

Guerrero bares reelection plan

By Rafael H. Arroyo

GOVERNOR Lorenzo I. Guerrero announced yesterday he would seek reelection in November.

"I have consulted my family and have reached a decision. Yes, I am seeking reelection," Guerrero said in a press conference.

The governor's disclosure yesterday came 19 days earlier than promised. He said earlier he would officially declare his plans on Jan. 25, his birthday.

"Okay, since you media are very insistent on knowing if I am running or not, yes I am. But you people should be more interested with the accomplishments of my administration," he said.

During the ribbon-cutting ceremonies for a water project in Marpi last week Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Executive Director Ramon S. Guerrero declared the candidacy of the governor and Lieutenant Governor Benjamin T. Manglona, asked for comment at that time Guerrero said nothing was definite yet and that Ray Guerrero's statements were only indicative of the latter's support the governor.

The CUC executive director was the governor's campaign manager during the 1989 gubernatorial race which he won over Democratic standard bearer Froilan Tenorio.

In earlier interviews, Guerrero

said his decision to seek reelection would be anchored on how the people have seen his commitment to provide the best quality of life to citizens of the Commonwealth.

The year 1993 is the last year of Guerrero's initial four year term. Under the Constitution, Guerrero is allowed a reelection bid for another four-year term.

"Looking back at what we promised during our campaign trails in 1989, I must say we have delivered," Guerrero said.

He mentioned his accomplishments in utilities infrastructure, roads and buildings, health care, quality of education, welfare

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House grants more power to delegates from territories

THE US House of Representatives gave non-state representatives the power to vote on matters under consideration by the whole House by a margin of 22 votes Tuesday.

Previously, delegates from US territories and the District of Columbia and the resident commissioner from Puerto Rico could only vote in committees meeting outside the House chamber. Under Tuesday's rule change, these representatives will vote in the committee of the whole, which meets in the House and includes every member.

The change is another step in the historical process of providing a greater voice for US citizens living outside the 50 states. It is a smaller step, though, than the Democratic Caucus of the House agreed to in December. At that time the caucus decided to give the delegates and resident commissioner the right to vote in the committee of the whole.

That decision brought criticism in the national press and from Republicans. In a meeting before the new Congress opened for business at noon today the Democrats amended their earlier action. The amendment, which was later adopted by the full House on a vote of 221 to 199, provides

that in the event the delegates of resident commissioner cast deciding votes, a second vote, excluding them, will be cast.

Resident Representative Juan Babauta has watched closely the work of the non state representatives to gain a vote. "They did not get everything they wanted," he noted. "However, what they now have is an increased opportunity to participate. That is worth fighting for. And I'm sure that the fight will go on to add to the legislative powers of the representatives of US citizens living outside the states."

Even with the voting right watered down, Republicans complained long and hard against letting the non-state representatives vote on the floor of the House. The Republicans characterized the new rule as a "power grab" because the delegates and resident commissioner are all Democrats. Their five notes offset the gain of ten votes by House Republicans in the November election. "Like a dead mackerel on a moonlight night" said Thomas Bliley (R-Va), "it both shines and stinks."

Democrats countered by saying that former Republican minority of Guam's Senate.

Democrats also said that simple justice required that US

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Governor cites Chamorro Club

GOVERNOR Lorenzo I. Guerrero yesterday lauded the CNMI Chamorro Club of San Diego, California for assisting CNMI residents going to that part of the mainland.

In a news conference yesterday, Guerrero welcomed the officers of the club and exhorted them to continue their service to their fellow native islanders.

"I am very pleased to recognize your efforts and sacrifices in keeping the native spirit alive even in far away San Diego. You're acting like future leaders of the Commonwealth," Guerrero told the club's officers who came upon the chief executive's invitation.

Present in yesterday's conference were club president James D. Cabrera, secretary Carline B. Sablan and treasurer Emmy Q. Camacho. All three are students residing and studying in San Di-

ego.

The club, which was formed three months ago, helps patients being referred there for treatment, aside from promoting unity and camaraderie among the growing Chamorro and Carolinian population in that part of California.

With a current membership of 78 and 30 prospective members, the club is coordinating with the CNMI Liaison office to help CNMI residents coming to or living in San Diego.

"Our goal is to unify our students and citizens to make them feel more at home in San Diego and help maintain our culture and heritage through a stronger sense of community," Cabrera said.

The club also coordinates social events such as sports activities for CNMI citizens and a community newsletter.

"We at the club also see to it that

we help each other in our studies aside from indulging in community work," Cabrera said.

Guerrero, who learned about the club when he went to San Diego late last year for an eye operation, said he was impressed at how the group managed to keep the community closer together.

He said the spirit of harmony not just among the Chamorros of the Commonwealth but Chamorros in general has been made alive by the group.

"I give you my full support and be assured of whatever assistance within my means. Keep up with the spirit," he told the club officers.

The club, according to Cabrera, is seeking to be chartered as a non-profit organization and is looking forward to become a lobbyist group to promote CNMI interests. (RHA)



GOVERNOR Lorenzo I. Guerrero with officers of the CNMI Chamorro Club of San Diego (from left): Emmy Q. Camacho, treasurer; James D. Cabrera, president; and Carline B. Sablan, secretary, during yesterday's press conference.

Villagomez urges DPS to enforce local law

By Rafael H. Arroyo

SPEAKER Thomas P. Villagomez yesterday asked the Department of Public Safety to exhaust all means to enforce a recently-approved local law which imposes an additional fee for heavy equipment and vehicles.

In a letter to Public Safety Director Gregorio M. Camacho, Villagomez expressed disappointment over the failure of the department to implement Saipan Local Law 8-2.

"While I understand your frustration in having budgetary constraints to effectively enforce the new law, surely there are other means available to temporarily address the situation," Villagomez told Camacho.

The new law, which was signed on Sept. 29, mandates the assessment and collection of additional registration fees for heavy equipment and vehicles by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles based on their weights. Only those with weights 3,000 pounds or more are to be charged these fees.

The bureau was supposed to have adopted the regulations to implement the new law by Nov.

28, but this has not been possible as it cannot meet the provision that the bureau also weigh the vehicles by the use of appropriate scales.

Camacho told the governor that the law could not be enforced by the department because it does not have the appropriate scales to weigh the vehicles and that there were no funds for the purpose.

"Without first determining what scales are to be utilized to comply with this new law, we cannot responsibly promulgate the regulations required to carry out the provisions of this act," Camacho said.

Based on estimates made by a BMV official who travelled to Hawaii to canvass for the scales, the cost of one scale alone is close to \$1 million.

"This cost does not include additional necessary expenses required for training in the use of the scale or for the maintenance of the scale itself. Moreover, to properly implement this program may require at least two scales," Camacho said.

Meanwhile, BMV Chief Matias A. Chagual issued a notice that the collection of the additional

registration fees mandated by the new law would be temporarily suspended pending the procurement of the scales.

This means all heavy vehicles registered or renewed after the effective date of the new law have temporary registrations and must be registered again once the appropriate scales are put into use.

Villagomez, however, was adamant that all possible avenues be explored to enforce the law.

For instance, the weight of equipment and vehicles could be determined by the weights recorded in their shipping manifests.

"Each of these vehicles arrive on island by ship and are individually weighed to ensure the safety of the ships. These records should be available for review," he said.

He reminded Camacho that the main purpose of the law is to generate additional revenues to be used to fund road improvement projects.

"My colleagues in the Saipan Legislative Delegation would indeed be dismayed if other avenues to accomplish the goal of this local law are not explored," he said.

Concern for turtles delays approval of night golf project

By Gaynor Dumat-ol

GOLF enthusiasts may have to wait a little longer for the first night golfing facility in Saipan.

Coastal Resources Management Administrator Joaquin P. Villagomez said yesterday CRM was close to finalizing its decision on the project's permit application but added his office had to wait for information from the Division of Fish and Wild Life on the effect of the golf lights on turtles.

The concern for the turtles was raised by the Division of Environmental Quality.

DEQ sent a memorandum to CRM on Dec. 18 saying, among other things, that the beach area near the golf course at Coral Ocean Point had been identified as a nesting area for the endangered green sea turtles.

"Have any studies been done on the impact to the turtles?" DEQ asked CRM in its memo.

Before the permit for the project is approved, studies must be conducted to determine if the installation of the lights and power generators will have an impact on the residents and wildlife.

If the project is approved by the CRM, Villagomez said earlier, the night golf facility would be the first of its kind in the Pacific.

In response to the concern expressed by DEQ, Villagomez said CRM would wait for the information being gathered by the Fish and Wild Life from federal authorities on marine conservation, the University of Guam's marine research facility and from publications about marine environment, before coming out with a

decision on the application for permit.

Coral Ocean Point President Mike Imai submitted the proposal to CRM in September.

Aside from the adverse effect that may be caused by the lights and the generators on the turtles, DEQ expressed concern about the noise that could come from the power generators and the oil that might spill from the generators.

The project's proponents, through engineering consultant Juan C. Tenorio and Associates, answered the concerns raised by DEQ last Dec. 31 but did not mention the impact of lights on the turtles.

Coral Ocean's consultant said the lights would be installed in 20-meter-high towers, a height which, according to Tenorio and Associates, will be a few feet below the level of the Koblerville subdivision, the nearest residential area from the golf course.

The lights will be directed downwards and there will be trees to block the lights' rays from the residential areas, the consultant said.

Coral Ocean Point has also decided to reduce the number of light towers from 30 in the initial plan, to only 22.

The project consultant explained that the noise produced by each generator would be 65 decibels at most, louder than an air conditioning condenser but not as loud as the sound of a vacuum cleaner.

The consultant also assured that waste oil from the generators would be properly disposed and the oil supply handled correctly to prevent a spill.

Gov't approves apartment project

THE GOVERNMENT has approved the construction of an apartment complex in Fina Sisua named Oceanview Terrace.

Oceanview Terrace will consist of eight buildings all three storeys high, and will be built on 71,000 square feet of leased private land. The project of investor Chang Dae Sik is expected to include mini-parks. Oceanview Terrace will have a total of 18 three-bedroom units and 30 two-bedroom units.

The Departments of Commerce and Labor, Natural Resources, Public Works, and the Division of Environmental Quality, Historic Preservation Office, Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and Coastal Resources Management

Office jointly approved the project on Dec. 30.

CRM Administrator Joaquin P. Villagomez said Oceanview Terrace was the latest project approved by the government.

Like in most permit decisions previously issued, the government said in its decision that the CNMI government could not guarantee 100 percent delivery of the project's power and water needs.

The government, likewise, notified the project proponent that the government sewage treatment facility may not be able to adequately treat the additional sewage load to be created by the project upon completion.

Group counts 45 species of birds

THE MARIANAS Audubon Society recorded 45 species during the Christmas bird count last Saturday, breaking the old record of 43 set in 1989, according to count organizer Derek Stinson.

The 20 birders were fortunate to see several rare species, including the bird of the day, a Eurasian Coot at Lake Susupe. This is the first record of a coot on Saipan, and only the third record in Micronesia. According to Stinson, "The only other coot records are a report from Tinian during the Japanese Period, and bird collected on Guam at the turn of the century."

Other rarities seen included a Green Sandpiper at the Kagman wetlands, the second Saipan record, and a Great Egret at the Puerto Rico mudflats. Additional "good birds" included a Black-headed Gull, a White-winged Tern, four Little Egrets, Interme-

Woman tries suicide

A WOMAN was rushed to the Commonwealth Health Center Tuesday after a quarrel with her boyfriend prompted her to take too many pills, police said yesterday.

The woman survived the suicide try which happened in a house in lower MIHA in Garapan, a police report said.

CHC has requested that names of survivors or victims of suicides be withheld from the public.

In another police report, a male Japanese tourist was injured when

a car hit the motorcycle he was riding Tuesday night on Beach Road, San Jose.

Another man was injured and rushed to CHC when hit with a stone by an unknown assailant who managed to flee. The man's right face was swollen and had a laceration.

Also Tuesday night, a Capitol Hill resident was victimized by a thief who carted away her television and video player and a wallet containing more than \$400. (GLD)

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programs and federal and international relations.

"We're about 70 percent better off today than in the past when water, power and sewer is a major problem for our families. We are in the process of more water drilling, more reservoirs, more power poles in remote areas, and additional sewer treatment plants,

specifically the Agingan Sewer Treatment Plant, which is set to be operational by March next year," he said.

One of the more noteworthy accomplishments he feels proud of is the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, which was established last year. "This is the first time in our history that we had such a facility

and I am proud to be governor at the time it was built," he said.

Among his plans for 1993 are the relocation of the offices of the Public School System from Lower Base, construction of a convention center at the Civic Center in Susupe and more facilities for youth and sports development, including a new Man Amko center.

Flores supports IG tax audit

By Rafael H. Arroyo

REPRESENTATIVE Francisco A. Flores yesterday said the proposed audit of local tax records being insisted on by the Department of Interior's Inspector General should be allowed to proceed.

"With due respect to the position being taken by our government, I feel we should be a lot more open-minded to this audit in the interest of a more transparent and more open government," Flores said in an interview.

According to the Susupe/Chalan Kanoa lawmaker, the audit would quell all misgivings of the federal government on how the CNMI government manages its affairs.

"It's sad to admit it but we need this audit because we have too much impropriety going on in the



Flores

government today. With this audit, we will be more responsible for our acts," he said.

Flores' statements came a week before government lawyers appear before the US Ninth Circuit



Bruce

Court in San Francisco to argue about the Inspector General's authority to audit CNMI's local tax system.

Last year, the US District Court in the CNMI by the Inspector

General to get hold of local individual income tax return and tax return records for the audit.

The decision was promptly appealed by the CNMI government with the Ninth Circuit Court, saying it will transgress the self-government guarantees provided to the CNMI under the Covenant.

After briefs and counter-briefs have been filed, a hearing for oral arguments has been scheduled for January 14.

Tim Bruce, Governor Lorenzo I. Guerrero's special legal counsel, said yesterday the governor still maintains his position that the Inspector General is welcome to audit all federally-funded programs, provided, that locally generated revenues will be spared

from federal scrutiny. "The government still maintains that the federal government should not audit local revenues. We have a local public auditor, constitutionally mandated to perform such a task," Bruce said in a telephone interview.

To submit to the planned audit is a violation of the internal self-government guarantees of the Covenant, not to mention that individual tax records are protected by tax confidentiality laws of the Commonwealth, Bruce said.

The Commonwealth is expected to be represented in the hearing by a team of lawyers from Wilmer Pickering & Associates, a Washington-based law firm which includes former CNMI political status negotiator Howard Willems.

Wise sets seminar on 'Way of Life'



Kathy Wise

THOSE of us suffering from sinful holiday stuffing may find relief from a new weight control seminar.

Beginning Jan. 12, a six-week seminar will be offered at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

Entrepreneur Kathy Wise says she's always loved food-loved it too much. After successfully shedding excess pounds, Wise

wants to share here secrets with other men and women. "Diets Don't Work! But I know what does," she explained.

Called, Way of Life, her seminar will help people take control of their own lives and eating habits. Participants will learn how to change their life styles through proven techniques, self esteem and assertiveness training. Says Wise, "I have a lot of experience. I've studied almost every diet, program and gimmick. I finally discovered what works. I'm going to share this information with the participants. I can't lose the weight for them. They have to really, really want to be thin and think thin."

According to Wise, people have to shift their attitudes to a healthy "way of life" where food is a fuel not a quick fix.

If you're ready to lose weight, the seminar promises to be enlightening, fun and fulfilling.

Applications are available at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library or call Kathy Wise at 322-3100.

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citizens living in American Samoa, Guam, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and the district of Columbia should have a greater voice in the federal government. Steny Hoyer (D-Md) pointed out that Puerto Ricans were fully represented in the Spanish national legislature, but lost that right when the US took over the island after the Spanish-American War.

Neil Abererombie (D-Hawaii) reminded the House that the Yukon Territory could vote in the Canadian Parliament, that Greenland, a possession of Denmark, could note in that country's legislature, and that Mexico's Federal District also had the right to vote. The US should do no less; "vote yes for freedom for all the territories," Abererombie said.

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Don't Drink & Drive

EPA: Secondhand smoke causes cancer

By Paul Raeburn
NEW YORK (AP) - The federal Environmental Protection Agency will release a long-delayed report concluding that secondhand cigarette smoke is a hu-

man carcinogen and causes about 3,000 lung-cancer deaths a year in nonsmokers, EPA officials said Tuesday.

The report, released today, also concludes that secondhand smoke increases the risk of pneumonia and bronchitis in children. Release of the report, after more than two years of revisions, could trigger an avalanche of federal, state and local regulations limit-

ing smoking in public places, health advocates said.

"Having the EPA's imprimatur on this is extremely important," said Dr. Alfred Munzer, a spokesman for the Coalition on Smoking or Health, which includes the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society.

"We believe this will motivate state governments, local governments to enact further regulations limiting smoking in public places."

The report also could prod the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration to regulate smoking in the workplace, health advocates said. Douglas Fuller, an OSHA spokesman, said the agency would weigh the EPA report carefully in its delibera-

tions. Munzer called on President Bush to use the report to justify an order to restrict smoking in federal buildings. "This is far less controversial than the pardons he has issued, and would do a tremendous amount for the public health," Munzer said.

The report concludes that secondhand smoke is a proven human carcinogen, putting it in the same class as asbestos, benzene and radon, EPA officials said.

The report's authors determined that cigarette smoke causes about 3,000 lung cancer deaths in nonsmokers annually, and that it increases the risk of pneumonia, bronchitis, and middle-ear disorders in children. The report also concludes that cigarette smoke increases the severity and frequency of asthma in children.

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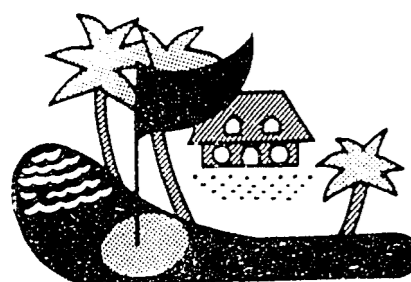
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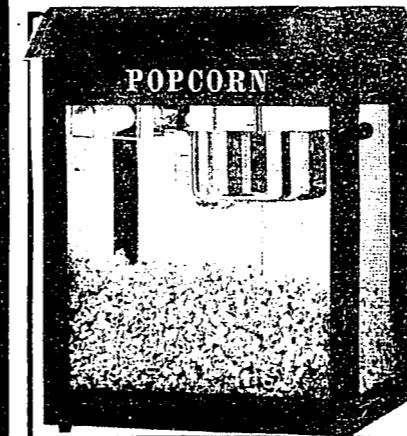


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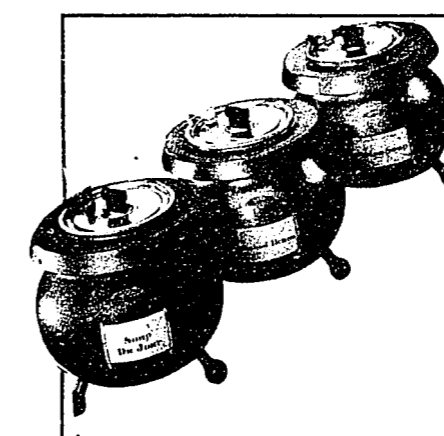
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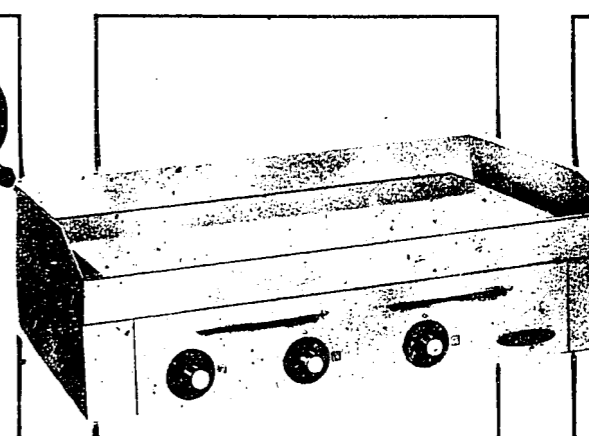
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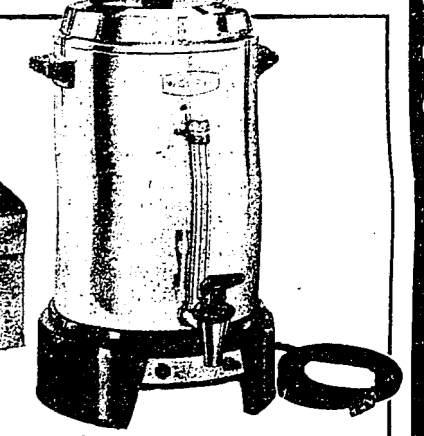
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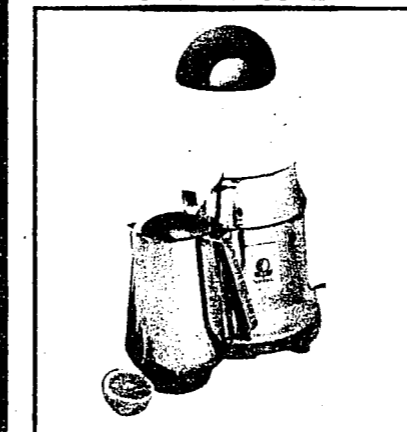
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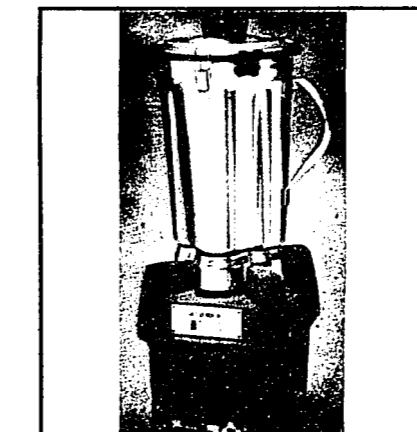
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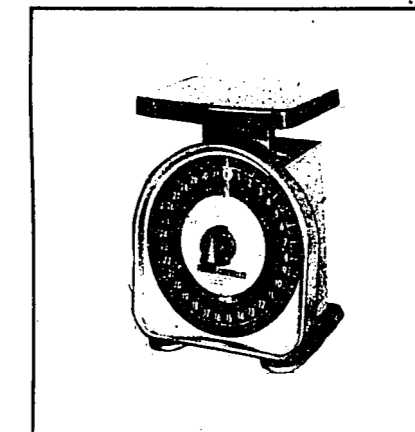
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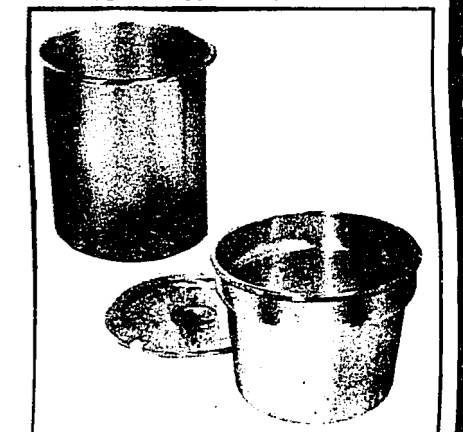
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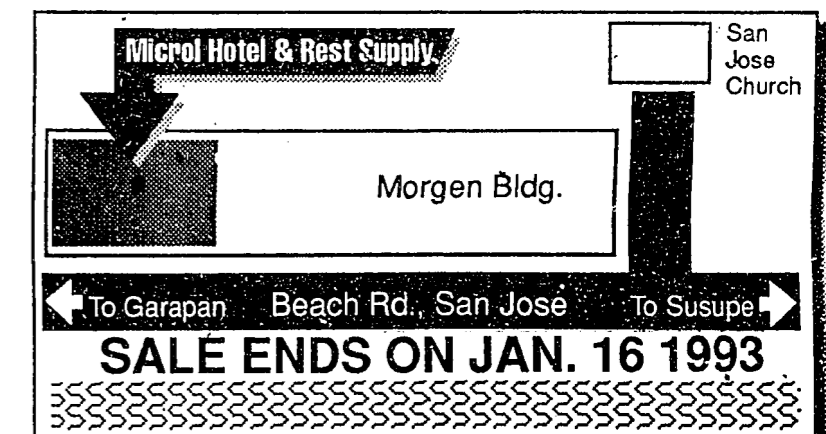
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Gold prices steady; dollar closes lower

NEW YORK (AP) - The US dollar dropped against most major currencies Tuesday in a session dominated by buying interest in the British pound.

Gold prices finished mixed on worldwide markets, steadying after Monday's tumble to a seven-year low.

Gold bullion for current delivery closed at \$328.70 a troy ounce on the New York Commodity Exchange, 60 cents above the settlement price Monday. Republic National Bank quoted a late gold bid of \$329.20 an ounce, which was up 90 cents from Monday.

Precious metals traders said gold prices stabilized as technically-driven selling abated. The selloff inspired largely by internal market forces Monday had pushed prices down to the lowest close since gold hit \$328 an ounce during the week of March 31, 1986.

Currency dealers, meanwhile, said most of the action in the United States and Europe focused on the relationship between the British pound and the German mark. Dollar sales to collect recently amassed profits also drove down the US currency.

Eager buyers bought sterling on the assumption that possible monetary troubles looming in Europe this year would benefit the British currency at the expense of its German counterpart.

Spot metal prices

NEW YORK (AP) - Spot nonferrous metal prices Tuesday. Aluminum - 55.5 cents per lb London Metal Exch. Tue. Copper - 1.1480 dollars per pound. Lead - 32 cents a pound. Zinc - \$1.5449 cents a pound, delivered. Tin - 396.24 dollars per pound. Gold - 338.60 dollars per troy oz. Silver - 3.650 dollars per troy oz. Mercury - 205.00-210.00 dollars per 76 lb flask. Platinum - 353.00-355.25 dollars troy oz., N.Y. (contract).

"I think the dollar was not the primary point of emphasis," said John Nelson, chief dealer at ABN-Amro Bank N.V. "EMS (European Monetary System) tensions were the focal point of the day. We saw a lot of buying of sterling against the mark and, to a lesser extent, against the dollar." Sterling buyers got extra incentive when the pound bounded beyond thresholds considered psychologically significant by market participants. Currency trading in general picked up from the sluggish holiday pace with dealers describing business as busy.

In London, the British pound was quoted at \$1.5445 late in the day, up from \$1.5010 Monday. Sterling strengthened further in New York, with a pound quoted at \$1.5500 late in the session compared to \$1.5000 late Monday.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with Monday's late quotes included: 1.6255 German marks, down from 1.6395; 124.85 Japanese yen, down from 125.30 yen; 1.4720 Swiss francs, down from 1.4800; 5.5475 French francs, down from 5.5950; 1,521.10 Italian lire, down from 1,530.50; and 1.27725 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2816.

The dollar began its trading day in Tokyo by closing at 125.25 yen, up 0.35 yen from Monday's close. In later London dealings, the dollar stood at 125.05 yen.

Gold traded late in London at \$328.80 a troy ounce, up from Monday's late bid of \$328.75 an ounce. In Zurich, the bid for an ounce of gold was \$328.50, down from \$328.65 late Monday.

On New York's Comex, silver for January delivery settled at \$3.677 a troy ounce, up from \$3.635 Monday.

Exchange rate

NEW YORK (AP) - Foreign Exchange, New York prices. Rates for trades of \$1 million minimum.

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Australia Doll	6783	6860	1.4743	1.4577
Austria Schill	.0874	.0868	11.441	11.525
c Belgium Franc	.0297	.0298	33.66	33.60
Brazil Cruzeir	.00008	.00009	11875	11742
Britain Pound	1.5470	1.5002	.6464	.6666
30day fwd	1.5414	1.4948	.6488	.6690
60day fwd	1.5370	1.4905	.6506	.6709
90day fwd	1.5326	1.4865	.6525	.6727
Canada Dollar	.7833	.7816	1.2766	1.2795
30day fwd	.7806	.7792	1.2810	1.2834
60day fwd	.7785	.7768	1.2846	1.2874
90day fwd	.7765	.7746	1.2879	1.2910
yChile Peso	.002696	.002699	370.86	370.49
China Yuan	.1743	.1753	5.7374	5.7055
Colombia Peso	.001616	.001616	618.80	618.80
cCzechosl Koru	.0355	.0355	28.20	28.20
Denmark Krone	.1577	.1576	6.3405	6.3440
zEcuadr Sucre	.000551	.000551	1814.00	1814.00
ECU	1.19030	1.20510	.8401	.8298
dEgypt Pound	.3008	.3008	3.3245	3.3245
Finland Mark	.1869	.1849	5.3500	5.4070
France Franc	.1803	.1788	5.5460	5.5935
Germany Mark	.6150	.6104	1.6260	1.6383
30day fwd	.6120	.6073	1.6340	1.6466
60day fwd	.6096	.6049	1.6403	1.6533
90day fwd	.6071	.6025	1.6471	1.6598
Greece Drachma	.004624	.004603	216.25	217.25
Hong Kong Doll	.1292	.1292	7.7400	7.7415
Hungary Forint	.0121	.0121	82.51	82.51
yIndia Rupee	.0345	.0345	28.986	28.986
Indnsia Rupiah	.000484	.000485	2065.00	2063.50
Ireland Punt	1.6180	1.6025	.6180	.6240
Israel Shekel	.3700	.3713	2.7029	2.6932
Italy Lira	.000655	.000664	1526.50	1506.50
Japan Yen	.008014	.007976	124.78	125.38
30day fwd	.008010	.007972	124.84	125.44
60day fwd	.008009	.007970	124.86	125.47
90day fwd	.008008	.007970	124.87	125.47
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Lebanon Pound	.000544	.000544	1838.00	1838.00
Malaysia Ringg	.3852	.3836	2.5962	2.6072
zMexico N. Pes	.32061	.32061	3.1200	3.1200
NethrInds Guild	.5438	.5439	1.8390	1.839E
N. Zealand Dol	.5087	.5125	1.9658	1.9512
Norway Krone	.1428	.1430	7.0020	6.9915
Pakistan Rupee	.0390	.0392	25.62	25.50
yPetu New Sol	.6410	.6410	1.560	1.560
zPhilpns Peso	.0397	.0397	25.20	25.20
Poland Zloty	.000066	.000066	15146	15048
Portugal Escud	.006840	.006777	146.20	147.55
aRussia Ruble	.002398	.002413	417.00	414.50
Saudi Arab Riy	.2667	.2667	3.7502	3.7502
Singapore Doll	.6046	.6075	1.6540	1.6460
So. Africa Ran	.3272	.3253	3.0565	3.0740
So. Korea Won	.001266	.001267	790.20	789.10
Spain Peseta	.008573	.008602	116.65	116.25
Sweden Krona	.1373	.1399	7.2810	7.1505
Switzerlnd Fra	.6796	.6754	1.4715	1.4805
30day fwd	.6781	.6738	1.4748	1.4841
60day fwd	.6768	.6724	1.4775	1.4871
90day fwd	.6755	.6712	1.4803	1.4898
Taiwan NT	.0394	.0394	25.41	25.40
Thailand Baht	.03917	.03923	25.53	25.49
Turkey Lira	.000116	.000117	8604.00	8540.00
U.A.E. Dirham	.2723	.2723	3.6727	3.6727
fUruguay Peso	.000277	.000278	3611.00	3596.00
zVenzuel Bqjiv	.0125	.0125	79.8000	79.7000
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ECU: European Currency Unit, a basket of European currencies. The Federal Reserve Board's index of the value of the dollar against 10 other currencies weighted on the basis of trade was 92.79 Tuesday, off 0.70 points or 0.73 percent from Monday's 93.49. A year ago the index was 83.38. a-auction result, Moscow Foreign Currency Exchange, c-commercial rate, d-free market rate, f-financial rate, y-official rate, z-floating rate. Prices as of 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time (1900 GMT) from Telerate Systems and other sources.

Corporate profits outpace economy

By Marybeth Nibley

NEW YORK (AP) - As corporate number crunchers finish totting up 1992 earnings it appears many US companies will report respectable fourth-quarter results despite the economic weakness that lingered late last year.

The fate of a few cyclical companies, whose fortunes rise and fall with the economy, improved in the latter days of 1992. Sectors such as retailing are expected to have good news when they report their fourth-quarter earnings over the next six weeks.

A rebound in the banking business could be the year's biggest turnaround story.

But some other industries deeply dependent on economic conditions, notably automakers, haven't turned the corner yet and their anticipated grim fourth-quarter totals will reflect that.

Fourth-quarter figures are also expected to show that plant closings, layoffs and other cost cuts associated with recent corporate restructurings have begun to pay

off. That's not true for all companies, particularly some prominent ones. Headline makers International Business Machines Corp., General Motors Corp. and Sears, Roebuck and Co. still haven't reaped much benefit from their overhauls and again will have disappointing numbers, analysts expect.

Those who track corporate profits say that in general, fourth-quarter results will put the finishing touches on a satisfactory year.

More than ever, though, analysts will have to read between the lines to get a complete picture of corporate performance. Operating income rather than after-tax earnings will be the focus of attention because the numbers will be skewed by one-time charges that scores of companies are taking to comply with new accounting rules.

"If I look at operating earnings, I think 1992 will turn out to have been a good year," said Hugh Johnson, chief economist at First Albany Corp.

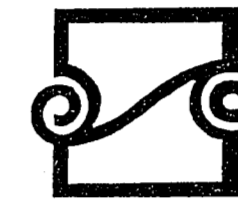
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CIVIL ACTION NO. 92-1546
MALACHY A. CULLEN
Plaintiff,
vs.
ROSALINDA P. CASTILLO CULLEN
Defendant.

SUMMONS
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Petitioners.

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103rd Congress opens session

By Alan Fram

WASHINGTON (AP) - Gavel banged the 103rd US Congress into session Tuesday, as record numbers of female, black and Hispanic lawmakers gathered amid pledges of action and change.

"I'm tired of the banquets. Let's get to work," said freshman Rep. Bobby Rush, one of 110 House freshmen.

Applause swept through the Senate as one by one, the four

women elected to their first terms in November swore allegiance to the Constitution. Carol Moseley Braun flashed a thumbs-up gesture and smiled broadly after taking her place in history as the nation's first black woman senator.

The House took on the aura of a celebration as scores of newly elected representatives took the oath of office.

House Speaker Thomas Foley was re-elected to a new term, but otherwise the day was dominated

by ceremonial business. Democrats made plain they could scarcely wait until President-elect Clinton takes office later this month as the first Democratic president in a dozen years.

"We all look forward to a busy session with a good working relationship with the new administration," Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell told reporters shortly before the opening gavel fell. His first decision: to press for swift confirmation of the Clinton

cabinet.

"The Senate will come to order," Vice President Dan Quayle shouted four times over the din in the Senate chamber as he ordered the Senate into session.

Then, in groups of four by alphabetical order, Quayle swore in all 13 new senators and the 26 others who were re-elected in November.

In one sign of the Senate's changing face, one group of four contained three women: Sens. Barbara Mikulski, Patty Murray and Braun. A record six women will serve in the Senate this year.

Among the sworn-in senators were Bob Packwood of Oregon and Paul Coverdell of Georgia. Residents of both states have filed petitions asking that the men not be seated. Packwood is under fire because of unwanted sexual advances he has made to women, Coverdell because his run-off election victory over former Sen. Wyche Fowler is being contested. The House was gavelled to business by House Clerk Donald Anderson, also on the stroke of noon.

Just hours before being sworn into office, some of the House's 110 freshmen - the chamber's biggest group of newcomers in 44 years - agreed that the country's economic problems had to be addressed. But like their veteran colleagues, they differed on priorities.

Change was evident not just in the overall numbers, but in the people who will be serving in Congress.

Both chambers will have record numbers of women: six in the Senate and 47 in the House.

The House also will have 38 blacks and 17 Hispanics, records in both categories. The Senate will have its first black member since 1978 and the first black woman member ever in Democrat Carol Moseley Braun of Illinois; and its first American Indian in more than 60 years, Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado.

Appearing on "CBS This Morning," Democratic newcomers emphasized the need to help the poor and strengthen education and job training programs. They also supported tax increases, especially on the rich.

"I don't think we ought to shy away from taxes," said Democratic Rep.-elect Eva Clayton of North Carolina.

Republicans focused on the need to reduce record federal deficits but stood firm against new tax increases.

"The economy is on the right track," said Republican Rep.-elect Jay Kim of California, the first Korean-American ever to be elected to Congress. "This is not the time to raise taxes."

In keeping with tradition, the first day of the new Congress was largely one of ceremony and celebration - with the tone ranging from solemn swearing-in proceedings in both the House and Senate to receptions galore. But the real work was to start almost immediately. Lawmakers prepared to do everything from holding early hearings on President-elect Clinton's new Cabinet to considering the new chief executive's still-evolving plans for revitalizing the languid economy.

"It's of critical importance to Congress and the new administration that we move fast on addressing our economic problems," Sen. James Sasser, chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, said Monday. "The American people are expecting that."

The need for congressional speed was inspired by voters' frustration with an institution widely perceived as unresponsive.

In one attempt at change, Democrats were hoping Tuesday to grant delegates from Washington, D.C., and four territories the right to vote on the House floor. But Democratic leaders Monday endorsed a watered down version of the plan that, in effect, would deny the five delegates power to play a deciding role in close votes.

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We, the family cordially invites all our relatives and friends to join us for the First Anniversary Rosary to be held at the residence of Manuel Tenorio (Manetchang) and Maria Castro Delacruz in Susupe Village, Saipan.

Nightly rosary will be said beginning on January 9, 1993 at 8:00 p.m. Mass of Intention will be said on Saturday, January 16, 1993 at San Jose Church, Saipan, at 5:00 p.m.

The family wishes to extend this invitation in appreciation of your thoughtful prayers and support. Dinner will be served after the mass.

Please join us.
Si yuus ma'ase ya si yuus un fanbinendise.
The Family

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

"Candido DeLeon Guerrero Diaz"

(Candy)



of San Antonio, Saipan, passed away in the grace of Our Lord on Thursday, December 31, 1992 at the age of 54.

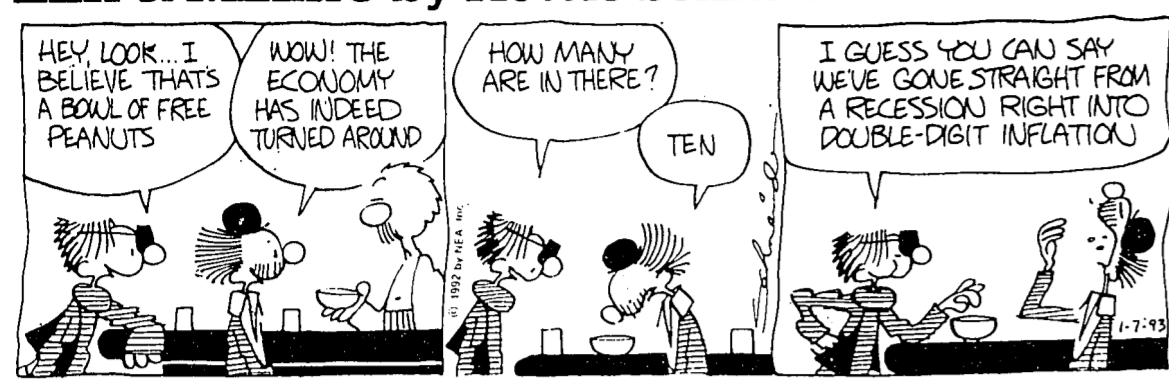
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Wife: Catalina S. Diaz
Sister: Ana D. Magofna
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Survived by:
Mother: Amalia DeLeon Guerrero Diaz (Tan Amalian Badu)
Wife: Joaquina (Kit) D. Diaz
Children, Spouses & Grandchildren: Amalia & Albert D. Guzman, Jr. (Vince Wayne & Albert); Wayne & Kathy Diaz (Stephanie, Wayne, Christopher & Maggilyn); Margarita & Antonio Cabrera (Wayne, Cathy, Anthony, Tina, Michael & Michelle); Lillian & Ed Gaudette (Catherine); Silina Diaz (Albert, Mary, Melanie & Daniel); Jerome & Vivian Santo Tomas (Michelin, Melani, RobyAnn & Keena); Jonathan & Gladys Diaz; Candido Diaz; Patrick & Laura Flores (Loreen, Gracelyn & Patrick, Jr.); Wayne & Kimiko Benavente (Brian); and Mathew Arrejo.
Great-Grandchild: Ronald B. Ivie, Jr.
Brothers, Sisters & Spouses: Juan & Carmen Diaz; Isabel & Luis Cabrera; Antonio & Rosalia Diaz; Vicente & Lucy Diaz; Jose & Teresita Diaz; Maria Diaz Duenas & Bernardino Duenas (deceased); Jesus & Mariana Diaz; Ramon & Bernice Diaz; Celina & Judge Marty Taylor; and Carmen & Charles Crites.
He is additionally survived by numerous aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces and cousins.
Last respects may be paid at the San Antonio Church in Saipan, CNMI between 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 1993. The funeral mass will be at 4:00 p.m. followed by the burial at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Chalan Kanoa.
Rosary is being said nightly at 8:00 p.m. at the residence of Tan Amalian (Badu) Diaz in San Antonio, Saipan and will end on the day of the funeral.

Congress more diverse than any in US history

WASHINGTON (AP) - The new US Congress sworn in Tuesday is more diverse than any in US history.

Among the firsts:
- The first Korean-American member of the US House: Jay C. Kim, a Republican, who was born in Seoul and has been a successful businessman in California.
- The first African-American House members since the 1800s were elected from Alabama, Florida and South Carolina. Rep. Earl Hilliard will represent an Alabama district, while Reps. Carrie P. Meek, Corrine Brown and Alcee L. Hastings are the first blacks elected from Florida since 1873. Rep. James E. Clyburn is the first black from South Carolina since 1897. All are Democrats.
- The first Hispanic congressman ever elected from Illinois: Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez, a Democrat.
- The first Cuban-American Democrat in Congress: Rep. Robert Menendez from New Jersey.
- The first Puerto Rican woman in Congress: Democrat Nydia M. Velazquez, who defeated former Rep. Stephen Solarz in a New York district.
- The first two women to serve in the US Senate from the same state: Sens. Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein from California, both Democrats.
- The first native American elected to the Senate in 60 years: Democratic Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado.
- The first black woman ever elected to the Senate: Democratic Sen. Carol Moseley Braun of Illinois.
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STELLA WILDER YOUR BIRTHDAY

By Stella Wilder

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Also born on this date are: Vincent Gardania, actor; Charles Addams, cartoonist; Saint Bernadette.

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.

FRIDAY, JAN. 8

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may not agree with official decisions and decrees today, but you must nevertheless try to work with them. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — A certain degree of conflict is unavoidable today. Concentrate on how you say things; style is everything. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You are confident that your motives are pure at this time, but others may have their doubts. ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You can motivate others today even by focusing solely on your own affairs. The results you get tell the tale. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You're ready to toss your hat in the ring and compete for honors you feel you deserve. You certainly won't be overlooked! GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You may feel as though you've paid your dues, but today you must be willing to take on certain new responsibilities. CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Watch your step today; you may be lured into a situation which can only benefit your competition in the long run. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You must avoid activities which will attract the

wrong kind of attention today. Stay in the mainstream for the time being.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — No one is asking you to do the impossible today, but it is likely you have a little more to give than expected.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You are fearing what you do not know at this time. The remedy is clear: gather all pertinent information A.S.A.P.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You'll be forced to look inward today and what you see can inspire you to make subtle but beneficial changes.

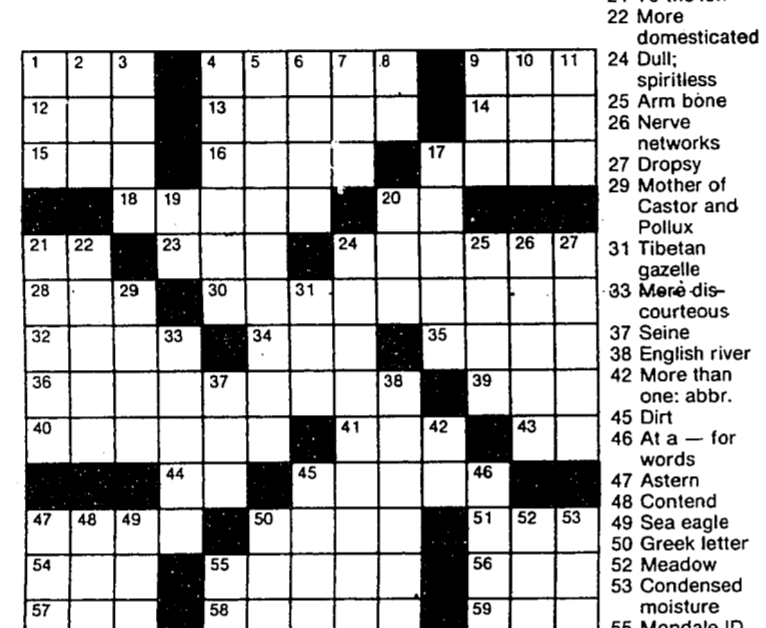
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — What is done cannot be undone today, so you must be ready and willing to accept the consequences. Plan ahead!

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Jan. 7, 1993. Today is the seventh day of 1993 and the 18th day of winter. TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1867, the first election law granting black males the right to vote was established.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Millard Fillmore (1800-1874), U.S. president-lawyer; Konstantin Stanislavsky (1863-1938), actor-director; Charles Peguy (1873-1914), poet-philosopher; Charles Addams (1912-1988), cartoonist; Jean-Pierre Rampal (1922-), flutist, is 71; Kenny Loggins (1948-), musician, is 45; Nicolas Cage (1965-), actor, is 28. TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1927, before a crowd of 300, the Harlem Globetrotters played their first game in a high-school gymnasium in Hinckley, Ill. TODAY'S MOON: Day before full moon (Jan. 8). TODAY'S BARR BY PHIL PASTORET: Biggest mystery on the new crop of TV whodunits: Where are the plots buried? ©1993, NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN.

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1982, an exceptional snowstorm and windstorm brought 12-16 inches of snow to the south and southwest parts of England and Wales. Dublin, Ireland, had 10 inches of snow. SOURCE: THE WEATHER CHANNEL® 1992 Weather Guide Calendar; Accord Publishing, Ltd.

Lutali sworn in

PAGOPAGO, American Samoa (AP) - Inauguration ceremonies were held here Tuesday for Gov. A. P. Lutali and Lt. Gov. Tauese Sunia. The two were sworn in during a simple ceremony on Sunday. Lutali, a Democrat, served as governor from 1984 to 1988, but was defeated by Republican Peter Tali Coleman. Lutali, in turn, defeated Coleman last November. In a short talk at the Sunday ceremony, Tauese thanked Coleman for his leadership in the past four years and asked his cabinet for their support and cooperation in the next four years. Coleman left American Samoa Sunday night to attend a farewell reception in Washington for President and Mrs. Bush. In a letter to Lutali, Coleman said he would be off-island for the opening months of the new governor's term to give him "as free a hand as possible" to implement his programs.

A. Samoa cops under probe for brutality

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa (AP) - Four American Samoa police officers have been placed on leave pending an investigation into an alleged police brutality incident in which one man died and three others were injured. Deputy Public Safety Commissioner Mike Fuiava said a criminal investigation has been completed, and an investigation report will be submitted to the attorney general's office after a review by Commissioner Victor Liu. The four men allegedly were beaten at a police sub-station in Tafuna after being picked up by officers on Dec. 29. Seilala Peleti said ten or more officers were involved in the alleged beating of his brother, himself and the other two men. The report of an autopsy on the brother, Tanugamanono Peleti, has not been made public.

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WBO title. Holmes, 32, has six losses against 45 wins and is a former holder of the International Boxing Federation title. After winning the championship from Frank Tate, Holmes defended it three times being he was knocked out by Darrin Van Horn in May 1991. After 18 months out of the ring, Holmes returned with a points victory over Ralph Moncrief last November and now aims for the WBO title. "He took a good beating by Van Horn and has taken a year off since then," Eubank's manager, Barry Hearn said. "But there's no way we will underestimate Lindell Holmes." Hearn, who also announced he had taken on high-ranked Irish middleweight Steve Collins, said the Holmes fight was the first of a three-contest schedule for Eubank, who has averaged six fights a year since February 1988. Assuming Eubank beats Holmes, he will take one more defense before focusing on a rematch with Nigel Benn, from whom he took the WBO middleweight title in an explosive contest in November 1990.

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continued from page 12 me even going to Australia as I am too weak to practice." England's Jeremy Bates also was knocked out in the first round, overwhelmed by young Russian qualifier Yevgeny Kafelnikov 6-3, 6-3. Germany's Patrik Kuhnen outlasted eighth seed Thomas Carbonell 2-6, 6-4, 6-1 in a minor upset. India's veteran Vijay Amritraj, who is a wild card entry into the Gulf's first-ever ATP world-ranked championship, was outclassed by Belgian Bart Wuyts 6-2, 6-4. But sixth seed Javier Sanchez kept his date in the next round with 6-2 and 6-3 wins over American qualifier Murphy Jensen. Top prize in the tournament, sponsored by Cadillac and Mannai Corp., is \$68,000.

PUBLIC NOTICE In the Superior Court for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands CIVIL NO. 93-16 (T) In the Matter of the Estate of ALBERT FLORES FLEMING Date of Death 7/14/87 Notice of Hearing on Petition for Letters of Administration The petition for Consolacion A. Fleming seeking to be appointed Administratrix of the Estate of Albert Flores Fleming, deceased, has been set for hearing before the Commonwealth Superior Court, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, on the January 14, 1993, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Tinian. Any person who has any objection to this petition may file his or her objection with the Commonwealth Superior Court at any time before the hearing, or may appear at the time set for hearing to present such objection or interest in the above-captioned matter. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the Estate of Albert Flores Fleming or against the deceased, that within sixty (60) days after publication of this notice, they must file their claims with the Clerk of Court of the Commonwealth Superior Court. Any claims not so presented shall be barred. Dated: 1/5/93 /s/Bernadita A. Sablan Deputy Clerk of Court

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SPORTS



Graf crushes rival in quick match

By Winsor Dobbin

PERTH, Australia (AP) - Steffi Graf crushed Natalia Medvedeva in 42 minutes Tuesday night, setting up a 2-1 victory for top-seeded Germany over Ukraine in the Hopman Cup tennis tournament.

Graf defeated Medvedeva 6-2, 6-1 in the quickest match of the tournament to date and then teamed with Michael Stich to win the decisive mixed doubles 7-5, 6-3 over Medvedeva and her brother Andrei Medvedev. Medvedev, a rising star at 18, beat Grand Slam Cup champion Stich 7-5, 7-5 in an upset men's singles

result.

Graf was in peerless form in both her singles and the doubles. "I didn't expect to play that well. I was very pleased," Graf said. The world No. 2 dropped only four points on serve in the first set of the singles and bludgeoned the ball past Medvedeva with relentless accuracy.

Graf hit 15 forehand winners to only two by Medvedeva, who is a capable player but had no answer to Graf's accuracy from the back court.

"It's different playing the top players to watching them on TV," Medvedeva said. "I hope I'll learn from this."

Medvedev, who raised his world ranking from 226th to 24th in 1992, was in scintillating form against Stich, who last month earned \$2 million for his victory in the Grand Slam Cup.

Medvedev has been regarded as a clay court specialist, but more than matched the powerful Stich on the faster Rebound Ace synthetic courts.

He got the decisive breaks in the 11th game of the each set, keeping his nerve to serve out both times and ending the match with a spectacular ace down the middle.

The cool teen defused Stich's power with radar returns and be-

fuddled him with his array of baseline wizardry. Stich laughed ironically at a couple of lost points, angering the Ukrainian.

"I feel bad about the way he behaved. I don't think it's nice for a former Wimbledon champion to behave this way, although I have great respect for Michael," Medvedev said.

Medvedev beat Stich in 106 minutes and was given a standing ovation by the sellout 8,500 crowd, a handful of whom waved Ukraine flags.

Medvedeva proved the weak link in the mixed doubles. Her serve was broken both times.

Germany now will face the

French combination of Guy Forget and Nathalie Tauziat.

Earlier, Petr Korda and Jana Novotna teamed for the first time in 10 years and gave the new Czech Republic its first international sporting triumph - a 2-1 victory over Australia in another quarterfinal.

Korda and Novotna beat Wally Masur and Nicole Provis 6-2, 7-6 (7-5) in the decisive mixed doubles.

They last paired as 14-year-olds in a Czech junior tournament, losing in the second round.

Provis beat Novotna 6-1, 6-4 in the women's singles and Korda defeated Masur 7-6 (8-6), 6-4 in the men's singles.

Local events

Sid K. Peter Tournament

THE 2ND Annual Sid K. Peter Memorial Golf Tournament is scheduled for Jan. 30-31.

The tournament will be held at Marianas Country Club both days. All interested individuals should sign up at Marianas Country Club or Coral Ocean Point Pro Golf Shop. Space is limited so please sign up early.

Major League meets Jan. 11

TOM PANGELINAN, president of the Saipan Major League, is calling all league members and team managers to a meeting at the Gilbert C. Ada gymnasium at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 11.

Topic of discussion is the upcoming 1993 baseball season. Pangelinan urged all concerned to attend the meeting.

Ballfields up for renovation

THE MAJOR league ballfield will be closed for its annual renovation effective Jan. 11 until after the Kintetsu Buffalo training camp ends Feb. 13.

The softball field in the sports complex will be closed effective Jan. 18, also for renovation. It will reopen after Feb. 13.

Medvedev new tennis star

PERTH, Australia (AP) - He's the hottest new star in men's tennis and he's only 18-years-old. Mark down the name of Andrei Medvedev.

The precocious teen-ager from Ukraine was the fastest rising name on the ATP Tour in 1992, soaring from 226 to 24th in just 12 months. Two years ago he was 1008th.

The towering youngster with the cool, composed character became the youngest tournament winner on the men's tour at just 17. He ended up with three titles for the year - the best ever for a rookie.

Medvedev had a reputation as a clay court specialist until this week's Hopman Cup teams championship.

First he thrashed Austrian veteran Thomas Muster, then he beat Grand Slam Cup champion Michael Stich of Germany in straight sets.

The Australian fans, among the most knowledgeable in tennis, immediately fell in love with his all-around game and smooth skills.

Medvedev got a standing ovation after his victory over Stich and hundreds of fans stood outside the locker room to cheer

him.

"The crowd was wonderful. It felt like I was playing at home," he said.

Throughout the off-season he's been working on his footwork, speed and volleying. All three were to the fore as he beat Stich in a 2-1 loss for the Ukraine team on Tuesday night.

"For three months I have been playing only on the hard courts and indoors and I am getting used to it," he said.

"I feel more confidence. I'm looking for my game and I think I can touch it already."

Medvedev is already bored with dealing with media questions about his potential.

He says his aim for the next 12 months is merely "to stay alive" and is less than enthusiastic about life on the men's tour.

"It is hard to play, living in hotels, and to me it's not very much fun," he said. "There is not much fun on the ATP Tour and I would like to stay having fun."

Medvedev looks deadly serious on court but is a joker off-court. He speaks good English and is happy to trade banter with journalists at press conferences.

He's also confident enough to accuse Stich of being cocky.

"I have respect for him, but I didn't like the way he behaved on court," said Medvedev, after Stich laughed ironically at a couple of winning shots by his young opponent.

Medvedev comes from a family of tennis players and was taught to play by his mother, who attends most of his matches.

"My mother put me into it, even when I didn't want to," he joked. "I learned in a pram (stroller)."

His sister, Natalia Medvedev, who is three years older, is a top 50 player and was his partner in the Hopman Cup.

Tour insiders tip Medvedev as a potential Grand Slam tournament winner within 12 months, and he's already made the last 16 of the French Open before losing to eventual champion Jim Courier.

He's beaten players like Stefan Edberg and earned \$335,840 in only 15 tournaments in 1992.

"He's a great player," said Stich. "He just tees off if he gets the chance and he's capable of beating a lot of the top players."

Medvedev's second Grand Slam tournament will be the Australian Open starting Jan. 18:

Eubank ready for bigger fights

By Robert Millward

LONDON (AP) - After winning 10 world title contests, unbeaten super-middleweight boxing champion Chris Eubank believes he's ready to take fights that may at last get him noticed.

Outside of Britain, Eubank is known as the fighter who punched

countryman Michael Watson into a coma to win the vacant World Boxing Organization title here in September 1991. Watson is still recovering.

Most of Eubank's 33 other victories have gone largely unnoticed.

Now the 26-year-old fighter feels he has finished his boxing

education and is looking for opponents with bigger names.

"Now I think I can beat the James Tonys and Michael Nunn of the world," Eubank said. Like Eubank, Nunn and Tony have moved up a class after winning titles at middleweight.

"Michael Nunn and James Toney are my two biggest prob-

lems but now I am ready for them. I am ready, willing and able to fight any super-middleweight in the world."

First he has to beat Lindell Holmes.

Eubank meets the experienced American at London's Olympia Feb. 20 in his sixth defense of the

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Edberg, Becker post easy wins in Qatar

DOHA, Qatar (AP) - Top seed Stefan Edberg of Sweden and Germany's No. 3 Boris Becker handily won their first matches on Tuesday to progress in the \$450,000 Qatar Open Tennis Tournament.

Becker found the going a little tougher but managed to keep out the spirited Gary Muller of South Africa. Becker lost the first set 6-7 (5-7), but overcame Muller in the next two with scores of 6-2 and 6-0.

Becker faces Stephane Simian of France in the second round.

Becker was generous to his opponent, saying: "Muller has a strong service and is very dangerous."

Edberg defeated German Karsten Braasch 6-3, 7-6 (7-5) in a match lasting 109 minutes.

The Swedish player looked in good form and declared after the match: "I feel I've got my hunger back again."

Earlier, Olympic champion Marc Rosset, the fifth seed here, withdrew from the tournament with a sore throat. He dropped out in the third set after splitting sets with Marcos Gorriz of Spain 5-7, 7-5.

Rosset walked off the Center Court after two hours of play, complaining of a throat virus. He also said he would not be competing in the Australian Open, the season's first Grand Slam event, later this month.

"I've been sick for the past two weeks and recently spent eight days in bed on antibiotics trying to shake off this virus," a disappointed Rosset said later. "I think I came back too soon as I felt very tired out there."

He added: "There is no point in

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