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Tsongas won't be spoiler

Decides against re-entering presidential race

BOSTON (AP) — Paul Tsongas said today he will not re-enter the Democratic presidential race despite his strong showing in the New York primary, a decision that boosts front-runner Bill Clinton's chances for the party's nomination.

"I will not re-enter the race," Tsongas told a news conference in Boston, saying that to do so would be to play the role of spoiler. "I reject that role."

The former Massachusetts senator said his name will remain on future primary ballots, and he will keep his delegates to the party convention in July. He also declined to endorse Clinton.

But he called on his supporters to cease campaign efforts on his behalf, and Clinton — as front-runner — was the primary beneficiary of his decision.

Tsongas said he spoken with Clinton by telephone on Wednesday night. "He congratulated me. I congratulated him," Tsongas said, adding that Clinton did not ask for support and he did not offer it.

Tsongas' decision was certain to cheer the Clinton camp, busy trying to create a bandwagon for the Arkansas governor fol-

lowing his four-state primary sweep this week in New York, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Kansas.

Clinton has 1,267 nominating delegates, to 539 for Tsongas and 264 for Jerry Brown. It takes 2,145 to secure the nomination.

Party leaders, pointing to Clinton's enormous delegate lead, have said in recent days the nominating fight is all but settled, despite Brown's persistent challenge, and a re-entry by Tsongas would serve to prolong the fight.

It's not often that a candidate gets to make two withdrawal statements in a single campaign, and Tsongas, known for his wry wit, made the most of it.

He ducked the first question thrown at him: whether he would serve on a ticket with Clinton. He had said previously that he was not interested in becoming the party's vice presidential candidate.

Tsongas held up his 86-page economic manifesto, which he often waved during campaign debates, and profusely thanked the voters who had supported him after his first withdrawal last month.

"Hear me well, Democrats and Republicans. The old ways of taking this country

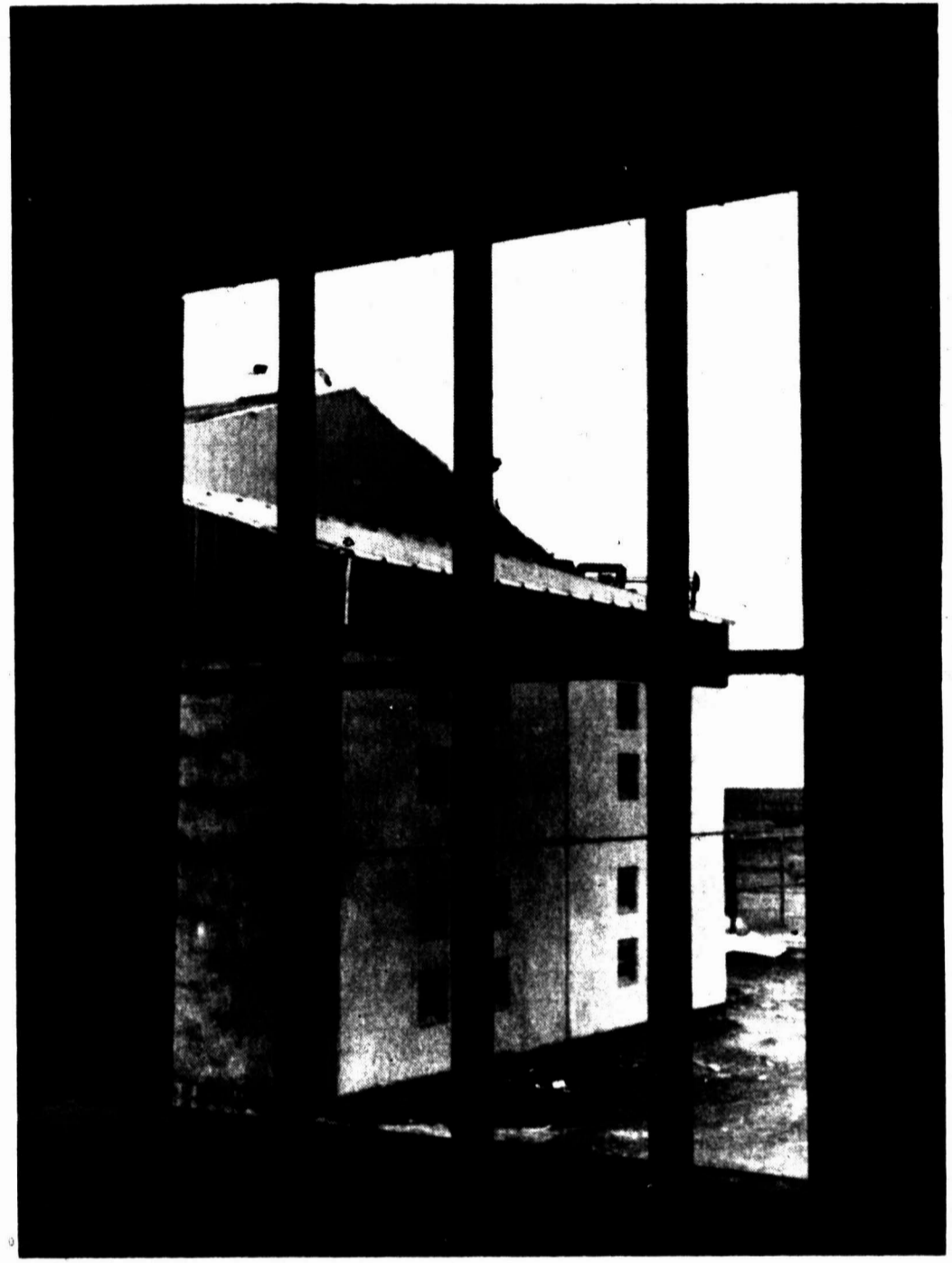
into economic ruin and social chaos are over. The people of America are ready for a new resolve," he said. Tsongas, 50, campaigned as an apostle of a pro-business economic policy, coupled with a liberal social agenda.

Asked whether he intends to run for the White House in 1996, Tsongas replied, "I will answer that question in mid-November."

Tsongas said playing the role of spoiler — entering the race without a chance of winning and only the possibility of damaging Clinton — was "not worthy." But he said wistfully that he came "very close" to rejoining the race he quit following drubbings in the Illinois and Michigan primaries.

Tsongas stepped to the microphone one day after a meeting with advisers about prospects for a revived campaign. Sources close to the discussions said Tsongas was told he had virtually no chance of gaining the nomination barring a complete Clinton collapse. On the other hand, Clinton has been damaged by a string of stories raising questions about his character and integrity, and Tsongas was said to want to be available should the party need an alternative nominee.

Room with a view



(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzya)

Bars crisscross the view from a cell window at the Rufe Jordan Prison currently under construction east of Pampa. Texas Department of Criminal Justice prison board members are to meet in Austin Friday to decide whether Pampa's will be among the bids accepted for the building of more prisons and rehabilitation centers. For a better look at the prison construction, please see page 3.

Uncle Sam can be top customer

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

As numerous Panhandle businesses struggle to survive during a lingering recession, an authority on contract procurement said Wednesday that one of the best customers to have is Uncle Sam.

Courtney Sharp of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission told a group of Pampa business leaders at a Chamber of Commerce meeting that since 1986 the Contract Procurement Division of PRPC has brought \$40 million in business to the Panhandle.

Three of those businesses have come to the Pampa area, he said.

They include contracts to clean rubber off runways at an Air Force base, provide office supplies at the Texas Department of

Criminal Justice, and computers to Pantex. Sharp explained, "An aircraft carrier has about the population of White Deer or Panhandle and they need all the products and services that those cities do."

He said any business willing to invest the time finding out what the state and federal governments are currently seeking could be rewarded to the tune of several million dollars.

"The government needs anything from paper clips to stealth bombers," Sharp said. "What happens is that a small business will come in (to the PRPC) and sit down with us to discuss what services they provide or what they make. With the help of *Commerce Business Daily* and past procurement histories, we do market research to find out what demand there is for that product or service."

For a farmer in Sunray, that meant a plush contract providing popcorn to foreign military bases. An Amarillo firm is providing backpacks and canteen covers to the U.S. Forest Service and Army. Portable buildings made in Claude are purchased by the White Sands Missile Range.

In addition to helping Panhandle companies land government contracts, Sharp said the PRPC is teaming with the Texas Department of Commerce to find Lone Star products for export to other nations.

"You see all the time on TV that we need to be exporting more than we are importing," Sharp said, "and we want to help small businesses find international leads for exporting their materials."

For more information, Sharp said business owners can call him at the PRPC in Amarillo.

Arafat said out of hospital; to skip PLO meeting

By NEJLA SAMMAKIA
Associated Press Writer

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — Yasser Arafat left a hospital today after treatment for injuries suffered in a crash-landing that killed three people, and a key PLO council delayed a meeting to allow him to recover, officials said.

The Palestinian embassy in Tripoli said the PLO leader had left the hospital in Misratah, where he was taken Wednesday after spending 15 hours in the desert of southern Libya following the plane crash.

Officials said they did not know his destination today. Sources at the Palestine Liberation Organization's headquarters in Tunis said he might return to Tunisia tonight.

A doctor described Arafat's health as "excellent," but there was no official report on his injuries.

Embassy sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Arafat had an eyelid injury and other slight bruises, but otherwise was in good condition.

However, sources at the PLO's headquarters in Tunis said Arafat could not walk on his own. They

said he apparently broke a leg and possibly a hand when his plane plowed into a dune during a sandstorm Tuesday night while on a flight from Sudan to Tunisia.

The head of the Palestinian parliament, Abdel Hamid as-Sayeh, announced at the opening of today's session of the PLO Central Council in Tunis that the meeting was being recessed, PLO officials told reporters. The officials said it would be put off until Arafat could attend.

Suleiman Najjib, a member of the PLO's Executive Committee, reached by telephone in Tunis, said

the policy-making council would likely meet in two or three weeks.

The 80-member Central Council is a liaison between the Executive Committee and the Palestinian parliament.

The meeting may be crucial for Arafat because it could introduce a challenge to his leadership. He has come under growing criticism from his own Fatah group for backing Iraq in the Gulf War and refusing to listen to advisers.

The council also was to debate the progress of Middle East peace talks, which are scheduled to resume on

April 27 in Washington. Some members feel the Palestinians have made too many compromises in the talks and that Israel has given little.

Arafat, lying in bed with a bandaged right eye, was seen on Libyan TV Wednesday night smiling and chatting with Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi at the hospital in Misratah, 120 miles east of the capital, Tripoli.

Arafat, 62, said the two pilots and engineer were killed and five others seriously injured when his Soviet-made Antonov-26 was forced down.

"We have treated him fully and comprehensively," Dr. Muftah al-Shwayhidi said. "His health is excellent."

Arafat has been the PLO's undisputed leader for 23 years. His loss would have been a grievous blow to the organization and could have seriously undermined the Arab-Israeli peace talks.

Arafat's two most important aides have been assassinated over the past four years and no one else has the stature to step in as successor of the divided PLO.

Richards to unveil school finance plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards today asked Texas business to back her school finance and education reform plan.

"We can be successful at this program if I have your help," Richards told the Texas Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The proposal would take business and mineral property away from local school districts, putting it into a state tax pool. Tax revenue from the property would be collected by the state and returned to schools statewide.

Richards has said she aims to call a special legislative session early in May, a session made necessary by a Texas Supreme Court ruling that the current school funding tax is unconstitutional.

However, the governor said, "I have no interest in calling the Legislature together unless I think we can be successful."

Richards said she wants lawmakers to meet this spring so that a proposed constitutional amendment could be considered by voters in November.

But she said, "If the votes are not there, we may have to wait until after the November election" to hold the session.

Some lawmakers say they're not sure the governor's plan has sufficient backing to pass.

Senate Education Committee Chairman Carl Parker said Wednesday that he doesn't see enough support yet for a special legislative session to be convened.

"I think it would be a waste of time, because there is no plan that has any significant support at this time," said Parker, D-Port Arthur.

"Generally, consensus grows in direct relation to the nearness of disaster. I think the closer we get to the drop-dead date the court gave us, the more likely we are to get a solution," Parker said Wednesday.

The Texas Supreme Court, which has required lawmakers to equalize school funding, in January ruled unconstitutional the state's current public school tax system and set a June 1, 1993, deadline to fix it. It was the third time the court has scrapped a Texas school funding plan.

Richards' staff has been meeting with lawmakers this week, and aides say response has been good.

"The response so far I think has been favorable, from what I can gather from our people who have been talking to the lawmakers," said Bill Cryer, Richards' press secretary.

"It's now in a full-court press, to see if we can pull together what we think we need to call a special session, which is some basis of a consensus," he said.

The key point in her plan, according to aides, is taking business property off of local school tax rolls and putting it into the statewide taxing pool.

The idea, which would leave residential property subject to local school property taxes, would

require a constitutional amendment. That proposed amendment also probably would include setting a specific standard of equity for funding public schools, her staff said.

A two-thirds vote of the House and Senate is required to put a proposed constitutional amendment on the ballot.

Other likely high points of Richards' proposal are teacher pay raises, state aid for construction, no limits on some local spending, and financial rewards for schools that improve student performance.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman John Montford, D-Lubbock, said he was reviewing Richards' plan and had received mixed responses from school district superintendents in his area.

"I feel like a punching bag," he said after meeting with about 70 superintendents.

"I think that it's going to be impossible to write a plan that makes everybody happy, but the ultimate objective is, of course, the attainment of equity, and I certainly congratulate her for moving forward," Montford said.

Superintendents want to see just how Richards' new proposal would affect their districts, Montford said.

He said there was opposition from some districts that rely on oil for most of their property tax base. That would become part of the state property tax base under Richards' plan.

Yeltsin, Kravchuk suspend decrees on Black Sea fleet

By LARRY RYCKMAN
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Ukraine and Russia today took a major step toward resolving their conflict over the Black Sea fleet by suspending decrees claiming the force for themselves and forming a commission to settle the dispute.

Following a week of brinkmanship and escalating tensions, Russian President Boris Yeltsin and his Ukrainian counterpart, Leonid Kravchuk, spoke twice by telephone to forge the compromise, the *ITAR-Tass* news-agency reported.

The fleet, considered a crown jewel of the former Soviet navy, has been the biggest issue separating the two largest and richest members of the Commonwealth of Independent States. It is based on the Crimean peninsula, which both Russia and Ukraine claim.

The fleet has 45 cruisers, 28 submarines, 300 small and medium-sized ships, 150 airplanes and 85 helicopters. It was considered part of the Soviet strategic forces and a direct counter to the U.S. 6th Fleet in the Mediterranean.

Radio Kiev said Yeltsin and Kravchuk had agreed not to issue any further decrees affecting the Black Sea fleet.

In Sevastopol, the Crimean headquarters of the fleet, Ukrainian

lawmakers met with commonwealth military officers to discuss how to divide up the fleet, said Alexander Kondrakov, a Ukraine deputy.

The tug-of-war has strained not only Ukrainian-Russian relations but the unity of the commonwealth, many of whose members are taking steps toward creating their own military forces.

Yeltsin announced the compromise agreement at a meeting of Russian parliament deputies in Moscow, *ITAR-Tass* said.

Tensions escalated rapidly between Russia and Ukraine this week when their leaders issued a series of decrees claiming control of the fleet, established by Catherine the Great in 1783.

On Monday, Kravchuk signed a decree placing the fleet, as well as all conventional armed forces on Ukraine's territory, under Ukrainian jurisdiction. Yeltsin responded the

next day by ordering the takeover of the fleet by Russia. The move was seen as part of his efforts to shore up support in the Russian parliament, which convened Monday in Moscow.

On Wednesday, Kravchuk appointed a commander of the newly created Ukrainian navy, and Yeltsin dispatched the commander of the commonwealth navy to Ukraine to ensure his decree was carried out.

However, the commonwealth commander, Vladimir Chernavin, also paved the way for compromise by holding talks with Ukrainian deputy parliament speaker Valentin Durdinets, *ITAR-Tass* reported.

Kravchuk appointed former Soviet Admiral Boris Kozhin as commander of a new Ukrainian navy based on the Black Sea. It wasn't clear today, however, whether his appointment would be affected by the compromise agreement.

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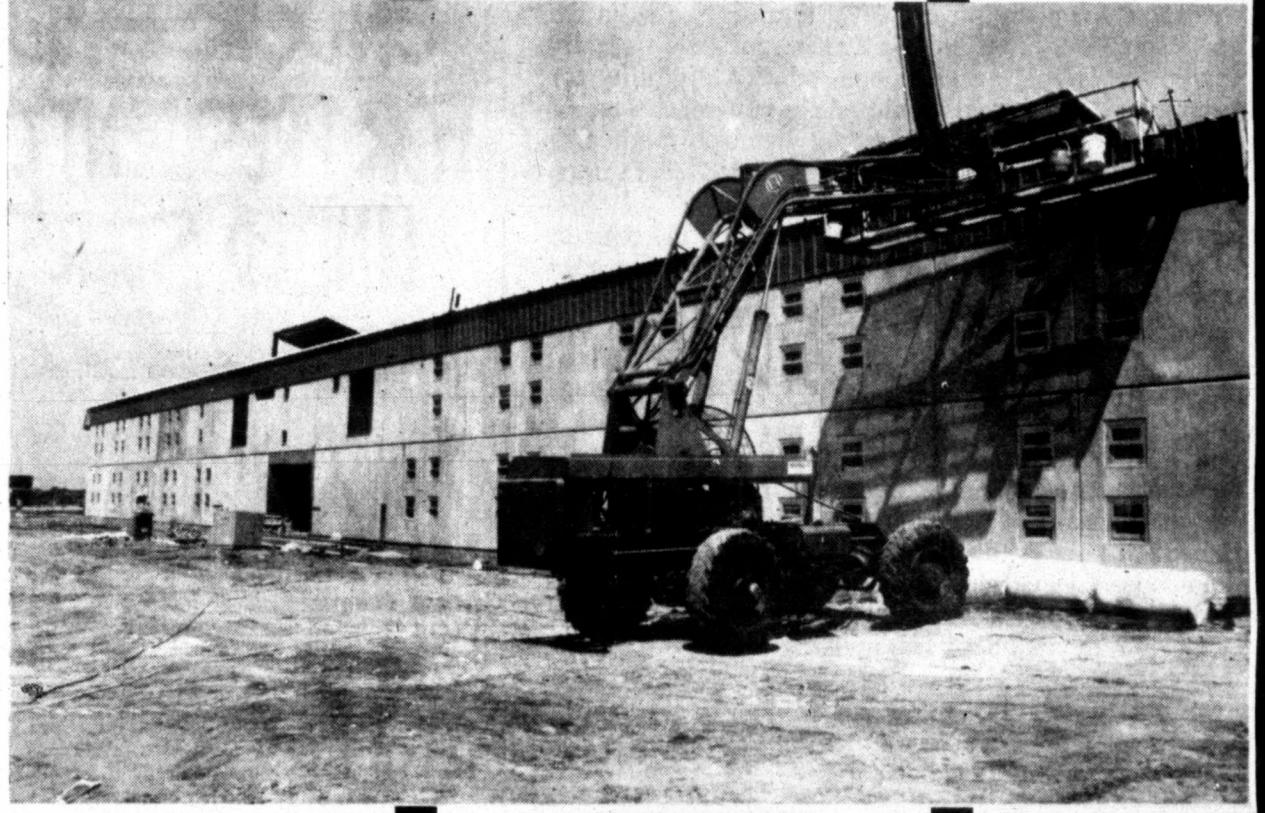
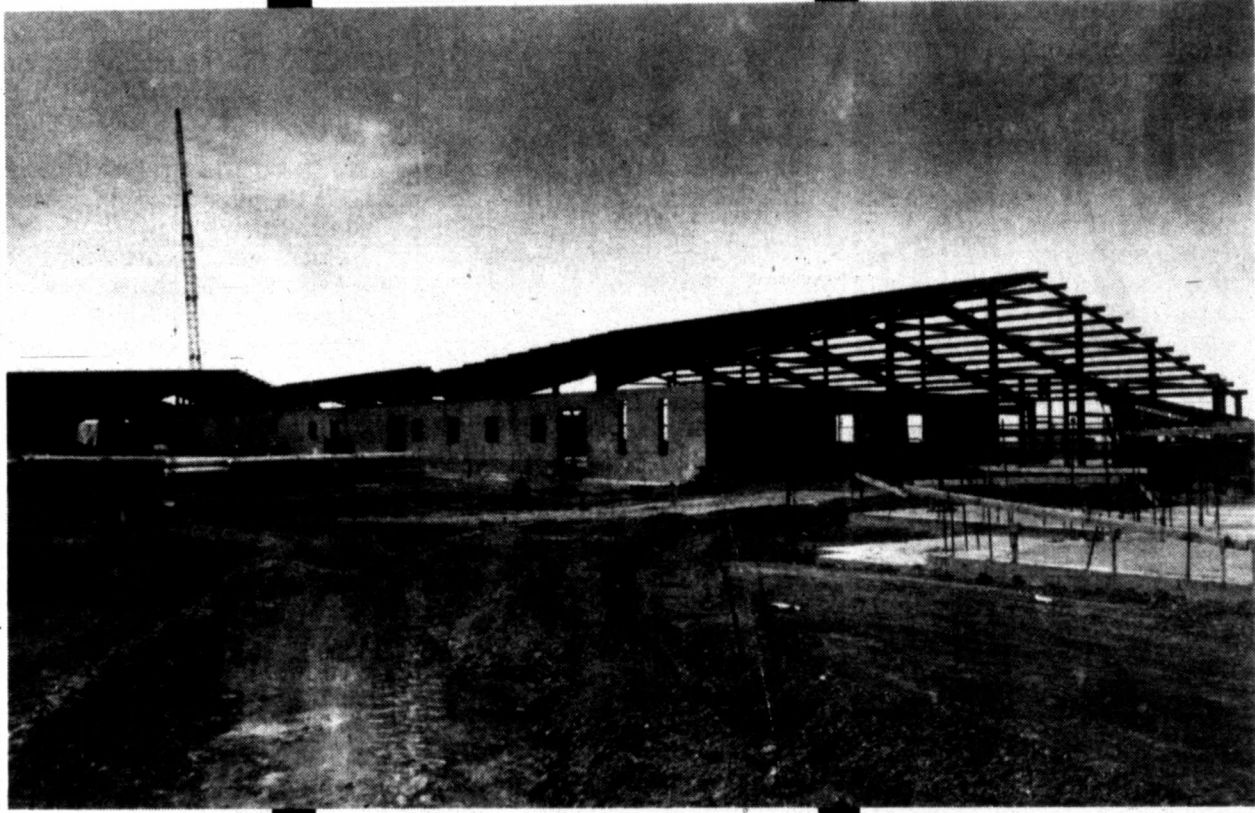
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RUFE JORDAN PRISON UNIT

Photos show various phases of inmate housing construction at the Rufe Jordan Prison Unit east of Pampa. —Staff photos by J. Alan Brzys



Ashe forced to acknowledge he has AIDS

NEW YORK (AP) — Tennis great Arthur Ashe has had many causes: human rights, black awareness, education. AIDS was not among them.

On Wednesday, Ashe reluctantly acknowledged that he has had AIDS since 1988 and said he became infected with the virus five years earlier from a blood transfusion. He disclosed his condition after USA Today called him on Tuesday.

"Someone just called and ratted on me and they felt journalistically they had to follow it up," Ashe said at a news conference Wednesday. "It put me in the unenviable position of having to lie if I wanted to protect our privacy."

"No one should have to make that choice."

The 48-year-old Ashe, the first black man to win Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, said he shouldn't be compared to basketball superstar Magic Johnson, who announced days after getting his test results that he is infected with the AIDS virus.

"Magic was an active athlete, much more in the day-to-day public eye than I am. He had to come forward," Ashe said.

Johnson, who said he was infected through heterosexual sex, retired from the Los Angeles Lakers in November and devotes much of his time to AIDS education. Ashe said he would join that cause.

"I'm sure Arthur will ... become a leading voice in the fight to educate, raise funds and increase awareness to all, especially our youth," Johnson said.

Ashe, who had heart-bypass surgery in 1979 and 1983, said he believes he was infected during a transfusion a few days after the second operation, which was performed at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York.

There was no test to screen blood for AIDS until 1985, the hospital noted. Screening has made blood products extremely safe; only 20 transfusion-associated AIDS cases have been reported since 1985, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

In 1988, Ashe's right hand went

numb. A brain scan showed an infection, and a biopsy revealed toxoplasmosis, a parasitic infection considered a marker for AIDS. More tests made the diagnosis official.

On Wednesday, Ashe was composed as he read from a statement, except when he spoke of explaining the situation to his daughter, Camera, who is 5. At that point, his wife, Jeanne, took over until he could continue.

Ashe said his wife and daughter have tested negative for the AIDS virus, and his own health is good most of the time. He is taking AZT and antibiotics.

"The quality of one's life changes irrevocably when something like this becomes public," he said.

Ashe was tennis' first black man on a U.S. Davis Cup team (1963); the first — and only — black man to win U.S. National and U.S. Open titles (1968); and the first — and only — black man to win the Australian Open (1970). His biggest win came in 1975, when he upset Jimmy Connors' at Wimbledon, becoming the first and only black man to win that British tournament.

He ranked No. 1 in the world in 1968 and 1975 and has earned millions from tournaments, endorsements, consulting contracts and as a TV tennis commentator.

In 1970, he helped get South Africa banned from the Davis Cup because of the nation's policy of apartheid. He promoted civil rights and developed tennis programs for inner-city blacks but stressed education as the best way out of the ghetto. He wrote the three-volume "A Hard Road to Glory: A History of the African-American Athlete."

He retired from tennis after his first heart operation, but his political and civic activism continues.

"I plan to continue being active in those things I've been doing all along — if the public will let me," he said.

Ashe said many people in the sports and medical community had kept his secret — and he thanked them for it.

When called by USA Today on Tuesday, Ashe refused to confirm or deny that he has AIDS, and he asked for more time.

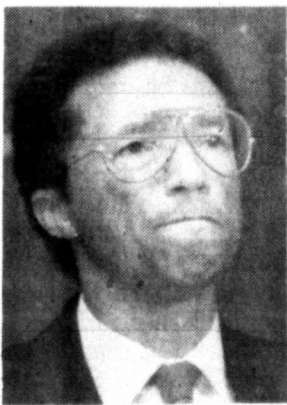
Gene Policinski, managing editor for sports at USA Today, said the newspaper did not go to press with the story in Wednesday morning editions because "we didn't have the story confirmed sufficiently."

Policinski said the newspaper was right to pursue the story. "For any news organization, when any public figure becomes ill ... there's no question that it's news," he said.

Others in the industry agreed. "What's the choice? To ignore it? That's not an acceptable choice for a newspaper," said Louis A. Ureneck,

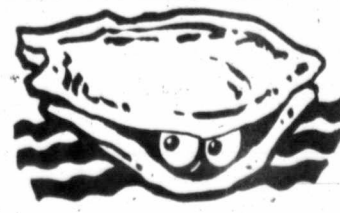
managing editor of the *Portland Press Herald* in Maine.

Some 4,770 AIDS cases in the United States are blamed on blood transfusions, about 2 percent of total cases.



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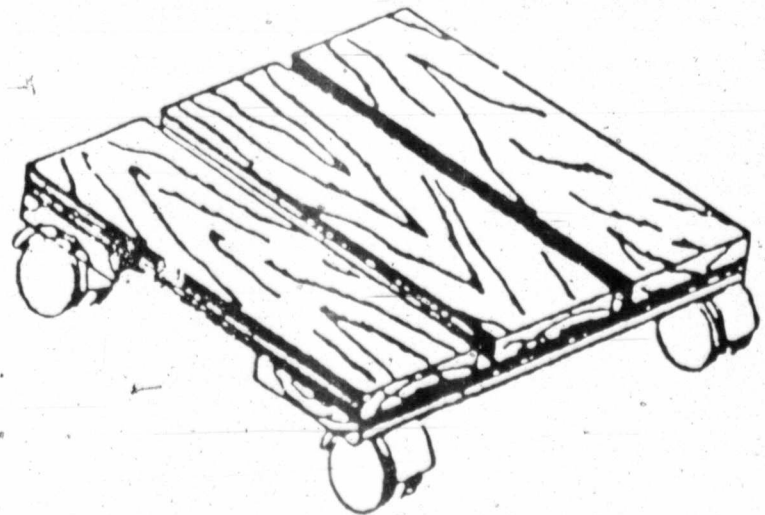
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Wholesale prices edge up 0.2 percent

Economists predict sustained recovery

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wholesale prices edged up a tiny 0.2 percent in March as a big drop in food costs offset the largest increase in energy prices in five months, the government reported today.

The gain in the Labor Department's Producer Price Index was identical to a 0.2 percent February increase and left wholesale inflation so far this year running at an annual rate of just 0.7 percent.

Meanwhile, another report showed that the number of newly laid off workers making trips to unemployment offices totaled 432,000 for the last week in March. The drop of 24,000 from the previous week was bigger than had been expected.

In a third report, the Commerce Department said that businesses planned only a modest 4.6 percent increase this year in spending for new plants and equipment.

The spending projections, if carried out, would represent a rebound from last year when recession-weary companies actually cut spending by 0.6 percent, but today's estimate marked a downward revision from a 5.4 percent projected increase in capital investment made three months ago.

Still, economists said the various reports pointed to an economy that is finally beginning to mount a sustained recovery following a lengthy recession while managing to keep inflation under control.

Many analysts believe that wholesale prices for the entire year will rise by around 2.5 percent, up only slightly from last year's 2.1 percent advance, and that consumer prices will remain docile as well.

The slight 0.2 percent increase in wholesale prices in March reflected a 0.5 percent drop in food costs as the price of vegetables retreated following a huge surge in February that was caused by floods in Texas and California that destroyed winter vegetable crops.

The drop in food prices was partially offset by a 1.2 percent rise in energy costs, the biggest gain since an identical October rise.

The government was scheduled to report on the March consumer price performance on Friday and analysts were looking for a moderate increase similar to the gain in wholesale prices.

For the year, analysts said they believed consumer prices will rise by between 3 percent and 3.5 percent, little changed from last year's 3.1 percent advance.

"We are forecasting good inflation news lasting probably until 1994," said David Wyss, an economist at DRI-McGraw Hill, an economic consulting firm in Lexington, Mass.

The big drop in initial claims for unemployment benefits followed two straight weekly increases. The improvement was led by Michigan, which reported unemployment claims fell by 7,500 as a result of fewer layoffs in the auto industry.

In addition to a 2.1 percent drop in vegetable prices, which followed a 26 percent surge in February, fruit prices were down 3.8 percent last month with prices also falling for eggs, beef and turkey.

The increase in energy prices reflected the fact that gasoline costs were up 1.1 percent, electricity

prices climbed 1.2 percent and natural gas and home heating oil rose by smaller amounts.

Excluding the volatile food and energy sectors, wholesale prices posted a 0.2 percent increase, reflecting the fact that underlying inflationary pressures remained modest as well, analysts said.

Car prices rose 0.6 percent while tobacco prices were up 0.7 percent. Higher prices were also registered for light trucks, shoes and prescription drugs.

The various changes left the Producer Price Index, before adjusting for seasonal variations, at 122.0 in March, compared to 120.9 in February. That meant that a market basket of goods that cost \$122.00 last month would have sold for \$120.90 a year ago.

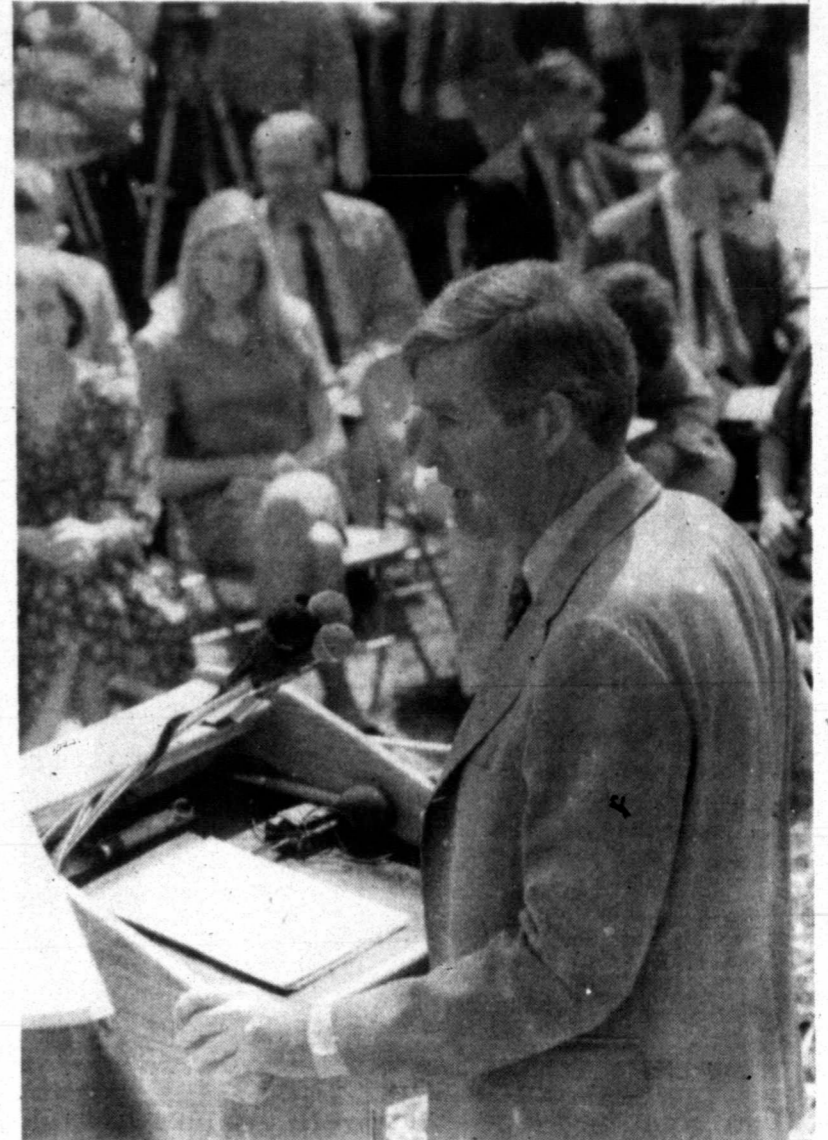
Many economists, including those inside the administration, believe that the economic rebound is for real this year, unlike last year. They point to encouraging signs such as a jump in retail sales in January and February, increases in housing construction and improving consumer and business confidence.

The American Business Conference, composed of chief executives from 100 of the country's fastest growing companies, said this week that their latest survey of business sentiment showed "unmistakable signs of economic recovery in the second quarter."

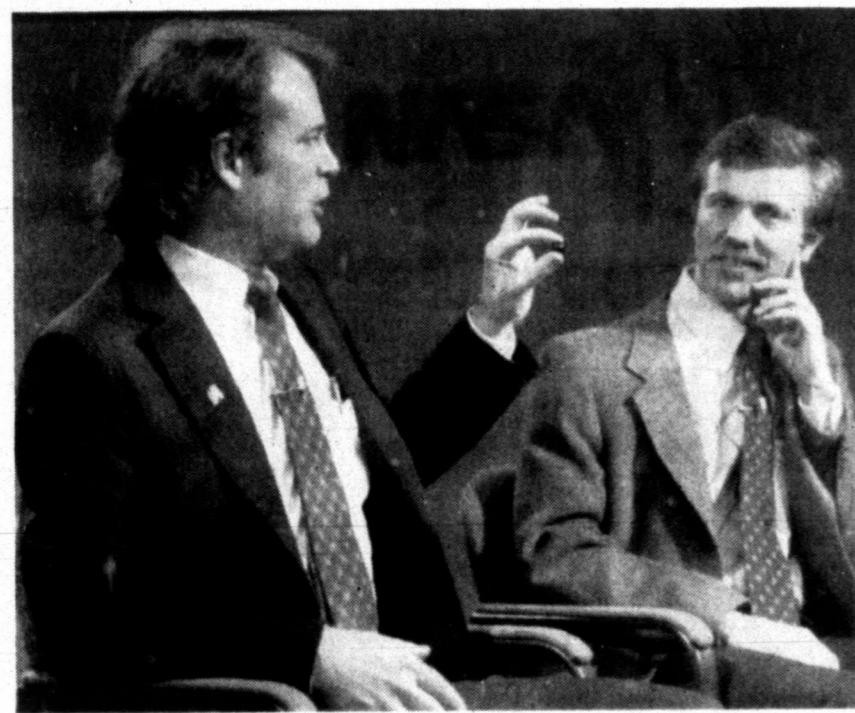
But Michael Evans, head of a Washington forecasting firm, said that the upturn in business sentiment seen in various recent surveys should not be oversold.

"Recent bullish surveys on business optimism don't mean a thing unless firms start hiring workers and boosting their new orders for capital spending," he said. "Otherwise it is just talk. And so far, that is all we have seen."

Wirth quits



(AP Photo) U.S. Senator Tim Wirth, D-Colo., front, announces his plans to not seek re-election this fall to his seat in Congress as reporters look on outside Wirth's headquarters in Denver Wednesday. Wirth said he decided against running for re-election because he is disillusioned with Congress.



(AP Photo) Dr. Tod Lauer, left, a Hubble Space Telescope scientist, uses marbles to explain his scientific findings at a press conference in Washington Wednesday as Dr. Neil Gehrels of the Compton Gamma Ray Observatory listens.

Hubble scientists find evidence of black hole

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A nearby galaxy may contain a black hole that is 3 million times more massive than our sun, scientists say.

Astronomers who are using the Hubble Space Telescope announced Wednesday that they spotted the gathering of swirling stars that is believed to be the gravitational signature of a black hole in a galaxy called M32.

Tod R. Lauer of the National Optical Astronomy Observatories in Tucson, Ariz., and a scientist using the Hubble, said final proof of a black hole in M32 will require more study.

But based upon what he's seen so far, "I would be surprised if M32 turns out not to be a black hole," Lauer told a news conference held by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

M32 is 2.3 million light years from Earth, a distance close enough in astronomical terms to be considered a neighbor of the Milky Way, the galaxy that includes the Earth and the rest of the solar system. A light year is the distance light travels in a vacuum in one year, about 6 trillion miles.

The existence of a black hole was predicted in Einstein's general theory of relativity, but astronomers have not found absolute proof of one. Black holes are thought to form when a massive star or a group of stars collapse inward, forming an object so gravitationally dense that not even light can escape. As a result, black holes themselves cannot be seen by telescopes or other instruments.

Lauer said he and his team concluded that M32 may contain a black hole by measuring the movement of stars within the galaxy and by studying the star density near the

galaxy center.

He said they found that M32 is the densest star system known, containing about 400 million stars within a diameter of only 1,000 light years. By contrast, the Milky Way is thought to be 100,000 light years across.

Star density at the center of M32, he said, is more than 100 million times greater than in an area of the Milky Way of the same size, and the black hole is believed to be quite small.

"A visitor to a planet at the center of M32 would see a starry night sky so saturated with stars that their combined light would be brighter than 100 full moons," Lauer said in a statement. "The night would never get darker than mid-twilight on Earth and one could even read a newspaper by starlight."

In addition to star density, Lauer said, star movement near the center of M32 gives evidence of a black hole.

"You see a very rapid velocity of stars in M32," he said. "They are moving at hundreds of kilometers per second faster than stars in an ordinary galaxy."

Astronomers using the Hubble telescope earlier found a black hole candidate in a giant galaxy called M87, which is 20 times farther from Earth than M32.

Another study, by the orbiting Compton Gamma Ray Observatory, has detected high-energy gamma rays streaming from a type of galaxy called BL Lacertae. These are "quasar-like" objects that astronomers suspect may be powered by supermassive black holes at the cores of galaxies.

Neil Gehrels, a NASA astrophysicist, said the gamma ray force must result from the presence of a black hole because "there's no other source of energy that could so efficiently create what we see."

Study lists previously unreported crash

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A nuclear-armed B-36 bomber crashed near Albuquerque in 1956, a government report has disclosed. The report suggests the crash site may be contaminated with radioactivity.

The study suggests plutonium, enriched uranium or tritium might be present at the crash site near Kirtland Air Force Base, but doesn't say how much, the Albuquerque Journal reported today.

The study, which is to be released today by the U.S. Senate Government Operations Committee, says the crash on Jan. 9, 1956 involved a B-36 bomber carrying a nuclear weapon or weapons.

The Air Force provided no information Wednesday.

The base, which is just south of Albuquerque, has no relevant records, George Pearce, base public information officer, said Wednesday.

Americans eager to vote in Elvis stamp election

WASHINGTON (AP) — At least the Elvis electorate is eager to vote.

Already, some post offices are short of ballots in the Postal Service's fledgling poll as to which portrait of the King of Rock 'n' Roll should be featured on a stamp next year.

Two Presley portraits, a svelte Elvis and an ample Elvis, are on display in post offices across the nation. Folks who can't lay hands on an official ballot can send in any card or letter indicating their preference for which should be used on the stamp.

"My goodness, it never dawned on me how big a thing it would be. We had used up all 500 of our postcard ballots by noon," said Lou Hale, a window superintendent at the Bloomington, Ind., post office.

Hawaiians went through some 10,000 ballots by noon Monday and officials there have ordered an additional printing. "There just aren't enough of them go to go around," said Felice Cook, spokeswoman for the Postal Service in Hawaii.

The Bedford, Ind., postmaster also demanded more ballots Tuesday, saying "this is Elvis country," according to spokeswoman Sue Quinlan of the Indianapolis office.

The Postal Service distributed 5 million post card ballots to local post offices. An additional 48 million are enclosed in the current issue of People magazine.

Ballot shortages shouldn't stop people who want to be heard, postal officials stress. People can vote by sending in any postcard or

letter indicating their preference.

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Subcommittee to quiz White House officials on presidential perks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taxpayers are heavily subsidizing political trips President Bush makes aboard Air Force One, says a Senate subcommittee chairman who wants the practice curtailed.

The charge came as Congress and the executive branch continued to wage political warfare over who is the worst abuser of taxpayer-financed benefits. A House subcommittee planned to quiz White House officials today about "perks" enjoyed by the president and his staff.

Sen. Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., said Wednesday that it's not right for the public to pay the \$25,000-an-hour cost of running Bush's modified Boeing 747, then have the re-election campaign reimburse only the cost of first-class commercial airfare.

"To me, there's something wrong," DeConcini said at a hearing of his Appropriations subcommittee that oversees White House spending. "If the president uses this and mixes politics with official business, the politics has to pay the real cost."

Bush's budget director, Richard Darman, conceded that some government perks have justifiably upset the American public.

But he said citizens draw a distinction between Bush, who has a right to "the dignity of the office," and lesser officials "who are trying to act like presidents."

Darman said Bush, even when traveling for political purposes, cannot escape his duties as commander-in-chief and needs certain personnel and equipment nearby. He does not have the option of using commercial flights, Darman argued.

Charging the Bush re-election

campaign, or other candidates on whose behalf the president travels, the full cost of Air Force One would be prohibitive and put the incumbent at a disadvantage to his Democratic opponents, Darman contended.

Meanwhile, The New York Times reported today that a study by the congressional General Accounting Office that Vice President Dan Quayle used military planes several times last year for trips with then-Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner, mostly to play golf.

The newspaper quoted aides to Quayle and Skinner, now the White House chief of staff, as saying the government had been partly reimbursed for trips involving political events. But they conceded the repayments — by sponsors of the events — represented only a small fraction of the total cost to taxpayers of the flights, the Times said. The cost was not disclosed.

In its latest perk-cleanup gesture, the House voted 408-8 Wednesday to halt its members' use of their free mailing privilege to send thinly disguised campaign mail outside their current districts, into areas where they will be running this fall because of reapportionment.

But it was far from clear that the provision would become law because it was attached to a campaign finance bill that Bush has threatened to veto.

Darman, asked at Wednesday's hearing about the administration's leased executive cars, health and physical fitness centers and executive dining rooms, could come up with few specifics.

Mother of explosion victim struggles for life

HOUSTON (AP) — Jane Meinen remained in very critical condition with multiple injuries Wednesday, a day after she was awakened by the smell of gas and reported it to emergency officials moments before her trailer exploded, killing her son.

"She was awake the whole time," said a Hermann Hospital Lifeflight paramedic who flew with Mrs. Meinen on Tuesday, but asked not to be identified. "She was very brave."

Shortly before an explosion ripped through a rural community six miles south of Brenham, Mrs. Meinen had phoned 911 to tell the Brenham Fire Department she smelled gas.

"The gas fumes are terrible out here this morning," Mrs. Meinen told them at 6:59 a.m., according to a dispatcher's log. "The odor is strong enough that it woke me up."

She reportedly sounded woozy as she spoke to the dispatcher about the smell she believed came from a nearby pipeline. She likened the smell to a beauty shop permanent and expressed fear something might happen because the smell was stronger than normal, officials said.

Six minutes later, fire Capt. Allan Hinze called

Mrs. Meinen back to tell her that a pipeline crew was already at the scene, looking for the source of a gas leak.

Mrs. Meinen hardly had time to thank Hinze and hang up before she was critically injured and her 6-year-old son, Derrick, was killed by the explosion that blew apart the family's double-wide mobile home.

Austin County Justice of the Peace Thomas Richter pronounced Derrick dead at the scene. It took rescuers some time to find his small body in the debris that was once his home.

Mrs. Meinen, who had been recovering from back surgery, suffered massive injuries. Both her legs and both arms were broken, several fingers of her left hand were severed, her right foot was nearly severed and she had massive trauma to her chest, said Sandy Gates, a Lifeflight nurse.

She was in surgery for 10 hours Tuesday and remained in intensive care Wednesday.

Her husband, Alan Meinen, had already left for work at the Coca Cola plant in Brenham when his home exploded. It had been his first day back to work after helping his

wife care for her son during her recovery.

Meanwhile, in the rural meadow clearing where the family's trailer had been, Meinen's brother, Ricky, surveyed the devastation. He had driven from La Grange to Washington County when he heard about the explosion.

The trailer was the closest residence to the wellhead that spewed an orange fireball skyward. Not a window, not a wall, not a door of the trailer stood in place.

"It doesn't even look like there was a home," said Industry Fire Department volunteer Bill Callahan. "It looks more like someone dumped some trash here."

Clothing, fishing line and a reel and pieces of furniture hung from a nearby tree. Baseball cards and a yellow-and-white soccer ball sat a few feet from where firefighters used a bulldozer to plow burning, rolled hay into a pile. About 100 feet to the south, a calf lay dead.

"I saw them all last night at my other brother's house for a barbecue," Ricky Meinen said. "The last thing Derrick did was give me a high five. He was good — cheerful."

Investigators seeking cause of Brenham pipeline blast

BRENHAM (AP) — Workers plugged a burning propane pipeline one day after a powerful explosion that scorched the countryside, and investigators waited today for the fuel still in the line to burn off.

The Coastline Pipeline Co. line was plugged about 1,000 feet from the flames late Wednesday. Officials said it could be days before the fire goes out and the pipeline cools enough for

investigators to examine it. Flames that shot 100 feet in the air Tuesday had dwindled to about half that height.

Investigators, meanwhile, examined gas pressure records for clues to what caused the explosion, which killed a boy and injured at least 20 other people. The blast six miles south of Brenham rattled buildings 100 miles away.

The explosion also killed 45 head of livestock, destroyed five homes and damaged more than 50 others. County officials estimated damage at a preliminary \$3 million.

The blast occurred near a liquid propane storage facility owned by Seminole Pipeline Co. of Tulsa, Okla. Several pipelines feed the facility, where fuel is stored in caverns inside underground salt domes.

Charles Batten, National Transportation Safety Board operations chairman, said investigators haven't found the source of the leak.

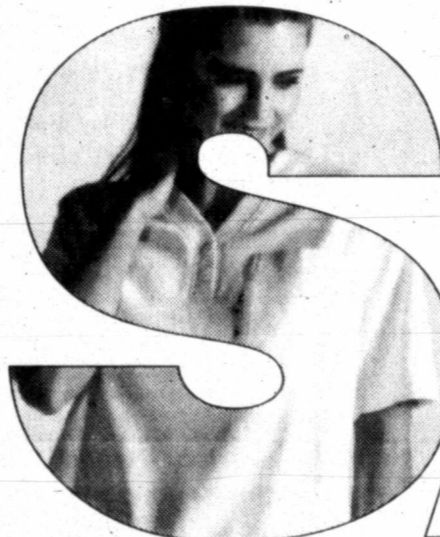
At time of the explosion, a cloud of propane reportedly hung in the valley.

A 911 call by Jane Meinen, whose 6-year-old son, Derrick, died in the blast, will be analyzed, said George Mocharko, in charge of the NTSB investigation.

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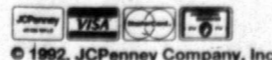
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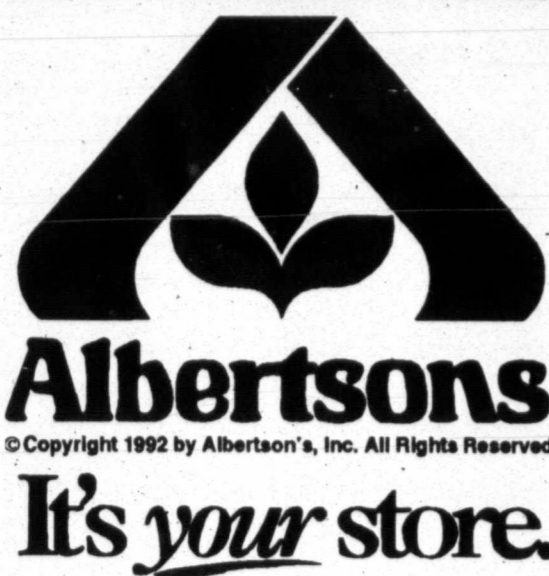


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(AP Photo) British Prim Minister John Major waves to well-wishers and photographers as he escorts his wife Norma from the Great Stuckeley village hall, near Huntingdon in central England, after voting in Great Britain's general election.

Britain's Conservative Party in danger

By KARIN DAVIES
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — Britons voted today in the recession-wracked country's most closely contested election in decades, with anger over the Conservative Party's economic policies expected to erase its huge parliamentary majority.

Prime Minister John Major's Conservatives stood a good chance of losing their 13-year-old grip on power.

Election-eve polls indicated neither they nor the opposition Labor Party of Neil Kinnock would win a clear majority in the House of Commons.

Such an outcome would require the building of a coalition government.

Fine spring weather helped get voting off to a brisk start in some areas of England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, but others reported a light turnout. Altogether 2,903 candidates were competing for all 651 seats.

"We are going to win," said the 49-year-old Major as he voted in his Huntingdon constituency near Cambridge. "It's going to be a super day. I'm very confident, very confident indeed. I'm feeling very lucky."

Neil Kinnock, 50, who has moved Labor from the far left to the center since taking over as party leader in 1983, declared: "The sun is out. So are the Tories." He voted in his Islwyn constituency in South Wales.

In the campaign, the three main

issues were the recession, taxation and the government-run National Health Service.

Major, facing the loss of the 88-seat majority he inherited from Margaret Thatcher 16 months ago, says Britain's 1 1/2-year recession is part of a worldwide pattern of economic gloom.

But many former Conservative voters blame his government for rising unemployment, currently at 9.4 percent, and say they will vote Labor this time.

The Conservatives have used high interest rates, currently at 10.5 percent, to bring down annual inflation from a peak of 10.9 percent in 1990 to 4.1 percent. But they have caused business failures and layoffs and led to higher mortgages for home buyers.

Labor has promised increased state spending to bring unemployment down. The Conservatives say Labor's spending plans would lead to more borrowing, higher interest rates and a slump.

Labor plans big tax increases for wealthier people, including a top rate of 59 percent on earnings exceeding \$69,600 a year. The top tax rate is now 40 percent.

The Labor Party plans to increase state spending on health, education and welfare and it says eight out of 10 families would be better off under its proposals.

The Conservatives have promised to work toward cutting the basic income tax rate from its present 25 percent to 20 percent, though not necessarily by the end

of the next five-year Parliament. They have also said they will cut the share of national income taken by the public sector.

The Conservatives say the future of the state-run National Health Service is safe with them. But many voters say they fear the Conservatives will hand it over to private enterprise to the detriment of poorer patients.

Labor plans to boost state funding of the service.

A British Broadcasting Corp. "poll of polls," based on the four latest surveys Wednesday night, gave Labor 39 percent, the Conservatives 38 percent, centrist Liberal Democrats 19 percent, and others 4 percent.

If the voting is as close as opinion polls indicate, the result may not be known until Friday afternoon when the last 33 districts are expected to report.

Going into the election, the Conservatives had 376 seats and Labor 227.

If neither wins a majority in the House of Commons, Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown could be the kingmaker. He has refused to say which party he would back.

His price for support is a commitment to change the rules. He wants to abandon the British system of winner takes all in each of 651 districts, and adopt a European continental-style voting system which allocates seats based on each party's share of the national vote.

The Conservatives refuse and Labor is undecided.

Yeltsin backers threaten to resign if Russian congress trims powers

By BRYAN BRUMLEY
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Members of Boris Yeltsin's government said today they would resign en masse and seek a national vote if the Russian congress, dominated by the communists, tries to curb the president's powers to carry out radical reform.

"If the Congress attempts to strip Yeltsin of his powers, I think the president would be forced to appeal directly to the nation," said Vladimir Lysenko, a pro-Yeltsin lawmaker.

Yeltsin and his supporters were trying to block what they view as efforts by former Communists in the 1,046-member Congress of People's Deputies to derail the reforms, which are designed to build a market economy.

While Yeltsin is Russia's first freely elected leader, most members of the congress came to office before free balloting existed.

The lawmakers would prefer to win the battle in the Congress rather than appealing directly to the people in a costly and unpredictable national vote.

The exact form of the national vote sought by Yeltsin supporters was not clear, said Yeltsin's Foreign Trade Minister, Pyotr Aven.

Voters might be asked to ratify a proposed constitution guaranteeing the president strong powers.

Or they might be asked to elect a new legislature to replace the current one, which has been in office since March 1990 and consists mostly of former Communists.

Although it is impossible to predict the outcome of new parliamentary elections, it appeared likely

that many former Communists would lose their seats.

The architect of the free market reforms, Vice Premier Yegor Gaidar, warned Wednesday that if parliament took away Yeltsin's powers, his Cabinet would resign. Other Cabinet ministers repeated that warning today.

Yeltsin's opponents also want to strip him of the prime minister's post.

The president began a counterattack on Tuesday, saying a reduction in his powers could "plunge the country into chaos."

Former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev threw his support to Yeltsin in an interview published today. He told the Nezavisimaya Gazeta (Independent Newspaper) that he agrees a strong presidency is needed during the difficult transition to a market economy.

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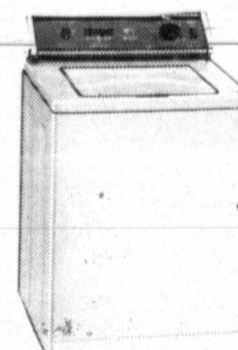
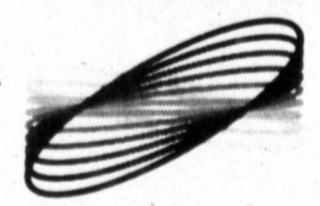
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In the pushmobile race, first place went to den one of Pack 414; second place, den two of Pack 414; third place, Tiger Cubs of Pack 414; most unique, Pack 404; best looking, Pack 413.

In the Pinewood Derby winners among Tiger Cubs were: first place, A.J. Swope; second place, Shawn Whitehead; third place, Jerrell Smith. Among Wolf Cubs, winners were: first place, Casey Barnum; second place, Jared Spearman; third place, Ryan Bradley. Among Bear Cubs, winners were: first place, Matt Withers; second place, Jimmy Story; third place, Trevor Stowers. Among Webelos, winners were: first place, Ricky Bowles; second place, Tommy Shumaker; third place, Chris Linguist. In the sibling race, win-

ners were: first place, Teryn Stowers; second place, Jonathan Ladd; third place, Jessica Watts. In the parents' race, top honors went to Doug Ladd.

Overall speed champions in the Pinewood Derby were: first place, Matt Withers; second place, Casey Barnum; third place, A.J. Swope; fourth place, Ricky Bowles.

In appearance category, first place went to A.J. Swope; most aerodynamic, Adam Wright; best built, Ryan Bradley; most unique, Josh Hook.

Troops and packs offered exhibit and activity booths at the show. Tiger Cubs of Pack 414 took the President's Award for seed planting.

Phil Vanderpool acted as master of ceremonies. "Taps" were played by Robert Hale. Acting as judges were Mayor Richard Peet, Glen Hackler and Bill Hildebrandt.

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Lemuel von Brunow honored with tribute

Editor's note: This is a continuation of the story of Dr. Vittorio E. von Brunow and his wife, Lemuel Ganell Smithers von Brunow.

Dr. and Mrs. Brunow made their home in an apartment in the newly constructed Brunow Building. They had a beautiful roof top garden where they took their two white dogs for walks. A picture of a castle in Germany hung on a wall of the Brunow apartment, and Dr. Brunow said that it was his family home.

Lemmie made a lasting impression on Neva (Mrs. E.C.) Mackie. Neva's parents, George and Minnie Wells, who were living near McLean, made a trip to Pampa in a covered wagon loaded with half-gallon jars of wild plums which Minnie had canned. They camped for the night beside a windmill and a big tree near the present vicinity of Lefors.

The next morning the Wells family came on to Pampa and parked the wagon near the First National Bank. Neva, about eleven years old, went in the back door of the Brunow Building to sell jars of plums. Lemmie wore a beautiful rose satin robe, and Neva thought surely this woman was very rich.

After being in failing health for some time, Lemmie became seriously ill in the summer of 1936 and



Museum Mementos

Eloise Lane
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died on August 5. Dr. Brunow was hospitalized because of an automobile accident and was unable to attend her funeral. She was buried in Fairview Cemetery near her father, L.N. Smithers, who had died in 1932. After Dr. Brunow died on May 7, 1941, he was buried beside Lemmie.

Soon after Lemmie's death, Kerley - Crossman Post 334, American Legion presented a resolution of deep sympathy and condolence to Dr. Brunow and his family. The resolution, signed by C.E. Cary, chairman, J.W. Woodworth and C.J. Maisel, was published in the *Pampa Daily News* and a copy was spread upon the minutes of the post.

In his column, "People You Know," Archer Fullingim, city editor of the *Pampa Daily News*, wrote this tribute:

1918 when the Four Horsemen ravaged the earth, and soldiers sickened, stiffened and died like flies of the dread plague known as Spanish influenza in army camps, there was a Red

Cross nurse at Camp Travis who carried a bucket full of pills and a heart full of courage as she went among the sick and dying soldiers, giving a smile to this one, a cheery word to that one - serving humanity as well as her country. Soldiers spoke their last messages for loved ones to her. She held their hands while they gasped their last breath, and today we mourn the death of "Lady Lemuel" von Brunow...and in our mind's memory recur the words of a song that was written for such as she: "Mid the war's great curse, stands the Red Cross nurse, she's the rose of No Man's land!"

Drape the flag of our country over the coffin of Mrs. V.E. von Brunow! Salute her as you file by her casket for she served her country gloriously! Uncover your head when the hearse passes by, for being a woman and a Red Cross nurse she was more than a patriot!

They ask for more than husband should deliver

DEAR ABBY: My husband has been out delivering concert tickets that were sold by telephone solicitations.

He has come home laughing the last two days, saying that he was propositioned by three women - young, and quite good-looking. He said, "It's a good thing I am not that kind of a guy."

Abby, what gets me is my husband will be 60 years old on his next birthday. He is just a typical, middle-aged, balding, short, not real handsome married man.

One young wife of a college student answered the door in her bathrobe that wasn't very well secured and sort of hanging open. She proceeded to tell my husband that her husband wouldn't be home for an hour or more.

Another woman asked him if he wanted to come in and have a drink - or something.

I might add that my husband and I have been married for 40 years, have four married daughters and six grandchildren, and we still enjoy sex.

With all the publicity about AIDS and other venereal diseases, we are just dumbfounded. What can those women be thinking?

DUMBFOUNDED

DEAR DUMBFOUNDED: They are either thinking it can't happen to them, or they're just not thinking.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I hope you can help me. My in-laws refuse to put poison (Raid, dog spray, Drano, etc.) up out of reach of our 2-year-old son. (We also have a little girl who will be crawling very soon.)

Abby, I realize that it is their home, but I don't think I'm asking too much of them.

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Microsurgery, plastics combine to restore sight

By DR. JOEL M. SOLOMON
New York University School of Medicine

NEW YORK — The use of high-tech microsurgery combined with space-age plastics is helping to restore the sight of millions of people suffering from cataracts.

Cataract, a leading cause of blindness, is a progressive clouding of the lens of the eye. Cataracts most commonly develop after age 55.

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- 11 Crow's cousin
- 13 Compose
- 14 Bowling target
- 15 Small tree
- 16 Ibsen character
- 17 Heroism
- 19 Highway curve
- 20 Pours
- 22 Hebrew measure
- 25 — the season to be...
- 26 Leave out
- 30 Sheep
- 31 Prima donna
- 32 Ibsen character
- 33 No man —
- 34 Seaweed

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- 4 Alley —
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- 8 Not nasty
- 9 Singer —
- 10 Mrs. Dick Tracy
- 12 Pass into law
- 13 Sacred pictures
- 18 Medieval poem
- 20 Dull
- 21 Waxy metal
- 22 Eugene O'Neill's daughter
- 23 Music-synthesizer pioneer
- 24 Old Testament book
- 27 Feminine title
- 28 Tennis player — Lendl
- 29 Spicy quality
- 35 Praying figure
- 36 Mental components (2 wds.)
- 37 Language of ancient Rome
- 40 Make amends
- 41 Start again
- 42 Crease
- 43 Construction beam (2 wds.)
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- 46 Lose color
- 47 Sped
- 48 No ifs, — or buts
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might not be an original thinker today, but chances are you'll be involved with two people who are. You'll know how to use their ideas — if they don't.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you don't expect too much for a social connection you recently established, you won't be disappointed. Some things you'll discuss may never be fulfilled.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It's best not to make any late changes today in an important matter you're trying to finalize. Things should work out as you anticipate, perhaps even a bit better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your best advisor today might not be a friend whom you frequently go to when you need counsel. Before seeking suggestions from outsiders, discuss critical matters with your mate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In matters that directly affect your career, don't underestimate your competitor today. But, by the same token, don't envision your adversary as being stronger than you are. You have the edge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You might be influenced to change your mind today regarding something about which you feel very strongly. You'll do it reluctantly, yet it will turn out to be a wise decision.

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There is a strong possibility you will learn a very valuable lesson today through a personal experience. The wisdom you'll garner will be used later to further your self-interests.

Sports

Masters not a lock

By ED SHEARER
AP Sports Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) Nick Faldo believes his game is back on track after almost a year without victory. "I've been ready," Faldo said Wednesday, on the eve of his ninth Masters. "I've been working for this the last six months."

"Rather than try to get ready in two weeks, I've been working on my game slowly and building on it, analyzing it, trying to find out what I need."

"It's all gone very well," Faldo said. "My putting's good. I've got that, hopefully, spot on."

The 34-year-old English player will be seeking his third Masters title in four years, having failed to make history last year when he tied for 12th place.

No one has ever won the Masters three years in succession. Only Faldo and six-time champion Jack Nicklaus have repeated as champion.

A winner of 26 events worldwide in his career, Faldo hasn't won anything since capturing the Carrolls Irish Open last June.

The Masters, beginning today on the hilly Augusta National Golf Club course, will be his fifth tournament on U.S. soil this year.

He tied for 17th in the Honda Classic, then missed the cut at the Nestle Invitational.

Evidence that his game was coming around surfaced the next week when he tied for second in The Players Championship. He tied for sixth at New Orleans last week.

His \$162,494 in four tournaments has him in 22nd place on the PGA Tour money list.

Faldo was paired with American Mark Calcavecchia in the opening round for the international field of 83, with a 1:17 p.m. EDT starting time.

Faldo said he wasn't sure why he went into a winless slump for the last 10 months.

He said television commentators said his trouble stemmed from the exercise binge he went on last year, bulking up by lifting weights.

He weighed 215 pounds last year. He's down to 205 now.

"I haven't done any weight training," he said. "You have to experiment. You have to learn."

He said he really didn't lift heavy weights, just little dumbbells — "but they added an inch to my neck. I haven't changed any muscles, though."

Both of Faldo's Masters titles came in sudden-death playoffs on the second extra hole — beating Ray Floyd in 1990 and Scott Hoch in 1989.

He solidified his two victories by playing well on Amen Corner, the three-hole stretch starting on No. 11.

"That's an area where you have to be cagy," Faldo said. "Be sensible. You have to play great defensive shots. Aggressive defensive shots. It has to be a planned positioning."

With Great Britain supplying the last four Masters champions — Scotland's Sandy Lyle in 1988 and Ian Woosnam of Wales last year — Faldo said he expected the foreign contingent to be in the hunt this week.

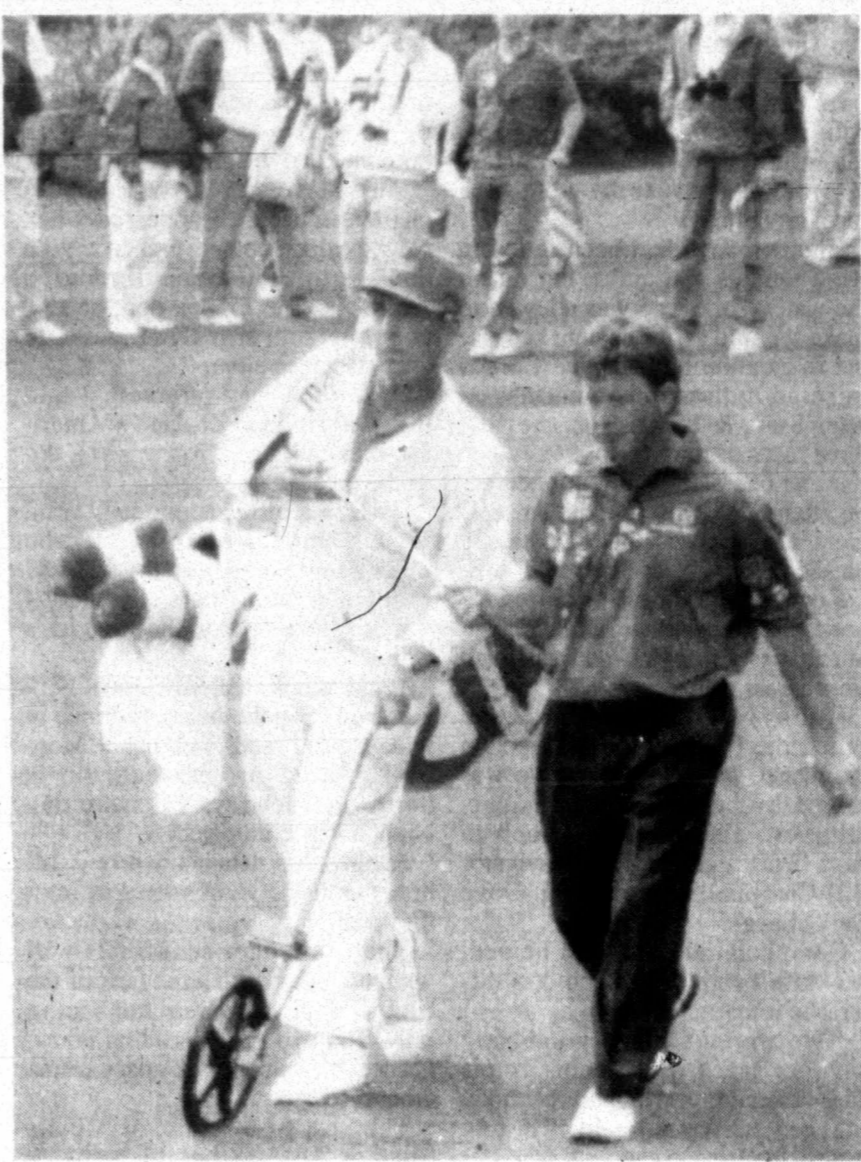
He cited Jose Maria Olazabal and Seve Ballesteros of Spain and Germany's Bernhard Langer as a trio playing well.

He also likes the chance of American Fred Couples, who has six top 10 finishes in nine tournaments and two victories and two second-place finishes.

"He's been hot an extremely long time," Faldo said of Couples, who leads the money list with \$738,161.

Another American who could seriously challenge for the green jacket that goes to the winner on Sunday is Davis Love III.

Love is second on the money list with \$585,465. He won The Players Championship two weeks ago at Sawgrass by four shots over Tom Watson, Ian Baker-Finch, Phil Blackmar and Faldo.



Defending Masters champion Ian Woosnam checks yardage Wednesday with caddy Philip Morbey.

Rangers streak to 3-and-0

By JIM COUR
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — While the Seattle Mariners are alarmed about their 0-3 start, the Texas Rangers are ecstatic about the way they're going.

Texas expected to have outstanding hitting this season. So far, it's gotten outstanding pitching, too.

The Rangers pounded four pitchers for 17 hits in a 13-1 blowout Wednesday night. Jose Guzman limited the Mariners to three hits over the first six innings for the Rangers' third consecutive victory over Seattle.

Tuesday night, Kevin Brown beat the Mariners 4-0 on a four-hitter.

Rangers manager Bobby Valentine insisted he didn't have any questions about his pitching staff.

"I like my pitching," Valentine said. "I liked it last year, but it didn't work out. I know our pitching will take its lumps at times this season but our offense will struggle at times, too. We have a pretty good team."

The Rangers' offense left the Mariners Ken Griffey Jr. shaking his head.

"They hit everything," he said. "Good pitches. Bad pitches. Balls and strikes."

The Rangers got a home run from Dean Palmer for the third straight game. John Cangelosi also homered and the Rangers added a triple and five doubles to make Guzman's night easy.

"I'm not going out there to hit home runs, but this is a nice start," Palmer said.

Guzman (1-0) was staked to an 8-1 lead after three innings, retiring 15 straight after Griffey's RBI double in the first inning — Griffey's first hit of the season.

"When you have a big lead like that, it's a different game," Guzman said. "When you have a lot of runs to work with, it's a lot better. You go out and challenge the hitters and throw strikes."

In keeping Seattle winless under first-year manager Bill Plummer, Texas has outscored the Mariners 29-11. Texas' slugging percentage is a robust .637 and has 38 hits, 20 for extra bases. It has 12 doubles, two triples and six home runs.

"It's tough for our club to compete when you're down seven runs after three innings," Plummer said. "When you get behind in the count and you have to come in with a strike, they've been killing it. It hasn't been pretty."

Plummer is trying to stay optimistic even in the face of his pitching staff's 9.33 ERA.

"There's 159 games left," Plummer said. "We're not out of it."

He might have a point. The Mariners lost their first six games last season but finished with their first winning record in franchise history.

"You just have to push through these things," first-baseman Pete O'Brien said. "You just can't let down."

The Rangers chased starter Russ Swan in a six-run second inning that included Palmer's solo homer as they sent 11 men to the plate. Swan, Seattle's No. 3 starter, gave up seven earned runs on five hits, a walk and two hit batters in 1 1-3 innings.

After the game, the Mariners announced they had released 31-year-old catcher Scott Bradley.

Bradley, the club's all-time leader in pinch hits with 33, took the news without any bitterness.

"They've been trying to trade me and they couldn't find any takers, I guess," he said. "That's the economics of baseball. It's a crazy, crazy game."

The Mariners will have to pay Bradley's \$800,000 guaranteed contract this season. He came to the Mariners in June 1986, in a trade that sent Ivan Calderon to the Chicago White Sox.

Bradley has played in 599 big league games, including 562 with Seattle. He has a .257 career batting average with 18 home runs and 183 RBIs.

In releasing Bradley, the Mariners called up left-hander Dennis Powell, who has a 7-20 career record, from Triple-A Calgary.

The 3-0 start for the Rangers is their best since they opened 1983 with three straight. The Rangers now have won 10 straight games in the Kingdome over two seasons.

Brewers' Surhoff hits first grand slam of season

By The Associated Press

The Texas Rangers are hitting just the way they're supposed to. Their pitching hasn't been bad, either.

"I like my pitching," Texas manager Bobby Valentine said Wednesday night after Jose Guzman allowed one run and three hits in six innings of a 13-1 victory over the Seattle Mariners.

"I liked it last year, but it didn't work out," Valentine added. "I know our pitching will take its lumps at times this season, but our offense will struggle at times, too. We have a pretty good team."

AL Roundup

In other games, it was Cleveland 4, Baltimore 0; Milwaukee 9, Minnesota 5; Chicago 4, California 3; Toronto 10, Detroit 9; and Oakland 4, Kansas City 3 in 13 innings.

Indians 4, Orioles 0
Paul Sorrento hit the first homer at Baltimore's new ballpark, a three-run shot that helped Cleveland win the inaugural night game at Oriole Park at Camden Yards.

Dave Otto (1-0) allowed three hits in 6 1-3 innings to improve his lifetime record to 3-8. Only five of the 23 batters he faced reached base. Rod Nichols finished with 2 2-3 perfect innings, striking out three.

Sorrento hit a drive off Bob Milacki (0-1) in the first inning that barely made it into the left field seats for the historic homer. Mark Lewis added his first big-league homer in the fifth.

Brewers 9, Twins 5
B.J. Surhoff hit the first grand slam of the season, a two-out shot in the bottom of the ninth off

Minnesota relief ace Rick Aguilera to give Milwaukee the victory.

Paul Molitor's two-out RBI single off Aguilera (0-1) tied the game before Surhoff hit a 2-1 pitch over the right field fence for his second career grand slam, giving Bruce Ruffin (1-0) his first American League win.

The Twins also lost left fielder Shane Mack when he was hit in the head by a pitch from reliever Mike Fetters in the sixth, one inning after hitting a two-run homer. Mack left the game with a concussion.

Blue Jays 10, Tigers 9
Cecil Fielder's two home runs and six RBIs weren't enough to overcome homers by Roberto Alomar and Pat Borders as Toronto outlasted Detroit at Tiger Stadium.

Fielder, who hit 51 home runs in 1990 and 44 more last year, hit his second and third homers and matched his career-high with the six runs batted in.

Neither starter lasted long. Detroit's Frank Tanana (0-1) yielded five runs on four hits in two innings. Tom Henke (1-0) got the win after Todd Stottlemyre couldn't hold an 8-1 lead, allowing five runs on four hits and seven walks in 4 1-3 innings.

White Sox 4, Angels 3
Robin Ventura singled in the tie-breaking run in the eighth inning as Chicago made it 2-for-2 at Anaheim Stadium, beating the error-prone Angels.

Tim Lincecum led off the eighth with a single against Jim Abbott (0-1) and advanced on a sacrifice by Steve Sax, who scored two of Chicago's runs.

Ventura then lined a 1-1 pitch to center field, making a winner of

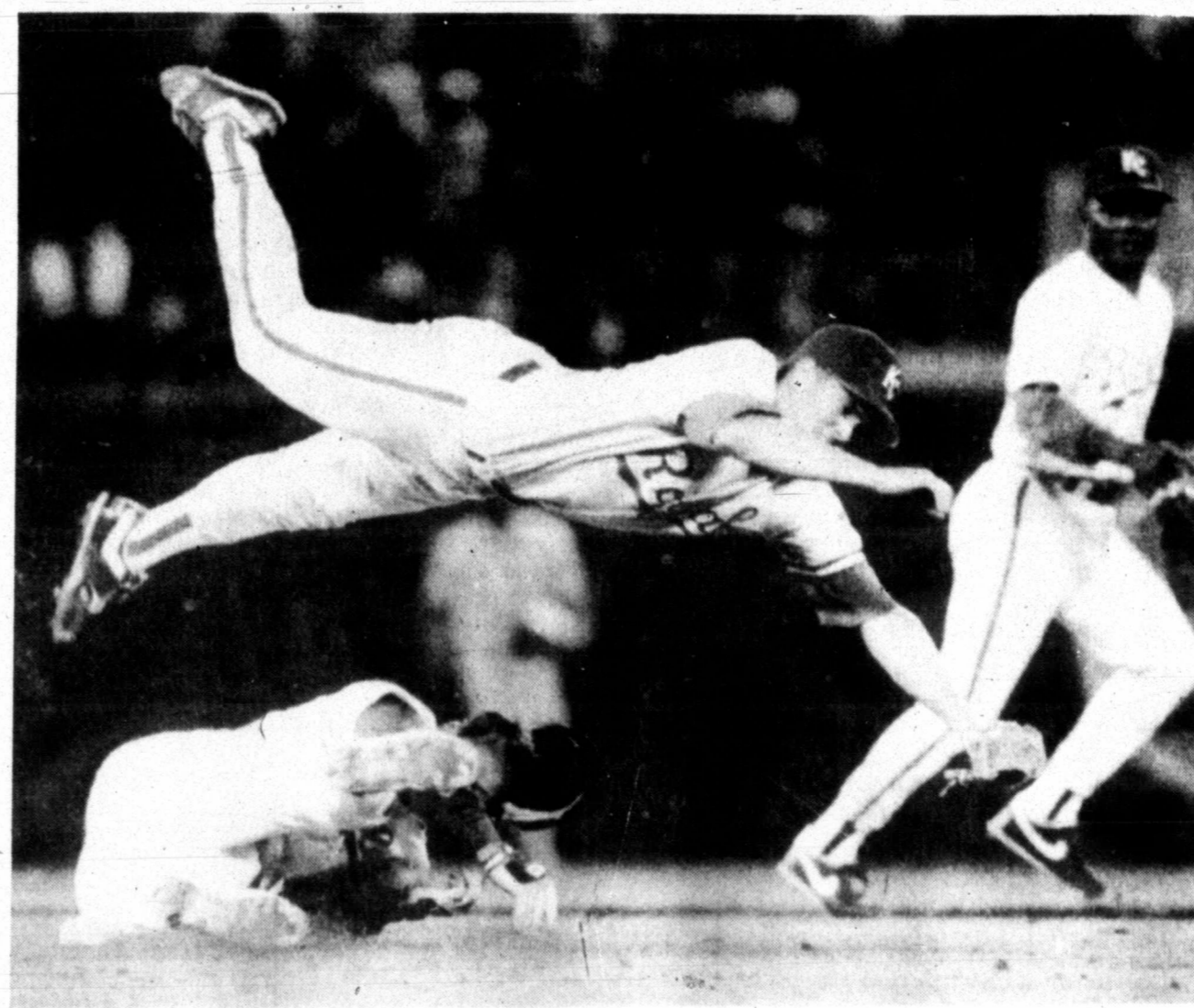
starter Greg Hibbard (1-0). Bobby Thigpen worked the ninth for his first save.

Athletics 4, Royals 3
Rickey Henderson homered with two outs in the bottom of the 13th to lift Oakland over Kansas City.

Henderson drove a 3-1 pitch from Neal Heaton into the left field seats as the Athletics won their second straight game against the visiting Royals, who overcame a 3-0 deficit and tied the game on George

Brett's leadoff homer in the eighth.

Jeff Parrett, Oakland's sixth pitcher, worked two innings to earn the win. Heaton (0-1) had worked 6 2-3 innings in relief before Henderson's homer.



Kansas City's second baseman Keith Miller (top) leaps over Oakland's Lance Blankenship on a second base steal while trying to catch an overthrown ball.

St. Louis routs Mets; Phillies rip Chicago

By The Associated Press

Two of the better defensive backs on the Atlanta Falcons can also do some serious hitting on a baseball field, too.

Brian Jordan, baseball's latest two-sport star, had two hits and four RBIs in his major league debut as St. Louis routed New York 15-7 at Busch Memorial Stadium Wednesday night.

The production of Jordan, who's the starting strong safety for the Falcons and was a Pro Bowl alternate last year, helped make up for the fact the Cardinals were missing three injured starters.

Jordan's teammate on the Falcons, Deion Sanders, played a key role in Atlanta's 3-1 victory over Houston at the Astrodome. He had an RBI single and threw out a runner at the plate.

"I was really pumped up and anxious to do good," Jordan said. "Football, baseball, it's the same excitement. I'll take this."

Jordan is the first professional football player to play for the Cardinals since pitcher Matt Kinzer in 1987. Kinzer punted for the Detroit Lions during the 1987 NFL replacement games.

Jordan, 25, was called up from Triple-A Louisville Tuesday after first baseman Andres Galarraga cracked a bone in his right wrist.

Second baseman Jose Oquendo and right fielder Felix Jose also are hurt. Jordan had a two-run single off third baseman Bill Pecota's glove in the third and an opposite-field RBI double in the Cardinals' five-run sixth. He also added an RBI grounder in a four-run eighth.

"That was great," manager Joe Torre said. "He looked exactly like he did in spring training. He didn't rattle a bit."

NL Roundup

Elsewhere in the NL it was San Diego 2, Cincinnati 1; Philadelphia 11, Chicago 3; and Pittsburgh 4, Montreal 2.

The Cardinals scored their 15 runs against the Mets on 15 hits.

Pedro Guerrero drove in three runs and Ozzie Smith, Todd Zeile and Tom Pagnozzi added two RBIs apiece for St. Louis, which has taken two of three from the revamped Mets. The Cardinals battered Bret Saberhagen 9-2 on Tuesday.

Phillies 11, Cubs 3

At Veterans Stadium, rookie Ruben Amaro, filling in for the injured Lenny Dykstra, hit his first major league homer, had two doubles, scored three runs and drove in three as Philadelphia beat Chicago.

The crowd gave Amaro, a one-time Phillies bat boy, a standing

ovation after his sixth-inning homer. Wes Chamberlain and Dave Hollins also hit homers in the a four-run sixth.

Amaro was acquired in the offseason along with Kyle Abbott from California for Von Hayes. Amaro's father played for four major league teams, including the Phillies from 1960-65.

Padres 2, Reds 1

At Riverfront Stadium, Andy Benes pitched seven shutout innings, drove in a run with a squeeze bunt and benefited from a controversial interference call that helped San Diego beat Cincinnati.

Benes picked up where he left off in 1991, when he went 11-1 in his last 15 starts. The right-hander scattered six hits, faced the minimum 15 batters over the first five innings, and pitched out of a bases-loaded threat in the sixth with the help of a disputed call-by home plate umpire Greg Bonin.

Pirates 4, Expos 2

Barry Bonds, replacing Bobby Bonilla as Pittsburgh's cleanup hitter, hit a two-run homer and Zane Smith continued to excel in Three Rivers Stadium as the Pirates beat Montreal.

Smith (1-0) won his sixth in a row at home and his seventh in his last eight decisions despite allowing Delino DeShields' inside-the-park homer to center in the second

inning. Smith gave up two runs and five hits, struck out two and walked none in seven innings.

Braves 3, Astros 1

At the Astrodome, John Smoltz kept his second-half success from last season going for Atlanta as he gave up one run and five hits in eight-plus innings.

SMU faces budget cuts

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist University president A. Kenneth Pye says he will recommend cuts this fall in the athletic department that could range from minor budget adjustments to abolishing athletics.

The latter action, Pye noted, is highly unlikely.

A \$4.5 million deficit within the SMU athletic department has vexed school officials. In fact, the department is running a deficit that exceeds last year's figure by \$400,000.

The deficit is disturbing, Pye said, because in 1990, school officials set a goal of limiting the annual shortfall to \$2 million.

"Some people think if you get rid of athletics, there will be more useful ways to use the money in academics," Pye said. "What some faculty here don't understand is if you remove athletics, you would

remove the need for some faculty."

Possible cost-reduction strategies include reducing the number of athletes going to summer school, which would increase the course load for some athletes during the fall and spring semesters, Pye said.

Some faculty members say the athletic department deficit cuts into other university projects.

Faculty senate president John Gartley said there was a 1 percent, across-the-board cut in salaries this year that would not have been necessary if the athletic debt was smaller.

"The situation is one which the athletic department significantly overestimated revenues and the potential for revenues," Gartley said. "That put us in a situation that does impact the potential for other university activities like salaries and library acquisitions."

"You got to a point where choices have to be made."

Got her goat



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Kerri Harris snuggles a kid called "Snowball" at her parent's farm east of Pampa while the nanny goat keeps a watchful eye on her baby. The goats belong to Wink and Karan Cross.

Relatives retrace grim train ride to Auschwitz on journey into the past

By MARILYN AUGUST
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AUSCHWITZ, Poland (AP) — Sharing tears and pent-up memories, 1,000 Jews retraced the grim rail journey from France to Auschwitz, arriving Monday at the Nazi death camp where their relatives perished half a century ago.

"For 50 years, I have thought about my mother's death," said Henri Benchoan, 58, whose mother was deported from France in 1942 and died at the camp. "But here today, I have faced the horrible conditions in which it happened. It's much worse than I ever expected. But now I am at peace."

Organized by Nazi hunter Serge Klarsfeld, the 14-car chartered train bearing Jews of French origin left Paris on Sunday morning, arriving in a cold, driving rain after a 25-hour journey through Germany and Poland.

The train stopped at the regular station in the Polish town of Oswiecim, and the group went by bus to the camp, about a mile away. During the war, a special rail spur took trains directly to the camp.

Those who had come from as far away as New York and Tel Aviv to make the journey struggled with emotion as they saw the ramp where Nazi doctors sent their parents and brothers, aunts and sisters to their deaths.

Along the route, onlookers stared as the train passed by, every car marked with a large plaque that said, "Drancy-Auschwitz, 1942-1992. The Memory Train." Drancy was the French internment camp where the Jews were taken before being deported.

There was no dining car, and passengers slept six to a compartment, sharing food and personal tragedies. "This train is a library of suffering," said Leo Epstein, 60, who lost several aunts and uncles at Auschwitz. "You walk into any compartment and you'll hear tragic stories."

Nearly 80,000 French Jews were deported during the war. Only about 2,500 survived.

"Most of the people here want to make the deaths of their parents concrete," Klarsfeld said. "They do not want to be left in limbo."

Although Jews have made countless pilgrimages to Auschwitz, Klarsfeld said there had been nothing

resembling the Memory Train. "This is the first and last train of its kind," he said. "We will not live forever. When we're gone, history will have to tell our tale."

Benchoan was eight when French police dragged him from bed, along with his mother and 5-year-old brother.

"We were at the police station all morning. There was lots of confusion," he said. "Suddenly my mother, sensing the danger, said to me, 'Take your brother and get out fast.'"

The boys slipped away and hid in a nearby doorway. They watched as their mother boarded a bus that would take her to Drancy, and from there the train to Auschwitz, where she was gassed upon arrival.

"She saw us and waved. I will never forget the look on her face," Benchoan said, weeping.

Claudine Comanester, 48, said Nazi doctors conducted medical experiments that killed her father, Henri. She was born after his death.

Like some of the others aboard the train, she had visited Auschwitz before.

"The train trip was very symbolic," she said. "It was very difficult. But I feel as though I'm here for the first time, and I'm finally meeting my father."

The visitors placed a marble plaque at the ramp outside the camp where most of the French Jews arrived, and where the Nazi "selection" took place. Some were consigned to forced labor and starvation, the others to the gas chambers.

The youngest visitor was Jacob Hellman, 9, of New York City, whose father, Peter Hellman, has written several books on the Holocaust. He was named for Jacob Stoklak, who at 11 was the youngest deportee of Convoy 39, which left Drancy for Auschwitz on Sept. 30, 1942.

Jacob Hellman was born on the same day 40 years later. He said he would tell his schoolmates about the camp.

Daniel Farhi, a French rabbi, twice recited the Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for the dead.

"Despite my many visits here, my emotion was stronger today, because we arrived at the train station," he said. "I was thinking about the Jews who could look out the slots and see the beautiful birch trees."

Growing population shrinks crane habitats

KEARNEY, Neb. (AP) — Growing population demands around the world are shrinking the available habitat for cranes, wildlife experts said.

The National Audubon Society sponsored the first International Crane Symposium, drawing experts from Nepal, China and the United States.

Sandhill cranes that congregate along Nebraska's Platte River each

spring tolerate humans and have adapted so far to a shrinking habitat, said Ken Strom, manager of the Lillian Annette Rowe Sanctuary on the Platte River between Gibbon and Kearney.

The need for land and water to feed China's more than 1 billion people also threatens the habitat needed for the eight species of cranes found there, a wildlife biologist said.

Schools try gimmicks to encourage reading

By TAMARA HENRY
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Cinderella dashed to her office. Prince Charming looked frantically for Robin Hood. Superman and The Cat In the Hat did math problems. Waldo sat quietly reading.

For one day, the staff and 554 students at Lafayette Elementary School became their favorite storybook characters to celebrate reaching their goal of 1 million minutes of accumulated reading time.

"The idea is to promote reading," said Kathy Echave, a reading specialist who portrayed Viola Swamp from the book "Ms. Nelson is Missing."

Schools throughout the nation are using a variety of means to encourage and motivate children to read. Well-known athletes and politicians are invited to read to assemblies of youngsters. Some principals hold overnight read-ins, while others allow reading organizations to sponsor programs at their schools.

At Damascus Elementary School in Montgomery County, Md., Principal Judie Muntner promised to milk a cow if pupils met reading goals ranging from 10 minutes to 20 minutes a night. In November, as Fire Cracker Kay belted, Muntner fulfilled her pledge.

Anderson Clark, president of READAmerica, a nonprofit organization in Shepherdstown, W.Va., said, "There's an extraordinary magic about the relationship between kids in elementary school

and their principals. Principals are doing a lot of crazy things" to get children to read.

Clark told of an Illinois principal who got his students to read 17,000 books by promising to kiss a pig.

At Lafayette, kindergartener Jonathan Dach dressed as Wilbur from "Charlotte's Webb," proudly said he contributed 20 hours to the 1 million minutes reading goal.

"I'm one-eyed Jake," said 5-year-old Michael Devaney, clearly disappointed that a visitor to Lafayette could not distinguish his costume from Captain Hook's. "It was just a neat book and I liked it."

President Bush has targeted adult literacy as one of six national education goals to be achieved by the year 2000. Yet, Education Department reports show not all students are "hooked on books" and that their interest in books seems to decrease as they progress through school.

Reading Is Fundamental, the oldest and largest children's literacy organization, said about 700,000 high school students graduate each year unable to read their own diplomas. Less than 5 percent of the 17-year-olds in school read well enough to comprehend average college or business writing.

"When we look at the actual number of minutes the children write per week, it is shocking. The same with reading," said Phyllis Aldrich, a curriculum coordinator for three New York counties and a member of the governing board for the

Nation's Report Card. "No wonder the report card shows reading and writing aren't up to snuff. Schools don't put enough time in it."

Compounding problems in the schools are reports that show 35 million to 40 million adults "read very little, read very poorly or don't read at all." Some 23 million adults cannot read beyond a fourth-grade level.

The Labor Department estimates that adult illiteracy costs society \$225 million annually in lost productivity, welfare, crime and poverty.

With these statistics in hand, corporations have begun to act.

GTE's Sylvania Lighting is spending about \$2 million for a reading motivation program that includes local school reading drives.

Pizza Hut is sponsoring for the eighth year the largest motivational reading program in America. The Book It! National Reading Incentive Program has attracted more than 17 million children in more than 15,000 school districts, 45,000 schools and 680,000 classrooms. Children who meet reading goals receive a free Personal Pan Pizza, and or a classroom pizza party.

Coral Springs, Fla. teacher Christine Lasky attributes "a tremendous increase in students' interest in books" to the Pizza Hut program.

"We feel that one of the most important elements of the program is the praise that a child gets," said Eunice Ellis, director of the Book It! program and a former teacher. "We build up the children's confidence in reading."

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