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by Jeff MacNelly



Sworn in

Miami's first Cuban-born mayor takes office

Associated Press
 MIAMI — Miami's first Cuban-born mayor was sworn in before a cheering overflow crowd Wednesday and promised to transform the city of blacks, Hispanics and whites into a united community moving from "alienation" to "identification."
 "We find ourselves picking up the pieces of an alienated citizenry," said Harvard-educator Xavier Suarez, who was boosted by support from blacks in his Tuesday victory over a fellow Cuban-born candidate.
 "Some neighborhoods actually want to secede from the city... others

are desperate for a dividing wall which will separate them physically from their neighbors," he said to cheers of "Viva Suarez!"

Suarez, 37, told the mostly Hispanic crowd packed into city commission chambers and out into the lobby that the city also needs to reduce violent crime and improve low-cost housing.

In Cuba, the state radio took note of Suarez's election with a report that refrained from the customary criticism of Cuban exiles but said he faces "a Herculean task" in cleaning up the city.

The Miami metropolitan area has more Cubans (some 650,000) than any except the Cuban capital, Havana. Most fled the island after Fidel Castro's 1959 revolution that put the island on a communist path.

Suarez is Miami's 28th mayor, succeeding Puerto Rican-born Maurice Ferre.

"The best is yet to come, Miami will surge ahead as a world-class city," said Ferre, who lost his bid for a seventh two-year term by finishing third to Suarez and Cuban-born banker Raul Masvidal, 43, in the Nov. 5 primary. "May Xavier Suarez prosper, and Miami prosper with him."

Suarez responded: "To the outgoing mayor, my congratulations for the class he has shown in losing and for the dreams he has had and pursued of a great Miami."
 He defeated Masvidal with 31,662 votes, or 56.7 percent, to 24,224 votes, or 43.3 percent, for the millionaire banker.

Also sworn in Wednesday were new Cuban-born city commissioner Rosario Kennedy and re-elected incumbent Miller Dawkins, the only black on the five-person commission. Two other seats on the commission, one held by a native of Cuba, were not up for election this year.

Children didn't know hugs breach of royal protocol

Associated Press
 BOSTON — Two deaf children who greeted Princess Diana with hugs say they were only trying to be friendly and didn't think she was offended by what may have been a breach of protocol.
 "She hugged me right back," said Kevin Nolan Jr., 10, of Northampton.
 He and his 7-year-old sister Kristi Ann, were among two dozen people

in a special group who met the visiting royal couple last Saturday at Andrews Air Force Base. Both children hugged Diana and shook hands with Prince Charles, and Kristi Ann gave the princess a bouquet of roses.

"We didn't realize it was against tradition," their father, Kevin J. Nolan Sr., said after published reports suggested the hugs were a protocol breach.

History today

Associated Press
 Today's highlight in history:
 On Nov. 14, 1889, New York World reporter Nellie Bly (Elizabeth Cochrane) began her attempt to top the fictitious voyage of Jules Verne's Phileas Fogg by traveling around the world in less than 80 days. She would succeed, finishing the trip in 72 days.
 On this date:
 In 1832, the first streetcar, a horse-drawn vehicle called the John Mason, made its debut in New York City.
 In 1881, Charles J. Guiteau went on trial for the assassination of President James Garfield. Guiteau was convicted and hanged the following year.
 In 1922, the British Broadcasting Corp. began its domestic radio service.
 In 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed the Philippine Islands a free commonwealth.
 In 1940, German planes destroyed most of the English town of Coventry.
 Ten years ago: President Gerald R. Ford's videotaped deposition was played at the trial of Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, who was charged with trying to kill him. Ford said he had no recollection of hearing a gun click when Fromme allegedly pointed a pistol at him.
 One year ago: Astronauts aboard the space shuttle "Discovery" plucked a second satellite from orbit and secured it in the spacecraft's cargo bay, the second successful salvage mission in two days.

Scholar: Summits a popularity boost for U.S. presidents

Associated Press
 WASHINGTON — Whatever the outcome, President Reagan is likely to return from the superpower summit with a big surge in his popularity at home and a newly polished image as being more of a peacemaker than a hardliner toward the Soviet Union.
 But even before he leaves for Geneva, the president is playing down expectations, ruling out any agreement on arms control.
 Absent any accord, however, the mere fact that a president meets with the Soviet leader pays good dividends, according to presidential scholars.

"It's a no-lose proposition," said Stephen Hess, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution who has worked for Presidents Nixon, Ford and Eisenhower.

"Even when a summit doesn't produce anything, the president gains a rally-around-the-flag syndrome," Hess said.

Just by meeting with Gorbachev, Reagan softens his image as a hardliner and promotes himself as a peacemaker, Hess said.

Lyndon B. Johnson, for example, came away virtually empty-handed from the Glassboro, N.J., summit with Alexei Kosygin in 1967, yet his popularity rating shot up 11 points, Hess recalled.

Professor Stephen J. Wayne, a specialist on the presidency at

George Washington University, said Reagan should see his already high popularity rating increase by 5 to 10 percent, at least for the short term.

However, he predicted, the surge in polls would recede if no major accomplishment emerges in time from the meeting.

With the superpowers deeply divided over space weapons and missile defenses, it appears virtually certain that no agreement will be reached at the summit on arms control. Reagan has expressed hopes that the summit will send a signal to spur the arms negotiators, but an agreement on that is in doubt.

Reagan plans to propose that he and Gorbachev hold annual summits, meeting alternately in each other's country.

Efforts also are under way for summit agreements regarding cultural exchanges, resumption of commercial air travel between the United States and the Soviet Union and to guarantee the safety of air travel over the Pacific.

For the first four years of his presidency, Reagan did not seem interested in having a summit. But as Reagan began his second — and final — term, talk of a summit increased, and then took on real momentum when Gorbachev, the youngest Soviet leader in decades, came to power.

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