

The Mexican police are aggrieved by U.S. investigators luring Mexican bankers to America for arrest and are infuriated that American lawmen worked undercover on Mexican territory without the Mexican government's approval. U.S. authorities say they didn't want to tip off the subjects of their probe.

As a precaution, the DEA has withdrawn all agents from a joint U.S.-Mexico task force in Tijuana, the home city of the Arellano Felix brothers, who control Mexico's second-largest drug cartel. The retreat will disrupt investigations and jeopardize special operations against the traffickers, say DEA and U.S. Customs sources.

"We are basically facing a breakdown on the border," says a senior California-based DEA agent. "We have right now some big operations going on against the Arellano Felixes—last week we intercepted \$4 million of their cash—and against a Tijuana family who control amphetamine smuggling. Those ops are endangered now."

The alert was issued when the El Paso Intelligence Center, the federal law-enforcement intelligence clearing house, noticed an abrupt rise in reports from various federal agents of hostility from their Mexican counterparts. The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) later verified the danger.

The official warning sent by the Justice Department to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service cautions, "The Mexican Federal Judicial Police may seek retaliation against U.S. law-enforcement" because of Casablanca.

The warning goes on to say, "Reliable information received by the Los Angeles [ATF office] also indicates that Mexican law enforcement intends to seek revenge . . . by ensuring that any American law enforcement officer caught committing any sort of infraction will be given 'No Slack,' and they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent possible under Mexican law."

INS intelligence also suggests that bitterness over Operation Casablanca may not be limited to the Mexican police. "Feelings of injustice may manifest itself into the Mexican military as well."

An INS spokesman refused to confirm or deny the authenticity of the memo.

Frustrated U.S. lawmen point to the hostility of their Mexican counterparts as proof that DEA and Customs Service agents should be allowed to carry their sidearms when traveling south of the border on official business. Mexican authorities won't allow it, and the U.S. and Mexican governments have been locked in a fierce behind-the-scenes diplomatic dispute over the issue for more than a year.

The Mexicans have refused to budge. President Clinton's antidrug chief, Gen. Barry McCaffrey, recently sided with the Mexicans on the issue, infuriating Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman, New York Republican and chairman of the House International Relations Committee, by suggesting that U.S. lawmen should be satisfied with Mexican police protection.

In May, Mr. Gilman slammed Gen. McCaffrey, arguing that DEA agents couldn't entrust their lives to their Mexican counterparts because drug cartels are growing more violent and there is "proven massive corruption among Mexican law enforcement agencies."

A veteran DEA agent says he hasn't encountered such hostility from Mexican police since the fallout from the murder of DEA agent Enrique Camarena by narcotics traffickers in 1985. Some U.S. sources believe Mr. Camarena was killed with the collusion of corrupt Mexican officials and police officers.

Mexican law enforcement officials reacted very badly later when undercover DEA agents snatched a doctor in Mexico who had been involved in torturing Mr. Camarena before his murder.

#### HONORING KAVANAUGH'S FURNITURE FOR THEIR 125 YEARS OF BUSINESS

#### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 5, 1998

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged today to have the opportunity to acknowledge and honor Kavanaugh Furniture of Springfield, Massachusetts for its 125th year of business.

In 1873, Mr. Dennis Nelen opened his establishment as a "wholesaler and retailer in elegant furniture, hair and husk mattresses" and before 1900 he partnered with Mr. William Kavanaugh. Today, Kavanaugh's is the largest furniture store in Western Massachusetts and has three sister stores with a fourth on the way. It is Springfield's oldest family owned business still in existence and one of the oldest operating furniture stores in the entire United States.

In an era where retailers often sacrifice quality service for quantity sold, Kavanaugh's has remained a testament to the beauty of the family business. In their establishment, quality service is a trait passed down through the generations. Mr. Jack Nelen, who became Kavanaugh's president in 1965 and is the grandson of the original founder, began making deliveries for the store when he was just a teenager. The success of a family business can be measured, in part, by the duration of its existence. Kavanaugh Furniture has survived and flourished through two world wars, the Great Depression, and several other fluctuations in the economy. They were also able to last during the recession of the early 90s even though furniture was considered a luxury by many. Perhaps more impressive has been Kavanaugh's ability to survive the local "big chain" competition, while located in an area not supported by mega-mall traffic. In this regard, the Nelen family business can be considered a huge success and a strong example for other family businesses.

Only 1 out of 30,000 retail stores makes it to be 100 years old, and Kavanaugh's has now reached its 125th year in the business. Not only has Kavanaugh's created lasting personal success for its owners and employees, it has been an enormous asset to the community and neighborhood as well. Its list of civil activities and commitments includes being a catalyst for and taking part in fund raisers for The Children's Miracle Network, Shriners' Hospital, the Red Cross, and the United Way. Kavanaugh's once even held a free picnic for over 2,500 city kids.

The Kavanaugh Furniture store is an anchor for the community. It has taken care of its customers and has been rewarded with 125 years of business. I wish the Nelen family and all of the folks at Kavanaugh's success in continuing a great tradition of excellent service to their customers and the community at large as they embark on the 21st century and another 125 years.

#### INTRODUCTION OF H.J. RES. 120: DISAPPROVING THE EXTENSION OF THE PRESIDENT'S WAIVER OF JACKSON-VANIK CRITERIA FOR VIETNAM

#### HON. DANA ROHRBACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 5, 1998

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I have introduced a Joint Resolution, co-sponsored by my good friends, BEN GILMAN, Chairman of the International Relations Committee and CHRIS SMITH, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Human Rights, in partnership with Senator BOB SMITH and Senator JESSE HELMS, to require Vietnam to provide freedom of emigration for its people, under the provisions of the U.S. Trade Act of 1974, before tax dollars from American citizens are used to insure or otherwise further trade with the communist regime in Vietnam.

Vietnam remains among the world's last Marxist-Leninist governments, where corrupt cronyism and an absence of credible courts have driven away foreign investors. The freedoms of speech, religion and assembly are denied to average citizens, as well as the freedom of emigration. As a result, Vietnam's economy is lagging, investor disenchantment is growing and, despite continued arrest and persecution of dissidents and religious leaders, protest movements have taken root in northern and southern provinces. It is both unconscionable and unsound for President Clinton to issue waivers in order to permit U.S. financing guarantees and credits to investors through the Overseas Private Investment Corporation and Export-Import Bank.

In addition to H.J. Res. 120, I have also introduced H.R. 3158 to prevent the President from granting waivers for Ex-Im and OPIC credits and financing guarantees in the absence of true democratic reform, release of all political prisoners, humane working conditions, as well as the Jackson-Vanik emigration criteria.

A critical lesson we should learn from the economic collapse of the so-called "Asian Tigers" such as Indonesia, South Korea and Thailand is that the U.S. Government should not put tax dollars at risk to subsidize unsound private business deals with corrupt regimes. The Heritage Foundation's *1998 Index of Economic Freedom* ranks Vietnam among the six worst economic environments in the world. It would be appalling to make American taxpayers guarantee private business investments before real democratic political reform is in place. We should stand with the people of Vietnam who crave for freedom, and abide firmly by America's principles and laws to require the despotic regime in Hanoi to respect international standards of human rights and labor before giving the Vietnamese regime the benefit of our taxpayer-backed institutions.

#### IN HONOR OF THE NEW JERSEY NETWORK'S IMAGES/IMAGENES

#### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 5, 1998

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor New Jersey Network's Images/

Imagenes for its 25th year of providing quality cultural and public affairs programming for the Hispanic community. This program has helped introduce America to the rich depth, diversity and beauty of the Latino culture through probing documentaries and thought-provoking round table discussions.

Over the years Images/Imagenes has shed light on the everyday lives of the Latino community and provided a forum for role models such as Roberto Clemente, Ricardo Montalban, Gloria Estefan, Chi Chi Rodriguez, Julio Iglesias, Nancy Lopez, Lee Trevino and Tony Ayala. The program has done some of its best work by exploring major news stories such as the AIDS epidemic, bilingual education, U.S. relations with Cuba, and the roots of domestic violence.

The show's quality and professionalism has not gone unrecognized by the television industry. Images/Imagenes has earned a Regional Emmy Award and nine Regional Emmy Award nominations. The program has also been recognized for excellence in broadcasting from the National Commission on Working Women and has received the National Unity Award.

In the late '80's, Images/Imagenes began airing the Hispanic Youth Showcase. This competition provides a forum for the tri-state area's Hispanic youth to demonstrate their skills in the performing arts. Over 1500 children have participated, with many going on to professional acting and musical careers. Every participant gains confidence because they have competed in such a popular and renowned event.

Images/Imagenes is now the longest running Latino community program in the PBS system. On Saturday, June 6, Images/Imagenes will be celebrating its Silver Anniversary at the Robert Treat Hotel in Newark, New Jersey.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Images/Imagenes by working to strengthen our commitment to strong community programming. Images/Imagenes has shown us that television can be more than just entertainment, but can also provide a forum through which community building activities can take place. I congratulate Images/Imagenes on a successful 25 years and wish them another 25 years of success.

TRIBUTE TO DR. SAMUEL  
KRANTZOW

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 5, 1998*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the many accomplishments of Dr. Samuel Krantzow, who is being honored at the breakfast celebrating the occasion of the 70th Anniversary for Congregation Ahavas Israel.

Dr. Krantzow is a life long resident of Passaic, New Jersey and a graduate of their fine school system. After giving 3 years of service to the Army Air Force during World War II, he went to school and received his degree in optometry from the Pennsylvania State College of Optometry.

In 1951, after starting his practice in his hometown of Passaic, he married the former Estelle Wechsler. They have two lovely

daughters, Caryl, who lives in Columbia, Maryland, and Debra who resides in Houston, Texas. Pamela and Rachel, their two granddaughters, are the light of Samuel and Estelle's eyes.

During his many years of optometrical practice, Dr. Krantzow served as President of the Bergen Passaic Optometric Society, as President of the N.J. Optometric Association, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Omni Eye Services of Northern New Jersey. In addition to serving on the Governor's Advisory Committee where he was instrumental in setting up the vision portion of the Medicaid Program for the Garden State, Dr. Krantzow sat on the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Vision Service Plan. He also served for six years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Bergen Passaic Health Systems Agency. Apart from his distinguished medical associations, Dr. Krantzow is a past-chancellor of Passaic Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

Being active in the local Jewish community constitutes a large part of Dr. Krantzow's schedule. From 1989–1990, he served as President of the Ahavas Israel Congregation. Dr. Krantzow was called to serve again in June 1994 as co-President of his congregation, and from 1996 until 1997, he held the position on his own. Currently, Dr. Krantzow serves as co-chairman of the Chevra Kadisha of Congregation Ahavas Israel. Believing he should give something back to his community, he has been Staff Optometrist at the Daughters of Miriam Center for the Aged in Clifton and is a delegate to the Jewish Memorial Chapel.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me, our colleagues, the Congregation of Ahavas Israel, Dr. Krantzow's family and friends, and the City of Passaic in recognizing and honoring the accomplishments of Dr. Samuel Krantzow.

TRIBUTE TO THE EXPLORAVISION  
AWARDS PROGRAM

**HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 5, 1998*

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to announce the introduction of House Concurrent Resolution 279, a resolution to honor the ExploraVision Awards Program and to encourage more students to participate in this innovative national student science competition.

The ExploraVision Awards Program is funded by Toshiba and administered by the National Science Teachers Association. Nearly 18,000 students entered the competition this year, making it the largest K–12 student science competition in the world. Working in teams of 3 or 4 with a teacher-advisor, students use their imaginations to envision a form of technology 20 years from now and compete by sharing their vision through written descriptions and story boards.

As a strong advocate of science education in Congress, I am proud to have introduced House Concurrent Resolution 279 in support of the goals of the ExploraVision Awards Program. This is truly an innovative program that energizes students with a desire to learn and increases their interest in the world of science. The program is designed to help develop the

kind of scientific and technological thinking our society needs for the 21st century.

On June 12, more than 40 students will come to our Nation's Capital to receive top honors in the 1998 ExploraVision Awards. I applaud the student winners for their hard work, creativity, and ability to work together as a team to explore innovative scientific work for the future. With their enthusiasm for learning and their commitment to scientific excellence, the future of our Nation is in good hands.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring House Concurrent Resolution 279 to support the goals of the ExploraVision Awards Program, and to commend the student winners for their outstanding accomplishment.

REPORT FROM INDIANA—TERRI  
TOWNER

**HON. DAVID M. MCINTOSH**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 5, 1998*

Mr. MCINTOSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to give my Report from Indiana.

There are so many good people doing great things to make our community a better place to live. Every so often, I run across a story that I feel stands out. These shining individuals are what I like to call Hoosier Heroes. These Heroes are an inspiration to me, and by sharing their stories I hope they can not only be an inspiration to my colleagues today, but as well as the American people.

Mr. Speaker, Terri Towner of Pendleton, Indiana, is a Hoosier Hero. Her dedication to the Senior Citizens of Madison County provides us with a role model that we all can strive to model. Terri is a volunteer for Pet-A-Pal, a volunteer organization that incorporates animals to bring smiles to the faces of Senior Citizens by parading animals in costumes.

Jo Rehm, coordinator of the Pet-A-Pal program, described Terri as "a dedicated and faithful volunteer to the Senior Citizens." She continued by adding that Terri "simply enjoys helping others."

Sharron Towner, her mother, feels that her dedication to helping Senior Citizens stems from her strong relationship with her grandparents, and that's why Terri really appreciates what Senior Citizens have to offer.

When not volunteering her time, Terri enjoys playing the trumpet in the East Side Church of God band and is an active member in Sunday school. Youth Pastor Andy Odle described Terri as, "a very responsible, talented, intelligent young lady."

After high school, Terri plans on attending Purdue University to study pre-law. She hopes to be able to utilize her education to become involved in laws pertaining to Senior Citizens.

This is testimony from people that have seen the difference that one person can make. This is just one example, of one person who has made a significant difference on the lives of others. Dedication, faithfulness, responsibility; these are examples of the values and beliefs that sometimes go unnoticed.

Mr. Speaker, this is the foundation for the American spirit. Doing the right thing. Helping others and demonstrating the qualities that make us "good" people. These are the qualities that Terri Towner has learned, and this is why she is a Hoosier Hero, Mr. Speaker that is my report from Indiana.