that quarterly meetings be held to allow tenants and the Housing Staff to work in partnership in the planning of programs or resolving housing issues and concerns.

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# Cohen cites payoff in Gulf

By ROBERT BURNS  
JIDDAH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — The Clinton administration sees some benefit in its Persian Gulf allies talking with Iran but expects them to sup-

port U.S. demands that Iran change before becoming a full partner in the world, Defense Secretary William Cohen said Saturday. Some U.S. allies in the oil-

rich Gulf have publicly urged Washington to stop trying to isolate Iran. They view the May 23 election in Tehran of a more moderate president as a signal that the time has ar-

rived to reconcile.

In an interview aboard his Air Force plane, Cohen reiterated President Clinton's view that it is too early to judge whether the new Iranian government will address the concerns of the West. Cohen was traveling to Jiddah from Brussels, Belgium, on the first leg of a five-day Gulf tour.

"We're looking very carefully and scrutinizing, but in the meantime we're going to maintain the same policy, and we expect that our allies in the region will also maintain the same policy," Cohen said.

Cohen said it was easy to understand why some Gulf countries are opening up to Iran.

"They live in the neighborhood," and have an immediate security stake, Cohen said. But he gave no indication that he expected real change in Iran anytime soon.

"As long as they continue to support terrorism, as long as they continue to develop weapons of mass destruction, as long as they try to upset the Middle East peace process, our policy toward them is not going to change," he said.

But Cohen said some benefit could come from the U.S. allies' attempts to open a dialogue with Iran even while Washington refuses.

"To the extent that they carry on any dialogue ... that would be helpful in determining whether there's been a change in the heart and mind on the part of the Iranians. I think that's helpful," he said.

Shortly after he arrived in Jiddah, a Red Sea port, Cohen

met with King Fahd at his palace and reaffirmed the U.S. military commitment to Saudi security, spokesman Kenneth Bacon said. Bacon described Fahd, who has been in ill health, as "lively and responsive" during almost 30 minutes of talks. The king inquired about President Clinton's injured knee, and the two men exchanged jokes, Bacon said.

On Sunday Cohen was heading to Prince Sultan Air Base in central Saudi Arabia to meet with U.S. commanders and mix with some of the 4,000 American troops based there.

Cohen's visit comes nearly one year after the June 25 terrorist bombing of the Khobar Towers military housing complex in Dhahran that killed 19 U.S. airmen. He said en route to Jiddah that the Saudi investigation is not yet completed, and he gave no indication of disappointment with the degree of Saudi cooperation with the FBI.

"We expect full cooperation, and I expect to get full cooperation," he said.

In later stops on his Gulf tour — his first as defense secretary — Cohen was visiting Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Oman before returning to Washington on Wednesday.

There are about 22,000 American forces in and around the Gulf, including about 5,700 in Saudi Arabia. About 1,000 U.S. soldiers are in Kuwait, and the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet is based at Bahrain. Some U.S. military equipment is stored in Oman.



U.S. Defence Secretary William Cohen, left, talks with Saudi Arabian King Fahd in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia on Saturday. Cohen travelled to Jiddah from Brussels on the first leg of a five-day Gulf tour, talking to U.S. allies in the oil rich Gulf area about the United States' view on Iran. AP

Former White House press secretary:

# 'Mafia killed Kennedys'

DENVER (AP) — Former White House press secretary Pierre Salinger, who claims

he has evidence an unarmed Navy missile accidentally downed TWA Flight 800 last

year, now says the Mafia killed John F. Kennedy and his brother, Robert.

Salinger said Friday he expects the Mafia soon will be linked to the assassinations. "In the last three months, I have been involved with some people, and I'm beginning to feel very strongly that there was a conspiracy," Salinger said during a breakfast at a Denver shopping center that is exhibiting photos of former first lady Jackie Kennedy Onassis.

"We're going to have new information on it, probably in the next six months, that it was the Mafia that decided to kill John Kennedy and Robert Kennedy because when they

became president they had done such an attack on the Mafia that no other president before had ever done, that they wanted to get rid of them," Salinger said.

Robert Kennedy was attorney general during his brother's presidency; Salinger was President Kennedy's press secretary.

Salinger said he initially believed a report by the Warren Commission that concluded Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone when he shot Kennedy in Dallas in 1963. Robert Kennedy was murdered in 1968 while running for president.

Later, during a speech Fri-

day at a Denver hotel, Salinger said an upcoming book had changed his thinking.

"I've recently backed off the Warren Commission report in the light of a book that should appear in about four months," he said, adding that he trusted the book's author. Salinger, a former Paris bureau chief for ABC News, would not name the author, but called him "highly placed."

Salinger, 72, also said he stands by his report last November that a Navy missile unintentionally hit TWA's 737 Boeing jet after it took off from New York on a flight to Paris. The plane crashed July 17, killing all 230 aboard.

## Gingrich issues call for 'pragmatic solutions'



Newt Gingrich

By STEVE VISSER  
ROSWELL, Ga. (AP) — House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Saturday that the president's new commission on race relations should focus on improving schools, making neighborhoods safe and tripling the number of black-owned businesses.

"A commission that asks a bunch of abstract, theoretical questions about race in America is just going to be another liberal failure," Gingrich told a group of Republican women in his home district. "We need a practical ongoing process that gives us a chance to create black-owned small businesses, to ensure that every child from every background has a good education and mean it."

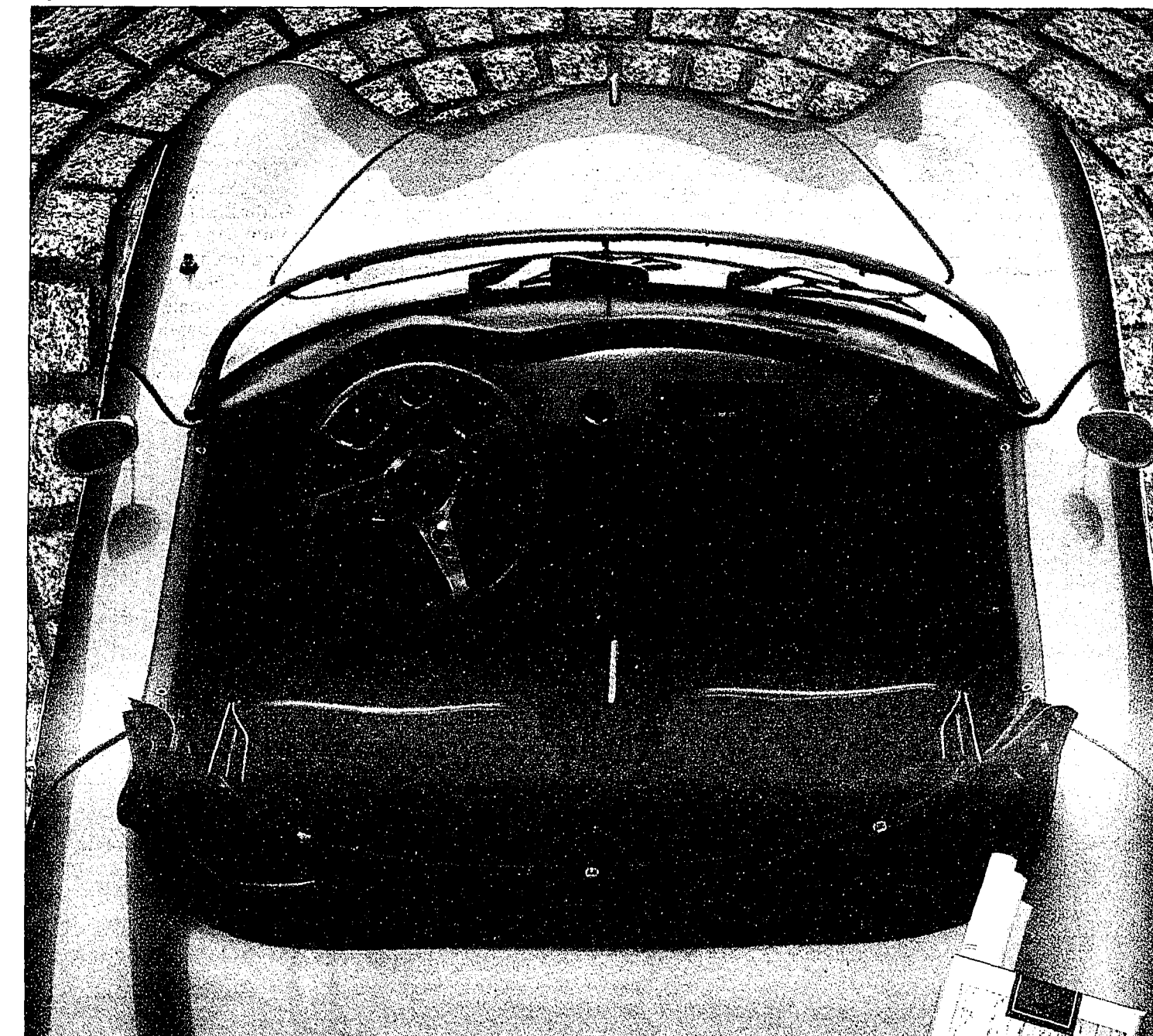
Gingrich said he plans to ask the seven-member presidential commission to hold hearings in which black business owners and others from genres other than traditional liberals can testify about how to solve racial problems and improve the lot of minorities.

"Big cities kill small businesses, the welfare system kills incentives ... and schools block you from getting a good education if you're a poor child in the wrong neighborhood," he said.

The Georgia Republican said that he was "very surprised" to have every Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee vote against proposed legislation that would cut capital-gains taxes, provide relief from estate taxes, and add a \$500 per child tax credit and a range of tax and savings incentives for higher education.

"I hope the president isn't planning on vetoing it," Gingrich said. "But I'm much more concerned since the vote the other night because I think there will be an effort on the part of liberal Democrats to get him to veto it."

Gingrich made his remarks following a forum Saturday with the mostly GOP elected officials, who peppered him with concerns about improving education, helping fami-



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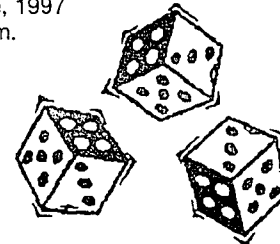
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# Theater fire stuns India

By ARTHUR MAX  
NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Some moviegoers thought at first the smoke that filled the packed 1,000-seat theater was a special effect for a battle scene.

Not until light bulbs burst and panic spread did they realize the darkened theater was going up in

flames. In the ensuing panic, 60 people were killed, most of them asphyxiated or trampled to death as they clamored for the doors. Another 200 were injured.

Authorities were trying Saturday to piece together why so many people were trapped in the inferno at the Uphaar theater in a suburb of

the Indian capital. Believing that one cause of the fire may have been an overpacked house, they arrested four managers on suspicion of negligence.

Friday's fire began during a fiery tank battle scene of the movie "Border," based on the 1971 India-Pakistan war.

Viewers reacted slowly to the

smoke wafting through the theater because they thought it was part of the movie, said Balram Sharma, a survivor.

Actually, a short circuit in an electrical transformer in the underground parking lot had ignited 130 gallons of oil, sending smoke into the air conditioning system, police said later.

People who tried to flee the theater found some doors bolted shut. Dozens were trapped in the 300-seat balcony. Many families attended the movie, and 12 children were among the dead.

Survivors said they had smashed through windows, shinnied down drainpipes or jumped to the roof of an adjoining building to escape the smoke and heat.

Dinesh Rana, 22, said he smashed a second-story window with a flower pot and jumped.

"I fell on someone lying on the ground below with a smashed skull, and that saved me," he told The Times of India newspaper.

It took fire trucks more than a half-hour to make it through crowded streets to the theater. Army Lt. Rajesh Patti said he helped firefighters force open a side door of the theater.

"There were piles of bodies. The door was not opening only because the heap of bodies obstructed it," he told The Pioneer newspaper.

Friday's fire was India's second major fire in a week and the fourth in 18 months, each of them with dozens of deaths.



Firemen and volunteers carry a woman fire victim to the hospital after the Uphaar cinema fire. AP

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##### 2. THE PROCESS

The Process will consist of the receipt and evaluation of sealed offers for technical services, followed by oral interviews with each of the proposers. The proposals should demonstrate the ability of the brokers to perform and provide the services enumerated in the Scope of Work stipulated in the RFP package. At the conclusion of the evaluation process, the highest rated broker will be appointed as the CPA's exclusive insurance representative on an annual basis.

##### 3. SCOPE OF WORK

The selected broker shall assist the CPA in obtaining insurance coverages consisting of Property, Liability, Automobile, Crime, Boiler and Machinery, Director's & Officer's Liability, Group Travel Accident insurance and providing such other services as are stipulated in the RFP package or as may be negotiated during the selection process.

##### 4. SUBMITTAL DATE

Proposal packages will be available after 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 10, 1997, in the CPA Administrative Office at the Saipan International Airport. The office hours are 7:30 a.m., to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Holidays. Sealed proposals shall be submitted in triplicate to Mr. Carlos A. Shoda, Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, P.O. Box 1055, Saipan International Airport, Saipan, MP 96950, not later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, July 18, 1997.

##### 5. PROPOSAL

The contents of the proposal is specified in the RFP package available at the CPA Administrative Office.

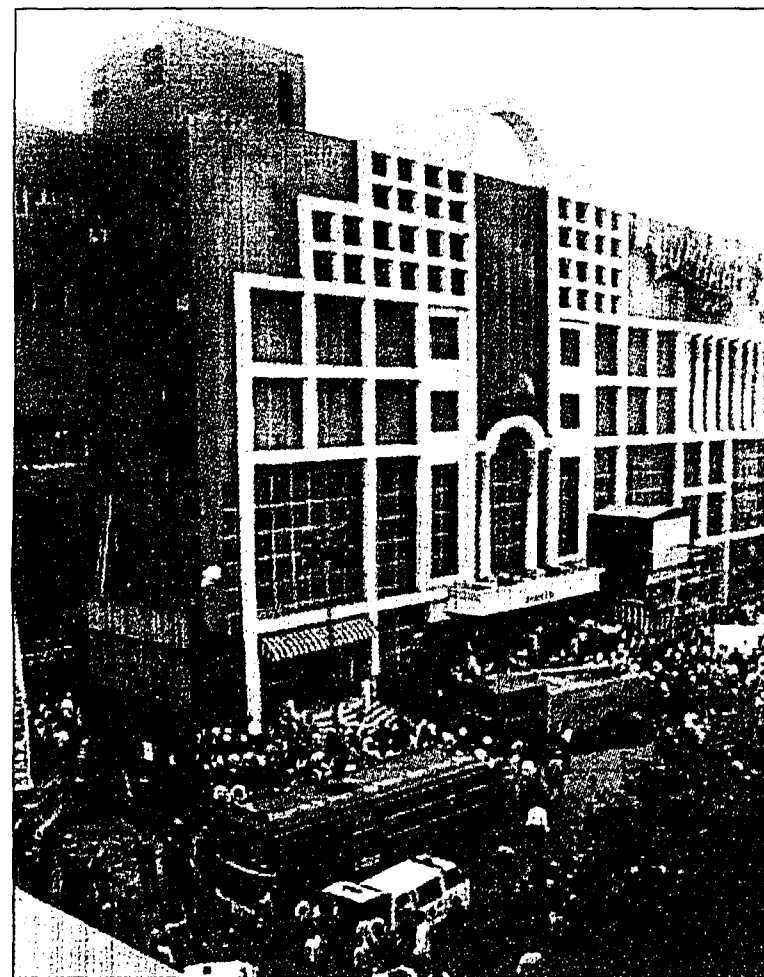
##### 6. EVALUATION

The factors to be used in evaluating the proposal shall be the criteria set forth in the RFP package. Each criteria will be assigned a weight of ten points, with the proposer receiving the highest overall score being selected to negotiate a fee for services.

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

If there are any questions relative to this notice, interested parties are asked to contact the undersigned or his designee, at 664-3500 anytime during the hours stated above.

/s/ CARLOS A. SHODA  
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Fire engines stand outside the Uphaar cinema in the Green Park suburb of New Delhi Friday following a fire during a matinee show at the cinema, where at least 60 people were killed and 200 injured. AP



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# Food aid distributed across Sierra Leone

By CLARENCE ROY-MACAULAY  
FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (AP) — The Red Cross began distributing aid Saturday in Sierra Leone, where chaos following a military coup has created a food crisis.

"It is of course going to be a great challenge to respond to all the humanitarian needs in this country," said Laurent Fellay, head of the international Red Cross mission here.

Fellay said hospital patients in the capital were among those who re-

ceived food from the Red Cross, which was given access to U.N. World Food Program supplies. He also said seeds and tools were being distributed to farmers in eastern Sierra Leone.

Thousands of people have poured into Freetown since the May 25 coup raised fears of clashes in the countryside between troops loyal to the ousted government and the renegades led by Johnny Paul Koroma.

The influx has strained food supplies in the capital and disrupted farm-

ing in the countryside.

Most Freetown markets have been closed since the coup, prices for basic foods have doubled, and many essential items such as fuel and rice will run out within two weeks, the WFP said Friday.

Koroma ousted the civilian government of President Ahmed Tejan Kabbah, accusing him of leading the country back toward civil war. The rebels from the civil war have aligned themselves with Koroma.

## Congo factions rush to plan summit



A young French-Congolese national sits inside a French armored personal carrier in Brazzaville Saturday before being taken to the airport to be evacuated. Sporadic fighting continued between the Cobras and the governmental army over the control of the Congolese capital. AP

By ALEXANDRA ZAVIS

**BRAZZAVILLE, Republic of Congo (AP)** — Representatives of warring factions increased their efforts Saturday to arrange a summit between their leaders, amid fears that France's upcoming military pullout could spark fighting for control of the airport.

France has said it would end its mission to evacuate foreigners on Sunday and begin withdrawing its 1,200 soldiers from Brazzaville, which has been devastated by fighting between forces loyal to President Pascal Lissouba and militia leader Gen. Denis Sassou-Nguesso.

On Saturday, occasional rocket blasts and bursts of gunfire served as reminders that a three-day truce has not ended hostilities — though

it has sharply reduced the violence. Representatives of Lissouba and Sassou-Nguesso met Saturday and agreed to send delegations to Libreville, Gabon on Sunday to try to prepare the groundwork for a summit, which Gabonese President Omar Bongo has offered to host.

"It is perhaps a little early at this point to bring the principals into direct negotiations," said U.S. Ambassador Aubrey Hooks, who attended Saturday's talks, explaining why no summit was announced.

The French ambassador, Raymond Cesaire, who was also at Saturday's meeting, said the two men had spoken by telephone.

The talks, held at Cesaire's residence in a neighborhood not affected by the bloodshed, also included

Brazzaville Mayor Bernard Kolelas, who mediated Wednesday's cease-fire.

The warring leaders' years-old rivalry exploded in violence June 5 after Lissouba sent government forces to disarm Sassou-Nguesso's private "Cobra" militia.

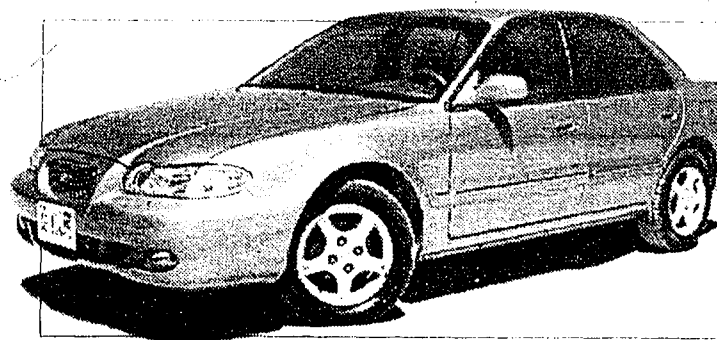
Lissouba said he acted to avert violence before July 27 presidential elections, which both men are contesting; Sassou-Nguesso said Lissouba was trying to spark clashes to have an excuse to delay the vote and retain power.

With French troops preparing to leave, there is increased pressure to consolidate the cease-fire to ensure that fighters don't take advantage of their departure to renew their battles.

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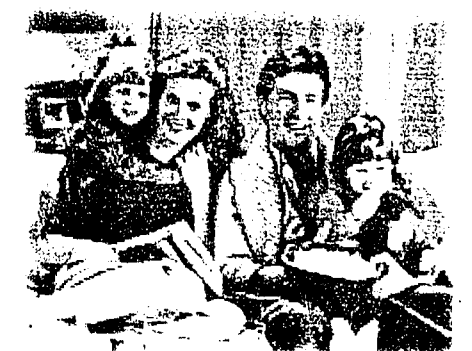
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# Colombia rebels to free soldiers

By CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA  
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and police uniforms with machetes  
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IDs at road and river checkpoints.

Some women rebels, rifles slung  
over their shoulders, sport earrings  
and painted fingernails.  
The leftist guerrillas of the Revo-  
lutionary Armed Forces of Colom-  
bia, the country's largest rebel

group, are the only law in a huge  
chunk of demilitarized southern  
jungle as they prepare to free 70  
government soldiers on Sunday.  
For Colombia's military, the re-  
lease will close perhaps the most

humiliating chapter in a low-level  
war that is already more than three  
decades old and shows no sign of  
ending soon.

The soldiers pulled out of their  
base in Cartagena de Chaira last  
month to meet a rebel demand for  
the captives' freedom.

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wooden planks. Cattle took to graz-  
ing on the landing spot for army  
helicopters.

For guerrillas yearning to be  
political players, the carefully or-  
chestrated release is a publicity stunt  
to win legitimacy long ago tainted  
by fading ideology and involve-  
ment in extortion and kidnapping.

The rebels seek neither dialogue  
nor demobilization, wrote colum-  
nist Enrique Santos Calderon in the  
Bogota newspaper El Tiempo:  
"They're simply saying: here, we're  
returning your little soldiers so you  
can take stock of the deed — and  
the war continues."

White streamers fluttered from  
lampposts and "Peace" T-shirts  
were on sale in this riverside town

in Caqueta state.

Russian-made government he-  
licopters festooned with Interna-  
tional Red Cross banners ferried  
some of the soldiers to an undis-  
closed location near Cartagena del  
Chaira on Saturday in preparation  
for Sunday's handover.

Half a dozen European ambas-  
sadors, as well as delegates from  
Costa Rica and Guatemala, are  
expected to attend.

Rebels abducted 60 soldiers in  
an Aug. 30 attack on a nearby army  
base. Another 10 marines were  
seized in northwest Colombia.  
Meeting a rebel condition for their  
release, the military has pulled out  
of a 5,200-square-mile area for a  
month.

Some experts say the guerrilla  
group, known by its Spanish in-  
itials FARC, also wants to focus  
international attention on human  
rights abuses by the Colombian  
army.

"They know that international  
participation can hold back the  
military and facilitate (peace)  
talks," said Alfredo Molano, an  
academic who has written books  
about rebels.

The guerrillas are certainly ma-  
neuvering for political clout, which  
they lack. But they say the release  
of the soldiers will not necessarily  
lead to peace talks.

"They're two completely dif-  
ferent things," FARC commander  
Raul Reyes said in a telephone  
interview.

Rebel demands include land re-  
form, a constitutional reform to  
limit the authority of the armed  
forces and political representation.  
The military, an influential, be-  
hind-the-scenes player in govern-  
ment policy, labels them greedy  
killers with no political agenda.

Most rank-and-file guerrillas are  
young peasants with little political  
formation. But many people in ru-  
ral areas view them as a security  
force more reliable than the army,  
which lacks resources and is made  
up largely of conscripts.

"We're a bit like the evange-  
lists," said William, a 27-year-old  
guerrilla at a checkpoint outside  
Cartagena. "We move around a lot,  
we talk to people, we hold meet-  
ings."

Nearby, a young woman guer-  
rilla in an olive-green police uni-  
form that was too big for her kept  
bunching up the long sleeves. Other  
fighters leaped onto the runboards  
of trucks as they rolled up in clouds  
of dust to ask for papers.

Rebels have long had a strong  
presence in Caqueta, collecting com-  
missions on coca leaf harvests from  
coca traffickers. Army controls  
have hurt the business, putting many  
peasants out of work and prompting  
violent farmer protests last year.

Among people drawn to Cartagena  
del Chaira for Sunday's ceremony  
was Alberto Vargas, who has buried  
a decomposing body the army said  
belonged to his son, Jairo, who was at  
the Las Delicias jungle base where  
the 60 soldiers were seized.

Vargas hopes a mistake was made,  
that his 20-year-old son will turn up  
among the captives on Sunday.

"If he's not there, there's noth-  
ing more I can do," Vargas said.



A group of captive soldiers pose with a mediator in a demilitarized area of southern Colombia on Saturday. The military pulled out of the area to meet a rebel condition for the release of 70 captive soldiers, scheduled for Sunday. The man in center is Father Gaetano Mazzoleni, a priest involved in the release. AP

## OFFICE OF THE JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT

Office of the Governor

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

## PUBLIC NOTICE

(06/03/97)

# SUMMER JOB

This is to inform all high school students that the **GOVERNOR'S 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 (within the same age range) to fulfill the 100 slots.

Deadline for submission is **FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 1997**. No application will be accepted after the established date.

All students on **BLUE 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,

/s/ FELIX R. NOGIS  
JTPA Executive Director

xc: Public Information Officer



Graphics

# HK civil liberties curbed

By DIDI KIRSTEN TATLOW  
SHENZHEN, China (AP) —  
Hong Kong's future legisla-  
ture voted Saturday to limit  
demonstrations and political  
fund-raising after the British  
colony comes under Chinese  
control.

The Chinese-installed leg-  
islators adopted laws allow-  
ing police to ban demonstra-  
tions deemed a threat to na-  
tional security, to prohibit po-  
litical parties from receiving  
foreign donations and to ban  
defacement of the Chinese  
flag.

It was the most significant  
action so far by the provisional  
legislature, which China set  
up in December after reject-  
ing reforms that produced the  
territory's first entirely  
elected legislature in 1995.

The laws will take effect  
July 1, when China assumes  
control of Hong Kong.

Communist China has prom-  
ised Hong Kong will keep its  
freedoms, capitalist economy  
and legal system, but is an-  
xious to insulate itself from  
the territory's freewheeling  
ways.

Before Saturday's vote, only  
a few of the body's 60 mem-  
bers spoke in favor of easing  
restrictions on demonstrations  
and most insisted that controls  
are necessary to maintain pub-  
lic order.

"There is a feeling that our  
council is putting a stricter  
rein on Hong Kong people.  
Actually, it's just the oppo-  
site," said Wong Siu-yeet of the  
Liberal Democratic Fed-  
eration.

He said people often use  
freedom as an excuse to com-  
mit crimes, concluding: "We  
need to have some kind of re-  
strictions on personal free-  
doms, and the bills achieve  
that."

The new public order ordi-  
nance allows police to ban  
demonstrations to protect pub-  
lic order or national security,  
defined as "the safeguarding  
of the territorial integrity and  
the independence of the  
People's Republic of China."

Hong Kong's most popular  
party, the Democrats, who are  
sharply critical of China and  
are excluded from the provi-  
sional legislature, has warned  
that "national security" could  
become an excuse for quash-  
ing pro-democracy protests.

Martin Lee, chairman of the



Martin Lee

Democrats, said the approval  
of the new laws represents "a  
step backward for freedom."

"Laws must not take away  
rights from the people of Hong  
Kong, but rather must protect  
individual rights and free-  
doms," he said.

The main thrust of the  
changes appears directed to-  
ward reassuring China that  
Hong Kong will not be a base  
for undermining Communist  
rule or advocating causes

China abhors, such as inde-  
pendence for Tibet and Tai-  
wan, which it considers a ren-  
egade province.

Tung Chee-hwa, Hong  
Kong's incoming leader,  
warns against Hong Kong be-  
coming "a base for destabiliz-  
ing China."

Hong Kong's top civil ser-  
vant, Anson Chan, says that  
"Minding our own business is  
the best guarantee of our au-  
tonomy," and that "We cannot  
expect China to keep its nose  
out of our system if we stick  
our noses into theirs."

Rita Fan, president of the  
provisional legislature, said  
the body will hold its first  
meeting July 1 shortly after it  
is sworn in. The elected legis-  
lature should have served un-  
til 1999, but China insisted it  
be replaced.

The provisional body has  
been meeting outside Hong  
Kong, in the Chinese border  
city of Shenzhen, to protect  
itself from legal challenges in  
Hong Kong.



A trainee at the Royal Hong Kong Police Tactical Unit acts as a protester while other trainees demonstrate forceful removal from the scene of a mock demonstration at the Police Tactical Unit headquarters in Hong Kong Friday. The unit held an open day during which it demonstrated its crowd control skills, handling of armed suspects, tactical firearms and training. AP

## PUBLIC NOTICE

# SUMMER JOB

(05/19/97)

In an effort of according training opportunities for schools on the "Single Track" system, the **Governor's JTPA Office** is hereby accepting applications for the following number of Trainees (Ages 16 years & Up) for respective island throughout the Commonwealth:

Island	Slots	Contact	Office	Phone
Saipan	50	Gina Wesley/Rose Pua	JTPA Office	664-1700
Tinian	50	Gena Villagomez	Personnel Office	433-0032
Rota	50	Tina Manglona	Labor & Immig.	532-4003

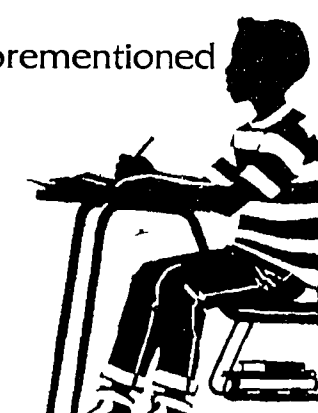
Furthermore, priority consideration will be accorded to U.S. and CNMI Residence, who are economically disadvantaged pursuant to the Poverty Income Guideline. Therefore, all Applicants must possess U.S. Passport, Birth Certificate, or other legal documentation such as adoption papers.

Deadline for submission are as follows:

**Saipan June 20, 1997    Tinian June 13, 1997    Rota June 11, 1997**

To ensure fairness, application will not be accepted after the aforementioned established date per island.

/s/ FELIX R. NOGIS  
JTPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Graphics



# HK rich try out Brit hall

By KATHY WILHELM  
HONG KONG (AP) — The rich and powerful played the role of guinea pigs Saturday night as they staged an inaugural banquet in the brand-new hall where Britain hands Hong Kong over to China in just 17 days.

The occasion was a charity benefit, but the scene foreshadowed the upcoming political celebration as men in dark suits and women in cocktail dresses entered on freshly laid red carpets and sat down to tables gleaming with silver and crystal.

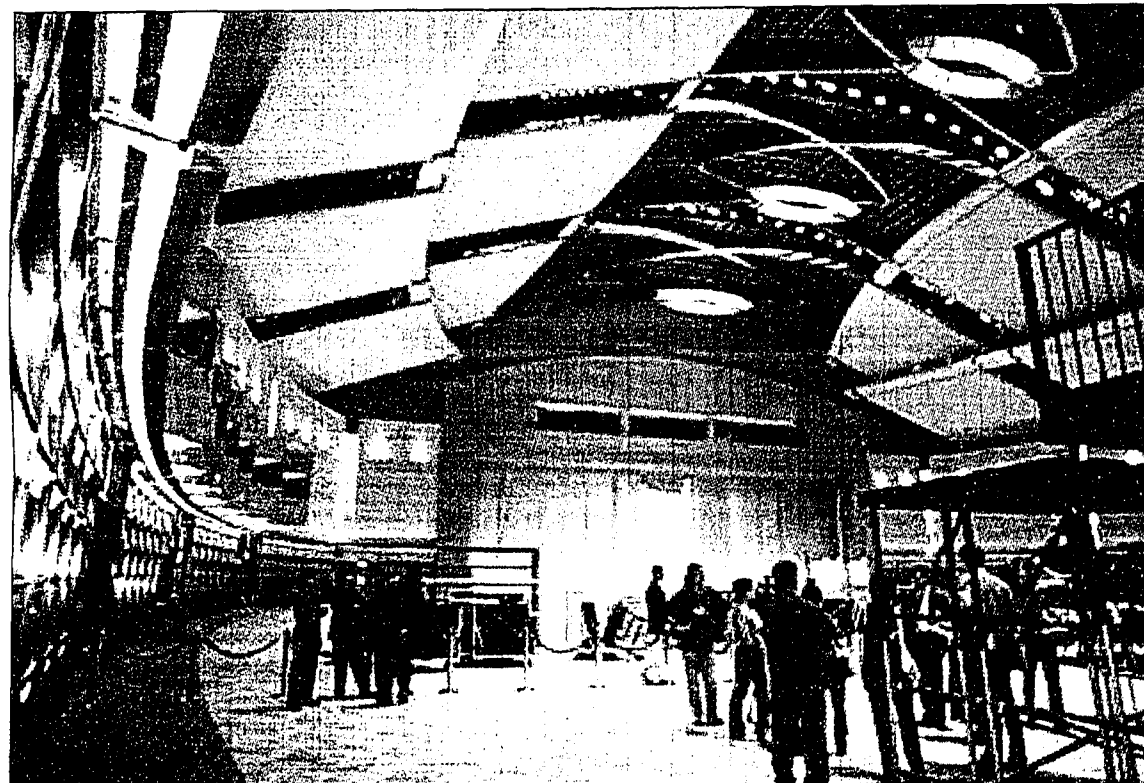
Gone were all signs of the workmen who one day earlier had been putting finishing touches on the glass-

fronted harborside annex to the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center.

The banquet gave the center's management a chance to try out the kitchens and serving staff under less pressure than will prevail the night of June 30, when Britain's Prince Charles and Chinese President Jiang Zemin will sit at the main table.

"Every one of you is really a guinea pig," Hong Kong's future leader, Tung Chee-hwa, told the 2,800 diners, eliciting a ripple of laughter.

"Here is where we will witness a new dawn for Hong Kong," he said. "This building is indeed a new sym-



Journalists are taken on a tour Saturday of the inside of the new extension to the Hong Kong Convention Center where the ceremony marking the handover of Hong Kong to China will take place on June 30. AP



Father King Wong teaches his seven-month-old daughter, Angeles, how to walk outside City Hall in downtown Hong Kong Saturday. AP

bol for a new era."

A battalion of waitresses filtered through the massive hall, bearing plates of smoked salmon and baked chicken in tarragon sauce to more than 200 tables.

So cavernous was the room that the sound of more than 2,800 people clinking champagne glasses in a toast to "Hong Kong's great future" registered only as a rustle and soft tinkle.

From attendance at the main table, the change of sovereignty might already have been history. Tung was the guest of honor.

British Gov. Chris Patten, whose wife, Lavender, is a patron of the charity that held the banquet, was not invited until after he read about the event in a newspaper, according to a government official. By the time an invitation

was sent to him, a face-saving "prior engagement" had been arranged.

But empire was also celebrated Saturday. The British frigate HMS Chatham, berthed just a few hundred yards from the convention center, fired a 21-gun salute at midday to mark Queen Elizabeth's birthday for the last time in the colony.

# Heart transplants face snags

By YURI KAGEYAMA  
TOKYO (AP) — Performing his country's first heart transplant made him an instant hero. Then it made him a murder suspect.

Nearly 30 years later, Dr. Juro Wada still is cited by Japanese looking for examples of why doctors — and the establishment in general — should not be trusted.

His first heart transplant also was Japan's last. And it comes up often in the public debate over whether to rewrite a strict definition of death that results in Japan being the only industrial nation where doctors are unable to obtain viable hearts, livers and lungs for transplant.

When he carried out his Aug. 8, 1968, operation, Wada drew headlines and adulatory comparisons to TV's heroic Dr. Ben Casey. But reactions quickly soured when the patient died 83 days later. A group of herbal doctors demanded a criminal investigation.

While Wada was never charged, the prosecutors' investigation discovered he had kept no records of the heart donor's brain waves, which would have proved the patient was clinically dead when the organ was removed.

A witness said the donor was still breathing on his own at the time the heart was removed. Another doctor said the 18-year-old recipient hadn't really needed a transplant.

After the operation, a section appeared to be missing from the recipient's old heart, and one valve was suspected of being from a totally different heart. That raised suspicions Wada might have tampered with the heart to exaggerate the recipient's ailment.

Wada, now 75, still works as a doctor and denies he did anything wrong. He rarely speaks to the press, but in an interview with The Associ-

ated Press he said his only regret was that no other doctor followed his example.

"He was a lovely young man," Wada said of the heart recipient. "He was so happy. The outcome was short, but he had a rich, wonderful life."

Under current Japanese law, death is defined as the moment at which the heart stops beating. At that point, kidneys and corneas are still usable in transplants, but the heart, lungs and liver deteriorate too much.

By contrast, the United States and other countries where transplants are routine define death as the absence of brain activity, which often occurs before the heart stops beating. Machines can keep a body's blood pumping after brain death, thus keeping organs in good condition for transplant.

Legislation to recognize brain death and open the way for transplants failed last year in the Diet, Japan's parliament.

This April, the lower house passed a bill that would allow the brain death standard to be used for transplant donors — provided donors had left written consent for their organs to be used in transplants. But the bill stalled in the upper house.

Now, legislative leaders have worked out a version that would allow family members to overrule a doctor's diagnosis of brain death. The upper house is scheduled to vote on the bill Monday, and if it passes, the lower house would be expected to adopt it before the legislative session ends Wednesday.

But changing the law might not change the transplant situation. Opinion polls say Japan is deeply divided on transplants.

Japanese cultural beliefs about death is one obstacle. Some people think cutting open a corpse or taking away organs hurts a person after death.

But the most pervasive obstacle is a deep-rooted suspicion of the medical establishment.



Escorted by parents, primary school students walk back home after school Tuesday in Kobe, western Japan. Just as the psychological wounds of the quake were beginning to heal, Kobe is now gripped in yet another chilling ordeal — the search for a taunting murderer who has killed at least one child and is threatening to strike again. AP

## DEATH & FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

### ANA MESNGON ROSARIO

Born: July 25, 1932  
was called to her eternal rest on June 11, 1997 at the age of 64.

#### PREDECEASED BY:

Son: Maximo Mesngon Rosario  
Parents: Vicente Ogo Mesngon and Maria Masga Maratita  
Brother: Augustino Maratita Mesngon  
Sister: Emilia Maratita Mesngon  
Parents-in-law: Lino Patricio Del Rosario and Trinidad Perez Teregeyo

#### SURVIVED BY:

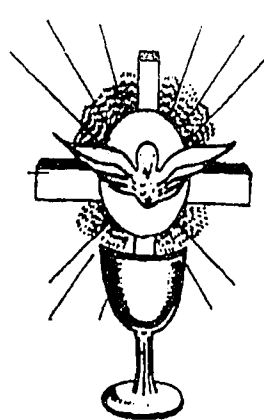
Husband: Jesus Teregeyo Rosario  
Children & Spouses: Lino M. & Aklina S. Rosario, Jose M. Rosario & Romana Camacho, Trinidad R. Meikle & Garry Chandler, Maria R. & Francisco C. Muna, Vicente M. & Georgina C. Rosario, Virginia M. Rosario & Felix M. Santos, Raymond M. & Purisima C. Rosario, Ann Marie M. Rosario & Ignacio Suzuki, Antonelli M. Rosario.

She is additionally survived by 22 grandchildren, numerous nieces & nephews.

Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 p.m. at the residence of her daughter, Virginia M. Rosario in Sinapalo I, Rota.

Last respect may be paid on Thursday, June 19, 1997 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the above residence.  
Mass of Christian burial will be offered at 3:30 p.m. at the San Isidro Chapel in Sinapalo.  
Burial will follow at the San Jose Cemetery in Songsong Village.

Your thoughts & prayers is greatly appreciated.



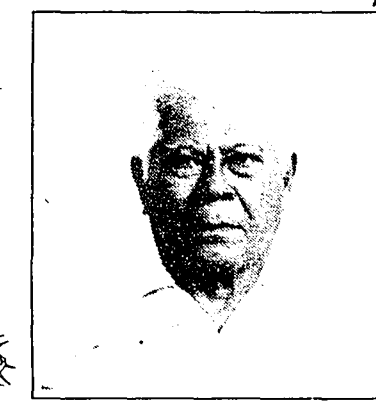
Brother/Spouse: Francisco M. & Victoria L. Mesngon  
Sisters/Spouse: Purificacion M. & Francisco G. Masga, Rafaela M. Mesngon  
Brother-in-law/Spouse: Joaquin T. & Patricia Repeki  
Sister-in-law/Spouse: Maria R. & Daniel (dec.) Repeki  
Uncle: Romano M. Maratita  
Godmother: Rosario Manglona Atalig

## IN LOVING MEMORY

of my husband,  
our father,  
our grandfather and  
our great grandfather

JOAQUIN  
TORRES  
SABLAN

(June 03, 1921 - June 21, 1996)



We the family of the late Joaquin Torres Sablan extend an invitation to all our relatives and friends in commemoration of the 1st Anniversary of his passing to eternal life.

Daily mass will be offered at the Chalan Kanoa Cathedral at 6:00 a.m. beginning on Friday, June 13, 1997 until Friday, June 20, 1997. Nightly rosary will be said at 8:00 at the family residence in Chalan Kiya-Golf Course.

On the last days, June 21, 1997 (Saturday) the final Rosary will be said at 12:00 noon. A special mass of intention will be offered at San Jose Church at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will follow at the family residence.

Your thoughts and prayers will be sincerely appreciated.  
The Family.

## LAARNIE RABAGO TENEPERE

Memorial service & viewing at  
St. Jude, June 16th, Monday 1:30  
pm followed by dinner at El  
Segundo's Restaurant Pacific  
Gardenia Hotel.

## 15TH ANNIVERSARY ROSARY



We, the Family of the Late  
RUFINA CELIS SANTOS  
(better known as Tan Rufinan Luis Lencho)

would like to invite all our relatives and friends to join us for the 15th Anniversary Rosary of our beloved wife, mother & grandmother.

Rosary will be said nightly at Luis P. Santos residence in Donni Hill commencing Tuesday, June 17, 1997 at 8:00 PM.  
On the final day Wednesday, June 25, 1997 at 6:00 PM,  
Mass of intention will be offered at 6:00 AM at Garapan Kristo Rai Church.

Kindly Join Us  
The Family



**Will...**

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Voucher proponents were wrong, however, in assuming that the CNMI's version of the program would have a smooth sailing here. Tenorio hopes to be able to implement the program this fall, but this early, resistance among some quarters could be felt. Some members of the education sector have qualms, and questions are starting to crop up.

**Parents as consumers**

Free-market advocates such as Milton Friedman and former North Carolina Rep. David Funderburk, have endorsed the CNMI's school voucher program as a representation of their economic ideals. They say market forces under the parental choice system will prompt public schools to compete against private schools. The competition, they say, will elicit improvement in the quality of education.

Voucher program expert Clint Bolick said the CNMI's education reform plan will make "both public and private schools part of the choice process, casting every parent in the role of customer."

"In that way," Bolick writes in the June 10, 1997 issue of the Wall Street Journal, "the program operates not only as private school choice, but as a means of systematic public school reform."

Reform will come in changing the way some of public schools' funding is delivered, Bolick said. Under the current system, the Public School System, gets the lumpsum budget and distributes funds to each school as it sees fit.

"By shifting part of the public

school appropriation to scholarship, the parental choice program will foster competition and decentralization in the public schools. When a student enrolls in a public school, his scholarship funds follow and are managed by the school. The schools will have to sell their programs and their schools to attract funding," said Bolick, litigation director for the Institute for Justice, which defends the constitutionality of school choice programs.

**Involvement**

Jim Feger, former acting principal of Marianas High School, supports the government's plan, saying it will enhance site-based management system in which "accountability and responsibility are placed on the parents and the schools."

"It will require a lot more responsibility on the part of parents to take responsibility for the school," said Feger, a P.E. teacher at MHS.

PTA Council chairman Tom Camacho agreed. "With the responsibility and duty to choose schools, the parents will be more accountable with the scholarship they receive. Take health care, for example, citizens today have the opportunity to choose either public or private health care providers who can best provide quality and efficient services," Camacho said.

**School is business**

Businessman and former teacher Anthony Pellegrino opposes the proposed program, scoffing at the prospect of de-craming poor schools of the best students rather than filling up these schools with "good managers."

"The idea of voucher system is

to take children away from bad schools. You're not changing the situation. You're only moving kids from one school to the other," said Pellegrino, vice president of Saipan Chamber of Commerce where he also serves as head of the education and special project committee.

"School is a business. It's a business of educating children," Pellegrino said. As such, he added, schools should be run the corporate way.

Ninety-five percent of success or failure of business, Pellegrino said, depends on management and supervision. He said the right way to improve the system is "to fire the incompetent managers, incompetent administrators, incompetent principals and teachers and replace them with the good ones."

He suggested that the twenty-plus million dollars which the government would pour into the program be invested instead in recruitment of "top school administrators and top teachers from all over the world."

**CNMI laboratory**

The voucher system is not only a novel thing for the CNMI. More importantly, Bolick said, the CNMI's version is itself a novelty that could serve as a model for the rest of the United States.

**US court...**

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does not except nonresident (or alien) employees from its reach...., the NLRB necessarily possesses jurisdiction over resident and non-resident workers," the appellate court said in an opinion written by Circuit Judge William Norris on behalf of two other judges.

NLRB had pointed out, and the court agreed, that there was no need for the hotel workers to form separate bargaining units since both categories of workers share "common interests."

NLRB had said nonresident and resident workers at Hafadai Beach "perform the same work under the same supervisors, are employed under the same job classification and receive the same or similar wage rates."

Hafadai is one of the first few hotels on Saipan where HERE-Local 5's initiatives to form a union succeeded.

Unlike the voucher programs in other jurisdictions, the CNMI's version is redirected toward students rather than schools, which means that the scholarship money is, as Arizona academician Lisa Graham Keegan puts it, "strapped to the child's back so that funds follow the family's choice."

Under similar programs in Milwaukee and Cleveland, for example, public money is directed to sectarian schools, a setup that triggered a constitutional challenge on the separation of church and state. Ohio and Wisconsin courts recently issued decisions that called a halt to the voucher programs in Cleveland and Milwaukee, respectively, for unconstitutionality. The courts ruled that the government cannot use public money to "promote" any particular religion.

In an earlier interview, Bolick said that the "universal nature" of the proposed law in the CNMI "would make such challenge difficult." This "seismic education reform," Bolick said, "could reverberate across the 50 states."

(Tomorrow: The constitutional issues surrounding the Hofscheider bill.)

However, since Local 5 won the union election a few years ago, no bargaining negotiation has taken place because of the hotel management's efforts to avoid it despite NLRB's order.

Saipan based Local 5 leader, Elwood Mott lauded the court's decision.

"I'm particularly happy that they made the decision in five weeks. That's probably a record," Mott said.

"It's a good decision, and hopefully the employer recognizes it and they negotiate with the union immediately," he added.

No Hafadai manager is available for comment at press time.

In the second case, Hafadai said conflict between NLRA and NWA arose from NLRB's order for reinstatement of 20 resident workers.

Hafadai told the court that it could not carry out NLRB's reinstatement order because the positions vacated by the nonresident workers had already been filled

scholarship should now pay back the governor for it," he said.

The court's "theory of personal liability," according to Dunlap, disregards the consequences of its logic.

"If this is allowed to stand, no one will want to become a public official. (Because now), if someone disagrees over how a public official spends public funds, he could be sued and be subjected to personal liability."

Dunlap said the CNMI's Planning and Budget Act does not require a public official to personally pay back money that was "misspent" unless it is proved that the official personally benefited from it.

Another administration official, who requested anonymity, said they expected, at the most, a reprimand from the court and a threat of "additional penalties" for any new unauthorized spending, "but to tell the governor to personally pay \$12 million for spending that benefited the CNMI? That's just

**PIA...**

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test in the growing air traffic between the two points of destination.

"Our test of regularly scheduled service, using the larger aircraft, is a preview of what we intend to do on a larger scale with Northwest," Christian said.

Christian said the air traffic between Saipan and Tinian "is fast outgrowing the six-seat single engine aircraft."

"We want to be prepared to serve the expanding needs of the Saipan/Tinian market and have decided to initiate regularly scheduled flights between the islands in the larger more comfortable Shorts aircraft," he said.

The Shorts SD3-60 aircraft, which can seat up to 36 passengers, is also being used between Saipan and Guam and Rota.

The initial departure schedule from Saipan is 9:10 a.m., 2:40 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.; and from Tinian at 9:35 a.m., 3:05 p.m., and 6 p.m., the PIA said.

with resident workers.

Hafadai said firing the resident workers to reinstate the nonresident workers would violate CNMI law which provides that locals should be given hiring priority.

NLRB, for its part, said Hafadai did not have to fire the resident workers. Instead, the board said, the hotel could create similar positions to accommodate concurrently both the resident and nonresident workers.

"Indeed, the NLRB compares this potential situation to the 'situation faced by any employer who, having unlawfully discharged an employee, must pay him backpay for the period during which he was not in its employ while he was also paying wages to his replacement for that period,'" the court said.

If Hafadai suffers economic loss as a result of the remedial order, the court said, "that is consistent with the NLRA's purpose."

In a ruling Thursday, the Superior Court found Tenorio liable for "unauthorized, unlawful and unappropriated" spending he made during fiscal year 1994.

Judge Cruz, in his ruling, said the CNMI Constitution "clearly provides the means by which funds are appropriated—through a bill being introduced in the House of Representatives and passed by the House and Senate."

Cruz said "despite any good intentions on the governor's part, such well-meaning behavior does not permit him to do whatever he pleases, especially in cases where the Legislature specifically and clearly decided not to authorize or appropriate for such expenditures."

Tenorio was ordered to "make reparations to the people of the CNMI" in the sum of \$12,425,074, and pay the legal fees of Ted Mitchell, who represented plaintiff Jeanne Rayphand.

**Marianas Variety Classified Ads Section****Employment Wanted****Job Vacancy Announcement**

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Contact: HOP NIKKO SAIPAN dba Incorporated Tel. 322-3311 (6/16)M229515

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Contact: HOP NIKKO SAIPAN dba Incorporated Tel. 322-3311 (6/16)M229515

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01 WAREHOUSEMAN-Salary: \$3.05-\$3.50 per hour  
Contact: KWEK'S ENTERPRISES SAIPAN, INC. Tel. 234-7243 (6/16)M229502

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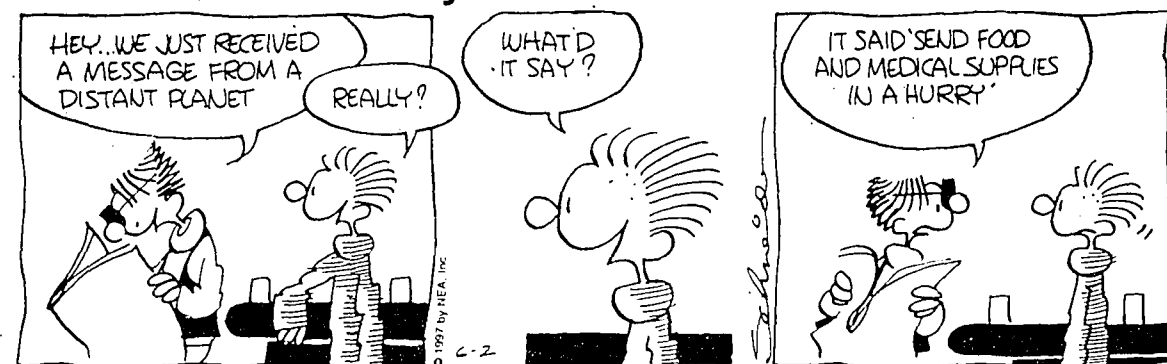
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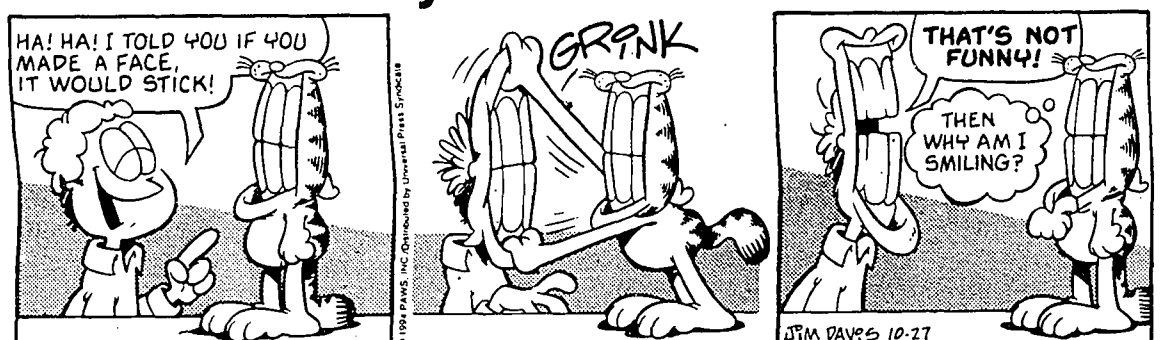
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## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are a patient individual with tremendous stamina and inner force; you can stick with something until the bitter end, provided that you have pledged your loyalty to it in some way. You are a little old-fashioned when it comes to virtue; you err on the side of conservatism more often than not, but you must not be taken for someone who is stuck in his or her ways. You can get along quite well in a changing world, but you cling to traditional ideas that work for you — and there are many.

You can be quite stubborn when challenged; you're not the kind to lash out, but you will outlast any competitor simply by virtue of your own staying power. Once you've settled on a course of action — or inaction — you stick with it.

Also born on this date are: Joyce Carol Oates, Erich Segal, authors; Wayne Rollins, basketball player; Joan Van Ark, actress.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be

your daily guide.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 17**  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** — What usually happens in given situations won't be an accurate guideline today. Many changes are taking place; you must be willing to adjust.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** — You are going to want to follow your instincts throughout the day, but now and then you must be willing to stick to the rules.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** — Someone may have put you in a difficult position today — quite intentionally. You have a surprise in store, however; you'll come through famously!

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** — You must take care that you don't go back on your word simply because of a whim or a passing attraction. Personal relationships may be tricky.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** — You may feel as though you're not being fairly compensated for your efforts and contributions. Today, make your expectations known.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** — Take care that you don't come on too strong today. You can afford to take a less aggressive stance, particularly with loved ones.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** — You may be trying too hard to prove something today when, in fact, you've already won over those who are in a position to lend you support.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** — Take care that you're not sacrificing something permanent and valuable for something that is temporary and far less significant.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** — You are likely to attract a lot of attention today simply by speaking your mind and sticking to the issues. Remember, the truth will come out!

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** — You can have a good time today, but you're going to have to apply yourself every step of the way. Distraction will only lead to failure.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** — Look ahead and you'll see that you're in a very good position to negotiate better circumstances for yourself and others.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** — It may seem as though your efforts of late have been ineffective, but only in the evening will you begin to detect any real results. Be patient.

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ACROSS

- 1 TV network
- 4 Manner of walking
- 8 Spanish hero
- 11 Judge
- 13 Hawaiian volcano
- 14 "Gaslight" star (init.)
- 15 VI (twice)
- 16 Eyelash
- 18 Canine cry
- 20 Opp. of SSE
- 22 Criticize sharply
- 23 Simon — (game)
- 25 Title of respect
- 27 Bakery goods
- 30 Sportscaster
- 32 Remiss
- 34 — Magnon
- 35 — hoc
- 37 Folklore genie
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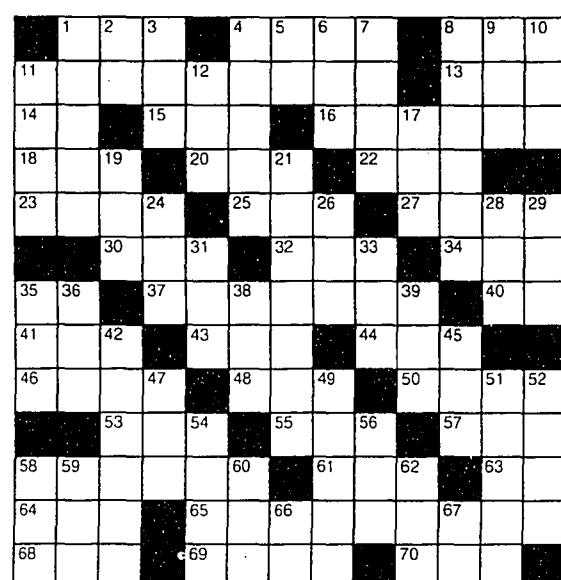
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- 2 "All About Eve" star (init.)
- 3 Gender
- 4 Profits
- 5 — ease
- 6 Olympic org.
- 7 Stumble
- 8 Hospital
- 9 Debtor's note
- 10 Obstruct
- 11 Farrow, et al.
- 12 — Tin Tin
- 13 Sitting place
- 19 for children
- 21 — Memo abbr.
- 22 — (Tina Turner CD)
- 24 Grads-to-be
- 26 Aries constellation
- 28 Work unit
- 29 Seed
- 31 Vessel
- 33 Indian memorial post
- 35 Rival of 1 Across
- 36 Hosp. casually
- 38 Insect egg
- 39 Digits (abbr.)
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- 47 Concorde
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## 1997 1st Annual Sandblaster Championships

## Hardbone wins rocball tilt

By Erel A. Cabatbat

Variety News Staff

HARBONE defeated No Fear, 16-9 last Saturday to win the 1997 1st Annual Sandblaster Rocball Championships held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Beach.

The winning team beat their highly-touted rivals twice in the double round elimination tournament to bag the inaugural

beach rocball tilt.

Hardbone advanced to the finals after eliminating 1997 World Organized Rocball champions, Macaroni in the semifinals, 42-30 to earn the right to face the undefeated No Fear team.

No Fear only has to win a match set to clinch the title outright.

Continuing their long standing rivalry that started in the late 80s,

Hardbone extended their winning run by drubbing No Fear, 15-7 in the first finals game to forge a winner-take-all match.

In the championship game, Hardbone proved to be the better team of the day to mark their return in the local rocball scene with a championship title.

No Fear topped the eliminations by beating the three other

teams in the tournament for a 3-0 slate to install themselves as the solid pick.

Harbone bagged the next slot with a 2-1 card, losing only to No Fear.

Gabriel White set a record by scoring five aces, one xunk, six kees, and three goals for a tournament high 33 points.

Tournament format called

for a juice, the method of closing out a game, was modified to three sets.

Aside from Hardbone, No Fear and Macaroni, Brotherhood was the other team that competed in the tournament.

Hyatt Regency Hotel and Pacific Trading sponsored the first-ever off campus rocball tournament.

## 1997 CNMI Big League

## A's repeat over Braves, 10-7

By Erel A. Cabatbat

Variety News Staff

TONGUERERODROVE in four RBIs while Audie Maratita gave up just two hits in the last two innings last Thursday night as the San Vicente A's withstood Tanapag Braves' comeback bid to hack out a 10-7 win in the 1997 CNMI Big League Baseball at the Francisco M. Palacios Ball Field.

San Vicente appeared to be on its way to an easy victory after Guerrero belted a three-run triple to spark a six-run blitz in the bottom of the first inning.

Tanapag, however, came alive in the top of the third with Geoff George, Rich Quitagua and Nick Phillips slugging RBI singles apiece.

The Braves eventually scored four runs before the third out to cut the A's once insurmountable lead into just

two runs, 4-6.

The A's failed to score in their own half of the third.

The Braves likewise failed to capitalize on the momentum after Jon Joyner struck out two of the three batters he faced.

In the changeover, the A's went to Patrick DL Guerrero, Ken Borja and Manny Sablan for the counter-offensive.

Guerrero, Borja and Sablan hit one RBI single apiece to highlight an A's three-run rally to give San Vicente a 9-4 lead.

The Braves, however, were far from finish.

Eric Kani rammed a two-run RBI while JJ Saralu crossed the plate after a wild pitch as the Tanapag made one desperate bid to catch the A's.

The three-run rally put the Braves

within two, 7-9 but it proved to be Tanapag's last stand as the A's played a tight defense in the last two innings to preserve the win.

Maratita struck out two out of seven batters he faced in the sixth and seventh as the A's walked away with a three-run 10-7 victory.

Guerrero scored the game's final run in the bottom of the sixth.

Guerrero finished the ball game with a 2 of 3 performance at the plate including a triple and a run.

Sablan knocked in two RBIs in a 2 of 4 effort for the winning cause after going 2 of 3 attempts at bat with two RBIs.

Gary Pua took the loss after giving up six hits and five runs (four earned) while fanning two batters in four innings.

## 1997 Big League individual leaders

## Maratita moves up in ERA race

1997 CNMI Big League Statistical Leaders  
Batting Leaders Based on 22 or more times at bat  
Compiled by LL Deputy Administrator Tony Rogolillo

Name	Team	AB	H	Ave
Toni Guerrero	San Vicente A's	25	14	.560
Manuel Sablan	San Vicente A's	26	14	.538
Mike Agnon	San Vicente A's	22	11	.500
Jesse Saralu	Tanapag Braves	27	13	.481
Eric Kani	Tanapag Braves	22	10	.455
Norman Tenorio	San Vicente Sun Risers	24	10	.417
Wayne Maratita	San Vicente Sun Risers	24	9	.375
Patrick Guerrero	San Vicente A's	22	8	.364
Ned Norita	Tanapag Braves	28	10	.357
Jerome DL Santos	San Vicente Sun Risers	25	8	.320

RUNS: Tony Guerrero, San Vicente A's (12) Mike Agnon, San Vicente A's, Jesse Saralu, Eric Kani, Tanapag Braves, Norman Tenorio, Sun Risers (10) each

DOUBLES: Patrick Guerrero, San Vicente A's, Ned Norita, Braves (3) each, Norman Tenorio, Sun Risers, Peter Tomokane, Mike Agnon, San Vicente A's (2) each

TRIPLES: Tony Guerrero, San Vicente A's (4) Five others tied at (2) each

HOMERUNS: Peter Tomokane, Manuel Sablan, San Vicente A's, Tony Manibusan, San Vicente Sun Risers (1) each

RBI: Tony Guerrero, San Vicente A's (13) Manuel Sablan, San Vicente A's (10)

Name	Team	GM	INN	ER	H	ERA
Audie Maratita	SV A's	4	17 2/3	21	18	1.98
John Flores	SV A's	7	38 2/3	21	52	3.80
Jess Taitano	Braves	8	28	17	40	4.25
Jon Joyner	SV A's	4	22 2/3	16	28	4.94
Gary Pua	Braves	6	14	14	16	7.00

STRIKE-OUTS: John Flores, San Vicente Sun Risers (41) Jon Joyner, San Vicente A's (28)

By Erel A. Cabatbat

Variety News Staff

SANVICENTE A's Audie Maratita grabbed the lead in the pitching derby while Tony Guerrero kept his hold of the top spot in the batting order in the latest update of the statistical race in the ongoing 1997 Big League Baseball every Thursday night at the Francisco M. Palacios Ball Field.

Maratita surrendered 18 hits and five earned runs in 17 and 2/3 innings for an earned run average (ERA) of 1.98 to lead teammate John Flores, Jess Taitano of the Sunrisers and erstwhile leader Jon Joyner in the pitching race.

Maratita accomplished the

norm after manning the A's mound for four games.

Flores is a distant second after giving 52 hits and 21 earned runs in 38 and 1/3 innings for a 3.80 ERA.

Taitano checked in third after giving up 40 hits and 17 runs in 28 innings for a 4.25 ERA.

Joyner dropped from first to fourth after his ERA ballooned from 4.55 to 4.94. Gary Pua round off the league's top five pitchers with a 7.00 ERA.

In the batting race, Guerrero racked 14 hits in 25 attempts at bat as his batting norm dipped from .611 to .560 but was enough to give him the lead for the second consecutive week.

Manuel Sablan, Guerrero's teammate, kept his hold of the sec-

ond spot with his .538 on a 14 of 26 appearances at the plate.

Mike Agnon completed the dominance of San Vicente sluggers in the batting race after checking in at third with a .500 norm.

Agnon slammed 11 hits in 22 swings for an A's 1-2-3 sweep in the top 10 batting order.

Tanapag's Jesse Saralu and Eric Kani took the next two spots with their respective .481 and .455 batting averages.

Saralu compiled 13 hits out of 27 attempts while Kani had 10 of 22 swings.

Norman Tenorio, Wayne Maratita, Patrick Guerrero, Ned Norita and Jerome DL Santos also figured in the batting derby.

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The state tree of Utah is the blue spruce.

Throughout history, at least 50 invading armies have fought battles on the Sinai Peninsula.

Charles Dickens considered himself to be a doctor of Mesmerism, a "science" concerned with hypnosis.

Alfred Nobel, who invented dynamite, also invented plywood.

In 1844, New York City policemen went on strike over their desire not to wear blue uniforms.

In 1814, the Times of London became the first newspaper to be printed on an entirely mechanical press.

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## SPORTS



*Chicago rips Utah, 80-76 in Game 6 to win 1997 NBA crown*

# Bulls repeat!!!



1997 NBA Champions--Michael Jordan raises the championship trophy, the Bulls fifth in seven years, a few minutes after Chicago beat the Utah Jazz, 80-76 in Game 6 to win the 1997 National Basketball Association crown. AP

**CHICAGO (AP)**—The Chicago Bulls got rings for the thumb and another championship for the ages, this time on a thrilling last-second shot—not by Michael Jordan but by Steve Kerr.

In a clinching sixth game that was as good as they get, the Bulls did enough down the stretch to beat the Utah Jazz 90-86 on Friday night and win their fifth title in seven years.

The game hung in the balance until the final seconds against the Jazz, a dogged opponent who nonetheless couldn't avoid making crucial mistakes that cost them a chance to become the first team to take the Bulls to a seventh game in a championship series.

They didn't get the chance, even though they didn't allow Jordan to beat them as he did in Games 1, 2 and 5. This time, when the Bulls needed a tiebreaking shot in the final few seconds, Jordan passed to Kerr.

The pass came with the clock ticking inside seven seconds and the shot clock down to :02. Kerr, left alone as the Jazz double-teamed Jordan, sank an 18-footer to break an 86-all tie, the ball snapping the net as the shot clock hit zero.

It wasn't the game-breaking shot everyone always envisions when it comes to the Bulls, but that didn't matter to anyone in Chicago.

The winning shot was reminiscent

of John Paxson's 3-pointer with 3.9 seconds left that gave Chicago a 99-98 victory in the '93 title-clinching sixth game against the Phoenix Suns. But in that game, it was Horace Grant, not Jordan, who made the pass for the winning shot.

"It's tough to live up to John Paxson and what he did," said Kerr, who

blew kisses to the crowd after the game. "I'm just glad I made one of those big shots."

[Pippen] But the Bulls still needed one more stop.

After another timeout, the Jazz had to inbound at midcourt with five seconds left. Bryon Russell tried to

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## De La Hoya retains WBC crown



WBC welterweight champion Oscar De La Hoya of Los Angeles, left, delivers a punch against challenger David Kamau of Kenya during the second round at the Alamodome Saturday in San Antonio. De La Hoya knocked out Kamau in the second round to retain his title. AP

## MMB Maturana fundraiser

### Manibusan, Guerrero top Goodwill tourney

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JUDGE Ed Manibusan and Bobbie Guerrero shot the best scores last Saturday to win the overall titles in the Mercedarian Missionaries of Berriz Maturana Foundation's Goodwill Golf Tournament held at Coral Ocean Point Resort Club.

Manibusan toured the front and back nines with a 39 and 38 for a gross 77 to win the Championship flight by one stroke.

Jess Wabol checked in second with a 78 after assembling rounds of 37 and 41 while John L. Babauta wound up third, one shot off Wabol.

Guerrero, on the other hand, bagged the Ladies' title by two strokes after coming up with a net 75.

Frances Sablan took the runner-up honors with a 77 with Pauline Berger in third with a 79.

For his winning effort, Manibusan won around trip ticket to the West Coast while Wabol and Babauta took home \$200 and \$100 cash prizes and a dozen golf balls apiece.

Guerrero took home a TV set while Sablan and Berger took home cash prizes of \$200 and \$100 respectively.

Ike Demapan shot a 77 to take the top honors in the A flight by three strokes.

Demapan carded a 39 and 38 to nip Jack Teregeyo's bid for the title.

Teregeyo shot a 41 and 39 for an 80 gross. Sonny Flores checked in third with an 81.

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Championship Flight winner—Judge Ed Manibusan (left) accepts his trophy from tournament director Ben Fital after bagging the championship flight of the MMB Maturana Foundation's 1997 Goodwill Tournament held last Saturday at the Coral Ocean Resort Club.

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