

## At a glance

A brief look at our world

### State

#### Three children injured in fire, one killed

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — An 3-year-old boy was killed and three children and a woman were seriously injured in a house fire yesterday.

The boy was found by firefighters as they fought the blaze in the city's West Kensington neighborhood, said Harry Johnson, fire department supervisor.

The children, 9- and 7-year-old sisters and a 1-year-old baby girl, were in critical condition last night at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, said spokeswoman Lisa Benson. Their names were not immediately released.

Denise Cartagena, in her 30s, was in critical condition at Temple University Hospital, a nursing supervisor said. It was not immediately clear whether Cartagena was related to any of the children.

The fire was reported at 4:11 p.m. and was declared under control in less than 20 minutes at the two-story brick row house.

### Nation

#### GM strike leaves 30,000 workers idle

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — A strike at two General Motors brake plants forced the automaker to shut down an 11th North American factory — idling a total of 34,575 workers — because of a parts shortage, a GM spokesman said yesterday.

The 4,000 workers at GM's suburban Moraine Assembly Plant became the latest casualties in the 6-day-old strike at two Delphi Chassis plants, which supply brake systems and parts to GM's assembly plants.

GM told Moraine workers after the second shift Saturday that an inventory shortage would mean no work today, company spokesman Tom Klipstine said. United Auto Workers Local 696 struck the nation's biggest automaker over safety and job security, including the production of parts by outside plants.

#### Endangered whale found dead on shore

BOSTON (AP) — A 44-foot whale washed up on a Cape Cod beach over the weekend apparently after being hit by a ship, becoming the sixth endangered right whale found dead along Eastern shores since January.

A jogger discovered the partly decomposed whale on Newcomb Hollow Beach in Wellfleet on Saturday, said Kathy Shorr, a spokeswoman for the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown.

Five right whales — including three calves — already have washed up dead along the Georgia and Florida coasts this year alone. In all of 1995, only two right whales were found dead, Shorr said yesterday.

A species that once numbered in the tens of thousands, the right whale population is now about 300, Shorr said.

### World

#### Gang fight kills one, injures three others

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Shooting erupted at Copenhagen's international airport between rival motorcycle gangs yesterday, killing one member and seriously wounding three more.

Some of the injured men fled into the airport arrival hall, trailing blood. Inside, they collapsed before hundreds of travelers. There were no reports of panic.

At about the same time in Norway, a man was wounded outside Oslo's international airport when several men opened fire. Witnesses said the gunmen wore a motorcycle gang's trademark leather jackets. Police did not identify the victim, but Denmark's TV2 said he was a member of the Bandidos gang.

Police were investigating links between the episodes, which appeared to be the latest in a surge of violence among motorcycle gangs fighting for dominance in Scandinavia.

# Serbs flee fire in Sarajevo suburbs

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SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — More fearful Serbs fled lawless Sarajevo suburbs yesterday, and a U.N. aid official accused the NATO-led peace force of not offering enough protection.

Two days before Ilidza was to be handed over to Bosnia's Muslim-Croat federation, fires burned in a music school, two factories, a pharmacy, a church and several apartment buildings in the largely deserted Serb suburb. Dozens of people waited at a wrecked streetcar terminal for rides to Serb-held areas.

A mother and her two children stood weeping outside one burning building. French NATO troops first stood and watched, then tried to put out the blaze after more troops arrived and orders were apparently changed.

Later, NATO troops escorted a fire truck from a nearby government-held suburb to help extinguish an apartment fire that threatened to engulf the entire building.

Serb gangs intent on proving that Bosnians cannot live together have been blamed for intimidation, arson and a reported murder designed to drive Serbs out of the two remaining Sarajevo suburbs not yet under federation control.

Local sources have told international police monitors that more than 200 buildings and houses would be burned down in the areas in the next 48 hours, spokesman Alexander Ivanko said yesterday.

U.N. and NATO officials say Serb gangs apparently are being directed by the hard-line leadership in the Bosnian Serb stronghold of Pale.

The Serb mayor of Ilidza, Nedjeljko Prstojevic, appealed to truck owners to assemble in the suburb today to help evacuate remaining civilians, the Bosnian Serb news agency SRNA reported.

The suburb of Grbavica was already virtually deserted. "The atmosphere is really bad and everybody is going to leave," said Veseljka Ristic, a 57-year-old widow.

Under the Bosnian peace agreement, the whole Sarajevo region is to be reunified by March 19 under the control of the Muslim-Croat federation that is to govern half of Bosnia. Most Serbs have deserted the city's five Serb-held districts, fearing reprisals when their wartime enemies take over.

International civilian officials said NATO should do more to respond to the security vacuum as Serb police withdraw or stand by and federation police are not yet in place.

The 60,000-member NATO-led force has refused to carry out police duties for fear of getting drawn into conflict between the warring factions.

At a meeting yesterday, representatives from NATO, the U.N. civilian police, Bosnian Serbs and the Muslim-Croat federation agreed on a number of measures to help improve security for those Serbs who choose to stay.



U.S. and Russian troops work together on a mobile 155mm Howitzer in a joint exercise near the town of Koraj yesterday. The U.S. Fourth Battalion, 29 Field Artillery, is working with Russian Army artillery soldiers in order to familiarize the two nations with each other's equipment and tactics.

# Buchanan, Forbes to stay in race 'for the duration'

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HOUSTON — Pat Buchanan campaigned with renewed verve yesterday, stating bluntly he's not about to help Bob Dole win the White House, but the signals from Steve Forbes' camp were less clear.

While Forbes said in Florida that he, too, was in the GOP presidential race "for the duration," campaign aides indicated Forbes might be willing to bow out if Dole embraces serious tax reforms.

Forbes is looking for "basically, some sort of recognition" of his role in the GOP presidential campaign, said a senior aide to Forbes who asked not to be identified by name.

But Forbes maintained on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he had no intention of withdrawing from the race. "These principles and issues are bigger than the candidate. I'm in for the duration to get them across to the voters," he said.

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Buchanan was even more forceful about staying in.

"Right now, what I'm going to do is campaign as long and hard as we can, amass as many delegates and votes as we can and . . . fight strongly, fairly, bravely, as we have all along for the things I believe in," Buchanan said in a television interview.

In a sermon-like address to Houston's Bread of Life Church congregation, Buchanan called for a "more muscular Christianity" to help in his fight against abortion,

euthanasia and assisted suicide, and restore prayer and Bible study in public schools.

"We've had too much of the church milquetoast and not enough of the church militants in America," he said.

Forbes continued to focus on his flat tax proposal at visits to a strawberry festival and a baseball game between the Cincinnati Reds and the Kansas City Royals.

On his NBC appearance, Forbes acknowledged that Dole was the front-runner "but, as I say, this election is not just about picking a candidate to run in a single election. This election is about the direction that America takes . . ."

Former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp, campaigning with Forbes yesterday, said he is willing to help his friend close ranks with Dole any time the candidate asks him.

"I have a lot of friends in the Dole camp and maybe, if he asked me, at the right time, to help build a bridge to the party or to Dole, I could play that role," Kemp said.

# Guerrillas attack Israeli soldiers

The Iranian-backed Hezbollah claimed responsibility for the attack, spurring Israeli bombardment of suspected bases.

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MARJAYOUN, Lebanon — Hezbollah guerrillas launched a wave of bomb and rocket attacks on Israeli troops in south Lebanon yesterday, killing at least one soldier and wounding five others, security sources and the Israeli military said.

In one incident, according to the sources, two soldiers were killed and four others wounded when a remote-controlled roadside bomb exploded near an Israeli armored patrol in the vil-

lage of Kfar Kila, 500 yards from the Israeli border.

An Israeli military communiqué listed only one man killed and four wounded, one critically, in the explosion.

The Iranian-backed Hezbollah, or Party of God, claimed responsibility for the attack, which triggered an Israeli artillery bombardment of suspected guerrilla bases in villages facing the Israeli-occupied zone.

No casualties were reported from the Israeli shelling.

In a prepared statement, Hezbollah said the attack "killed or wounded a large number of enemy soldiers."

Hezbollah spearheads a campaign to expel from the occupied sector the 1,200 Israeli soldiers and 2,500 SLA militiamen. Israel created the zone in 1985, on Lebanese soil, to protect against cross-border attacks.



#### Dance of solidarity

A Nicaraguan woman dances Samba style as part of the entertainment at a meeting of Cuban sympathizers in Managua, Nicaragua. The Sandino Marti Generations Committee met yesterday to demonstrate their solidarity with Cuba.

# Two former presidents of S. Korea put on trial

By PAUL SHIN  
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SEOUL, South Korea — In an unprecedented joint trial, two former presidents who began as childhood friends and ruled South Korea in successive terms from 1980 to 1993, went on trial today in connection with their bloody seizure of power.

Dressed in standard-issue prison garb, former Presidents Chun Doo-hwan and Roh Tae-woo arrived at the Seoul Criminal Court about five minutes apart. At least six people were arrested as they tried to throw rocks and eggs at the prisoners' buses.

One protester displayed a placard that read "Death to the Murderers."

The ex-generals are accused of masterminding the 1979 coup and a bloody military crackdown that killed 240 pro-democracy protesters in the southern city of Kwangju in May 1980.

The two ex-presidents, childhood friends and later military buddies, were impassive as they took their seats side-by-side in court.

About 1,300 riot police lined the motorcade route from the prison to the courthouse to prevent clashes between supporters and opponents of the two ex-presidents.

News reports said that hundreds of villagers from the former presidents' hometowns planned demonstrations against what they believed was political persecution of Chun and Roh. Civic groups also prepared protests to demand stern punishment for the pair.

Their trial on mutiny and treason charges is part of President Kim Young-sam's attempt to come to terms with South Korea's recent history of corruption, coups and harsh authoritarian rule.

If convicted, they face the death penalty, although execution is unlikely. Each is also on trial for bribery in connection with allegedly accepting millions of dollars from businessmen. They face at least 10 years on those charges.

Yesterday, hundreds of people began lining up in front of the court for about 80 admission tickets allotted to the public. According to the court practice here, the trial is not televised.

Police also beefed up security around U.S. facilities to prevent violence by activists. Despite Washington's denial, dissidents have alleged that the U.S. government condoned what came to be called the "Kwangju Massacre."

News reports said another ex-president, Choi Kyu-hah, could join Chun and Roh in court as prosecutors planned to subpoena him to testify against his military successors.

Chun, president from 1980 to 1988, seized power after the assassination of his mentor, President Park Chung-hee, in late 1979. Roh, who allegedly played a key role in the coup, succeeded him as president from 1988 to 1993.

Prosecutors say Chun's seizure of power was a mutiny because his junta arrested the then-martial law commander at gunpoint and forced caretaker President Choi to approve the arrest.