

Froilan enacts new laws'

By Rafael I. Santos

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio's reorganization plan drew mixed reactions from the legislature last week, with some lawmakers threatening to thwart the implementation of the scheme because he "is enacting new laws."

Senate President Jesus R. Sablan and House Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas were among the first legislators to express apprehensions towards the plan.

Tenorio outlined his massive government shake-up last Thursday, increasing the number of de-

partments to 9 from 7 while reducing the number of autonomous agencies from 10 to 7.

The Attorney General's Office became Justice Department while the Department of Commerce and Labor split into two.

Some autonomous agencies were either merged with other departments or placed under the administrative umbrella of other departments.

The governor came up with the scheme, relying on the authority provided under Art III section 15 of the CNMI Constitution.

Such section allows the chief

executive to "make changes in the allocation of offices, agencies and instrumentalities and in their functions and duties that are necessary for efficient administration." It also limits the number of principal offices to 15.

Senate Floor Leader Thomas Villagomez, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law, said he was concerned with the constitutionality of the plan.

According to him, the plan creates 16 principal offices which include 9 departments and 7 autonomous agencies.

"Is it still in line with what the constitution provides?" asked the senator during a senate recess.

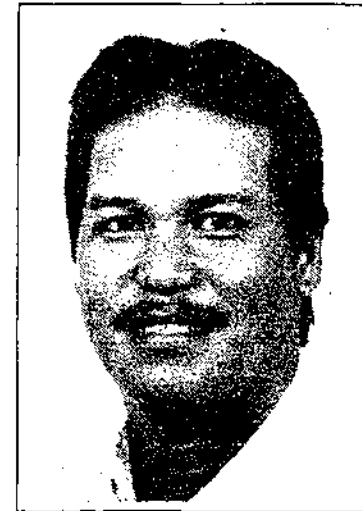
Villagomez said he needs time to review the plan "before I make

any move to reject or accept it." "I haven't digested the intent of the reorganization," said the former House Speaker.

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Jesus R. Sablan



Diego Benavente

Woman leads poker robbery, attacks cashier with hammer

By Ferdie de la Torre

A WOMAN cashier was seriously injured after a suspected female robber attacked her with a hammer during an alleged daylight holdup Saturday at Poker and Games Kingdom in Garapan.

Unconfirmed information gathered by Marianas Variety showed that one of the two suspects—described as a local woman was arrested by responding police officers from the Department of Public Safety shortly after the incident.

The victim identified as Lea Rosemarie C. Gaspar, 29, mar-

ried, cashier-attendant of Poker and Games Kingdom, was brought to the Intensive Care Unit at the Commonwealth Health Center.

Gaspar who hails from Roxas, Isabela, Philippines and has two children, suffered gaping wounds on the head, on the right side of the face and contusions on the arms inflicted by hammer blows, witnesses told Variety.

Initial information gathered at the crime scene indicated that the suspect was also armed with a knife.

Gaspar's husband Mario, 34, generator maintenance, said he

noted a strangulation mark on his wife's neck.

Mario told Variety that he dropped his wife at the Poker and Games Kingdom located near Diamond's Jewelry at Cabrera

Center Saturday at 8:45 a.m.

Gaspar started her duty at 9 a.m., replacing another Filipino male cashier-attendant.

At 9 a.m., the male cashier left when Gaspar asked him to buy

packs of cigarette.

A few minutes later, a woman allegedly entered the establishment and started attacking Gaspar who was left alone at that time,

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The worried Mario Gaspar attends his injured wife Lea Rosemarie.

Unfair selection of contractors hit

By Rafael I. Santos

ONLY a few contractors have benefited from the infrastructure projects awarded during the administration of former Governor Lorenzo Guerrero, a lawmaker said last week.

"The record of the selection of A/E design firms and contractors during the Guerrero Administration was such that only a few firms and contractors benefited from the majority of the projects awarded," Rep. Stanley T. Torres said in a letter to Governor Froilan Tenorio.

Torres, in his March 17 letter, urged the governor to avoid the occurrence of the same scenario now that government projects are about to be awarded to contractors.

According to the former House Floor Leader, the government must ensure that many qualified local firms are also awarded projects or part of any infrastructure work.

Lawmakers have already enacted a \$34 million funding for infrastructure projects. Such measure became Public Law 9-1.

The government must now concern itself with how funds will be allocated and how the government will choose the various design firms and contractors to perform the actual work, said the letter to the governor, a copy of which was furnished to the Variety last week.

According to Torres, the reason why only a few firms benefitted from the projects was because of unfair guidelines used by the past administration in choosing contractors.

Torres recommended that the government adopt and implement

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Arts festival a success; more support pledged

By Ferdie de la Torre

THE TWO-day "13th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival," the premier arts celebration for the Commonwealth's resident artists, held at the Civic Center Beach Park in Susupe, successfully ended yesterday.

In his brief speech during the

opening of the program Saturday morning, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio vowed strong support to the annual festival which he said display the people's rich and cultural heritage.

Tenorio said an indication of his support is the organizational plan he recently unveiled, placing the Department of Community

and Cultural Affairs under its umbrella the Women's Affairs Office, Carolinian Affairs Office, and amateur sports and recreation.

The Governor said the agencies will become a part of a larger organizational structure while each continue to exercise autonomous functions.

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Clinton says any mistakes on taxes were inadvertent

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said Friday that any mistakes made on his and his wife's tax returns "certainly were not intentional" and he is ready to pay back taxes if necessary.

"I don't think we owe any extra taxes, but I'm not sure yet," Clinton said in an interview with The Associated Press and other news services. "If we do owe, we'll make it good."

His comments come amid increasing indications that the Clintons may have underpaid their income taxes over the past 15 years. The records are being scrutinized as part of the special counsel's investigation into the Clintons' investments in the 1980s in the Whitewater Development Corp. in Arkansas.

In the past few days, Hillary Rodham Clinton and White House

officials have hinted that the Clintons might have underpaid some of their taxes, and may have claimed Whitewater-related income tax deductions to which they were not entitled.

"What we're trying to do now is go back over this and get all the relevant information to the special counsel... and to make sure that, if we have made any mistakes, that we can identify those mistakes...

and give that information to the special counsel too," Clinton said. "Every year we had our taxes prepared by an accountant. I always wanted to be scrupulous about paying whatever taxes I owed... So if there were any mistakes, they certainly were not intentional," he said.

Clinton said he always told the accountants: "Resolve all doubt in favor of the government. I never

wanted a tax problem. I was always paying lots of taxes."

He added: "That doesn't mean that no mistakes could have been made, because we didn't have access to the Whitewater records all these years. I'm not saying we didn't (make mistakes). I'm just saying that, if any were made, it was purely accidental. The accountants certainly tried to make sure we paid what we owed."

China shaken by more than 10,000 labor disputes

BEIJING (AP) — More than 10,000 labor disputes buffeted Communist China last year, forcing the government to launch a nationwide inspection of factory working conditions, an official report said Saturday.

The campaign is a sign of grave government concern that growing labor unrest could threaten social stability and the Communist Party's grip on political power.

There have been occasional reports of labor unrest, and the government has acknowledged that working conditions

must improve at factories.

Two strikes over pay were reported last year at Japanese owned-factories in southern China. Official media has reported on alleged mistreatment of Chinese employees by foreign managers, particularly those from neighboring Taiwan and Hong Kong.

China Daily quoted the Labor Ministry as saying the number of labor disputes soared last year.

The newspaper cited a China Electronic News report saying there were more than 10,000 la-

bor disputes last year. It reported 2,353 disputes in the southern boomtown of Shenzhen just in the first six months of 1993.

China Daily provided no information on the nature of the disputes other than to cite as an example a joint venture hotel in Shenzhen that owed 238,000 yuan (\$27,300) in back salaries to employees.

The inspection tour of factories will run from April through June, the report said. Labor officials will check whether child labor laws have been violated and will inspect contracts, wages, working hours, insurance and welfare treatment.

The Communist government allows no independent labor movements, which it believes could be forums for challenging the one-party state.

Han Dongfang, a labor activist who founded an independent union during the 1989 pro-democracy movement, was immediately expelled in August when he tried to return from the United States, where he had undergone medical treatment after being released from Chinese prison.

Other activists linked to Han and a new effort to set up an independent labor union have been arrested in recent weeks.

Japanese skipper, Filipino fishermen rescued after drifting more than one month

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — The skipper of a Japanese fishing boat and eight Filipino crewmen have been rescued in the southern Philippines after drifting in the Pacific Ocean for more than a month, the Coast Guard said Saturday.

The Coast Guard said the crew of the fishing boat were rescued last Thursday by Filipino fishermen at the Sarangani Bay off General Santos City, about 1,040 kilometers (650 miles) south of Manila, after drifting for 36 days.

A report by a private radio station, quoting the Filipino crew, said the boat sprang a leak at around 4 a.m. Feb. 9 (2000 GMT Feb. 8) while they were somewhere between Guam and Saipan.

The skipper, Minoru Motomura, ordered them to abandon ship and they boarded a life raft, which had provisions good for only four days and they quickly ran out of food and water,

the report said.

It said they survived the ordeal by drinking rain water they collected with plastic containers and eating small crabs that clung to the side of their life raft and floating seaweeds.

To escape the sun's heat, they would dive deep under the water where it was cool. They often swam alongside their life raft to keep fit although they were very weak when they were rescued, the report said.

The radio station said many General Santos residents offered to assistance to the crew by bringing them food at the General Santos Provincial Hospital where they taken.

The crew said they saw ships but most were too far away. One ship that passed close by, which they identified as Tugano Gloria LPG, apparently ignored or did not notice them despite their shouts for help, the report said.

U.S. Senators request nuclear plant protections

NEW YORK (AP) — Four powerful U.S. senators asked the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to quickly enact rules to protect the nation's nuclear plants from car and truck bombs, The New York Times reported Sunday.

"The U.S. Capitol and the White House have barriers that would block car bombers. Our nuclear power plants should be at least as well protected as our politicians," Sen. Max Baucus said in a statement Wednesday.

Baucus, chairman of the Committee on Environment and Public Works, and the other senators wrote NRC Chairman Ivan Selin, asking him to bypass sophisticated mathematical risk analysis and move immediately to protect the plants.

Joining Baucus were Sens. John Chafee, Joseph I. Lieberman, and Alan K. Simpson.

Commission spokesman Frank Ingram said "The staff is still analyzing comments on the proposed rule."

The commission is evaluating proposed plant improvements using "probabilistic risk assessment," which compares the probability of an accident or attack with the consequences, the Times said.

Critics say there's no way to gauge the probability of a terrorist attack.

A year ago, after the van bombing of the World Trade Center in New York City, experts said the country's power plants were vulnerable.

Nuclear power industry representatives, however, said the plants had not historically been targeted by terrorists and were relatively invulnerable because they were built to withstand natural hazards like earthquakes and tornadoes.

DRIVE WITH CARE

Tenorio says reorganization is key to economic growth

By Ferdie de la Torre

GOVERNOR Froilan C. Tenorio stressed that the massive reorganization plan he recently unveiled is a key to the CNMI's economic growth.

Tenorio emphasized that the new plan is not only an important step in fulfilling their campaign promises of open and honest government but also a key to the Commonwealth's economic prosperity in the future.

The Governor addressed his message during his speech before the Northern Marianas College students in their "Current Issues in the CNMI" discussions Friday morning.

Tenorio explained that potential developers have observed a bloated, over bureaucratic CNMI government that simply is not doing its job very well.

He said he does not believe that most of the Commonwealth's citizens agree to criticism of the plan that suggests the present operation and structure of the government "is just fine."

"We have already seen officials convicted of official wrongdoing and there are much more serious allegations that are being actively investigated," Tenorio said.

Citing the recent dismissal of the members of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board "for a cause," the Chief Executive vowed to continue fighting corruption involving government officials.

"I want you to know we will continue to root out corruption that has flourished as our CNMI government ballooned out to its present size in recent years," Tenorio said.

He pointed out that the plan is very important to economic development because it is essential to the Commonwealth's credibility with other governments. It shows that CNMI's own constitution and laws are being followed.

"This gives us credibility with legitimate developers and investors from other countries... these are the people we must attract to build our economy in the future," he said.

The Governor said there are no shortage of places in the world where money under the table and blatant corruption continue to be the rule.

"Such places will always attract a certain sort of businessman or investor, and well placed individuals will profit from this activity," he said. "The society at large loses."



Froilan C. Tenorio

Tenorio said the new organization plan is designed to not only satisfy the constitution but also to make such acts (corruption) difficult to get away with.

The plan attempts to present an honest and fair face to potential

developers and investors, he said. "Let's put an end to permits that take forever to approve... we must also create rules that are equally applied to all and understandable by all the parties involved," the Governor said.

He said it (bureaucracy) must be changed because it is only making the CNMI a difficult place to do business in.

"We look forward to a future with a smaller, more efficient and honest government... at the same time we will do everything humanly possible to encourage the growth of a strong and prosperous private sector," Tenorio added.

Under the organizational plan which the Governor revealed last Thursday, two new departments are to be created while some line agencies under his office are to be abolished.

Budget year for NMC, PSS proposed

By Rafael I. Santos

THE PUBLIC School System and the Northern Marianas College should no longer be held hostage by the lack of budget almost every year, a former school administrator-turned congressman said last week.

Since the inception of the commonwealth, lawmakers have not been able to approve an appropriations bill on time, affecting government operations especially the educational institutions, Rep. Alvaro A. Santos said last week.

To avoid crippling the government, the delay in the adoption of a budget was resolved by the legislature by coming up with the so-called continuing resolution. Such resolution enables all government departments and agencies to function, but within the previous funding levels.

This remedy has somehow addressed budget problems during the fiscal years that no budget were passed by both houses of the legislature. However, it has become a detriment to the educational institutions and the college, Santos said in an interview.

Santos said the continuing resolution has become a detriment because it "restricts... hiring of new teachers, limiting travel, and only certain equipment and supplies (for schools) can be purchased."

If there is no budget approved, government agencies cannot operate beyond the previous fiscal year budget, he said.

Due to this perceived problem in funding for education institutions, the congressman recently introduced a bill in the House that seeks "to establish their own fiscal year for practical purposes."

"Presently, the continuing resolution fails to provide sufficient funds to meet the expenses of the (PSS and NMC), since changes in enrollment and employees primarily occur at the beginning of the school year, in July and August," the proposed measure states.

House Bill No. 9-125 states that the problem can be remedied by changing the beginning of fiscal year of the PSS and NMC from October 1 to July 1. If this measure is

approved, the PSS and NMC will have different fiscal year which will begin on July 1 and end on June 30.

The rationale behind this is the fact that school year starts in September, Santos said.

"We want the schools to get money before September so that they can recruit necessary staff and buy instructional materials [before the school year begins], the congressman said.

The former NMC Vice President for Administration said this change will give schools two months to get the needed teachers and supplies.

Santos observed the lack of budget or a delay in the passage of a budget bill has been detrimental to the operation of the education institution.

He reiterated that the continuing resolution no longer addresses the core of the budget problem.

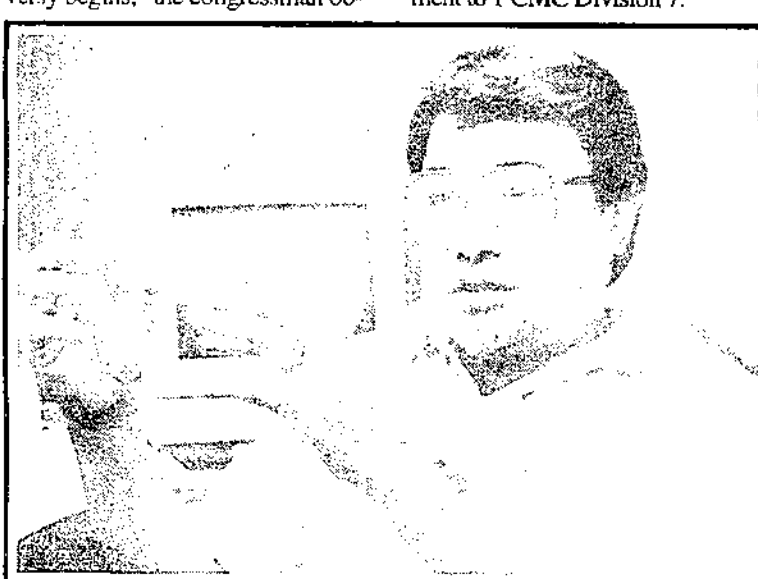
"Personally, I feel the concept of continuing resolution was created as a budgetary remedy. The intention was good, but over the years, it has become a problem rather than a

solution," he said.

This is because it has allowed the CNMI government not to pass budget on time, he said.

Lack of budget has always been attributed to disagreements on how the "pie" is divided.

One municipality wants a bigger share of the budget such as CIP funds, and "that's where the controversy begins," the congressman observed.



Alvaro A. Santos

House Bill No 9-125 will now go to the House committee on Health, Education and Welfare, Santos said.

He expressed optimism that it will have the support of majority of the House.

"I'm optimistic my fellow legislators will recognize the importance of this [bill] which is actually an amendment to 1 CMC Division 7.

SVS kids hold long drug-free march

By Ferdie de la Torre

MORE than 100 students from San Vicente Elementary School participated in the school's annual drug-free march Saturday morning.

The students accompanied by their parents and relatives converged in front of Joeten Dandan Supermarket at 8 a.m.

After 30 minutes, the kids waving placards that read "Our Kids Have Better Things To Do Than Drugs" and "Think Twice Don't Use Ice in Paradise" started their long march from Joeten to their school.

While marching, the kids yelled their theme "Our Kids Have Better Things To Do Than Drugs."

Teachers, police officers and firemen from the Department of Public

Safety guided the young marchers who patiently trekked the road.

When they arrived at the school's baseball field, the students held a lot of fun game activities.

"It's nice to march and shout anti-drug slogan," a student said. Angie Borja, SVC Drug-Free Club adviser, told Variety that the march was the highlight of the school's Drug-Free Week which started last Monday.

Borja said they invited speakers discussing the dangers of drug, shown video footages, and conducted lectures Monday to Friday to develop drug awareness among the students.

She explained that they decided to have a longer march this year outside the school campus to make the affair open and visible to the community.



San Vicente Elementary School kids start their long drug-march.

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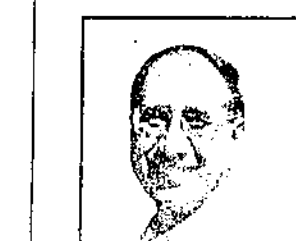
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U.S. to reschedule military exercise in Korea

By NANCY BENAC

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Clinton administration decided Saturday to reschedule a joint military exercise with South Korean forces in light of the latest snag on inspecting North Korea's nuclear facilities, an administration official said.

The decision came at a three-hour meeting of President Clinton's top national security aides on how best to push North Korea toward "a resolution that doesn't tend in conflict," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Plans for the joint U.S.-South Ko-

rean military exercise known as "Team Spirit" had been suspended to coax the North into allowing nuclear inspections.

But with the breakdown Saturday of talks between North and South Korea, the exercise "will be rescheduled" unless circumstances change over the weekend, the official said. "We will consult with South Korea on timing."

In addition, the official said, the Clinton administration agreed to look at other unspecified "contingency actions, including at the U.N.," to deal with the dispute.

The U.N.-sponsored International Atomic Energy Agency meets

Monday in New York to discuss whether the Security Council should be asked to consider sanctions.

The United States and North Korea had been scheduled to meet Monday as well, to discuss final resolution of the nuclear weapons dispute and improved economic and political relations.

The official said that meeting, in Geneva, "won't happen if circumstances don't change" over the weekend.

"Obviously we will say there is no meeting unless the North Koreans say something wise Sunday," the official said.

The administration also is pro-

ceeding with plans to send Patriot air-defense missiles to South Korea, with U.S. officials "consulting with the South Koreans on timing" for deploying the weapons.

A last-minute effort to resolve mounting tension on the divided peninsula collapsed when North Korean delegates stalked out of a meeting Saturday after an hour, angered over repeated demands by the South Koreans for nuclear inspections and the exchange of envoys.

The walkout disrupted a U.S.-brokered deal aimed at resolving the yearlong dispute over the communist North's nuclear program. Dialogue between the two Koreas was a

key part of the deal.

North Korea contends its nuclear sites are for peaceful research, but the United States and other nations claim they are being used to build nuclear bombs.

President Clinton on Friday told reporters he had not given up hope that North Korea would change course and permit full IAEA inspection of its nuclear facilities, resume nuclear talks with the South and end its global isolation.

"If North Koreans decide they do not want to pursue that goal, then we'll have to consider what our other options are," he told reporters. "The ball is in their court."

APEC finance ministers discuss ways to sustain growth

By BEN DIPIETRO

HONOLULU (AP) - Finance ministers from 18 of the world's largest or fastest-growing economies agreed Saturday that their countries need to pursue policies to keep inflation low, increase private sector investment, expand export opportunities and improve the lives of working people if they are to continue the successes of the past two decades.

The ministers from each of the

countries attending the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum each presented their particular economic growth strategies and what problems or successes they've encountered.

APEC nations account for half the world's economic output, hold half the world's foreign exchange reserves, and include nearly half the world's population, U.S. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said in his opening remarks. Trade among APEC nations exceeds \$1

trillion.

"All this growth brings with it a need for a broadened perspective," Bentsen said at the start of the first-ever meeting. "In today's interdependent world, this kind of economic performance cannot be sustained in a vacuum. We all share an interest in economic strength for the region as a whole."

Four main elements to sustain growth that were discussed were keeping inflation low; encouraging more private sector capital investment; fostering a pro-investment environment through low budget deficits and high savings rates; and opening markets to greater exports, said Lawrence Summers, U.S. Under Secretary of the Treasury.

"I think that what Secretary Bentsen and I were struck by were that, although the economies are at very different stages of development, there were certain common principles that were common to the development strategies the ministers were seeking to pursue," Sum-

mer said.

Indonesia's finance minister, Mar'ie Muhammad, said the region's pressing development needs - some \$1 trillion is needed just for infrastructure - require it to look past traditional sources of capital such as the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank.

"It is becoming apparent that our needs will outstrip the resources of these institutions. We must turn to private capital providers," Muhammad said. He added that more open trade would increase investment opportunities in Indonesia and other developing nations.

"The greatest help the developing countries could receive from the industrialized nations is further and faster deregulation of trade," he said.

For the U.S., the discussions are a far cry from jobs summit held this week in Detroit with leaders from the G-7 industrialized nations.

"The Malaysians remarked that they wouldn't have belonged at the jobs conference because their prob-

lem is labor shortage, not unemployment," said Lawrence Summers, deputy to Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen. "T

his was a meeting to a greater extent about keeping the good times coming; whereas Detroit had a more pressing problem teed up.

Paul Martin Jr., finance minister for Canada, said one difference between the G-7 meeting and the APEC meeting is that APEC ministers aren't spending time criticizing each other.

"At the G-7 we spent a fair amount of time discussing what other people ought to do," Martin said. "Here we spent a fair amount of time talking about what we should do within our own countries."

One matter of disagreement among the APEC ministers is whether such meetings should be held on a regular basis. Some nations, including Malaysia, don't want to see APEC become an institutionalized organization. They talk at regular meetings, or even at issuing a joint statement at the end of the gathering.

Four dead in mid-air accident

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Two World War II-era airplanes touched wings in mid-air and crashed near downtown San Antonio on Saturday, killing all four people aboard.

The two planes were flying in

formation with a third vintage plane when they touched wings, said district fire chief Rodney Hutzfelder. One of the planes landed on a mechanic's shop and started a fire. The second plane hit an embank-

ment on a highway.

No one on the ground was injured, fire officials said. The identities of the victims were not immediately released.

The third plane landed safely.



The Hipdagan Club Dancers were among the performers during Flame Tree festival last weekend

Senate session focused on reorganization

By Rafael I. Santos

SENATORS held their first regular session last Friday, focusing on Governor Froilan Tenorio's reorganization plan and other pending bills.

While the Senate leadership criticized the shake-up as "anti-autonomy," some senators praised the governor for his move.

Tinian Senator David Cing and Rota Senator Paul Manglona said the reorganization was long overdue and it should have been done before.

Tenorio's plan streamlines the bureaucracy, weeding out agencies that are dysfunctional and merging offices with overlapping functions.

During the session, senators also passed during the first reading at

least 9 bills.

Such bills include a proposed partial reorganization of the Executive Branch which was authored by Sen. Steven M. King.

King's measure seeks to reassign the functions relating to labor and immigration to one department and the functions of commerce and tourism to a separate department.

He also wants the creation of a separate department of Revenue and Taxation.

Another bill that seeks to delegate and empower the Legislative Bureau to handle all fiscal transactions of the legislature was also passed during the first reading.

King, who is also the author of the piece of legislation said it is a "shame" for the legislature to con-

tinue to allow the Finance department which under the Executive branch, to handle financial matters of the legislature.

Senate President Jesus R. Sablan's bill requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish procedures to determine of submerged land leases are in-

volved in interstate and/or foreign commerce, also passed the first reading.

Senators also approved Senate Bill No. 9-45 which requires the zoning of non-smoking and smoking sections in all government agencies, public institutions and business purposes.

Senator Manglona said the bill, introduced by Tinian senator and Senate Vice President Henry San Nicolas, was timely.

San Nicolas said during the session that the legislation must be passed because "non-smokers deserve to be accorded due respect."



The Korean Dancers perform the fan dance.

Governor Tenorio accepts two resignations

MOVING forward on his pledge to restructure the membership of boards and commissions throughout the CNMI government, Governor Froilan C. Tenorio has announced his acceptance of two courtesy resignations from incumbent board member and has declined to accept one courtesy resignation.

The Governor received courtesy resignations in separate letters from CPA Board members Thomas M. Manglona and MPLC Rota Board member Fernin M. Atalig. In accepting these resignations, the Governor told the former board members that he "looks forward to working with you on other matters in the future."

A request for a courtesy resignation doesn't necessarily mean the resignation will be accepted by the Governor. Such was the case with Commonwealth Ports Authority Board member, Manuel Muna, who learned within one

week after tendering his resignation that Governor Tenorio planned to keep him on board. The Governor told Muna, "Because you were appointed to serve a partial term which expires in just five months, it is not necessary for you to resign, pointed out the Governor in the press release.

In a brief statement regarding the practice of tendering courtesy resignations, Governor Tenorio said he, "would seriously evaluate the effectiveness and dedication of each incumbent, and decide for himself if that person shares the administration's agenda in meeting certain goals." The Governor further indicated that "politics will not be the determining factor in the selection of candidates to fill vacancies on autonomous agency boards and commissions."

Governor Tenorio indicated that he is currently reviewing a list of prospective nominees to fill these and other expected vacancies.

Brown Tree snake found at airport

ALIVE Brown Tree Snake (Boiga irregularis) was found Friday morning, March 18, at Saipan International Airport. This is the first live Brown Tree Snake to be captured on Saipan.

Isaiah I. Santos, a maintenance worker for Freedom Air, found the snake at 6:10 in the morning. After spotting the snake on the fence near the terminal, Mr. Santos captured the snake on the fence near the terminal, Mr. Santos captured the snake and turned it in to Quarantine office personnel, who then notified the Division of Fish and Wildlife. The snake was a young female and probably arrived on Saipan recently from Guam, said in the press release from DFWL.

Brown Tree Snakes could have devastating impacts on the island ecosystem if they become established here. On Guam, Brown Tree Snakes have caused the ex-

inction of many of their native bird species. Some of these birds existed only on Guam. Brown Tree Snakes have attempted to prey on domestic animals as well. Frequent power outages on Guam were attributed to Brown Tree Snakes. The Brown Tree Snake is mildly venomous, but has not yet caused any fatalities. Infants, small children, and people with severe allergies are most at risk.

Anyone who sees a Brown Tree Snake, explained in the press release, should catch or kill the snake, and report it to the Division of Fish and Wildlife at 322-9095/9729. During off hours, the Offices of Civil Defense (322-9529, 322-9572, or 322-9274) or the Department of Public Safety (234-6333) should be notified. It is very important that we be notified as soon as possible, especially if the snake escapes capture.

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Hard-liners expected to do well in regional, local elections

By MAXIM KORZHOV

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) - Hard-liners are expected to do well when Russians cast their ballots in regional and local elections Sunday from St. Petersburg in the West to Kamchatka in the East.

If a pattern holds from local elections in five other regions last Sunday, turnout will be low. Barely 25 percent of the electorate turned out for those votes.

The battle between reformers and hard-liners that marked

Russia's parliamentary elections in December is being repeated in the elections to regional and local legislatures. The elections are being held almost every Sunday this month.

In St. Petersburg, Russia's second largest city and until now a pro-reform bastion, Communists, democratic reformers and nationalists are all on the ballot for the City Assembly.

Under Mayor Anatoly Sobchak, a pro-Western reformer elected in 1991 on President Boris Yeltsin's coattails, the city has

been a leader in privatizing state property.

But Communists and nationalists are now poised to capitalize on confusion and rivalry in the democratic-reformist camp.

Communists are also expected to do well in the Smolensk and Orel regions in central Russia, where discontent is high among workers in aging industries and on unprofitable collective farms.

St. Petersburg voters must choose among 754 candidates running for the 50-seat City Assembly. About 200 are indepen-

dents; the rest are drawn from a stew of 16 parties.

Only three parties are easily identifiable: ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy's Liberal Democratic Party, the Communist Party and Great Russia, a nationalist coalition. The rest are new and sport vague names like Beloved City and All Petersburg.

"Sixty-five percent of the city would like to support the democrats, if they could only find them," said Maria Matskevich, a researcher at the Center for Research and Prognosis of Socia-

Processes, which monitors politics.

Leonid Kesselman, a sociologist who heads the center, predicted a turnout of 40 percent or less.

"People know Zhirinovskiy, and those who like him will vote for him. They know the Communists," he said. "But who are the democrats here, among these 16 brand-new parties?"

Nationwide, Zhirinovskiy's party got nearly a quarter of the vote in the December nationwide parliamentary elections; the Communists got about 11 percent. The main pro-Yeltsin bloc, Russia's Choice, garnered only 15 percent.

In St. Petersburg, reformers did better. Russia's Choice got 26 percent to Zhirinovskiy's 17.5 percent and the Communists' 9 percent.

The City Assembly elections come while support for Sobchak - once the unofficial czar of St. Petersburg - is hemorrhaging. Many political observers call him a has-been and newspapers are speculating about his successor, even though his term doesn't end until 1996.

Sobchak's party, the Movement for Democratic Reform, got just 4 percent of the vote nationwide in December and only 8 percent locally. Sobchak pronounced it dead the day after the election.

He has stayed out of the City Assembly campaign and made no endorsements.

Japanese Royal Couple to visit US

WASHINGTON (AP) - Japan's Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko will be the guests of honor at the first state dinner held by the Clinton White House.

The royal couple will visit 10 American cities during a two-week trip beginning June 10, including a state dinner tentatively slated for June 13, the White House said Saturday.

The White House has held several black-tie dinners since President Clinton took office, but none had the stature of official state dinners under definitions of protocol.

"We look forward to this visit as an opportunity to reaffirm the strength of the ties between our two countries and of the close relationship that exists between the people of Japan and the people of the United States," White House Communications Director Mark Gearan said in a statement.

The trip will be Akihito's first to the United States since becoming emperor upon the death of Emperor Hirohito in 1989. Akihito visited the United States twice as crown prince and Hirohito visited in 1975.

Under Japan's constitution, the emperor is considered the symbol of the state and plays no role in politics.

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Mrs. Lucy Nielsen, Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture Chairperson, said in the opening remarks that leaders should be convinced that arts is not a luxury.

"Arts create jobs, income for the government, and is beneficial to our islands' tourism industry," Nielsen said. "Arts can help draw visitors to our islands...the liveliness of the Arts in the CNMI will dramatically enhance the attractiveness of our islands as a tourist destination."

Mrs. Margarita Olopai-Taitano, DCCA Acting Director, said as the Commonwealth celebrated this year's Flame Tree Festival, one significant cultural value that will be strongly highlighted throughout the showcase of the many forms of arts, is one's precious language.

"The beauty of it all is, our festival will reinforce each ethnic group's language. Let us all be proud and continue to cling to, with all our might and pride, the skills, talents and knowledge you will be showcasing..." Taitano said.

"Let us continue to uphold with dignity our cultural qualities, inclusive of our language, for it is the only way to maintain and hang on to our clan's identity and roots,"

the DCCA acting director said. On the other hand, Maggie Deleon Guerrero Wonenberg, CCAC executive director, in her message said the two-day festivities is a very special time as it allows the opportunity to bring together the many creative artists, crafts people, performers and the community.

"Our Commonwealth is rich with both old and new traditions and cultures...our performers, artists, and traditional craftsmakers exemplify the very best of our historical traditions and cultures, the talents and creativity of today, and our future expressions of what we are and what we will be," Wonenberg said.

After the speeches of the respective guests, entertainment from different groups followed until the evening.

The performers were Napun Antigo Dancers, Nestor Doromal Dancers, Saipan Community Band, Aghurubw Warriors, Tanapag Men Stick Dancers, Falig's Family Band, Hipdagan Club, Rainbow Cultural Dancers, Philippine Folk Dancers, MHS Fa'asamoa Dancers, Korean dancers and several others.

Yesterday, entertainment continued until the afternoon. Among those who delighted the

audience were the Ongowofish Dancers, Napu Pacific Voyagers, and Zachany Berger Dancer.

Displayed and sold at various booths include the colorful Lava

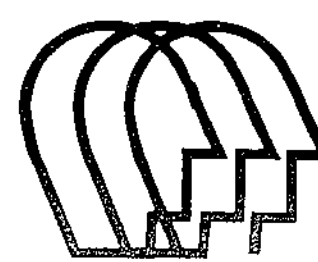
Lava, micronesia hat from palm leaves, assorted jewelry, picture frames, paintings, live pigs, removable tattoos, antiques, mirrors, flame tree photos, and t-shirts.

Also sold were popcorn, pizza, cotton candy, soda, soft drinks, wine, beer, pork and chicken barbecue, bread, coconut, and Korean foods.



The Hipdagan Club dancers delight the crowd during the Flame Tree Festival.

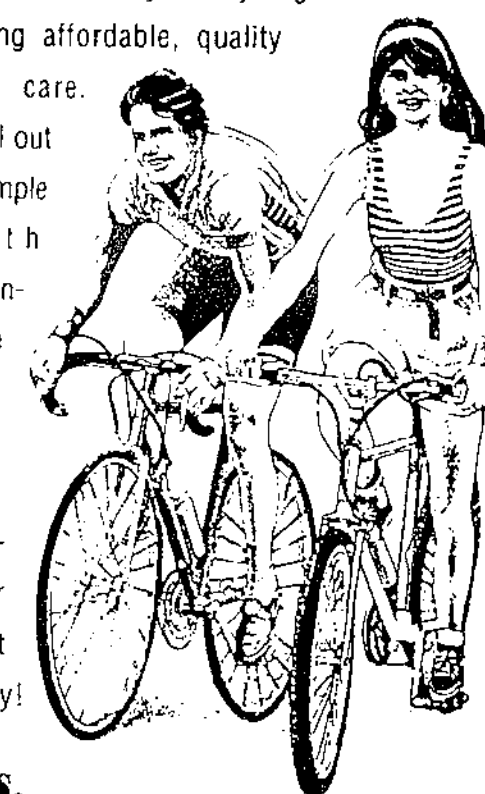
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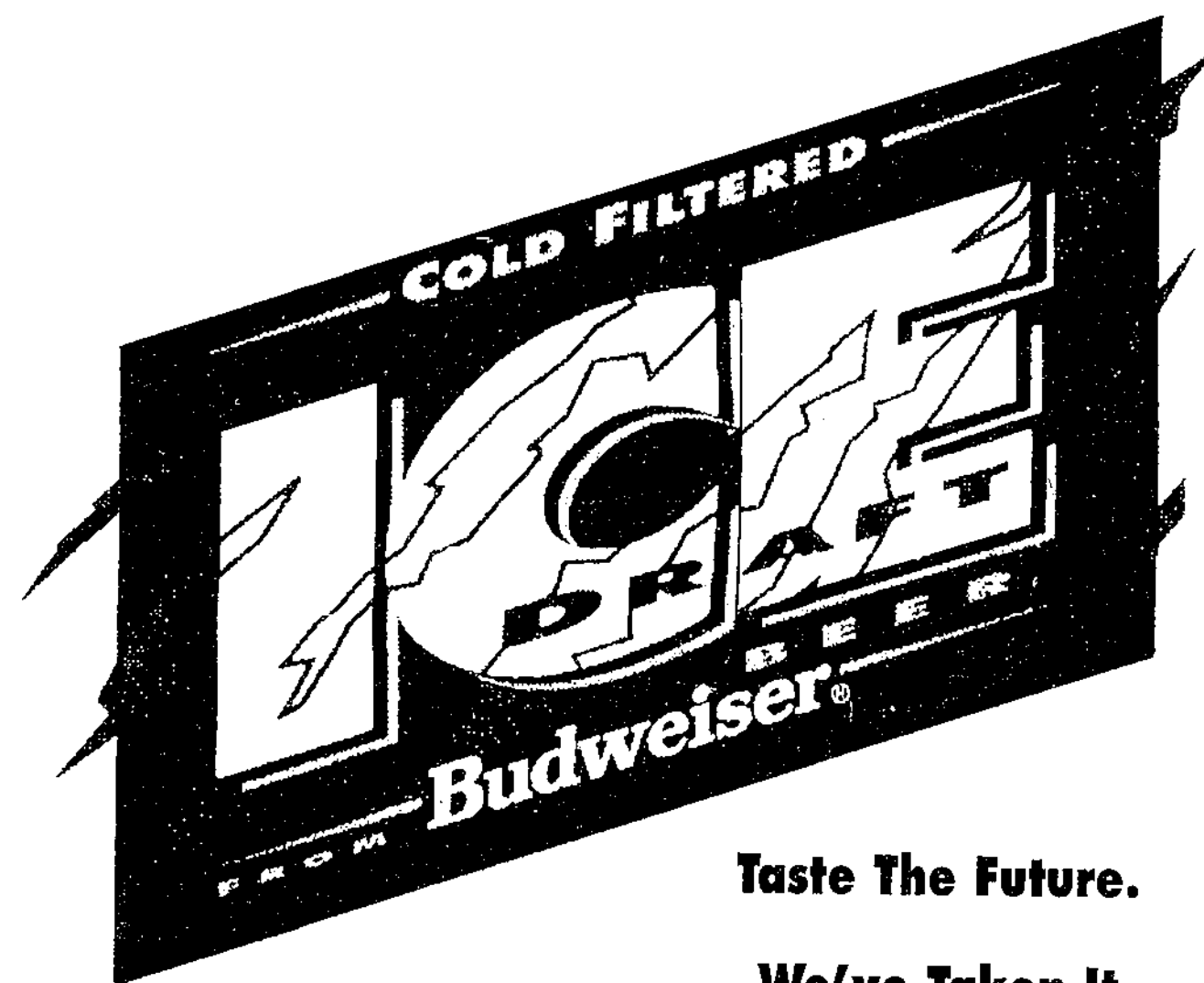
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Senate President Sablan earlier described the shake-up "anti-autonomy" and "questionable in terms of constitutional requirements."

Speaking during a Senate session Friday, the presiding officer expressed concern that the drastic changes might further aggravate the "current highly bureaucratic red tape."

Governor Tenorio emphasized in his speech Thursday that the plan was aimed at streamlining the bureaucracy to ensure efficiency, coordination and accountability.

According to him, the existence of offices with overlapping functions has resulted in inefficiency in government.

Sablan however indicated that implementing the plan would not be that easy. He said the sweeping changes require huge transfer of personnel from one office to another.

Autonomous agencies such as Public Auditor's Office and Civil Service should not be placed under the Office of the Governor, he said. These, he said, are not "generally the functions of a governor."

The plan, according to the senator, "adds more layers of bureaucracy... We question now whether the delivery of services would be [speedier] and timely."

The reorganization, which virtually overhauls the existing administrative structure, needs further review, the Senate President said.

A special committee will be formed to look into the plan and determine its ramifications, the

president said, adding that he will ask House Speaker Diego Benavente to join the special committee. The joint Senate-House special committee is expected to "thoroughly review the plan" and come up with a position and recommendations.

Meanwhile, the House leadership convened Friday morning to determine whether the scope of the reorganization is within the scope of the constitution.

House Vice Speaker Jesus Mafnas said congressmen are yet to determine what position to take regarding the plan which will take effect 60 days after its submission to the legislature, unless it is rejected or modified by majority of the members.

In an interview, the lawmaker said the governor appeared to be performing the functions of the legislature by creating offices and changing the functions of existing agencies.

"The governor, in some cases, is enacting new laws and prescribing new functions and duties," Mafnas told the Variety shortly after a meeting of House committee chairpersons. The Vice Speaker questioned the creation of new advisory councils and other "new bodies."

He warned that the reorganization would never pass the House.

"If the House determines that the governor exceeded his constitutional authority, [House members] will reject it [the plan]. If the House determines that he did not, [it] will still reject the plan and introduce the governor's bill [on reorganization]," the Vice Speaker said.

The measure will have to go

through the regular legislative procedure, he added.

Senator Steven M. King, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Federal Relations and Independent Agencies was more careful in reacting to the governor's move.

"I like the intention of the governor... I support his intention to streamline the autonomous agencies and place them under the umbrella of the departments," the Tinian senator said.

However, he said he was concerned with the constitutionality of the action.

According to the lawmaker, he supported the abolition of the the Marianas Public Land Corporation, as provided for in the constitution. He was also agreeable to the creation of a separate department for commerce but he said he was doubtful as to how Marianas Visitors Bureau could function under this department. By placing MVB under the Commerce Department, it would mean removing its autonomy, King told the Variety.

The merger of labor, immigration and customs was not a welcome idea for the committee chairman. He said he believed Customs Division should become a part of the proposed Taxation and Revenue Department which is pending in the legislature.

In outlining his plan, Tenorio stressed that it may not be perfect, but he said "it's a lot better than what the commonwealth has now."

"...It's the first time that anybody has dared to challenge the business-as-usual bureaucratic mentality that has allowed the government to control our people instead of the other way around."

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uniform guidelines for selection of firms.

He proposed that the Department of Public Works, the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Commonwealth Ports Authority, the Public School System and other agencies come up with the uniform, guidelines for selection of firms currently used by the U.S. Navy on Guam.

The congressman believed that through this, there would be a more "equitable selection process."

Torres proposed the following selection criteria to be followed:

* The responding firm shall have a demonstrated experience in performing civil/architectural/structural services pertaining to infrastructure related projects in the tropical and isolated environment of Micronesia.

* The proposal shall list the professional qualifications of the staff to be assigned to this project, with emphasis on those individuals interacting directly with the responsible government officials, and do not solely through local representatives of the off-island firms.

* The A/E (contractor) firm shall describe the quality control practices used in past projects.

* The A/E (Contractor) firm shall list their past performance on all contracts within the CNMI in terms of cost control, meeting production deadlines and compliance with recognized industry standards.

* The selection firm shall have an office in the general geographical area in which the work is to be performed, or the willingness to establish one, and demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of the locality.

* The submitted proposal shall list all projects performed for the CNMI within the past 4 years as the principal and as a joint venture participant. The CNMI government wishes to effect an equitable distribution of contracts among locally qualified firms.

"I believe the use of these selection criteria will encourage a wider selection of all locally qualified firms and will enhance competition among firms once they know the selection process is now much fairer than in the past," Torres said.

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with a hammer.

Meanwhile, the male cashier returned and saw the suspect hurriedly left the establishment.

The male cashier said when he went inside, he saw the bloodied Gaspar on the floor, crying that they were held up.

The cashier ran outside and chased the woman who allegedly hoarded to a pick-up van.

The van sped off toward Garapan area but the cashier managed to jot down the plate number and immediately reported the crime to the DPS.

There was information that the suspect was with another companion who acted as a "look-out"

inside the van.

DPS police officers and paramedics arrived and transported Gaspar to CHC. Other officers then started tracking down the van.

There was no confirmation yet from the DPS whether the suspects managed to runaway money or had other motives aside from robbery.

Variety tried to talk with the Poker and Games Kingdom management personnel but they declined. The establishment is reportedly owned by Evelyn Sablan.

The last reported robbery staged by armed suspects on Saipan occurred last October 29 and 30.

At gunpoint, robbers held up the Angel Market in Susupe and Christine's poker place near the

Chalan Kanoa Post Office.

The robbers carted away an estimated \$3,112 during the weekend heists, according to police report.

Meanwhile, fire of unknown cause totally burned an abandoned residential house in Tanapag located behind the Lucky Super Market, the DPS said Friday.

The fire which was reported Thursday at 11:33 p.m. gutted an abandoned semi-concrete house owned by a male individual.

No other details were given.

At Payless Super Market in Chalan Kanoa, two men were arrested for shoplifting after they were caught trying to sneak out two cartons of cigarette and a medication in separate incidents on Thursday.

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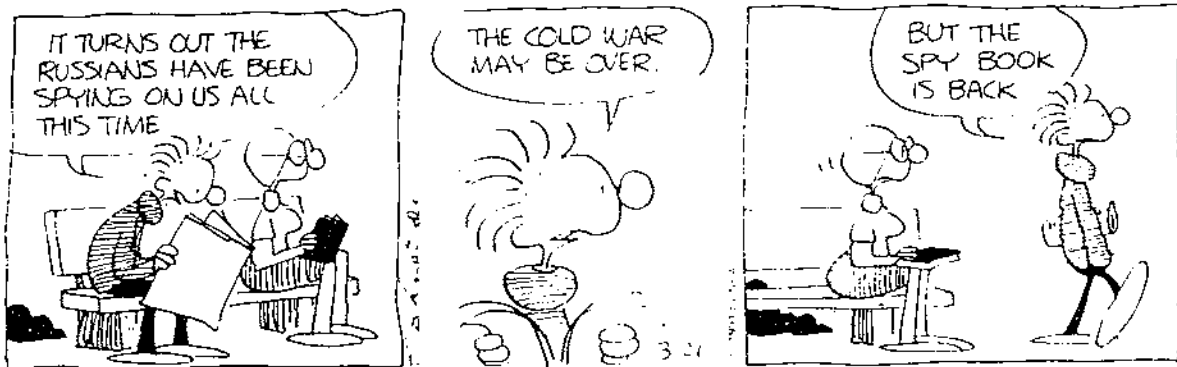
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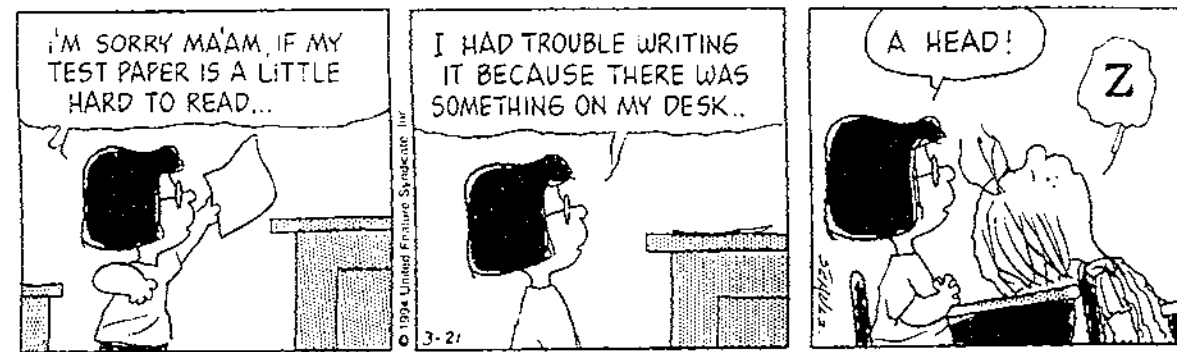
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YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

Born today, you are destined to be a pioneer in not one, not two, but several fields of endeavor — for you are multitalented, driven to achieve, and able to combine your efforts and consolidate your tasks in order to accomplish more in a given amount of time than almost anyone else. All of this, combined with your dramatic sense and undying originality, are sure to lead you to a kind of success only dreamed of by most others — but one which you can enjoy fully all through your life.

Your interests span many fields, from science and politics to culture, music, and the arts. You're not one to pin yourself down, though it is likely that your life will ultimately revolve around one particular line of endeavor which provides you, more than any other, the inner contentment you seek.

Also born on this date are: Johann Sebastian Bach, composer; James Coco, actor; Sir Bernard Freyberg, British general. To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and

read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22
ARIES (March 21-April 19) — This is a good day to count your blessings, though you may have to look twice before you acknowledge them all.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — An adventure is in store for the curious Taurus who is not afraid of learning something new. Take a risk!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Decisions you make early in the day are likely to win you more success than those made later at the eleventh hour.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You're getting closer to someone today who can do you a good turn in times to come. Be open, honest, willing to share.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your original ideas may be laughed at during the first part of the day. Later on, you'll prove their true value.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You've been devoting too much time and energy to projects others could do just as well. Focus on

your own interests!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You should be able to turn a financial hazard into a very real bonus before the day is out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Your curiosity is likely to lead you through one or two quite intriguing and complex personal adventures today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You have a good head for business, and money beckons, but today you must give your creativity your attention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Do what you love today and the money will follow in time. You must be patient, and trust you've found your niche.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You mustn't leave things until the last minute today, or you will be burdened with too many urgent duties.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You'll enjoy adequate time to do what must be done today — provided you get started on schedule. Don't delay!

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TODAY'S MOON: Day after first quarter (March 20).

Wyoming's most unique creature

The longest dinosaur that exists from a complete skeleton is the Diplodocus carnegii. The remains, found in 1899 in Wyoming, were pieced together at the Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh. Casts of the spectacular skeleton were requested by other museums in such cities as London, Paris, Frankfurt and Washington, D.C.

It's fun to play at the YMCA. George Williams began the YMCA in 1844 in London. The organization was meant to improve the spiritual condition of young men "in the drapery and other trades." The fourfold

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1983, a house in Bristol, R.I., suffered only minor damage when lightning struck it. In less than a month, lightning would strike the house again, and again it would do only minor damage.

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DATE BOOK

March 21, 1994

Today is the 80th day of 1994 and the second day of spring.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1965, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led 25,000 civil-rights demonstrators on a 54-mile march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala., to demand voting rights for black people.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), composer; Benito Juarez (1806-1872), Mexican revolutionary leader; Florenz Ziegfeld (1869-1932), producer; Phyllis McGinley (1905-1978), poet; Peter Brook

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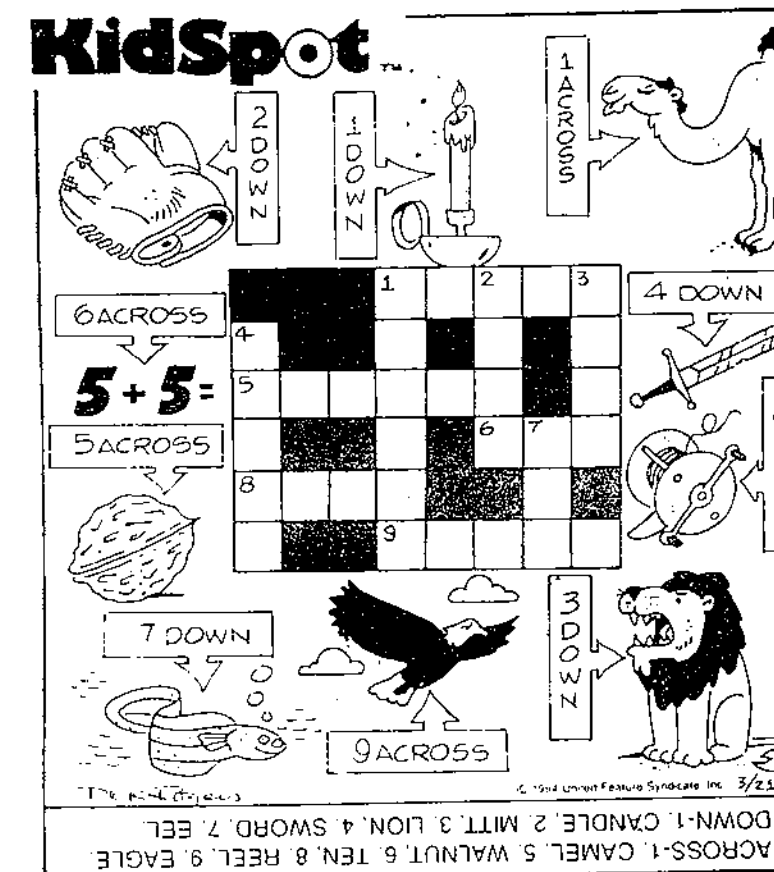
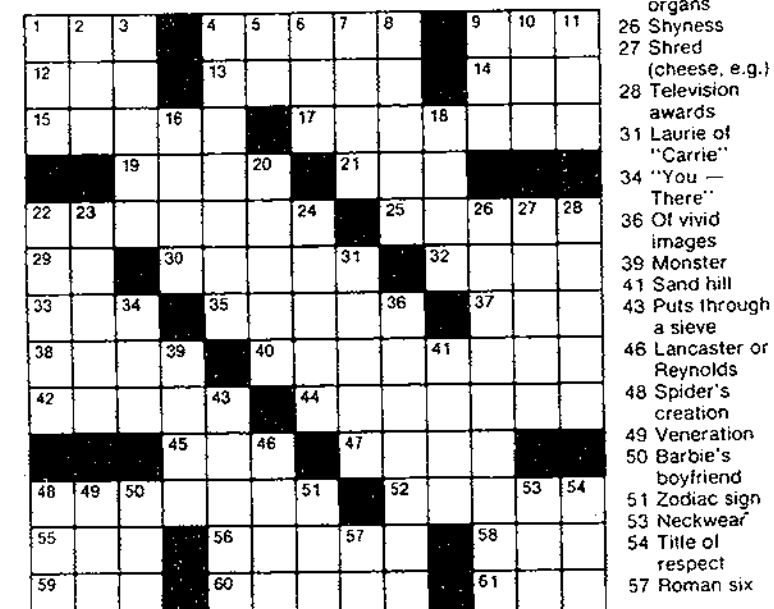
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sey with 18 points, and Derrick Coleman and Kevin Edwards scored 15 each.

Spurs 107, Kings 100
In San Antonio, David Robinson scored 48 points and grabbed 16 rebounds to lead San Antonio.

The Spurs' Dale Ellis hit the 1,000th 3-pointer of his career. The shot, his second of the game, came at the 7:41 mark of the third quarter. Ellis is the first player in

basketball history with 1,000 3-pointers.

Robinson was joined in double figures by Ellis, who had 18 points, and Willie Anderson, with 15.

Sacramento was led by Mitch Richmond with 27 points. Wayman Tisdale and Spud Webb added 18 apiece.

Rockets 106, Pistons 88
Mario Elie came off the bench to hit all nine of his shots and pulled down a career-high 15 re-

bounds to beat Detroit in Houston.

Elie scored 21 points, his second highest total of the season, as the Rockets won their fourth straight game to maintain their half-game lead over San Antonio in the Midwest Division.

The loss snapped a three-game winning streak for Detroit, which beat Seattle. Sacramento and Phoenix on this road trip.

Hakeem Olajuwon scored 32

points and pulled down 11 rebounds to lead five Rockets in double figures. Kenny Smith added 18 points. Vernon Maxwell had 13 and Otis Thorpe finished with 10 for Houston.

Lindsey Hunter and Terry Mills added 15 points each for the Pistons.

Warriors 116, Mavericks 107
In Dallas, Latrell Sprewell scored 24 points and three teammates added 20 or more points for

Golden State, which snapped a seven-game road losing streak.

Chris Gatling contributed 21 points and Billy Owens and Chris Mullin had 20 each as the Warriors beat the Mavericks for the 13th straight time.

Gatling pulled down 15 rebounds for the Warriors, who held a 53-32 edge on the backboards.

Jim Jackson scored 31 points to lead the Mavericks, who haven't won at home since Feb. 10.

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"At the moment I'm really tired of tennis," she said. "That's why the last couple of days it's been difficult for me to be out there. I'm ready for a couple of days off at least."

Graf looked lethargic in the first set, repeatedly missing service returns and passing shots. With Zvereva serving at 5-4, Graf managed to erase four set points but not the fifth.

Suddenly she was down a set for the first time this year. "I wasn't upset," Graf said. "It just happened."

With the underdog ahead, the crowd of 13,212 unleashed a cheer that might have been audible in Zvereva's hometown of Minsk, Belarus.

"I guess they wanted me to win - at least the first set. At least some set," Zvereva said.

They were also delighted by the prospect of an upset, which may have unnerved the 14th-ranked Zvereva.

"The crowd started expecting me to win or something," she said. Zvereva knew better. An 0-13 lifetime record against Graf kept her hopes in check.

The German champion made adjustments, and with a few flicks of her famous forehead, the match turned. Graf broke serve five times in the final two sets and won go-

ing away.

"At first I tried to go for the lines instead of just trying to get it in play," Graf said. "And I didn't move my feet well. In the second set I just started to play better."

Zvereva shrugged off her fadeout. She had managed to keep Graf on the court for one hour, 48 minutes. She had given the crowd reason to cheer.

"I was 100 percent satisfied with this match," she said.

The men's final will feature the

ATP Tour's two hottest players. Sampras is 22-2 this year, Agassi 11-1.

Agassi already has victories this week over second-seeded Stefan Edberg, No. 9 Cedric Pioline and No. 10 Boris Becker - all in straight sets.

"I am pretty amazed he is beating the players he is beating pretty handily," Sampras said. "It shows you the talent that Andre has. We all know that when he gets his game together, Andre is one of the best players in the world."

Key Braves... continued from page 12

Raul Mondesi added his third home run for the Dodgers, who led the National League with 25 in 15 games. Last season, the Dodgers hit 26 home runs in 30 spring games.

Royals 3, Reds 2

At Haines City, Fla., Vince Coleman hit an RBI single in the ninth inning to complete Kansas City's comeback, which began with Brian MacRae's two-run homer in the eighth.

Indians 14, Tigers 5

Jim Thome, plagued by defensive problems this spring, hit a three-run homer and played errorless ball at third base in the Winter Haven, Fla., game.

Thome had three hits and four RBIs, and Alvaro Espinoza hit a grand slam in an 18-hit attack by the Indians, who are hitting .320 this spring.

Brewers 7, Cubs 4

In Chandler, Ariz., Chicago's Willie Wilson charged the mound and touching off a bench-clearing incident in the fourth inning. Wilson let loose of his bat after a pitch from Ricky Bone.

s. The bat sailed wide of Bones as Wilson charged.

Catcher Mike Matheny tackled Wilson before he got to Bones. Both teams ran onto the field, and Milwaukee manager Phil Garner said at least one punch was thrown.

Athletics 8, Padres 5
In Peoria, Ariz., Eric Fox and Junior Noboa had RBI doubles in a three-run ninth against Mark Davis, and Fausto Cruz added an RBI groundout as Oakland sent San Diego to its sixth straight loss.

Mariners 7, Rockies 0
Meanwhile, in Tucson, Ariz., Kevin Mitchell (15-for-34) raised his average to .441 with two hits, and Lee Tinsley had three hits, raising his average to .375.

John Cummings, Jim Converse, Jeff Nelson and Tim Davis combined on a two-hitter. The Rockies were hitless until Dante Bichette's ground single to left in the seventh inning.

/s/ REYNALDO O. YANA
Attorney for Petitioners

PUBLIC NOTICE

In the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 93-1298

3K CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

CHUNG, JANG WHA AND WHA SUNG CONSTRUCTION CO.,

Defendant.

SUMMONS

To the above named defendant:

You are hereby summoned and notified to file

any answer you wish to make to the Complaint

a copy of which is given you herewith, within

(20) days after service of this summons upon you,

and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to G. ANTHONY LONG, ESQ., whose

address is AAA 1797, Call Box 10001,

Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable

after filing your answer or sending it to the clerk of court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the clerk of the Court at Superior Court,

Suspe, Saipan, CNMI. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the clerk of this 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 the summons, judgement for default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

By order of the above Court,

Dated this 16th day of December, 1993.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

ADOPTION CASE NO.: 94-17

in the matter of the legitimation of:

JANICE LYNETTE SANTOS,

Child,

By TERESITA SANTOS

BROOKFIELD and STEPHEN

JOHN BROOKFIELD,

Petitioners.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on

March 23, 1994 at 1:30 PM in

the Courthouse of the Superior

Court the petitioners will petition the court to legally declare

that Petitioner Stephen John Brookfield is the natural father

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SPORTS



Knicks beat Celtics, Heat over Cavaliers

PATRICK Ewing scored 35 points and had 14 rebounds to lead the New York Knicks over the visiting Boston Celtics 105-91, extending New York's winning streak to nine games.

Despite the win and extraordinary defensive effort that limited Boston to 12 points in the fourth quarter, New York's NBA post-shot clock record streak of holding the opposition under 90 points was stopped at eight.

New York will share the mark with the Syracuse Nationals, who first set the record during the 1954-

55 season.

Derek Harper added 17 points for New York while Charles Oakley had 16 and Rolando Blackman 13.

Sherman Douglas led Boston with 20 points and 10 assists. Robert Parish, Rick Fox and Dino Radja each added 12. The Celtics have lost five in a row.

Heat 106, Cavaliers 95

Glen Rice scored 33 points and Brian Shaw had a season-high 15 assists to help Miami, playing at home, win its fourth straight.

The Heat, 14-3 since the All-

Star break, got 20 points from Grant Long on 9-of-12 shooting. Long was poked in the eye early in the fourth quarter.

Rony Seikaly scored 15 points and grabbed nine rebounds for Miami, which is now 10 games over .500 for the first time this season.

The Cavaliers, who have dropped five straight after tying a franchise record with an 11-game winning streak, played without starters Mark Price (bruised left foot), Brad Daugherty (back), and Larry Nance (knee).

Pacers 107, Jazz 103

In Indianapolis, Rik Smits hit two free throws to break a tie with 34.8 seconds to play to lead Indiana. The loss was the third straight for Utah.

The Pacers took a 15-point lead into the fourth quarter and led by

18 with 9:29 to play. The Jazz rallied behind Karl Malone, who scored 16 of his season-high 37 points in the fourth quarter.

Malone twice tied the game, the second time with 1:11 to play at 101-101. He missed an opportunity to give Utah the lead when he missed a free throw.

Smits and Jeff Hornacek matched free throws for a 103-103 tie before Smits, who led the Pacers with 19 points, was fouled by Felton Spencer.

After he made both shots, Tom Chambers' runner was blocked by Dale Davis.

Reggie Miller made one free throw, and Sam Mitchell hit another after Jeff Hornacek missed a 3-point try to tie.

Miller finished with 17 points for the Pacers, while Mitchell, Derrick McKey and Kenny Wil-

liams each had 14 points. Davis grabbed 16 rebounds to lead the Pacers. John Stockton added 19 points and 11 assists for the Jazz.

Suns 105, Nets 93

Dan Majerle scored 14 of his 22 points in the third quarter, helping the Phoenix Suns hold onto a double-digit lead throughout the second half in Phoenix.

Cedric Ceballos and A.C. Green had 18 points apiece for the Suns who snapped a two-game skid and won at home for the first time in their last three games.

Green also had 13 rebounds, and Charles Barkley had 15 points and 15 rebounds. The Suns held a 51-39 rebounding edge, but the Nets were undone by their miserable free-throw shooting (20-of-44).

Johnny Newman led New Jer-

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Key Braves rookie out for the season

ROOKIE Chipper Jones, one of the top young players in the Atlanta Braves' organization, will miss the entire 1994 season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

Atlanta said Dr. Joe Chandler and Dr. Marvin Royster discovered the tear when Jones underwent a Magnetic Resonance Imaging test at Piedmont Hospital in West Palm Beach, Fla., on Saturday.

On the field, Dwight Gooden had his best outing of the spring and outfielder Rick Parker went 3-for-5 with three RBIs as the New York Mets beat the Braves 6-3.

Expos 5, Marlins 2

Also in West Palm Beach, the Montreal Expos stopped a 10-game losing streak. The Expos are just 3-13 this spring.

Sean Berry broke a 2-2 tie in the seventh inning when he doubled, took third on a wild pitch by Terry Mathews and scored as second baseman Jim Walewander bobbled Tim Spehr's grounder.

Orioles 11, Twins 9

In Fort Myers, Fla., Chris Hoiles hit a three-run homer off Pat Mahomes in a six-run second inning.

Minnesota trailed 8-0 when Pedro Munoz hit a two-run homer in the fifth. Cal Ripken's two-run homer keyed a three-run sixth for the Orioles, increasing their lead to 11-2.

Pirates 6, Red Sox 5

In Bradenton, Fla., Jeff King broke a 5-5 tie with an RBI single in the seventh inning off Scott Bankhead.

Mike Zimmerman got the win in relief despite allowing the tying run in the seventh on Matt Stairs' RBI double. Joel Johnston pitched a scoreless ninth for his first save.

Phillies 3, Blue Jays 0

Tyler Green allowed five hits in five shutout innings in Clearwater, Fla. Roger Mason, David West and Larry Andersen, who pitched the ninth to get the save, limited Toronto to two hits the rest of the way.

Al Leiter gave up five hits in four innings for Toronto.

Dodgers 9, Cardinals 5

In St. Petersburg, Fla., pinch-hitter Billy Ashley and Mitch Webster hit two-run homers in the ninth.

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Eubank, close rematch set for May

LONDON (AP) - Ray Close, who fought World Boxing Organization super-middleweight champion Chris Eubank to a draw last year, will get a second shot at the title in a rematch May 21.

British fighter Eubank, 36-0-2, also drew with World Boxing Council champion Nigel Benn last October, then outpointed Germany's Graciano Rocchigiani

in February. He will be defending his title in Close's hometown of Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Close stopped American Ray Donenge in three rounds in October, his only bout since the draw with Eubank last May 15 in Glasgow, Scotland. His record is 20-2-1.

Mike Dela Guardia Born to be alive. A man without fear.

England's golfers outsmarts 8 players

By MEL REISNER

PHOENIX (AP) - Laura Davies warmed up a drizzly day in the desert with a 7-under-par 66, passing eight other players to take the third-round lead Saturday at the Standard Register Ping.

On a course suited to power - the 6,483-yard (5,835-meter) Moon Valley Country Club is the longest on the U.S. LPGA Tour - the long-hitting Englishwoman used a deft short game to overcome a three-shot deficit at the start of the day to finish with a one-shot lead over Elaine Crosby.

Davies' drive on the 390-yard 18th hole went behind a tree. She cut a difficult 7-iron shot around the tree to the edge of the green, chipped long and had to sink a 12-foot (3.5-meter) putt to finish at 12-under 207.

Her seven birdie putts came from 8 feet (2.5 meters) or less.

Playing in a threesome with Davies and Val Skinner, Crosby also shot 66. She started four shots off the lead and stayed with Davies to wind up with a 54-hole total of 208.

Kelly Robbins, the halfway leader with Connie Chillemi at 8-under, bogeyed the 15th hole and was unable to get the shot back. She finished alone in third at 209.

Two shots separated Robbins from Dale Eggeing, Caroline Keggi, Cindy Schreyer and Chillemi.

Beth Daniel, Dottie Mochrie, Donna Andrews, Hiromi Kobayashi and Brandie Burton were bunched five shots off the pace. Nancy Lopez, who tied the course record with a 65 on Friday, shot 73 to fall back into a group of five at 213.

Davies birdied five of the first eight holes, reaching 10-under with her 5-foot (1.5-meter) birdie putt

on No. 8.

Robbins, who started three shots ahead of Davies, had not made a birdie by then. She got her first on No. 8, dropping to 9-under, and took the lead with successive birdies on Nos. 11 and 12.

Meanwhile, Davies also went to 11-under when she birdied the 13th hole with a tap-in after missing a 10-foot (3-meter) attempt at an eagle. Davies had three straight pars, then birdied No. 17 from 4 feet (1 meter) to reclaim the lead.

Crosby, finishing a round without a bogey for the second straight day, charged from far back to take second with four straight birdies on Nos. 14 through 17.

She completed the string with consecutive chips. Crosby holed a 35-foot (10 1-2-meter) chip on the 16th hole and moved ahead of Robbins with a 25-footer (7 1-2-meter) on the next hole.

Graf loses first set, but ends victorious

By STEVEN WINE

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) - When Steffi Graf's forehand sailed long to end the first set, fans rose with a roar as Natalia Zvereva grinned at her moment in the Florida sun.

The rest of the day belonged to the top-ranked Graf, who won 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 in Saturday's final at

the Lipton Championships.

Graf lost a set for the first time in her 28 matches this year. But she kept a more important streak alive with her 32nd consecutive victory, the fourth-longest run of her career.

"I don't expect to win every match," Graf said. "I know I can do it. I think that's what you need to know."

In the all-American men's final Sunday, Andre Agassi will play top-ranked Pete Sampras.

Graf earned \$150,000, her 84th career title and her third Lipton championship. She became the first player since Martina Navratilova in 1990 to win three consecutive tournaments, an achievement she found taxing.

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