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## OPA: Cancel contract



Leo LaMotte

By Mar-Vic C. Munar  
Variety News Staff  
PUBLIC Auditor Leo LaMotte has recommended the cancella-

### LaMotte faults gov't award on PSS's 60-classroom project

tion of the government's contract with Demapan Engineering for the 60 emergency classroom project, citing flaws in the bidding process.

LaMotte, in a report released April 4, said a review conducted by his office indicated there was "no evidence that the selection of the winning proposer (Demapan) was made in accordance with the criteria stated in the (Request for Proposal)."

LaMotte recommended that a new Request for Proposal be re-advertised and that all other proposers be given the opportunity to revise their proposals.

The OPA's findings may put the federal funds for the project at stake.

The Department of Public Works and the Public School System finalized the contract with Demapan last March 28 upon getting a go-ahead signal from the Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs.

The \$3.8 million project is 60-percent funded by the federal government, and 40 percent by the CNMI.

Thomas Bussanich, OIA's federal program specialist, approved the release of the fund on March 21 despite the pendency of the protest lodged by second placed bidder, Marianas Pacific Inc..

Bussanich, however, had told DPW and PSS officials that OIA's final decision would be based on the recommendations of OPA.

Demapan was chosen by the bidding committee from among 12 companies that submitted proposals in June last year.

Among other issues raised by MPI in filing the protest was that Demapan would be incapable of undertaking the project since it "has never constructed its proposed building system in the CNMI or anywhere in the world."

Demapan has proposed a pre-fabricated building system.

While a decision on MPI's protest was still pending, negotiations with Demapan were ongoing which included the finalization of the scope of work for the project.

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### Canoe voyagers arrive to a heroes' welcome

By Rick Alberto  
Variety News Staff

THEY were expected to arrive at 4 p.m. last Saturday, and so as early as an hour before, people had started coming to the beach fronting the Carolinian Utt. A band was playing local and Western music at the decorated beach pavilion. Palm leaves woven into square mats were laid out on the sandy path from the beach to the pavilion where the triumphant voyagers would walk. But by 4:30, people were informed the canoe voyagers were to arrive at 6.

At 6:30, they hadn't sailed in. It was announced they would land an hour later. By 7:30, they still weren't in sight. Words spread around that the arrival time was 9 p.m.

Nine o'clock came; the long wait was over.

The Saipan nine and master navigator, Mao Pailugh, arrived to a rousing heroes' welcome as the people, mostly from the Carolinian community, clapped and whistled.

Pailugh, weak and tired from the trip, was borne on the shoulders of two men who carried him up to the pavilion.

At the pavilion, Pailugh and the navigators were later joined by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio, Lt. Gov. Jesus Borja, and Mao's only living immediate relative, Rosa T. Aldan, who alone can touch Mao's head. According to belief, if somebody else touches his crown, he would lose his navigational skill.

The navigators, tracing the same sea voyage Carolinian Chief Aghurubw and his men made 182 years ago, sailed from Satawal

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Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio gestures as he reads a proclamation he was to sign declaring April 21 to 27 as National Park Week in the CNMI. To his right are from left, National Park Service Superintendent Ed Wood, Rep. Karl T. Reyes and Rep. Malua T. Peter.

Photo by RHA

### Continental opts for Hawaii

By Jojo Dass  
Variety News Staff

CONTINENTAL Micronesia, on Friday, announced it has finally decided to build its wide-body aircraft maintenance hub on Hawaii.

The move, well-placed sources said, was arrived at after Hawaii allegedly "caved-in" to the airline's demands.

An official however declined from divulging the terms of the agreement reached between Continental and Honolulu.

"Continental wanted something it could not have without legislation.... Honolulu caved-in," said the official.

Also, the decision capped months of waiting by CNMI officials who have consistently maintained the Commonwealth's offer "was the best Continental could ever get."

In a statement released to media, James Ream, the airline's President, said the decision "was based entirely on how wide-body aircraft will be flown in the Pacific."

"The flow of our operations was the reason for selecting Honolulu... (having the hub there) will

effectively save one full aircraft versus basing the maintenance facility on the West Coast or in Micronesia," Ream explained.

The 112,000 square foot-facility will be used to service the airline's Pacific fleet of B-747's

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### Tenorio wants flat tax

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio said Friday he will soon scrap excise taxes, and will instead propose a "flat tax" rate for individuals and businesses.

Citing a similar bill filed by U.S. House Majority Leader Dick Armey (R-Texas) in Congress, Tenorio said his flat tax rate scheme would also "revise, overhaul and simplify" the CNMI tax code.

The flat tax was first proposed by billionaire Steve Forbes when he unsuccessfully sought the Republican Party's presidential nomination last year.

Forbes proposed a flat tax rate of 17 percent for everyone, regardless of the amount of their income.

He said his proposal would "stimulate economic investment and growth."

However, critics of the flat tax rate dismissed it as "a bankrupt

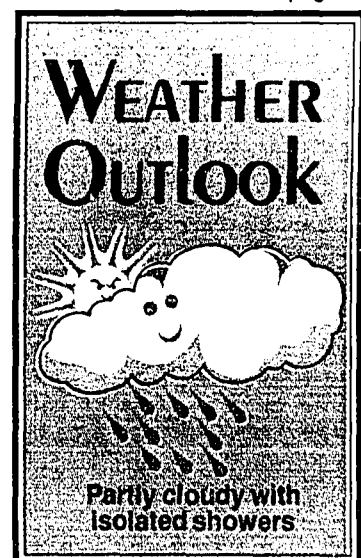
economic theory dressed up with a new set of feathers...certain to vastly enhance the wealth and power of the rich...."

Tenorio said the percentage he will soon propose will be based on the amount of revenues the government needs.

He said a flat tax rate will increase the CNMI's tax revenues.

"With the flat tax, everybody

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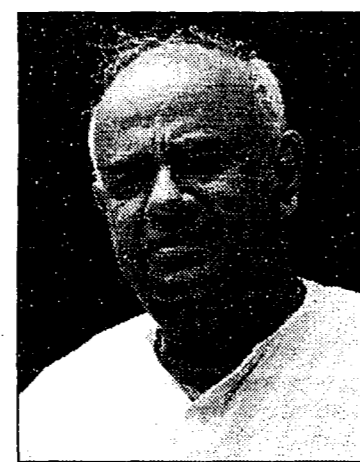


# India eyes new gov't

By KRISHNAN GURUSWAMY  
NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India's leaders searched for new alliances Saturday that would avoid a general election after the collapse of Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda's coalition.

President Shankar Dayal Sharma accepted Gowda's resignation after the prime minister lost a confidence vote Friday in parliament, but asked him to continue as a caretaker head of government.

Sharma must appoint someone to try to form a new coalition or call for a general election.  
All political parties want to avoid the expense and the uncertainty of another election. The last one was held in May



Deve Gowda

ward, a spokesman said that the group won't support a new government led by either the Congress Party or the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Spokesman Jaipal Reddy said the group didn't discuss whether to replace Gowda so that it might regain the support of the rebellious Congress Party.

"The question of change in leadership does not arise because no such proposal was moved by anyone on the steering committee," he said.

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The people in the Commonwealth, he said, live in a very tightly knit community "where everyone knows each other or is related to one another."

Tenorio said many cases such as burglaries have gone unsolved for years because the hands of enforcement officers are tied so long as they cannot find the right information or evidence to make arrests.

One solution to the problem, the governor added, is the Crime Stoppers program because it provides for anonymity of informers.

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Representatives from

## High court rules Jerusalem street to remain open during Sabbath

By DINA KRAFT  
JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's Supreme court ruled Sunday that a Jerusalem thoroughfare that ultra-Orthodox Jews want closed to traffic on the Jewish Sabbath will remain open.

Religious protesters line the street and throw stones and garbage at passing vehicles while police often use water cannons to disperse the crowd.

Bar Ilan residents reacted to the decision by vowing to return to the streets.

"We are going to go back and demonstrate, this ruling will not stop us from fighting for our rights - our neighborhood," said Meshi Ha'Zahav, spokesman for the Bar Ilan street residents.

Orthodox Jews refrain from any work during the Jewish Sabbath, which runs from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday, and consider driving then a desecration of the Sabbath.

A court appointed committee had recommended the road be closed dur-

ing Sabbath prayer hours and Jewish holy days, a suggestion religious Jews viewed as inadequate.

On Sunday, the court decision passed by a 6-1 vote with the court's only religious judge voting against the decision. The court said the road will remain open during the Sabbath and Jewish holy days until an alternative route for secular drivers can be found.

While Congress has staked its own claim to try to form a government, it has also indicated it might consider supporting the United Front again if it changes its leader.

and resulted in a hung parliament with no party or bloc winning a majority.

The members of Gowda's coalition, the United Front, met Saturday. After-



CIA Director-designate George Tenet, center, walks with Senate Intelligence Committee Chair Sen. Richard Shelby, left, and Vice Chair Sen. Bob Kerrey, on Capitol Hill Wednesday. Tenet paid a courtesy on Capitol Hill to meet with the leaders of the committee which will hold his confirmation hearing.

## French troops arrive in Albania to secure ports

DURRES, Albania (AP) — The first 120 French soldiers landed in the western port of Durres Sunday, ahead of a multinational force which will secure ports and the airport to allow safe passage for humanitarian aid to impoverished Albanians.

Maj. Herve Gourmelon said the mission of the French contingent that arrived Sunday was to secure the main highway between Durres and Tirana.

"Our mission is a lot like Bosnia in terms of geography, but our mandate is completely different," Gourmelon said. "We're here at the request of the local authorities."

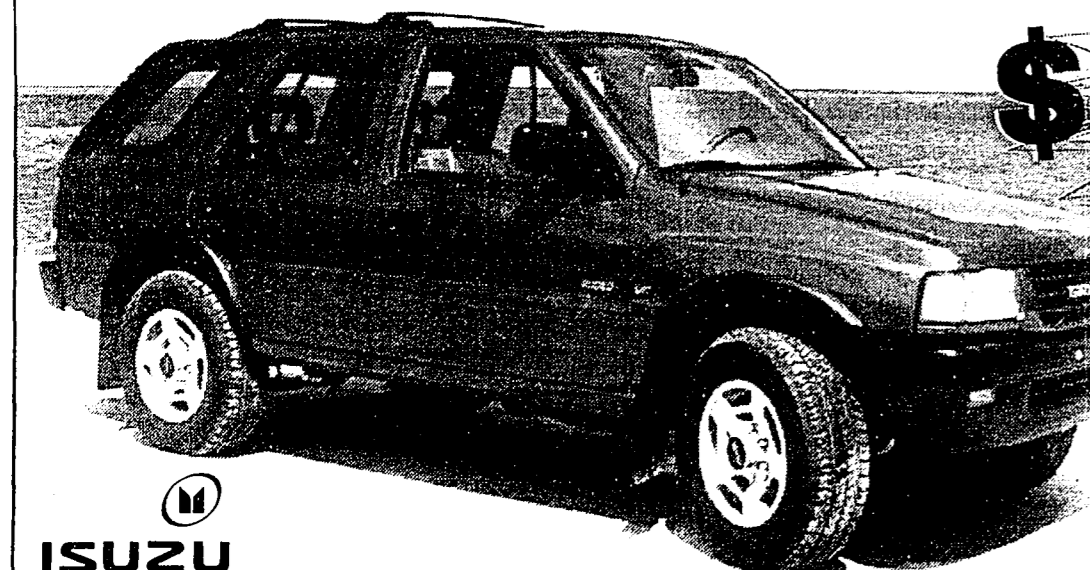
Gourmelon said they would secure humanitarian aid in Albania, unlike in former Yugoslavia where they enforced peace by separating warring factions.

France has pledged 1,000 troops for the Italian-led mission.

Of the eight nations, Italy will have the largest contingent with more than 2,000. Spain is sending 325 soldiers, who were due to arrive in Durres on Monday.

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# Anti-drug network urged



Froilan Tenorio

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff

GOVERNOR Froilan Tenorio has encouraged the establishment of a network system among various national entities in the Pacific region in the fight against drug transshipment and other illegal activities.

"Our people are traveling freely throughout the Micronesian area and we see the potential of Crime Stoppers getting more involved by serving as the eyes and ears of our frequently underbudgeted and understaffed law enforcement personnel," said Tenorio in his speech during Saturday's First Regional Crime Stoppers Conference at Diamond Hotel.

Tenorio said holding the regional Pacific conference is a major step toward addressing the imminent increase in transnational criminal problems.

Even within Pacific region, the governor said, CNMI has cooperated with the governments of

Guam, Palau and FSM to bring certain individuals to justice.

"We need the support of the community in all aspects of public service," the chief executive stressed as he lauded all members of Crime Stoppers in the region for showing "farsightedness and dedication" to the program.

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Representatives from

Canada, Hawaii, Guam, Palau, Pohnpei and Yap, other private and government agencies participated in the conference. Students from Mt. Carmel, Marianas High School and Marianas Baptist Academy also joined the event.

Among the visiting speakers in the conference were Phillip Dennis, Region 15 representative for Crime Stoppers

International Board of Directors; Robert W. Pearson, CSI Board member; Mike Guzzi, civilian coordinator of Okanagan Crime Society, Kelowna, BC, Canada and Region 10 director-CSI Board; and Sgt. Margaret Tang, coordinator of Honolulu Crime Stoppers.

During a workshop, Pearson and Guzzi had interesting dis-

cussions about the role of the Crime Stoppers coordinators, Board of Directors, and media.

Other off-island participants were Guam Crime Stoppers chairman Robert Travis with members of the Board, Palau Crime Stoppers chairman Jerome Temengil and Board members, and Assistant Atty. Gen. Cherri Murdock of Pohnpei.



MISSED YOU DAD. A navigator looks as if all his fatigue as a result of the days-long canoe trip from Satawal to Saipan had vanished, with his children sitting on his laps during the welcome ceremony held for the voyagers at the Carolinian Ut Pavilion Saturday evening. (Story on page 1.)

## AG poised to file more suits against former gov't officials

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff  
THE ATTORNEY General's Office is poised to file more lawsuits against individuals, mostly former government officials, allegedly involved in fraud and trespassing in public lands.

Among the pending civil case is the \$4-million suit against Associate Justice Pedro M. Atalig, former government official and other persons.

The case stemmed over an alleged land grab on Rota.

The government lawyer said Gov. Froilan Tenorio has been pushing AGO to file more lawsuits not only civil but criminal as well.

When asked if Tenorio was after ex-government officials who worked under the administration of former Governor Larry DeLeon Guentoro, Clifford stressed that the chief executive "has no involvement in any particular suit."

"It doesn't matter whether the indi-

viduals worked under the Guentoro administration. We don't really care about their political parties as long as they break the law," the lawyer said.

In fact, Clifford added, when they started suing people some of whom are friends or relatives of Tenorio "approached" the governor.

Tenorio, however, told them he could not do anything about it, Clifford said.

The recent civil suit filed by AGO was against former Commonwealth Ports Authority Executive Director Roman T. Tudela over an alleged unlawful \$187,000 settlement payment and employment contract.

## Tenorio shocked by high court ruling, may appeal to 9th Circuit

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff  
GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio on Friday said he was "shocked" by, and "completely disagrees with," the CNMI Supreme Court's recent ruling that his Executive Order 94-3 was unconstitutional.

may appoint all officials at or above the level of division director, and that such appointees will be exempt from the civil service system.

Tenorio said the E.O. is not unique, and was based on a constitutional provision included in the constitutions of "several U.S. states."

He added that he is "wondering" whether the ruling has something to do with the cuts he made on the judiciary's budget.

The Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that the governor does not have the constitutional power to create positions and appoint officials at his pleasure.

Such powers, the ruling stated, belong to the Legislature.

Further, only the Civil Service Commission and the Legislature may exempt any positions from civil service classification.

Issued on June 24, 1994, the E.O. was challenged a year ago by former customs chief Jose A. Sonoda who filed his case in the U.S. District Court.

Sonoda was fired from Customs last year.

District Court Judge Alex Munson had asked the Supreme Court whether the E.O. conforms with CNMI laws.

With the Supreme Court ruling, Sonoda can now pursue his wrongful termination lawsuit in the District Court.

# FORUM A Meeting Place For Our Opinions. . .And Yours. . .

## Yakuza watches turn encroachment

By: John DelRosario, Jr.

AFTER a long day, I usually claim—by way of individual personal sovereignty—that this scribe deserves a nice iced-cold glass of beer and some fresh sashimi to ease out the professional pressure that usually takes the better of my stamina by day's end. So I would head to a small place in hotel street where drinks and chasers out-price all other eateries and bars in the area.

For awhile, I really didn't pay much attention to the beehive of nocturnal activities outside the restaurant. But my buddy would spew expletives as girls outside the place greet tourists who've just exited their hotels for some rest and recreation. The place is littered with prostitutes who carry on their solicitation as though it's normal activity. I was like "Whatever happened to the anti-prostitution law here?"

It's an interesting sight of real live ladies donning tight white or black dresses that flow together with their long silky hair. They'd go after unsuspecting male Japanese tourists who are out for some lively adventure, including exchanging flesh for money. For all we know, maybe the guys are just out for some quick bite. Instead, they're accosted by the ladies in such friendly fashion usually with an arm tuck around their waists quizzed to death if they want a quickie.

Most of the women are Chinese girls who are obviously risking everything they have including the privilege to live and enjoy the laid-back lifestyle of paradise. As I mentally dwell upon their risky adventure, my quiet side told me to keep my trap shut and go on with my sashimi and cold beer. I started dwelling into the "What if..." question—my wearing their shoes. Would I risk it? Would the notion of having to support my parents and siblings back home force this scribe into the same situation (assuming my gender is the same as theirs)? I don't know for history is replete with situational dilemmas where the only person who knows how to answer the whys of prostitution in the world's oldest profession is the prostitute herself.

What grabbed my attention was the apparent openness that these nocturnal beauties conduct their affairs as though it's normal activity oblivious to police officers making their rounds. It just didn't follow. I wondered quietly whether the Hong Kong Triad has permanently set its feet on these pearly isles. I had goose bumps at the notion of heinous murder or slaughter of innocent victims becoming a daily event here in the days ahead resembling the rash of murders last year. I even cringe at the thought of its subsequent negative publicity for the islands as a tourist destination—Murder Capital of the Pacific!

I raised this issue for a simple reason: The Asia Times has it that in the last two months alone, Japanese police have arrested more than 580 Chinese who have illegally entered the country. The number exceeds last year's total already, and police feel most Chinese illegals are being smuggled into Japan by a Chinese organized crime syndicate called "Snakehead".

I remembered local news accounts of Chinese being smuggled into Guam in recent weeks. I quizzed myself if this isn't the work of Chinese organized crime. I mean it takes the courage of criminal elements to even consider human smuggling, a feat hardly a local person would dare knowing that they'd be prosecuted to the fullest extent of both local and federal laws. Additionally, the venture takes some level of sophistication via a syndicated ring knowing the relative inability of the local police force in this area.

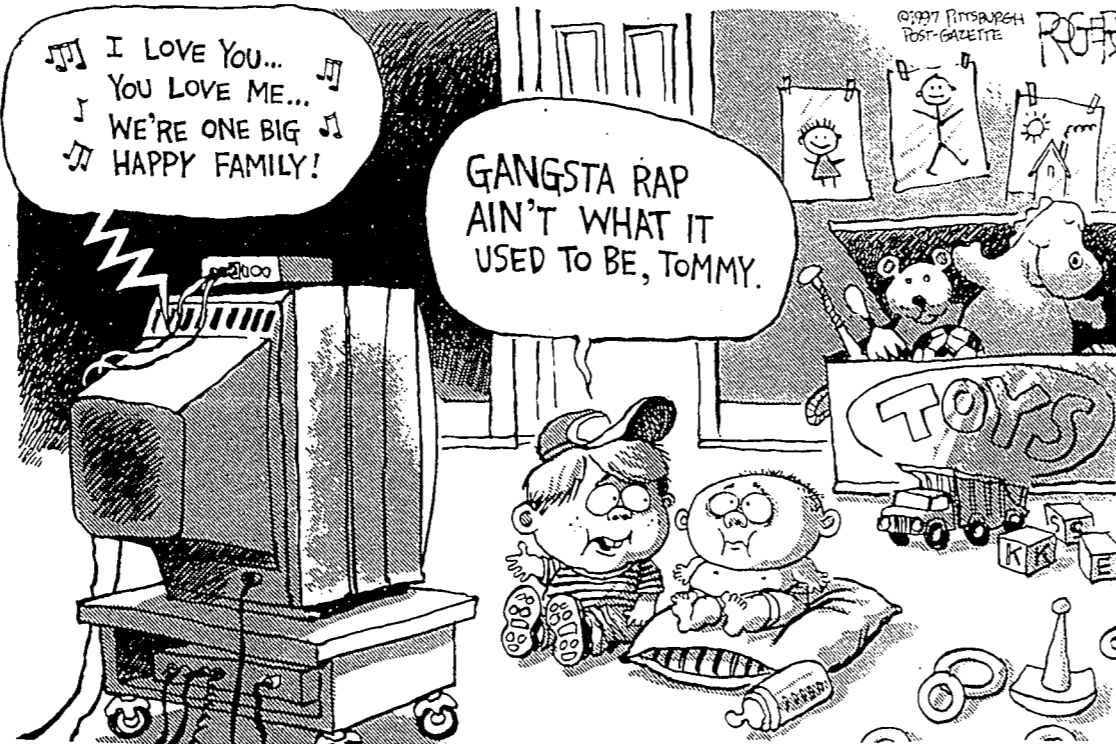
The intrusion and presence of Chinese criminal element has given the Japanese Yakuza some rude awakening. Recently, Japan's top five yakuza leaders met to discuss steps to deal with the growing problem, according to the Japanese weekly magazine Sukan Taishu. Dons from Yamaguchi-gumi, Sumiyoshi-kai, Inagawa-kai, Aizukotetsu and Kyokutou-kai have only deigned to come together in the past on ceremonial occasions never for serious topical discussions. Japan's yakuza group are now showing strong anxieties about a possible invasion by foreign gangsters.

Asia Time says that the Japanese yakuza groups are worried about the increasing crimes committed by Chinese Snakehead, Hong Kong gangs, Iranian and Colombian drug sellers in Japan. Other than foreign gangsters breaking into their territory, they are afraid that some of their low-level members would shift sides and join forces with foreign gangsters. If that happens, the entire yakuza network in Japan will be threatened and may face destruction.

Traditionally, yakuza groups were established in the olden days to guard villages from outsiders who may cause trouble during community functions or activities. If trouble breaks out, the yakuza would intervene to quell fights between villagers and outside gangsters. This traditional role though shifted into sophisticated criminal activities including extortion. The group's role and daily activities are dictated by dons.

But the notion of the ladies openly flaunting anti-prostitution laws here in such open and brave fashion is a quizzical riddle or tale whether in fact the Hong Kong Triad is permanently established here in what may be virgin territory. I pondered quietly whether the rash of heinous murder of Chinese workers along beaches on the leeward and windward side of the island isn't their doing. It is definitely concerning given the negative publicity that it brings to the islands, news that are trumpeted by regional newspapers around the Pacific Rim at our expense.

I'd like to think that DPS and appropriate federal agencies are collaborating to weed the islands of this organized criminal elements. I strongly recommend that the Department of Commerce carefully screens Chinese applicants for bar and karaoke licenses. If they're suspicious, disapprove their applications outright! Thanks.



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

### Certification of Mexico is a farce

WASHINGTON—President Bill Clinton lied to Congress on Feb. 28—and both he and Congress know it. He told Congress on that day that he had signed off on a document certifying that Mexico was "fully cooperating" with the United States in the battle against drugs.

Some lawmakers, including a few in the president's party, are outraged. But most of official Washington is willing to let it pass as a white lie—akin to complementing the appearance of your homely aunt. Mexico may not be "fully cooperating," the apologists admit but this little lie is necessary lest the United States offend poor Mexico.

Members of the House finally showed some courage late last week, when the House International Relations Committee voted 27-5 to decertify Mexico, which would override the president's decision if passed by the whole Congress. But the measure also left Clinton the option of waiving economic sanctions if it's in the national interest.

The fact is that 70 percent of all illegal drugs—cocaine, heroin, marijuana, methamphetamine, etc.—that enters the United States comes through Mexico. Only eight years ago, barely one-third of all narcotics were passing through Mexico. If Mexico is fully cooperating we'd hate to see the alternative.

The Mexican narco-crisis it turns out, has its roots in a successful campaign by the Reagan and Bush administrations to crack down on the drug trade in the Caribbean and Florida. The crackdown made it harder for Colombian traffickers to ship their illicit goods across the Caribbean and into Miami. The dealers needed an alternative.

The Colombians' solution was to forge links with the marijuana and heroin networks that were already in place in Mexico. The Mexicans were soon being paid vast sums to transport Colombia's contraband across the porous, 1,933-mile border with the United States. Colombians would be waiting on the other side of the border, ready to distribute the contraband to waiting customers around the country.

By the early 1990's, the most cunning Mexican cartel chiefs insisted on being paid in drugs instead of cash, aiming for a share of the huge profits available to those who could smuggle their drugs across the border.

"Many Mexican trafficking gangs now are routinely paid by Colombian suppliers up to 40 or 50 percent of any cocaine shipment in

product," says an internal working paper of the Drug Enforcement Administration "They constitute the only criminal organization to have wrested a portion of the market from Colombian wholesalers in the United States."

So the Mexican cartels have gone from being mere transporters, to full-fledged partners with the Colombians. U.S. intelligence reports predict the Mexicans will overtake the Colombians as the No. 1 drug smuggling country before the decade is out.

Our associate Dale Van Atta recently spent more than two months in Mexico traveling from Chiapas in the far south to Chihuahua in the far north, investigating Mexican drug-running and the high-level corruption that allows it to flourish. None of the substantive charges against Mexican government officials leveled in this column, have been denied by any Clinton administration officials.

Yet the administration has just maintained that Mexico is "fully cooperating" in the war against drugs. There is a reason that has nothing to do with that drug battle, but rather with economic realities. Under a 1986 law, the president is required to notify Congress whether countries receiving U.S. aid are cooperating with international drug control efforts. If they are not certified as being cooperative, that aid may be cut off.

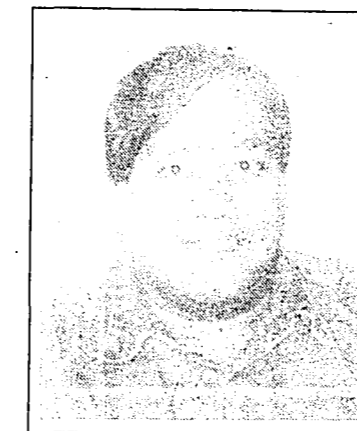
In practice, allies like Mexico are routinely certified—often regardless of the level of counternarcotics cooperation—and adversaries like Syria and Iran are decertified. Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., calls the whole certification process "a charade, year in and year out," because of the politically motivated determinations.

Two senators, Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., mounted an effort last year to decertify Mexico, but the Clinton administration spurned it. This year, they'll try again. More than 40 members of the House and Senate, prior to his decision, urged the president not to certify Mexico. Feinstein wrote in a letter to the president, "I believe the evidence is overwhelming and can lead to no decision other than the decertification of Mexico."

President Clinton dismissed them all and instead chose to give a corrupt government his good housekeeping seal of approval. But Congress shouldn't take it lying down. Expect hearings at the least, and perhaps legislation to end this fig-leaf policy.

## If drug abuse goes unchecked:

# NMI warned of 'terrible crimes'



Joseph Kevin Villagomez

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff  
ADDITION Specialist Joseph Kevin Villagomez has warned other areas in the Pacific region about "terrible crimes" in the CNMI caused by illegal drugs. Drug-related crimes like in the CNMI if go unchecked, will happen in other communities," said Villagomez in his speech during Saturday's Crime Stoppers Regional Conference held at Diamond Hotel.

"We are seeing the direct effects of what addiction to drugs can do to a once peaceful island community (CNMI)," Villagomez told participants in the conference.

Palau, Yap, Pohnpei, Guam, Hawaii, and Canada sent their representatives in the Crime Stoppers conference.

Villagomez said addicts who do not have access to their drug of

choice will not stop at anything to obtain drugs, resulting them to commit burglary, robbery, murder, assault and battery, domestic violence and other crimes.

He said the six main signs and symptoms of addiction are tolerance, loss of control, preoccupation, continued use despite adverse consequences, denial, and withdrawal.

"The person will lie, cheat, not show up for work or comes late, commit a crime to obtain their drug of choice," said Villagomez who is also the director of Division of Mental Health and Social Services.

On the other hand, he said Crime Stoppers does not only prevent crimes from happening in a community, but provides a sense of civic responsibility.

"It allows us to build up positive value system that we not only respect our home environment but we respect those of our neighbors," Villagomez added.

Meanwhile, Public Safety Commissioner Jose M. Castro, the first Crime Stoppers coordinator in the CNMI, urged the community to continue participating Crime Stoppers Program in fighting illegal activities.

Castro said the fight against crime continues to grow as more citizens have been volunteering and demonstrating their courage to be members of Crime Stoppers.

The DPS commissioner cited several "serious crime cases"

which were prevented or busted following Crime Stoppers tips when he was still the coordinator for the program.

Crime Stoppers was established

as a tripartite non-profit organization, the community, the media, and law enforcement, to effectively solve crimes. The program was introduced on Saipan in

1985. Manny Vilaga is the present chairman of local Crime Stoppers Board. PO2 Arnold K. Seman serves as coordinator.



A MUSICAL DRAMA TO LOOK FORWARD TO. Students of Grace Christian Academy in Navy Hill rehearse for the school's first full-length student production, "Joseph, the Dreamer" Saturday. Teachers Jocelyn Sheldy Ibarra and Daniel Dilse are the stage and musical directors, respectively. The play will have a two-day run on May 9-10.

Photo by Rick Alberto

## Judge orders 2 firms to return truck to Sablan

By Ferdie de la Torre  
Variety News Staff  
SUPERIOR Court Presiding Judge Alejandro Castro has ordered a Colorado-based firm and a collection agency on Saipan to return a vehicle which was repossessed from its buyer.

Castro in his order issued Thursday commanded the Toyota Motor Credit Corp. and United Pacific Collection Agency to return the 1994 Toyota pickup truck to Herman P. Sablan effective April 10, 1997.

After hearing a motion for preliminary injunction, Sablan said the truck will remain with Sablan pending a trial on the merits.

In the alternative if the truck was

already disposed off, the judge asked the two firms to provide Sablan with a vehicle having similar specification.

Sablan sued the firms for allegedly subjecting him to public ridicule by repossessing his truck he purchased from the US mainland in 1993 through Toyota Motor.

Sablan said he offered to make his payment of \$2,594.05 to UPCA as written in the promissory note.

UPCA declined the offer, stating that they had changed their mind and wanted the entire amount of \$14,936.80 before they would release the vehicle, the complaint said.

The plaintiff sought damages for gross misconduct, humiliation, embarrassment and public ridicule.

## BOE resets its meeting

INABILITY to reach a quorum for yesterday's scheduled meeting prompted the Board of Education to reschedule its meeting until next Thursday, April 17.

The meeting has been rescheduled for 10 am in the PSS conference room

located on the fourth floor of the Nauru Building. The agenda is the same as that prepared for yesterday's scheduled meeting.

For more information, contact the Board's office at 664-3711/3727.

## GTC PTSA to meet Thursday

THE NEXT general meeting of the PTSA will be this Thursday April 17, 1997. The meeting will be held at the GTC Elementary School Cafeteria at 6:30 pm. Refreshments will also be provided. Please check with your children for agenda and additional information they will be bringing home from school.

Furthermore, please check out the Parent-Teacher "Hot Line," especially if you are unable to attend the meeting this Thursday, please call 235-6061 and leave a message with your child's teacher, principal or one of the PTSA Officers. You may leave suggestions, comments, or concerns to the PTSA President at ext. 31.

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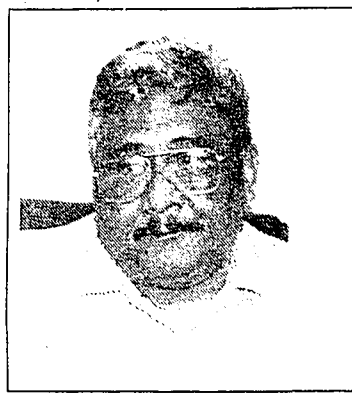
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# DOLI deports 23 in April

**By Jojo Dass**  
Variety News Staff  
TWENTY-eight foreigners, including 21 Chinese nationals, have been deported for the first two weeks of this month alone.  
The figure brought to nearly 100, the total number of persons sent out of the CNMI by the Department of Labor and Immigration since January this year.  
It is the biggest deportation thus far for a three-month period, according to DOLI Secretary Thomas O. Sablan.

He said more will be deported in the coming days as DOLI further intensifies its campaign against overstaying and illegally employed foreign nationals.  
"We are fielding men everywhere... we know where they (overstaying workers) are... it will just be a matter of time," vowed Sablan.  
DOLI records showed that about 15 foreign were deported last April 2 of which 14 were Chinese nationals.  
Another batch of 13 foreigners were deported last April 9 at least seven of



Thomas O. Sablan

which were Chinese nationals, three were Filipinos, and the remaining three, Korean nationals.  
The Chinese, according to a ranking DOLI official, "appeared to be engaged in prostitution" in Garapan.  
All deportees were found to be illegally employed and overstaying in the Commonwealth.  
Chinese nationals continues to be the bulk of those deported because "a lot of them are here illegally," according to a ranking DOLI official.

These foreigners, he said, managed to enter the Commonwealth as tourists or businessmen on a renewable 30-day permit.  
He said three of every five Chinese tourists who arrived in the CNMI have managed to secure employment illegally while one of every four Chinese "businessmen" end up overstaying.

## WASC team wraps up Tinian High School accreditation visit

A TEAM of visiting education professionals wrapped up a three-day visit to Tinian High School last week, and now the school awaits a final determination of accreditation conditions and duration.  
According to a news-release from PSS, the four-person visiting team made of up representatives of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges was on Tinian to evaluate the school for the purpose of validating the findings contained in the schools' "self-study", and also to put together a report of commendations and recommendations.  
The "self-study" is a comprehensive document that sets forth information about the school and the school's action plans for further improvement.  
The WASC review team includes administrator Jan I. Button of Yucaipa-Calimesa JT.

Unified in California, Principal Patricia Bennet of Guam's Inarajan Middle School, Curriculum and Instruction Coordinator Mikaela Etuale from the Office of Catholic Education in American Samoa, and teacher Charles W. Martin of Guam's Kennedy High School.  
The visiting team's validation effort included a review of the self-study and other documents, observations of the school, and interviews with students, teachers and school employees, PSS officials and people in the Tinian community.  
During a meeting with PSS officials at the Tinian High library last Tuesday, Button talked about the school as a work in progress, where excellent efforts are being made and need to be continued in order to reach the levels of service that are desired.

At the meeting, there was discussion about the need to refine professional development and procurement procedures and practices, with some recognition that significant progress is being made in those areas.  
In addition, Button encouraged the school to provide teachers with the flexibility they need to reach as many children as possible—both on and off the school campus so that as many as possible children will graduate high school.  
After the meeting, Button reemphasized the importance of graduating high school in a brief assembly with the students at the school cafeteria.  
"We need to encourage each other to get through (high school). You need to be prepared if you want to step off the island," he told the students.

## Contract for judicial complex gets OPA OK

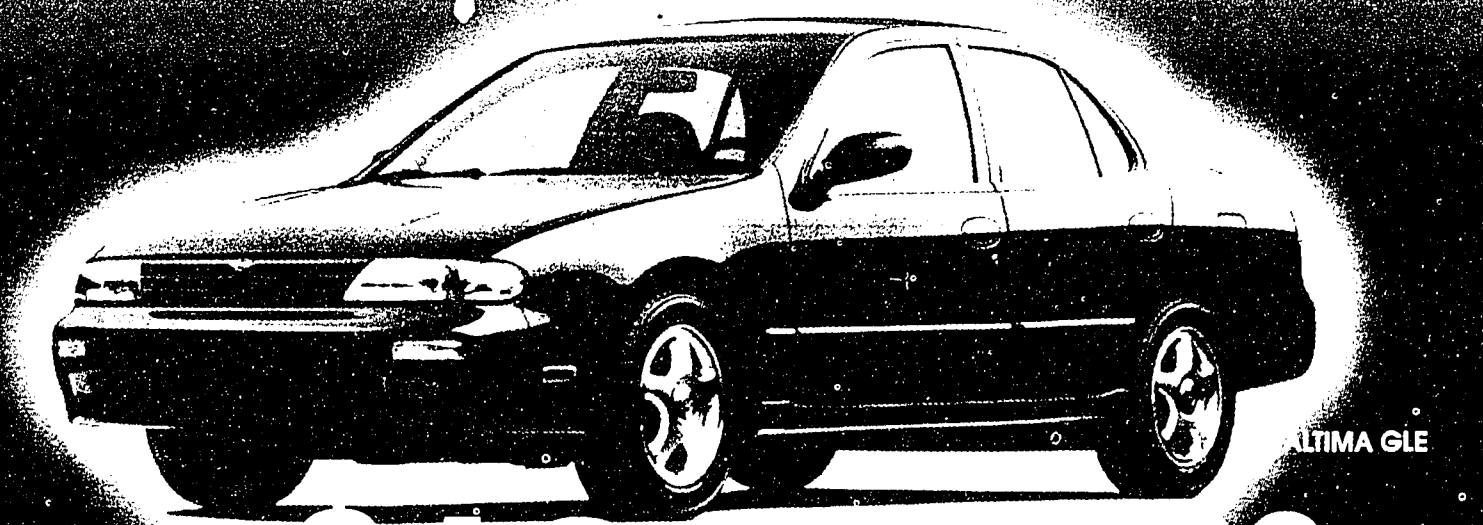
**By Mar-Vic C. Munar**  
Variety News Staff  
THE government had mistakenly awarded to the World Electric & Construction Co., Inc. a contract for the installation of a specialty electrical system at the Saipan Judicial Complex, according to the Office of Public Auditor.  
However, Public Auditor Leo LaMotte opted not to jeopardize the project by recommending that the WECCO contract be continued.  
LaMotte said the government would incur higher costs if it would re-award the contract to the Pacific Security Alarm System Inc. the bidder which had lodged protest against WECCO.  
PSA said it had submitted a lower price bid and excelled in evaluation factors. It thus claimed it should have been awarded the contract.  
A reevaluation of the proposals of the two companies showed that PSA could indeed undertake the project at lower costs and of quality equal to WECCO's job.  
"Although we agree that PSA should have been awarded the contract for this RFP, we believe that the current situation is not the one

that would permit us to make an award even though it would be called for under normal circumstances," LaMotte said.  
WECCO's installation of the specialty electrical system is almost complete.  
EFC Engineers and Architects, the company that reviewed the project, said it would be possible to install the system even after the completion of the judicial complex but it would damage some of the interior work such as wall and ceiling finishes, since there are finishes that cannot be removed and reworked.  
Secondly, EFC said, "it would be problematic to design the installation because there would be areas where access for conduits would require chipping of concrete."  
WECCO's contract, according to OPA's findings, would cost the CNMI government about \$635,000 while awarding the contract to PSA would likely result in a higher figure of about \$948,000 or a cost difference of about \$313,000.  
LaMotte suggested that PSA file legal action if it wants to be compensated for its proposal, protest and other costs.

## CCAC Board Council to meet

THE BOARD of Directors of Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 1997 at 1:30 p.m. at the CCAC main office conference room in Capitol Hill.  
Agenda for the meeting will include, 16th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival Update, Invitation to Neighbor Islands under CPAC Grant, Guam Micronesia Island Fair and other important matters.  
All members are encouraged to attend and if unable to please send a proxy letter addressed to the Executive Director, CCAC by fax 3229028.  
The meeting is open for public or any interested individuals. For inquires, please call the Arts Council Office at 322-9982/9983.  
**CORRECTION:**  
IN OUR April 9 story "King to Run for Re-election," it was reported that Sen. Henry DLG. San Nicolas has "renounced" his intention to run for Tinian mayor.  
The word "renounced," however, should have been "announced." Senator San Nicolas is still running for mayor.  
Our apologies—ed.

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# Toll free 1-800 numbers soon

CNMI consumers will be in for a nice bonus when the Commonwealth's long-awaited inclusion into the North American Number Plan takes effect July 1st, the Administration said in a news release.  
Based on a series of meetings just completed in Washington D.C., callers from the CNMI can soon avail of toll free 1-800 numbers, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio announced over the weekend.  
For years, the 800 prefix numbers that are free to mainland U.S. have been a paid call for local residents if they could even access them at all.  
Now, telecommunications industry officials have cleared the way for the implementation of expanded 800 service in the Commonwealth on the same dates as the plan puts calls to the states on a "domestic" and thus, much less expensive basis, the release said.

The outcome of these important meetings is expected to bring the benefits of true 800 toll free service one step closer to reality for the people of the Commonwealth," said Tenorio.  
Based on meetings, it appears that those stateside businesses that provide national 800 numbers will automatically include the CNMI starting in July and that those 800 that are not available nationally would still be accessible through a paid call as before.  
In Washington, Dave Ecret, the Governor's Special Assistant for Telecommunications and Utilities, met with appropriate officials on rate integration.  
The mission of the group is to address issues surrounding the implementation of rate integration which is to take effect on August 1, 1997.  
In addition to representatives from long distance carriers serving the Commonwealth and Guam, the meeting was attended by FCC officials who are responsible for implementing rate integration.  
Although no official action was taken by the group, long distance carriers present concurred that as of July 1, 1997, most of U.S. 800 numbers will be accessible from telephones in the CNMI without the need for a "paid access" call.  
Currently, a majority of the 800 calls from the CNMI to U.S. businesses entail a costly "paid access" charge.  
On July 1, the date the Commonwealth joins the North American Numbering Plan-NANP, carriers expect that the U.S. 800 network will expand to encompass the CNMI.  
Thus, mainland U.S. businesses subscribing to nationwide 800 service will generally receive coverage which encompasses the CNMI, unless a subscriber specifically elects to exclude the CNMI from that coverage.  
This step is expected to result in a large number of current "paid access" 880 calls becoming toll-free, as well as greatly reduce the cost of 800 service to CNMI customers.

In the next few weeks Micronesia Telecommunications Corporation (MTC) will be going through its data base to identify 880 calls from the CNMI, in order to make sure that those businesses will be included in the true 800 service on July 1.  
Ecret also represented the Governor's Office before the Industry Numbering Committee of the NANP Administrator in Phoenix, Arizona.

At those meetings, he said he won the INC's consent to a continuation of "paid access" to 800 numbers beginning July 1, 1997, for a one year interim period.  
The INC's consent to the plan proposed by Ecret effectively permits the alternative of 880 "paid access" to the mainland 800 service network to continue uninterrupted after July 1st to those businesses/computer networks which elect to be excluded from nationwide 800 service coverage.

## Mayor: 'I opposed budget cut'

**By Zaldy Dandan**  
Variety News Staff  
TINIAN Mayor Herman M. Manglona said Friday that he, too, opposed the cuts made by Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio on the proposed fiscal year 1998 budget for Tinian.  
Manglona was reacting to Sen. David M. Cing's saying that he (Cing) "could not believe" that the mayor agreed to the budget cuts, as Tenorio recently told the media.  
Manglona, in a letter to Cing (D-Tinian), said he was only informed about the budget proposal for Tinian last March 31, but he did "raise objections about the...budget cut."  
He said he requested that the FY 1998 funding level for Tinian (\$14.83 million) should at least be the same as the FY 1997 level (\$15.2 million).  
Thus, mainland U.S. businesses...

However, since the deadline for sending the budget proposal to the Legislature was April 1, Manglona said he did not oppose the submission.  
He said he was assured that a revised budget proposal will be submitted in June, and it will restore Tinian's budget to the FY 1997 level.  
Cing on Wednesday said until the governor reinstate the cuts he made on the funding for Rota and Tinian, his proposed \$257.6 million budget would have no support in the Senate.  
Six of the nine-member Senate are from Rota and Tinian.  
Cing said if Manglona "did tell the governor he's satisfied with that amount, then maybe the mayor should step down, and we would look for another candidate who is going to accept more."  
Cing, who is backing up Manglona



Herman M. Manglona

in the November elections, said every Tinian political leader should "try his best to get adequate funding" for the island.  
Tenorio has said the cuts were "not too much," and that the mayors of Rota and Tinian "are satisfied."

# More Food for Thought About the INS and the CNMI

I hope that many of our "friends" in Washington, D.C. who will still want the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service to come into the Commonwealth to "clean up" our situation with alien workers are watching with great interest the latest adventures of so-called "rogue" INS agent Jerry Stuchiner.  
Mr. Stuchiner, who among other things, is alleged to have been selling CNMI entry permits on the black market, is currently in a Hong Kong prison for visa fraud. Remember that in a previous column, I wrote that it was our own CNMI immigration officials who caught onto the scam and prevented the entry of persons holding the bogus documents. But that's not the end of the story.  
Thanks to New York's *Newsday*, I am able to report that prisoner Stuchiner is talking and apparently saying enough to get the wife of his former colleague--and now a top INS official in Hong Kong--Jason DeBates arrested, and he is likely to cause plenty of other problems for DeBates, who now has been placed on administrative leave and returned to the U.S. Stuchiner will probably get at



FROM THE GOVERNOR'S DESK  
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least a year knocked off his sentence.  
I thought *Newsday* did a nice job of capturing the point here: "The arrest [of Stuchiner] was an embarrassment to the INS because Washington, D.C., had often criticized foreign governments, particularly in Central America, for failing to rid their immigration services of corruption."  
Of course the CNMI is not a foreign country, though at times I feel some of our federal agencies and officials treat us as such. But I hope that in the future Congressmen George Miller and Elton Gallegly as well as our own Washington Representative Juan Babauta will acknowledge that there is nothing magic about a federal takeover of CNMI immigration. Corruption isn't something unique to the CNMI Department of Labor and Immigration and

ware anyone who would test us.  
Still, playing the "blame game" and raising bogeymen abroad is a pretty ingrained habit in Washington, as our neighbors on Guam are finding out. Now that it has received the contributions, the Clinton Administration apparently doesn't plan to move on Guam's bid for Commonwealth, according to a story in the *Pacific Daily News*. Senator Mark Forbes says officials from the Justice Department and --surprise-- the INS, are afraid that a Commonwealth of Guam will open up, "illegally run garment factories."  
Since we know that INS had to be dragged to the CNMI kicking and screaming and at our expenses, you wonder why they occupy themselves with scenarios from the future of Guam. Judging from the *Newsday* article, there seem to be plenty of immediate problems in their own house for the agency to tackle.  
In the past my advisors and consultants have generally advised against bringing up these matters, since they are likely to be viewed as making excuses for problems that haven't been addressed here in the CNMI. But it's wrong to chain Thai workers to sewing machines and enslave them for years as was done

in California. And it's wrong not to pay overtime to Chinese workers in the CNMI. The point is, we've been addressing the problem of cheating on wages and poor worker conditions for nearly four years and have made real progress. Progress real enough that the leadership of the U.S. Congress recognizes it and supports our Covenant as deeply as no one has since we negotiated and created the Commonwealth. For those critics who refuse to acknowledge our efforts and make a few sensible distinctions, it's time for a reality check.  
As for Mr. Stuchiner, formerly known as the "Asian expert," things are looking up. *Newsday* reports that he now has a room with his own TV, and if he talks long enough and well enough, he might get out of Hong Kong before the Chinese take over and even duck further federal prosecution in the States.  
As for me, before they let him, I want to know what he did with the rest of those CNMI entry permits...If someone still plans on heading our way with a bogus permit, I guarantee our own Immigration officials will make us proud again.  
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Tenorio dares legislators on Bird Island lease

# 'Be my guest, kill it'

By Zaldy Dandan  
Variety News Staff

THE LEGISLATORS opposed to the Bird Island hotel-resort project say local homesteaders should be given priority to the land, but Gov. Froilan C. Tenorio said Friday that he leased the property precisely for the "homesteaders' sake."

"Money from leasing properties is what we use to develop homestead subdivisions," he said, adding that aside from the land leased to the Bird Island Development, Inc., there are

still "a lot" of other areas on Saipan for homesteaders.

He said if the legislators "don't like the idea, they should deep-six it."

"Be my guest. Kill it."  
Fourteen of the 27-member Legislature on Thursday urged the rejection of a "secret lease agreement" Tenorio signed for a hotel and 18-hole golf course resort project at the San Juan-Kalabera area.

The 40-year lease agreement involves 135 hectares of public land, and was signed on March 1.

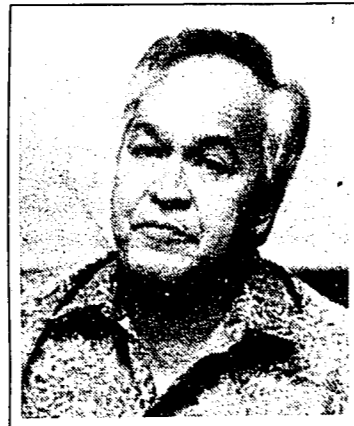
The legislators, in a letter to Senate President Jesus R. Sablan (R-Saipan) and House Speaker Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan), said they oppose the lease agreement "on the grounds that first priority for that public land should be given to the more than 2,000 homesteaders with pending applications, or landowners with pending land exchanges."

The letter stated that land should also be set aside for indigenous people to practice traditional and cultural farming.

"Our people should come first," the legislators said.

"(T)his is not a political issue. It is a matter of setting our priorities."

The signatories to the letter are Senate Vice President Paul A.



Froilan C. Tenorio

Hofschneider (Ind.-Saipan), Rep. Melvin O. Faisao (R-Saipan), Rep. Crispin I. DL Guerrero (R-Saipan), Rep. Maria T. Peter (R-Saipan), Rep. Karl T. Reyes (R-Saipan), Rep. David M. Apatang (R-Saipan), Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho (D-Saipan), Rep. Oscar M. Babauta (R-Saipan) and Rep. Joaquin G. Adriano (R-Tinian).

The copy of the lease agreement, which requires the Legislature's approval, was sent Wednesday to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

Tenorio, in April 2 letter to Sablan and Benavente, said the project will be worth \$50 to \$60 million, and will "provide an almost permanent benefit to" local people.

Manglona (R-Rota), Sen. Henry DLG. San Nicolas (R-Tinian), Sen. Juan P. Tenorio (R-Saipan), Vice Speaker Jesus T. Atao (R-Saipan), Rep. Stanley T. Torres, Rep. Heinz S.

## Elsewhere from the Pacific

### Singirok: Sandline Mercenaries had 'criminal intentions' on war

**PORT MORESBY (Pacnews)**—Papua New Guinea's sacked defence force commander, Brigadier General Jerry Singirok, has told the Sandline commission of inquiry that the kind of airborne attack proposed as part of plans to recapture the Panguna mine on Bougainville would cause "collateral damage" and kill many innocent people. He said this was one reason why he opposed the government's plan to recapture the mine, the Post-Courier reports.

Singirok said the plan involved "precision bombing" with rockets launched from attack helicopters at targets pinpointed by sophisticated state-of-the-art electronic gear. He said this was sure to cause considerable collateral damage, a term he said had been coined by the US military to justify killing people or damaging property in the vicinity of a military target.

Singirok reiterated that he believed Sandline International leader Tim Spicer and his team



Jerry Singirok Tim Spicer

had "criminal intentions" to commit atrocities using gunships and missiles to liberate the mine from rebel control. He said the use of a mercenary force is unconstitutional and criminal.

### Regional fruit fly programme gets a boost

**SUVA (Pacnews)**—A funding arrangement was signed Thursday in Fiji's capital Suva, between the Australian government and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for a regional fruit fly management programme.

The 2.4-million Fijian dollars (\$US1.6 million) project runs over three years and aims to protect and promote the region's multi-million dollar fruit and vegetable export industry, Radio Fiji reports.

Fruit fly technical advisor Doctor Allan Allwood says fruit flies need to be controlled otherwise it will lead to bans on fruit exports like the one imposed on exports to Canada.

He said when that occurred, Fiji was exporting about one and a half million dollars worth of produce to Canada.

Allwood said some 40 to 50 egg plant farmers alone in the Sigatoka valley and Nadi area were affected by that ban.

### Kiribati workshop to focus on diabetes

**TARAWA (Pacnews)**—Doctors and medical assistants in Kiribati will attend a three-day workshop starting Monday to focus on the disease, diabetes, which is reported to be increasing.

Director of Public Health Doctor Takeieta Keinene says two doctors and a nurse from the Sydney Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Australia will arrive this

weekend to conduct the workshop, Radio Kiribati reports.

The Australians will assist local authorities formulate a preventive and treatment guideline to be followed in fighting the disease throughout Kiribati.

Keinene says diabetes is attributed to obesity, change in life style, such as eating habits and family infections.

### Fiji party criticized

**SUVA (Pacnews)**—The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, ICFTU, has criticised the Fiji government's export policy of exploiting workers.

It says the policy is driven by labour right abuses, racial and sexual discrimination and child labour, the Fiji Times reports.

A report by the ICFTU says the Fiji government is violating basic labour standards in creating a cheap labour force to attract foreign investments and increase exports.

It says the government's cur-

rent policy of expansion of export processing zones now employ 13 percent of the country's workforce.

Child labour is also said to be a growing problem in Fiji in agriculture particularly in the sugar industry and in small-scale businesses.

The ICFTU says one of the effects of the labour laws is that multinational companies have shifted their production from other developing countries such as the Cook Islands, to Fiji to take advantage of the low wages.

# Marshalls' SAAB jet flies OK

By Giff Johnson  
for the Variety

**MAJURO**—For the first time in months, the Saab 2000 performed for more than two weeks without a delay of any kind from late March into early April.

While problems have been plaguing Air Marshall Islands domestic operation, the Saab 2000 has begun to rebound from a dismal record of service in late 1996 and earlier this year. The less than two year old, \$16 million plane is a lifeline for passengers traveling in the central Pacific. Air Marshalls is the only airline operating service connecting Suva and Nadi in Fiji with Tuvalu, Kiribati and the Marshall Islands.

In recent months, the Saab 2000 has been in the hangar for repairs almost as much as it's been in the air. Air Marshall Islands general manager Randy Hanna applauded AMI's "masterful engineering" department for the maintenance work that has given the Saab 2000 its best service in months.

Although earlier this week, the Saab experienced a "minor disruption" of about two hours, when AMI mechanics had to replace a part that was carried on the plane, the Majuro to Fiji service has gotten back on track.

"The plane received a stem to

stem going over (in Fiji in late February)," he said on Wednesday (April 9). "The engineers implemented a number of non-mandatory improvements that will assist the plane's reliability."

The plane, a twin engine 50 seater, has responded to the excellent servicing it received in Fiji, he said.

Hanna said that AMI is now working with Saab to develop a long term plan for Saab 2000 maintenance to maintain the plane's reliability. Saab has been very helpful in this planning, he said.

On the domestic front, "both the (German-built) Dorniers have been playing up rather poorly in the last 10 days," Hanna said.

One Dornier broke down on remote Ebon Atoll earlier this week, forcing the airline to send parts and mechanics by ship to make needed repairs. In the past month, Dorniers have broken down at Kwajalein, Ailinglaplap and Wotje atolls.

"There is a plan underway to (fix) these problems," Hanna said. "It means an additional aircraft." He said that he couldn't provide further details of the plans for a new plane because AMI is still working on the plan and hoped to have it in motion by the end of

April or early May. "We want to increase our domestic reliability and frequency," he said. "We definitely do not want to maintain the status quo."

The airline recently received an injection of \$2 million as part of a \$4 million loan from the Asian Development Bank. These funds

are giving the Marshalls national air carrier additional options to improve its service both internationally and domestically.

AMI will not be getting another Dornier, but not because it doesn't want one. The German aircraft company has been very unhelpful in this, he added. There

was a Dornier in Australia that was available for leasing, but Dornier wanted "such a sensational amount of money" for it that it was beyond being realistic, he said. Hanna said it would have been "nice to be able to maintain fleet uniformity" with another Dornier.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The MARIANAS MANPOWER and RECRUITMENT AGENCY ASSOCIATION (MMRAA) will be having a meeting on April 17, 1997 at 6:00PM at the JOETEN LIBRARY. All Manpower & Recruiting Agencies are invited and encourage to attend.

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### Tongan takes up UN posting

**NUKU'ALOFA (Pacnews)**—A Tongan graduate in business studies, Tabolo Kumi, has been accepted to work at the United Nations Small Island Developing States Network (SIDSnet) in New York.

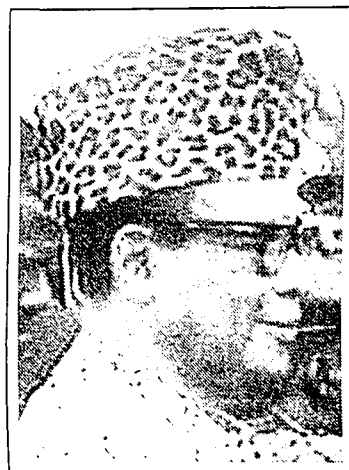
Tabolo, a graduate from the University of Technology in PNG, took

up his posting at the UN headquarters on March 21, Radio Tonga reports.

SIDSnet's overall goal is to facilitate access to information relevant to sustainable human development and for technical co-operation among developing countries.

# Mobutu to meet Kabila

By RON KAMPEAS  
KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — Cornered by a fast-moving rebel army, Zairian President Mobutu Sese Seko said for the first time Saturday he was willing to meet the rebel leader — on his own terms.



Mobutu Sese Seko

The president of neighboring Congo, Pascal Lissouba, met with Mobutu and said he would bring unspecified proposals from the ailing leader to rebel chief Laurent Desire Kabila.

Kabila, who in a stunning seven-month offensive has taken nearly half of mineral-rich Zaire, had given Mobutu until Sunday to step down or watch the rebels advance on the capital, Kinshasa.

"I won't reply," Mobutu said Saturday, accusing the rebel chief of grandstanding with his threat. "I find that kind of joking in bad taste. Let's talk seriously. In Zaire, things are very serious and we must attend to them."

Instead, he advised Kabila to take a more "polite" tone before he agreed to a meeting.

"Polite means, 'Mr. President of Zaire, my intention is to meet you.' That's polite," Mobutu said in a rare in-depth question and answer session with the media.

It was the first time Mobutu had agreed to Kabila's demand for face-to-face negotiations, and it came after considerable international pressure. On Friday, France — probably

"Well, our president (Kabila) has been asking him every day for direct negotiations," said Moïse Nyarugabo Muhizi. "If he wants to talk, there is no problem for us. It is up to Kinshasa."

Mobutu's concession may be too little too late: Kabila is demanding nothing less than Mobutu's resignation and his internal exile to Mobutu's home village Gbadolite, on the border with the Central African Republic.

Mobutu, though, dismissed Kabila's threat to take the capital.

"You can't take everything he says seriously," he said. "This evening he could say he's at Mobutu's door."

Last week, Kabila had rebel sympathizers had taken Bandundu, a town 155 miles northeast of the capital.

Mobutu said his administration had been weak because of his struggle with prostate cancer.

"All that happened was because I was sick," he said. "I was in my sick bed."

Lissouba, an old friend of Mobutu, accused the West of abandoning the dictator when he was down.

"Is he the first chief of state to be sick?" he said. "Were the others persecuted, chased out?"

The United States and Zaire's old colonial masters in Belgium backed Mobutu when he first seized power in the 1960s, seeing him as a tool against Soviet expansionism.

But the increasing corruption of his regime, and the end of the Cold War, alienated most of his old friends.

He dismissed Western criticism of his authoritarian rule, saying "I am not a Western colony." He also said he would not go into exile.

Lissouba said he would relay proposals by Mobutu, which he would not detail, to Kabila.

Rebels took Lubumbashi, Zaire's second-largest city, on Friday, consolidating their hold on the mineral-rich southeast — source of much of the revenue of Zaire's ruling elite.

Rebels troops led by Kabila's son, Joseph, pushed south of Lubumbashi Sunday to the border with Zambia, 40 miles south-

east of Lubumbashi. The younger Kabila said Zaire's frontier with Zambia would remain open.

Likulia, an old army buddy given to wearing a full-dress 4-star general uniform wherever he appears, said that his army — which has fled most fights with the rebels, after looting the citizenry — was ready to turn the situation around.

He was vague about how the tattered army would reorganize, but accused unidentified African nations of "intoxicating" the Zairians who backed the rebels.

"Those who have vanquished the Zairian army have been partly intoxicated," he said. "They've been in a trance." He did not elaborate.

## Clinton sanctions new apparel industry code

By SANDRA SOBIERAJ  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Moving against sweatshops, President Clinton has sanctioned an apparel industry code that guarantees a minimum wage pegged to existing individual country standards, a maximum 60-hour work week with at least one day off, and an independent monitor of conditions in overseas factories used by U.S. companies.

Manufacturers that adhere to the code of conduct would be rewarded with a "no sweatshop" label for their products.

While a handful of human rights groups Saturday called the agreement as seriously flawed, Gene Sperling, chairman of the president's National Economic Council, insisted it "certainly a positive if not historic step in eradicating sweatshops."

"You could always argue this glass is half-empty, or this glass is half-full, but the fact is there wasn't any glass before," said Sperling.

Clinton planned a ceremony in the White House's East Room on Monday to formally accept the agreement forged by the Apparel Industry Partnership, a presidential task force of human rights groups, labor unions, religious leaders and some of the nation's largest clothes-makers.

A half-dozen human rights groups not party to the task force deliberations circulated advance copies of the agreement on Saturday and denounced it for not stipulating a "living wage" or banning what they called "excessive overtime."

Sperling, who, on behalf of Clinton, facilitated the sometimes contentious talks, confirmed some details to be unveiled on Monday. He pointed out that the task force included such prominent human rights groups as the New York-based Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, Robert F. Kennedy Memorial for Human Rights and the Interfaith Center.

"Do people really believe that these top groups ... would sign on to an agreement that they didn't think was at least a strong step forward," Sperling wondered aloud.

Still, Elaine Bernard, director of Harvard's stradeunion program, ridiculed the task force work as giving "the good housekeeping seal of approval to a kinder, gentler sweat-

shop."

"It calls for an end to child labor, prison labor and physical abuse, but it does not set standards for work with dignity," she added.

The agreement also includes anti-harassment and anti-abuse provisions, and would ban workers under 15, although in some countries, factories could employ 14-year-olds.

Specifically, Bernard and other co-signatories of a protest letter faulted the task force requirement that employers pay "at least the minimum wage required by local law or the prevailing industry wage, whichever is higher."

Critics contend that provision would give a company like Nike a "no sweatshop" label even as it continued paying Vietnamese factory workers 20 cents per hour.

"If this task force is serious about eliminating sweatshops, it must call on companies to pay a living wage, not just the minimum they can get away with," said Lora Jo Foo of San Francisco's Asia Law Caucus.

Joining Foo and Bernard in denouncing the agreement were representatives of these other human rights monitors: Global Exchange, Campaign for Labor Rights, Vietnam Labor Watch, Press for Change, Justice: Do It Nike, and United Church of Christ.

Michael Posner, one human rights advocate who served on the task force, acknowledged that the prevailing wage in some countries probably is "not good enough." But, he added, members had to be realistic about their inability to stipulate a "living wage" in every corner of the globe.

"If you're setting up a code that's going to be monitored by a slew of different people, it's important not to have aspirational phrases or phrases that are ambiguous and subject to interpretation," said Posner, of the New York-based Lawyers Committee for Human Rights.

Adherence to the code of conduct is voluntary and the task force hopes to entice more manufacturers to adopt it. Nike Inc., Reebok International Ltd., Liz Claiborne Inc., L.L. Bean, Patagonia and Nicole Miller were among the task force's corporate members who signed on to the agreement.

## To help federal workers cope with family matters

# Clinton OKs leave policy

By SANDRA SOBIERAJ  
WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's 1.9 million federal employees would be eligible for 24 hours of unpaid leave to meet family obligations under a directive President Clinton signed Saturday.

Clinton hoped the move would spur an intransigent Congress into guaranteeing the benefit for private-sector workers.

"Don't ask people to choose ever between being good workers and good parents. We can help them to do both," the president told lawmakers in his weekly radio broadcast.

In an appeal to middle-class parents first proposed in his re-election campaign, Clinton wants to expand the Family and Medical Leave Act to give workers unpaid time off to attend parent-teacher conferences, take a child to the doctor or dentist, find child care or help an elderly relative with medical appointments.

Republicans in control of Congress generally oppose the bill as government intrusion on business decisions, and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., made clear in

## Rodriguez wins Texas House race

By CHIP BROWN  
SAN ANTONIO (AP) — State Rep. Ciro Rodriguez soundly defeated fellow Democrat Juan Solis in a runoff election Saturday for the U.S. congressional seat held by the late Rep. Frank Tejeda.

Rodriguez, 50, beat the former San Antonio City Councilman by a 2-1 margin to win the seat in the 28th Congressional District.

With 100 percent of the precincts reporting, Rodriguez had 19,915 votes, or 67 percent, to Solis' 9,962, or 33 percent.

Rodriguez and Solis were the top two vote-getters in a 15-candidate March election to fill the seat held by Tejeda, who died of brain cancer on Jan. 30.

"District 28 has a lot of diversity and a lot of poverty," Rodriguez told supporters in a bingo parlor, surrounded by balloons and mariachi music. "It's a district that's hungry to make things happen, and I'm going to work hard to make things happen."

Solis, who was endorsed by Tejeda's family, said Saturday he accepted the voters' decision.

"Look forward to making sure that District 28 is united," he said. He noted that he was outspent 5-to-1 by Rodriguez.

Rodriguez campaigned on promises to ensure Social Security for the elderly and protect Medicare and veterans programs from federal budget cuts.

Solis, 35, had portrayed himself as the more conservative Democrat, emphasizing his positions against abortion and in favor of congressional term limits.

Tejeda had represented the predominantly Democratic district since 1993.

January that he had no plans to act on it.

Trying to circumvent Congress as much as his authority allows, Clinton sent a memo Saturday to the chiefs of 100-plus federal departments and agencies, asking them to make expanded family and medical leave available to their employees immediately.

"Wherever possible, I want workers to have access right now to essential time off for family obligations," he said. "Families occasionally need these small pieces of time to take care of their own."

While the president has no legal authority to set leave policies for agencies and his memorandum did not have the binding effect of an executive order, White House officials said it did have moral authority and they expected all agencies to incorporate expanded family leave into their routine policies.

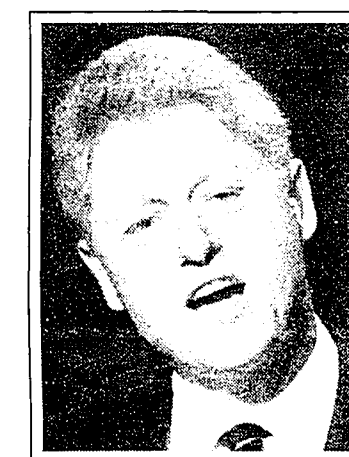
The directive prompted quick criticism from Rep. Bill Goodling, R-Pa.,

chairman of the House Education and Work Force Committee. He accused Clinton of "ignoring the separation of powers that is included in our Constitution."

"Any change to the FMLA — even one affecting a smaller percentage of the American work force — demands careful consideration by the Congress and should not be done by presidential edict," Goodling said in a press statement issued shortly after Clinton's action.

The original 1993 law, which also was opposed by Republicans, guarantees workers up to 12 weeks off without pay in order to care for a newborn or adopted child, to attend to their own serious health needs or to care for a seriously ill parent, child or spouse. Former President Bush had vetoed an earlier version.

Saturday's move by Clinton dovetailed with two other White House initiatives meant to showcase a commitment to parents and children: this



President Clinton

week's conference on early childhood development and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's call for improved child care.

Stressing that being a parent is "the toughest job any person can have," the president said Thursday's daylong White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learn-

ing would explore what the latest brain research says about how children learn and grow.

He cast it as a "call to action" to parents, businesses, care givers, the media, the religious community and government "each to do their part to enhance the earliest years of life."

Mrs. Clinton was expected to play a prominent role in the conference, starting Monday with an extensive press briefing.

In her regular newspaper column last week, the former attorney lamented the uneven quality of child care services around the country: "I, like many working mothers, have seen examples of child care that run the gamut from shameful to superlative."

She called for higher pay and better training for child care workers and advocated government child-care subsidies for low-income parents and welfare mothers seeking jobs. The first lady also urged "tax advantages for salary used for child care."

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# Thai poor to end protest

**BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)** — After meeting with the prime minister, most of the 20,000 poor people camped out in front of parliament for three months are ready to end their protest, local newspapers reported Saturday.

Thai Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh told demonstrators he would do everything he could to resolve their grievances, which range from displacement by development to falling crop prices. Chavalit promised to set up a joint committee of government officials and protest leaders to remedy 47 issues that remain unresolved out of the 121 issues raised.

The protesters, who call themselves the Assembly of the Poor, have been living in a makeshift village in front of the parliament since early January.

While most leaders agreed to end the demonstration after the weekend, some said it should continue until Chavalit's promises are formalized in a Cabinet resolution.

Composed mostly of farmers and villagers from the provinces who have been displaced because of development projects, the protesters are seeking either compensation, new land or resolutions to conflicts involving dam construction and forest reserves.

Although Thailand had the fastest growing economy in the world during the past decade, with growth rates averaging more than 8 percent a year, the majority of rural people have not seen much of the new wealth.

According to a World Bank report, Thailand now has the fifth-largest gap between rich and poor in the world.

Chavalit, who was elected with the support of poor farmers in the northeast, ordered his ministers to meet with protest leaders and resolve their problems shortly after the protest began.

But protest leaders said some ministers were unqualified to deal with the issues.

Tensions between the two sides threatened to boil over last week when Samak Sundaravej, a conservative deputy prime minister, stormed out of the parliament and harangued the demonstrators, who blocked all exits after learning the Cabinet hadn't dealt with any of their concerns that week.



Thai police escort Liu Ten Ching, center, an ethnic Chinese from Burma, at police headquarters in Bangkok. Liu, 57, who was arrested in a small village near Thai-Burmese border in Chiang Mai province, has been involved in narcotics dealing for over two decades.

## HK may scrap colonial holidays

**HONG KONG (AP)** — In its inaugural effort at lawmaking, China's appointed legislature began debate Saturday on a plan to abolish Queen Elizabeth II's birthday and other colonial public holidays.

For example, China's National Day, on Oct. 1, would become a public holiday after the British colony reverts to

Chinese rule on July 1. The 60-member legislature met in the neighboring Chinese city of Shenzhen because Britain does not recognize the assembly. The bill to abolish colonial public holidays is the first piece of legislation the China-backed body has considered since it was established last year.

China, which is demanding that Hong Kong's elected legislature be disbanded, said the provisional legislature will serve until new elections in 1998.

Members of Hong Kong's Democratic Party have threatened to take legal action against the provisional legislature if it passes bills before July 1.

## Feds seize \$5.6M bound for Mexico

**EL PASO, Texas (AP)** — U.S. Customs agents found more than \$5.6 million in suspected drug money hidden in the false ceiling of a tractor-trailer in one of the largest seizures of cash headed across the U.S.-Mexico border.

The money was found Wednesday when agents searched the truck trying to enter Mexico over the Bridge of the Americas. Authorities were trying to determine the money's source and intended recipient. Customs Special Agent in Charge George McNeeney said that the agency suspects it is related to drugs, considering the amount and the effort taken to hide it.

"When you see currency in this amount, hidden in the ceiling of a trailer, it is more than likely drug money," he said.

The rig's driver, who was not identified, was not detained.

Possession of cash — even in large amounts — is not a crime. U.S. law requires border crossers to declare if they are taking

more than \$10,000 out of the country, but authorities usually cannot detain a person if they unwittingly moved cash.

"Before we can make an arrest we have to have probable cause to believe that the person involved committed a violation," said Customs investigator Joe Webber.

One expert predicted that drug lords will react violently to the seizure, seeking retribution for a significant cash loss.

"There will be bodies on this," said Donald Ferrarone, who recently retired from the Drug Enforcement Administration and headed border enforcement from Houston.

The amount seized was more cash than West Texas and New Mexico Customs officials seized in fiscal 1995 and 1996 combined. In 1995, agents seized \$1.35 million and \$2.54 million in 1996.

Earlier this year, Customs agents in Miami seized \$15 million hidden inside stereo components.

# Iran ties to Saudi bombing

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. and Saudi intelligence officials have linked a senior Iranian government official to a group of Shiite Muslims suspected of bombing a U.S. military compound in Saudi Arabia last year, The Washington Post reported.

Citing U.S. and Arab officials, the story in Sunday's editions says intelligence information indicates Brig. Ahmad Sherifi, a senior Iranian intelligence officer and a top official in Iran's Revolutionary Guards, met about two years before the bombing with a Saudi Shiite arrested March 18 in Canada.

Canadian court records say the man arrested in Canada, Hani Abd Rahim Sayegh, fled Saudi Arabia shortly after the June 25 bombing that killed 19 American servicemen and wounded more than 500 others.

Sayegh, 28, has been identified by Canadian authorities as "a direct participant" in the truck bomb explosion at the Khobar Towers complex. Canadian court documents identify him as a member of Saudi Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed group of militant Shiite Muslims.

The Post said the intelligence linking Sherifi to Sayegh has persuaded a growing number of officials in Washington and Riyadh of Iran's direct involvement in the attack.

But the paper also reports that several other U.S. officials believe the fragmentary evidence available is insufficient to firmly establish an Iranian link.

Faced with similar assertions in the past, Iran has firmly denied any involvement in the bombing.

The paper said much of the evidence linking the man held in Canada with an Iranian contact is based on intercepts of telephone calls he made from Canada to his wife and family in Saudi Arabia before he was arrested.

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## Millions in Iran gear to protest German ruling

**By ANWAR FARUQI DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)** — Iran says millions of people are preparing to rally across the country Sunday to protest a German court's ruling that Iranian leaders were behind the murder of dissidents overseas.

The Berlin court's decision Thursday triggered the worst diplomatic crisis between Iran and the West since 1989.

Iran denies involvement in the 1992 killings of four Iranian dissidents in Berlin, and has demanded Germany explain the verdict. Iran's ambassador to Germany, Hossein Mousavian, arrived in Tehran on Saturday after he was summoned home.

political groupings throughout the country are preparing to hold a protest rally on Sunday.

Tehran's newspapers, reporting the verdict for the first time, made no mention of the court's condemnation of the Iranian leaders. Newspapers do not print on Friday, the Muslim sabbath.

The pro-government Kayhan daily warned Germany to brace for a "response" from Muslims around the world.

"The German government has not only confronted Iran but the world of Islam, and it is obvious that it will be confronted with a response that will make it regret its action," the newspaper said.

Rafsanjani said Friday the EU action was a "passing storm" similar to the action taken by the Europeans in 1989, when the late revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini called on Muslims to kill British author Salman Rushdie, accusing him of insulting Islam in his novel "The Satanic Verses."

Khomeini's religious edict unleashed months of protests by the West, but European nations eventually returned to business as usual with Iran.

A German newspaper reported Saturday that Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel wants to redefine relations with Iran, but rejects cutting ties entirely.

"We in any case do not want to break the more than 100 years of relations, and despite our deepest consternation, not pour oil on the fire," the newspaper quoted Kinkel as saying.

Germany is Iran's biggest Western trade partner.

## Report: France to try Noriega

**PARIS (AP)** — France plans to bring former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega to trial on charges he laundered drug money in French banks and real estate, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Noriega, who is serving a 40-year sentence in Miami for protecting U.S.-bound cocaine shipments through Panama, is to be tried in absentia for allegedly investing \$25 million of illegal funds in France, Le Monde said. The daily newspaper did not give a date for the trial.

It said French authorities, cooperating with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, have traced money Noriega allegedly obtained from the Colombian Medellin drugs cartel into three major French banks.

Le Monde said the Noriega family also invested in three apartments in Paris, including one that reportedly cost \$2.6 million.

French authorities placed Noriega under formal investigation in 1995. Earlier this month, prosecutors filed their final report, Le Monde said.

Noriega's French lawyer, Olivier Metzner, told Le Monde that Noriega will argue the money came from the CIA and the sale of personal assets.

Noriega was on the CIA payroll in the 1980s. The former general was the de facto ruler of Panama from 1981 until he was deposed during a U.S. invasion at the end of 1989. He went into hiding but surrendered in January 1990.

He is the only foreign leader ever captured and brought to the United States for trial. He was convicted in 1992 and serves his sentence at a prison southwest of Miami.

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She is additionally survived by numerous nieces, nephews, aunts & uncles.

Rosary is being held nightly at 8:00PM at their residence in Chinatown, Garapan. Last respect may be paid on Tuesday, April 15, 1997 starting 8:00 AM - 2:30 PM at their residence. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 3:00 PM. Interment follow immediately after the mass at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

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# IRS audit pattern 'inconsistent'

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## AGENDA:

- I. Roll Call
- II. Adoption of Agenda
- III. Adoption of Minutes  
1. January 8, 1997
- IV. Reports
- V. Old Business
- VI. New business
- VII. Other Matters

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Mississippi and Manhattan, Idaho and San Francisco. What could these places possibly have in common? A study says they shared an unwelcome fate: Their residents faced the highest chance of an IRS civil audit in 1995.

An analysis of Internal Revenue Service enforcement data by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, or TRAC, shows a seemingly inconsistent regional pattern of which communities the IRS targeted for audits and criminal investigations.

"Of course, there is going to be a variation. One would expect a variation. On the other hand, some of these variations are very puzzling," said David Burnham, a former New York Times reporter who's now a research professor at Syracuse University.

Burnham, along with statistician and Syracuse Professor Susan Long, found that in fiscal year 1995, the IRS targeted 63 of its districts for audits 10 times more than its other districts.

Las Vegas, Nev., topped the list with 2 percent of individual returns audited, while Louisville, Ky., ranked last with 0.3 percent of individual returns audited.

The study — released Saturday on the Internet — said IRS data also show Manhattan, San Fran-

cisco, Los Angeles, Jackson, Miss.; and Boise, Idaho, among the IRS districts with the highest audit rates.

The head of the IRS criminal investigations unit, Ted Brown, agreed that IRS enforcement records do show "some variations across the country."

"We think that is completely appropriate," said Brown, adding that income levels, trends in white collar crime and location of IRS auditors account for which communities see the most enforcement.

But Brown also criticized the TRAC study as misleading, saying the group's figures don't match IRS data.

"We would get different answers than they do if we use our data," Brown said.

Burnham said the TRAC study is based on data from the IRS, federal court records and the Executive Office of U.S. Attorneys, which handles federal prosecutions. He said IRS officials declined to meet in person to discuss TRAC's findings.

IRS spokeswoman Jodi Patterson said the decision to audit is based on the number and location of taxpayers who try to cheat on their returns.

"There are going to be some areas that have a higher noncom-

pliance level," she said. A wide variation also existed for criminal cases, the study found. Las Vegas, Brooklyn, Manhattan, northern Florida and Honolulu joined Greensboro and Asheville, N.C., for the dubious bragging rights of being the most active areas for IRS criminal prosecutions.

"This kind of erratic enforcement increases cynicism of the public against their government," Burnham said.

Another finding is the shift in priorities in IRS enforcement cases over the last 15 years. Traditional tax filing fraud cases declined by almost one-half, from 1,681 in 1980 to 900 cases in 1995, while cases involving money laundering, drugs and currency issues rose from 366 in 1980 to 1,419 in 1995.

While disputing TRAC's figures, Brown agreed that traditional non-tax cases rose through the 1980s but said the IRS has since reversed that course.

"In the 1990s, we got concerned that we might have gone too far, and we reduced the money laundering and drug cases," Brown said. By the agency's own count, Brown said about 60 percent of its criminal work is in traditional tax cases and 24 percent in narcotics.

# Survivors recall 1977 crash

By STEVE VISSER  
NEW HOPE, Ga. (AP) — Survivors of the Southern Airways Flight 242 crash that killed 72 people 20 years ago returned to this hamlet Saturday to thank the people who rescued them from the plane's fiery remains.

"I've always wanted to come back to this site, but I could never bring myself to do it," said Catherine Cooper, one of two flight attendants on the flight from Huntsville, Ala., to Atlanta. "I've learned things today I didn't know about. Each one of us had our own accident."

The Southern DC-9, carrying 81 passengers and four crew members, lost both its engines in a storm on April 4, 1977. The plane crashed while attempting to land on a state highway in northwest Georgia.

Among those killed were the pilot, copilot and eight people on the ground.

Some of the 21 survivors and relatives of victims who attended the reunion hoped it would put lingering pain and questions to rest.

"How do you tell 10- and 8-year-old girls that their daddy was

killed and some survived," said Regina Thompson of Muscle Shoals, Ala., who lost her first husband, Bobby Cameron, on the flight. "It was so hard on them growing up."

About 100 people reunited at Promina Paulding Hospital in nearby Dallas to hear speeches by those on board Flight 242 and those who came to its rescue.

A bus took them north a few miles to New Hope where they laid flowers at the crash site. Some people carried single carnations while others brought bouquets of irises, lilies and daisies — favorites of those who died.

New Hope Volunteer Fire Chief John Clayton recalled how the pilot, William McKenzie, made a perfect landing dead center in New Hope — then a community of 30 homes. But the two-lane road was too narrow for the DC-9, and its wings sheared off gasoline pumps, the elementary school's chain-link fence and pine trees, leaving the plane in flames.

"We had no stretchers, we had no equipment," Clayton said of those who rushed to help those trapped by the fire and twisted metal. "We took our pocketknives and cut seat belts off people who were still strapped in." Townspeople pulled doors off

hinges to make stretchers and tore their curtains and sheets to make blankets and bandages for the injured, Clayton said.

Passenger Jerry Causey said he panicked in the seconds after the crash when he realized he was alive and on fire. He escaped with burns over half his body, the scars still noticeable today.

The crash changed his life, he said. He left his job installing computer software systems and earned a doctorate in psychology. He is now a counselor at Calhoun State Community College in Decatur, Ala., and says he focuses on helping people.

"I saw a lot of horrible things but I don't want to talk about that," he said. "The last 20 years have been great for me. It was a tragedy, but there were some good things that came out of it. It changed my life for the better."

The other flight attendant on Flight 242, Sandy Purl, said she needed years of therapy to soothe the emotional wounds from the crash. She now works with airlines in training liaison officers who work with the families of crash victims and survivors.

# Skydiver falls to his death

SUPERIOR, Wis. (AP) — A man making a parachute jump from 10,000 feet fell to his death Saturday, striking the ground in a trailer court with such force that residents felt the impact 100 feet away.

The 45-year-old Minnesota man, who has not been identified, apparently pulled his reserve parachute moments before he hit the ground. His body was covered with the or-

anger reserve parachute; the main parachute bag was a few feet away.

One of three other parachutists who participated in the jump, Charles Androsky Sr., said the victim had two years of experience and had packed his own main parachute. Androsky and the other two skydivers pulled their chutes and lost sight of the victim.

"We pulled at 3,000 feet, which is normal altitude for a freefall jump,"

he said. "None of us saw him go in. We don't know what happened."

The victim had made about 25 previous jumps, Androsky said. Bernie LaValley said he was startled out of his shed by the noise of the impact.

"I heard a whoosh, thud, crash, so I walked right out," he said. "I looked up and saw three chutes open. I knew right away what happened."

# Pope begins Bosnia mission

By VICTOR L. SIMPSON  
SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Undaunted by a cache of explosives found on his travel route, Pope John Paul II plunged into his peace mission to Sarajevo on Saturday, wading into crowds and declaring "Never again war."

Just hours before the pope's jet landed at Sarajevo's airport, police found 23 mines, plastic explosives and detonators hidden under a bridge along the pontiff's route from the airport to the city center.

Authorities said the explosives were apparently planted during the night to await the pope's motorcade.

The Vatican said five helicopters had been ready to ferry the pope directly to the cathedral in the city center, but that John Paul insisted on driving — past the notorious Sniper's Alley and some of the worst damage remaining from the 3 1/2-year Bosnian war.

Outside the cathedral, while Italian peacekeepers watched from a rooftop, the 76-year-old pontiff — frail looking and stooped by age — appeared to move somewhat haltingly as he shook hands and greeted well-wishers in the crowd.

"It would have been better if he had come during the war, but it was too dangerous," said the cathedral rector, Monsignor Ivan Mrso.

The pope is intent on healing divisions among Roman Catholic Croats, Muslims and Orthodox Serbs, describing himself as a "pilgrim of peace and friendship" and urging that the "natural instinct of revenge" give way to the "liberating power of forgiveness."

"Never again war! Never again hatred and intolerance!" John Paul said before a sparse crowd in the April chill at Sarajevo airport.

Later, speaking while seated before shell-damaged stained-glass windows in the Sacred Heart Cathedral, he denounced the "crazed logic of death, division and annihilation" while praising those who "strive to break down the dividing wall."

In addition to the presumed threat

on his life, there were other reminders of the ethnic and nationalistic rivalries that exploded into war with the breakup of Yugoslavia.

The Serbian representative of the three-member presidency did not join his Muslim and Croat colleagues at the airport welcome, telling the Vatican he was worried about security. He will meet the pope separately Sunday morning.

Religious and political leaders greeted the pontiff, including Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic and Roman Catholic Cardinal Vinko Puljic. "For 1,300 days of Sarajevo's drama, important people in the world who were supposed to act kept their eyes closed," Izetbegovic said, referring to the Serbs' siege of the Bosnian capital. "But not you. You were not silent. Your voice was clear."

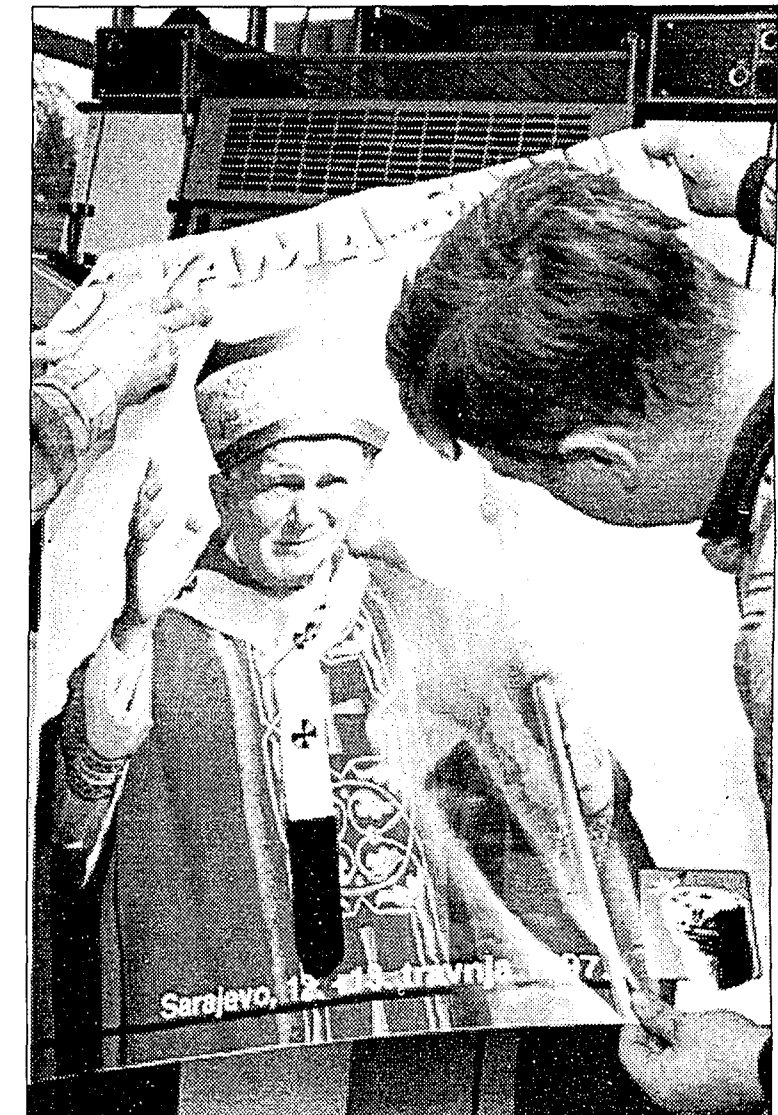
The explosives under the bridge were removed safely. There was no indication who planted the devices, but there has been a series of explosions at churches and mosques in Bosnia in recent weeks. Officials have said they appeared to be an effort to heighten tensions and discourage the pope from coming.

Security was tight at the airport, where NATO helicopters circled overhead, soldiers stood watch on nearby rooftops and armored vehicles guarded key areas.

The welcoming committee included three women — a Muslim, a Serb and a Croat — who lost husbands or sons in the Bosnian war, and a pair of children who suffered the death of a parent.

"The pope is coming first of all to visit those who suffered most in the war," said the Rev. Marjan Brkic, a spokesman for the Roman Catholic church in Bosnia.

More than 11,000 police, backed by anti-sniper teams, explosives-sniffing dog teams and helicopters of the NATO-led peace force, are providing security for the pope's 25-hour visit. The highlight is a Mass at Sarajevo's Kosevo stadium Sunday morning.



Workers plaster posters for the arrival of Pope John Paul II, on walls in downtown Sarajevo. The Pope is visiting the war-battered Bosnian capital on April 12-13 and preparations are well underway for the occasion. AP Photo

John Paul wanted to visit the Bosnian capital in September 1994, when it was under Serb siege. That trip was canceled out of fears for safety of the crowds expected to turn out for him. More than 10,000 people died in the 40-month siege.

Thousands of international soldiers now are ensuring a peace that is more than a year old. Diplomats and civil servants also are trying to put Bosnia back together, but it often appears more likely to split apart. Many Croats — John Paul's Roman Catholic flock — would prefer to join neighboring Croatia than live with Muslims in their U.S.-backed federation that makes up half of Bosnia. Suspicions remain from the war Muslims and Croats fought in 1993-1994 within the broader Bosnian war.

Croats from the southern region of Herzegovina wonder why the pope is visiting predominantly Muslim Sarajevo, rather than their predominantly Catholic territory.

At the airport, Izetbegovic reminded the pope that he was visiting a multiethnic city: "You have come to a city of faith — not only one, but four: Islam, Catholicism, Orthodoxy and Judaism."

Aldijana Sokolovic, a 17-year-old Muslim, waited for several hours in the crowd outside Sarajevo's Cathedral to catch a glimpse of the pontiff.

"I love him," she said. "I'm Muslim, but he means peace to me."



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## PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM INVITATION FOR BID

IFB97-006

The CNMI Public School System is soliciting for competitive sealed bidding from interested firms for the proposed renovation of Tinian Elementary and Jr. High School Building "K" and Student Center. Bids in duplicate will be accepted in the PSS Procurement and Supplies Office on the 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan no later than 2:00 p.m., May 30, 1997 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bids received after the above date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

A bond of 15% of the total bid price must accompany the bid. This security may be a certified check, cashier's check, bid bond or other forms acceptable to the government may be payable to the PSS Treasurer, CNMI Public School System, 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan. The bidder is requested to submit with his bid a copy of his business license as a compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Bid documents will be available on or after April 21, 1997 at the PSS Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd floor of the Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan. A non refundable payment of Seventy Five (\$75.00) U.S. Dollars is required for each set. A pre-bid conference for the aforementioned project will be held at 2:00 p.m., Local Time at the Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd floor, Nauru Building, Susupe, Saipan, May 6, 1997.

All prospective bidders are requested in writing to submit all questions pertaining to the bid documents two days prior to the pre-bid conference in which time and place specified above. All questions must be submitted directly to the PSS, CIP Coordinator Mr. Clemente Sablan at the Department of Public Works, Technical Service Division at Lower Base, Saipan and maybe contacted at telephone number 322-9436 extension 51.

Attention is called to the labor Standards Provisions for Wage Rate Determination of the CNMI Classification and salary structure plans, and payment of not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth. All documents received shall be the sole property of the Public School System, Government of the Northern Mariana Islands with the exception of the bid bonds, certified checks, or cashier's check which will be returned to the bidders in accordance with the specification "Invitation for Bidders" page 1-2 paragraph No. 5, Bid Guarantee.

The CNMI Public School System reserves the right to reject any or all bids to the best interest of CNMI Public School System.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-270 MARIA ELENA BAUTISTA, ADELAIDA DELA CRUZ, EDUARDO GRUPO, PLACIDO MANALO, ROBERT SAVERIO, ZENARIA ESPINOSA, ANTONIO PASCUAL, ARTHUR BISNAR, STEPHEN DOLINO, ALBERTO ABANTE, and MARITESS JALIMBAWA, Plaintiffs, vs. JONAH D. VANDERGRIFF dba LASCO MANPOWER SERVICES, Respondent.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file an answer you wish to make to the Complaint of which is given you herewith, within (30) days after service of this Summons upon you.

YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE IN WRITING and filed with the Clerk of Court, at Saipan, MP 96950 and served upon plaintiff's counsel, Atty. V.K. Sawney, P.O. Box 729 SVB, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of your Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By order of the above Court: /s/ DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT Superior Court Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Dated this 10 day of March, 1997

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS In re the Estate of NOEL RAYMOND REYES MUNA, Deceased.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-368

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR TO ALL HEIRS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, AND CREDITORS OR NOEL RAYMOND REYES MUNA, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT MARGARET MUNA SABLAN has filed with the Clerk of this Court a Petition for Appointment of an Administrator for the Estate of Noel Raymond Reyes Muna, deceased. The hearing on the Petition is set for 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 29th day of April, 1997, at the Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

For further particulars, please refer to the petition on file here.

Creditors of the Decedent or of his estate are hereby notified that they must file their claims with the Clerk of Court for the Superior Court within sixty (60) days of the first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated this 10th day of April 1997. /s/ DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NAZRUL ANSARY, Deceased. CIVIL CASE NO. 97-367

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: The Heirs, General Public and Creditors of the decedent or his estate, Arefa Ansary, Md. Arful Islam Ansary, Shihnan Ansary and Shahin Ansary. You are hereby notified that Mohammed D. Hossain of Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, has petitioned the Superior Court to be appointed as administrator of the estate of Nazrul Ansary, deceased. The attorney of record is Joe Hill, P.O. Box 917, Saipan, MP 96950. The hearing on this petition of Nazrul Ansary is set for May 6, 1997 at the Superior Court at 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard. All interested parties should appear at this hearing.

All persons having claims against the decedent, or his estate, are hereby required to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within 60 days of the first publication of this notice, or the claim will be barred.

Date of Publication: Dated: 4/10/97 /s/ JOVITA C. FLORES Deputy Clerk of Court Superior Court

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During the negotiations, many revisions were made in the scope of work including the total number of classrooms to be designed and constructed—from 90 to 60.

The classrooms were supposed to be constructed on the three CNMI islands, but 30 classrooms for Rota and Tinian were deleted from the scope of work, due to budget problems in the two islands.

\* Along with changes in the scope of

work, Demapan's price proposal also showed a "significant increase" in the proposed price of the 60 classrooms. OPA's review indicated that evaluation of proposals by the five-man Evaluation Committee "showed questionable rating scores given to proposers."

LaMotte said the evaluators did not state remarks as to their basis for the points given to each proposer.

For example, LaMotte said OPA had found that Demapan received high points on "manpower capability" when the company did not provide information regarding its man-

power resources.

"There was no evidence to demonstrate that the selection of Demapan was based on the six evaluation factors states in the Request for Proposals," OPA said.

"We believe that a proper evaluation of financial and manpower capabilities should consider the proposers' existing workload and the requirements of the subject project vis-a-vis the financial and manpower resources of the proposers," the report said.

However, OPA found that this evaluation approach was not used.

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island in Yap to Saipan last April 5. (One of the voyagers, Milton Coleman Jr., however, said they sailed out from Satawal April 2.)

They made stopovers in West Fayu atoll where they fished, and in Rota where the group stayed for two days after Coleman was downed by flu.

Interviewed separately by the Variety, Coleman and Norbert Diaz, who works at the legislature both said they would make the same voyage given the chance.

"I liked it (voyage). If I have the chance to go again, I'll go again," Diaz said.

Diaz said he lost about five pounds during the rigorous trips. He said others may find such a voyage hard but "I liked it because I like the ocean."

Coleman found the voyage "a very educational and cultural experience." Asked if he would do it again, he said, "Definitely, again and again, to keep our cultural life."

Coleman said that on the night before they got to Rota, there was rain and he got cold. The next day, he had a fever, but he said he was fine after he sweated it out. Concerned about Coleman's health, Piauligh decided to stop by Rota where Coleman was checked by a paramedic who said he was all right.

"I just got a fever, but I've never been seasick," Coleman said to debunk earlier claims that he had been seasick. Coleman said he never got nervous because he trusted master navigator Piauligh. "He's really knowledgeable in the ways of the ocean."

He said he would perhaps be somewhat nervous if Piauligh did not sail with them.

Continental . . .

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and DC-10's. It is expected to be completed early next year.

The decision to have the hub on Hawaii came unexpectedly for the CNMI government.

It has also led at least one member of the House to accuse the airline of "using" Saipan and Guam to gain a better deal with Honolulu.

"Continental used Micronesians and Saipan for its own benefit and profitability," said Rep. Stanley Torres. He has repeatedly asked Continental to sit down with the CNMI government and explore ways to which the airline may be accommodated on Saipan.

It will be recalled that Ream, in an interview shortly after a speech before members of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce last March 12, said the repair facility "is a push between Guam and Saipan."

Guam, he said, has the bulk of the airline's wide-body flights.

"But it (Guam) has a labor shortage you can't ignore," he has said.

Saipan, on the other hand, doesn't have the wide-body flights but has a flexible and cheap labor force needed to sustain the hub's operation.

Ream assured though that the decision will be a "straight economic one."

He also denied allegations the airline was merely bluffing. Guam into accepting the former's terms for the repair hub by sounding like it is taking CNMI's proposal seriously.

Officials from both CNMI and Guam have alleged that the airline was "just playing games to get what it wants."

Saipan, Guam and Hawaii, motivated by the growth the hub will bring, have locked themselves in a battle of sorts to lure Continental into building it in their turfs.

Hawaii had been considered by observers as "the odd man out."

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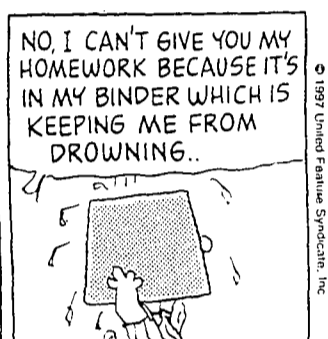
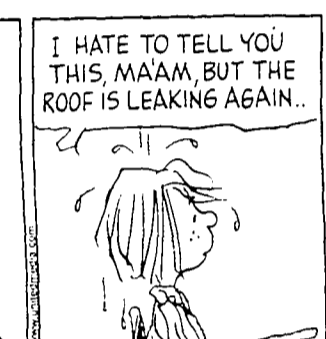
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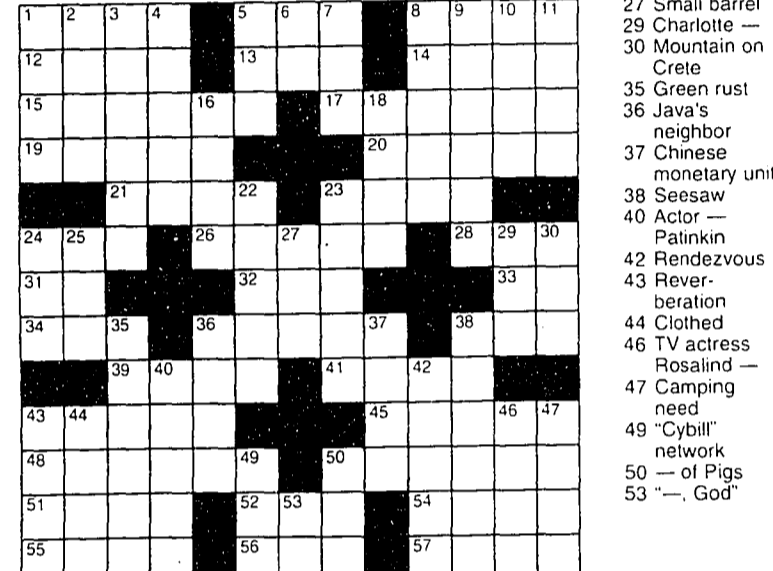
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WBC Welterweight title bout

Dela Hoya decisions Whitaker

By TIM DAHLBERG LAS VEGAS (AP) - Oscar De La Hoya was frustrated through all 12 rounds of the fight. Pernell Whitaker was frustrated afterward. De La Hoya, in the fight of his young career against the crafty Whitaker, overcame a ninth-round knockdown and Whitaker's unorthodox style to win a unanimous decision Saturday night and the WBC welterweight title.

De La Hoya was outpunched and at times outboxed by the left-handed Whitaker, but when the scorecards were added up he was holding his fourth pro title as the new 147-pound (67-kilogram) champion. "I was robbed," said Whitaker, who came out on the short end of questionable decisions in his two previous biggest fights.

"I didn't have to knock him out," Whitaker said. "I put enough punishment on him and that speaks for itself." De La Hoya was frustrated by the champion throughout, but kept his patience and was attacking at the end in the fight between two former Olympic lightweight champions.

In the final seconds, Whitaker was almost on his rear end in the corner, clowning to the very end before embracing De La Hoya with a big smile. "I felt Pernell Whitaker was not connecting but he has a nice jab, a real good jab," De La Hoya said. "I know I can do much better. I'll feel unfulfilled until I can dominate his style."

Judge Chuck Giampa had De La Hoya winning 115-111, while Jerry Roth and Dalby Shirley both had De La Hoya ahead 116-110. The Associated Press also favored De La Hoya, 114-113.

Ringside punch statistics showed Whitaker landed 232 of 582 punches to 191 of 556 for De La Hoya. Of

Whitaker's punches that connected, 160 were jabs to 45 by De La Hoya. "It was a blowout, a shutout, I could not have performed better," the disappointed Whitaker said. "The people saw it, the world saw it. I saw it. I want a rematch."

"I'm definitely going to give him a rematch, any time, anywhere," De La Hoya said. "I now know his style." Whitaker lost his first lightweight title fight in a questionable decision to Jose Ramirez and was given a draw in a fight most thought he won against Julio Cesar Chavez.

Those were the only two blemishes on his record until De La Hoya handed him his second loss. "This is more surprising than both of those," Whitaker said of the two previous decisions. "Obviously we're going to have to let the fans start judging fights."

Whitaker, a 3-1 underdog despite his impressive 40-1-1 record, had a point taken away in the third round

for a head butt and was trailing early in the fight. But midway through the fight he began coming on strong and was trading combinations with the taller and supposedly stronger De La Hoya. Whitaker scored the only knock-down, hitting De La Hoya with a left that put him to one knee for a brief moment in the ninth round. De La Hoya quickly got up, but referee Mills Lane ruled it a knockdown, much to the chagrin of the challenger.

The knockdown seemed to energize De La Hoya, who went after Whitaker and the two were trading big punches in the corner as the round ended. Whitaker was down several times in the fight, wrestled there by De La Hoya or falling on his own after missing a punch. By the fifth round, De La Hoya was turning up the pressure, and Whitaker was circling him, at times stopping to try and taunt the challenger and at other times standing and fighting him.

1997 Saipan Men's Major League Glazers rip Team Palau in 11 innings

Team Standings table with columns for Team, W, L. Includes Miller Lite Brewers, UMDA Aces, Kautz Glass Glazers, Toyota Wheels, Team Palau, Typhoons, Sunrisers0.

In the bottom of the ninth, the Glazers racked three runs to tie the ballgame at 10-10 and send the game into an extra inning. Tight defense for both teams produced a scoreless 10th inning.

By Frank M. Palacios and Erel A. Cabatbat Variety News Staff

Needling at least two runs to win the game, the Glazers ramed home three with Mike Guerrero, Wilber Ada and Greg C. Camacho scoring the runs for Kautz Glass' second win in three games.

Paul Camacho led the Glazers after a slamming homerun in 1 of 3 attempts. He also scored one run and drove in two rbis. Syl Pua provided solid support by hitting 2 of 5, scored one run and knocked in one rbi. Ivan Igitol drove in three rbis for the winning team. Yoshinowent 1 of 4, scoring two runs and knocking in three rbis in leading Team Palau's losing cause.

1997 Saipan Men's Fastpitch League Waves post 2nd victory; Budweiser enters win column

Team Standings table with columns for Team, W, L. Includes Tanapag Waves, SeaBees Four, SSC Maulig, MTC, Team Budweiser1, Islanders, DOC Brothers, Lite Beer No Fear, Amigo's, B/S Sunrisers, Beach Boyz.

column by beating winless Amigos, 16-13. Waves 18, No Fear 13. After losing a 5-2 lead in the bottom of the third because of a Jess Peterson's three run double, the Waves slammed 10 of their 12 hits in the ballgame enroute to a 13-2 run to upset the Lite Beer No Fear.

By Ray Palacios and Erel A. Cabatbat Variety News Staff

THE TANAPAG Waves rode on 13-2 blitz in the last three innings to score a come-from-behind upset win over highly favored Lite Beer No Fear last Friday night in the 1997 Saipan Men's Fastpitch Softball League at the Susupe Softball Field.

In the first game, Team Budweiser finally entered the win column by beating winless Amigos, 16-13. Waves 18, No Fear 13. After losing a 5-2 lead in the bottom of the third because of a Jess Peterson's three run double, the Waves slammed 10 of their 12 hits in the ballgame enroute to a 13-2 run to upset the Lite Beer No Fear. The Beermen rallied from a three run deficit to take a six run lead, 11-5 but the Waves struck with eight runs in the top of the fourth to reclaim the lead for good, 13-11. Tanapag went on to score five of the games' last seven runs in the last two and a half innings to join fellow unbeaten teams Saipan Stevedore Maulig and MTC Sluggers on top the standings with a perfect 2-0 slates. The Beermen absorbed their first loss in two starts. Budweiser 16, Amigos 13. In the first game, Team

Budweiser pounced on erratic Amigos' team to score their first win of the tournament. The Amigos committed ten errors yielding 15 unearned runs, including the game's first 10 as the team dropped to their second straight loss. Trailing by six, 4-10, Jeff Cabrera hit a two run single while Nick Saimon slammed a three run in the park homer to lead the Amigos to an eight run blitz in the bottom of the fourth. Team Budweiser, however, outhit the Amigos in the last three innings, 6-3, enroute to scoring six runs against a lone run by their rivals for the win. Eric Tudela, Rasco Yamada and Theo Minor each went 2 of 3 while Joe Torres went the distance to lead the winning team. Saimon went 3 of 4, including a triple and in the park homer to lead the Amigos' losing cause. Cabrera ripped his third triple of the season for the losing effort.

Guam... Continued from page 20

beat her older opponent Annie Yang in the finals to win girls' singles event. The Mt. Carmel School tennisist defeated her 15 year old John F. Kennedy High School rival, 6-3, to give Saipan its first win in the singles events. Marianas High School and Saipan's number one ranked junior tennisist, Eun Sung Jang thrashed JIK's Camerino, 6-2, to take the boy's title and give Saipan a sweep of the singles events. The Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association led by president Jeff Race presented a perpetual trophy to Guam. The trophy will be contested next year as both teams plan to make the Guam-Saipan Junior Tennis Shootout an annual event.

Chamorro... Continued from page 20

opportunities for the local golfers to excel in golf." According to Pickelsimer, membership is open to all golfers who are of Northern Mariana descent but anyone can join the club as long as the CGC extends an invitation to a golfer to join the club. For CGC's initial membership, at least 25 golfers coming from associations joined the fledgling golf association with Pedro Sasamoto being elected as the president. Other officers elected were Art Camacho, treasurer and Joe Camacho as director. Reno Celis shot net 74 to wound up fourth overall while Frank Pickelsimer and Camacho were tied for fifth with their similar 76s. Nine players competed in the Club's initial tournament.

Tenorio... Continued from page 1

has to pay (their taxes)," Tenorio said. "The idea is that everybody would pay less." Asked if his proposal would hurt low-income taxpayers more than those in the high-income bracket, Tenorio said "Why should the low income (earners pay a lower tax rate than what the rich (are paying))?" He said he will soon submit a flat tax rate bill to the Legislature in the next 45 days. Enacted in 1994 and amended in 1995, the present excise taxes on selected commodities will "expire" this year.

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# SPORTS



## 1997 Guam-Saipan Junior Tennis Shootout

# Guam edges Saipan, 8-7

By Erel A. Cabatbat  
Variety News Staff

ANGELO Camerino and Amor Leal posted a come from behind win over Tadashi Yoshimura and Min Ji Kim to give Guam the team title as Saipan bets dominated the boy's and girl's singles events in the recently concluded 1997 Guam-Saipan Junior Tennis Shootout held at the Pacific Islands Club's tennis court.

The three-day tennis event pitted Guam's reigning Girls' Interscholastic League champions and the boy's runner-up team against Saipan's upcoming tennisters.

Camerino, Jeff Viray, Leal, Joanne Wu, Ye Fung Kao won their singles outings against Saipan's Eun Sung defeated Eun Sung Jang, Alex Lee, Momoko Kobayashi and Jill Pierce as Guam jumped to an early 5-3 lead

after the singles' matches in the team competitions.

Yoshimura beat Kaili Moylan, 8-4 while Ramsey Lemaich drubbed Jojo Conales, 8-4 and Min Ji Kim edged Annie Yang, 8-6 for Team Saipan's three victories.

Saipan scored four convincing wins in the doubles competitions to tie the score at seven wins apiece.

The tandem of Yoshimura and Jang

blanked the duo of Camerino and Conales, 8-0, in the first boys' doubles event but Guam came back in the next match to offset a Saipan win in the third game to peg the score at 6-4, with Guam leading by two.

In the girls' doubles, Saipan won two games while Guam took one as the two teams score a 7-7 tie after 14 matches.

The pairs of Kobayashi and Kim

and Kana Aikawa and Shoko Suzuki beat the tandems of Kao and Yang and Wu and Connie DeNight to enable Saipan to cushion the loss of Pierce and Kim to Leal and Wu to set the tiebreaking match.

In the deciding mixed doubles match, Saipan got off to a 3-0 lead as Yoshimura and Kim appeared to be on the way to a big victory.

The pair, however, couldn't hang to the lead as Guam's Camerino and Leal rallied to take the lead and the match, 6-4, to give Guam the victory in the team competitions, 8-7.

Fourteen year old Min Ji Kim

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## Sablan, Aquiningoc and Camacho

# Chamorro Golf Club's 1st Ace winners

Chamorro Golf Club Ace Tournament

| Scoreboard     | G   | H  | N  |
|----------------|-----|----|----|
| Rudy Sablan    | 80  | 14 | 66 |
| A. Aquiningoc  | 82  | 14 | 68 |
| Joe Camacho    | 75  | 02 | 73 |
| Reno Celis     | 93  | 19 | 74 |
| F. Pickelsimer | 106 | 30 | 76 |
| Art Camacho    | 91  | 15 | 76 |
| A. Pickelsimer | 115 | 36 | 79 |
| Pete Santos    | 113 | 30 | 83 |
| Ray Santos     | 113 | 24 | 89 |

By Erel A. Cabatbat  
Variety News Staff

RUDY SABLAN, Alex Aquiningoc and Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho shot the day's top scores last Saturday to win the February, March and April Aces of the recently founded Chamorro Golf Club's inaugural tournament at the Marianas Country Club.

Sablan shot a net 66 to win the February Ace of the newest addition to CNMI's golf

associations. Sablan shot a pair of 40s in the front and back nines for an 80 gross. His -14 handicap gave him the day's best score.

CGC vice-president Alex Aquiningoc finished the day two shots adrift to bag the March Ace.

Aquiningoc had rounds of 39 and 43 for a gross 82. His -14 handicap enabled him to beat Camacho by five strokes with his net 68.

Camacho fired a 37 in the front then a 38 in the back for a gross 75, his -2 handicap gave him a net 73. His efforts, however, was good enough to give him the CGC's April Ace.

Annie Pickelsimer one of the club's founding member said that the club was formed to encourage and promote the sport

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Ace winners—Rudy Sablan, (left, counterclockwise) Alex Aquiningoc and Joe Camacho display the forms that gave them the Chamorro Golf Club's February, March and April Ace titles during the club's inaugural tournament last Saturday at the Marianas Country Club.

(Photos by Erel A. Cabatbat)

## Palau knocks out Saipan in title race

By Erel A. Cabatbat  
Variety News Staff

THE SAIPAN Youth All Stars bid goodbye to its title hopes after absorbing a heartbreaking 63-68 loss to Palau All Stars in the crossover semifinals in the 21st Annual Marianas Invitational Basketball Tournament in Rota.

The Youth Team advanced to the semifinals after topping Pool A with an unblemished 3-0 win loss slate.

The Saipan Five beat the Inarajan Hawks, 59-52 in overtime to launch their 1997 campaign to a rousing start.

In its next two games, the Saipan dribblers routed the Tinian Youth Team, 69-41 then completed its elimination round assignment by drubbing the Rota Youth Team to emerge as one of the favorites to win the title.

The Inarajan Hawks wound up second in Pool a with two wins and a loss while Rota and Tinian Youth wound up in third and fourth with a 1-2 and 0-3 records respectively.

In Pool B, Tinian All Stars swept the eliminations with a 3-0 card with Palau second with a 2-1 slate.

The Marizo Whalers and Talafofo Rangers failed to make the cut after finishing the round with 1-2 and 0-3 slates.

In the semifinals, the Hawks eliminated the Tinian All Stars, 68-43 to arrange a title showdown with Palau Youth Stars.

Saipan and Tinian were playing as of presstime last night for third place.