News Digest

Yugoslavia president seeks to annul election

pears the Serbian republic of Yugosla- local election officials. via was no exception — even if its president refuses to admit it.

seeks to annul the results of Sunday's Associated Press. local elections, which suggest that people are fed up with economic hard- in ship and the aftermath of the Bosnian Belgrade and the former Communist war that he helped start.

For the first time since Communists Novi Sad. came to power in 1945, a pro-democracy opposition seems to have won sig-tory in 134 of Serbia's 189 municipalinificant power. Tens of thousands of ties. Most, however, are small districts workers and intellectuals, united for the and practically irrelevant compared to first time in years, are fighting what the bigger Serbian towns. they say is vote-rigging by the Milosevic regime.

demonstrations across Serbia, up to establish their own rule. But police 30,000 people marched through forces were mobilized in all of Serbia's Belgrade, chanting "We won't give up major towns. On Thursday, police conour victory.

Shouting "Red Bandits," the crowd stopped by Milosevic's state-run rally. Serbian TV, cursing and booing riot police deployed around the downtown building and demanding "liberation" from the propaganda tool that has been as his control over media, is lodged in blasting the opposition.

Similar protests were reported in several other Serbian towns and cities, including the second largest city of Nis.

The protesters are angry that the police and the army. Milosevic-controlled electoral commission on Tuesday night annulled and called for re-runs of Sunday's local elections in several Serbian districts, mostly in places where the four-party opposition coalition claimed clear victory.

position leaders and about 60 other members of their coalition Bulgaria, voters elected Petar pledged to continue their hunger strike Stoyanov, an anti-Communist, as their in Serbia's parliament building and to stay locked inside until their demands are met.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) - president four demands, including that Former Communists lost big in recent he recognize their initial election reelections in Eastern Europe, and it ap- sults and bring criminal charges against

"Our position is crystal clear. We are defending the law," Zoran Djindjic, Slobodan Milosevic's government head of the Democratic Party, told The

> The opposition claims to have won 44 municipalities, including bastions of Nis, Kragujevac, Uzice and

Milosevic's coalition claimed vic-

On Wednesday, the opposition urged supporters in towns where it On Thursday, the fourth day of claimed victory to seize city halls and fiscated Democratic Party equipment, including loudspeakers, at the Belgrade

> An opposition victory would be a setback to Milosevic, since much of his political and economic power, as well municipal governments,

> He still rules firmly on the republic's and federal level, and is in control of his major tools of power: the

> "The election results in Romania, Bulgaria and other countries previously ruled by 'reformed communists' are a clear sign that economy and dayto-day life have prevailed over ideology and promises," said Vuk Draskovic, an opposition leader.

> Earlier this month in Socialist-ruled president. In Romania this past weekend, rural voters joined urban intellectuals to replace Ion Iliescu, a former

Explosion in Puerto Rico shears building, kills 20

Blast tears a 50-foot-wide hole in side of structure

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) - An explosion at a shoe store sheared the side off a six-story building Thursday, killing at least 20 people, injuring 82 and leaving up to 15 missing. A gas leak was believed to have caused the blast.

The 6:35 a.m. explosion ripped a 50-foot-wide hole up the side of the building, exposing offices and apartments. It left a tangle of concrete and steel beams that filled a city block and shattered windows in nearby buildings and cars.

"There were just parts of bodies lying in the street, torsos, bones, cars blasted against the building," said Ramon Camino, a doctor who arrived at the scene shortly after the explosion.

Rescue workers pulled dozens of survivors, coated with blood and dust, from the debris. Bodies, bloody and burned, could be seen in the rubble.

as a triage center, and helicopters took the most seriously injured to the Centro Medico Hospital.

Rescuers used a nearby church

The dead were laid out with sheets over their bodies on the pave-

ment in front of the Iglesia Milagros Catholic Church. Next door, shards of glass and concrete blasted through the windows of an elementary school where about 500 students were attending classes. None of the students was injured.

Toledo said a propane gas leak may have been the cause of the blast at the Humberto Vidal shoe store in Rio Piedras, a residential and shopping district in San Juan.

Owners of the shoe store said they reported a gas leak to the San Juan Gas Co. several days ago, he

Housing secretary seventh Cabinet member to resign

day he will leave the Cabinet, depriving President Clinton of a trusted political adviser vexed by lingering personal troubles.

In a letter to Clinton, Cisneros said to be considered for service in the next four years."

members to indicate he won't be stay- year ing for Clinton's second term.

He also has legal bills from the on- and for your tireless dedication.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Housing going probe into whether he lied to the Secretary Henry Cisneros said Thurs- FBI about payments to a former mistress. The investigation cast a pall over Cisneros' ability to remain at HUD because of the legal bills it continues

Really, I came to do this for four he would have liked to have remained years. I prayed I could stretch the fibut "I have concluded that I cannot ask nances that far," Cisneros said. "This is about as far as I can stretch it."

His salary as secretary of housing He is the seventh of the 14 Cabinet and urban development is \$148,400 a

"I have worked the last four years Cisneros said that he is leaving be- to advance your hopes for America's cause he needs to seek a higher-pay- communities," Cisneros told Clinton. ing job outside government. He has one "I have constantly grown in my respect daughter in college and another in law for the clarity of your vision for the American future, for your judgments

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Student group hosts Pow-Wow this weekend

From Staff Reports

For the seventh-straight year, the University of Nebraska InterTribal Exchange (U.N.I.T.E.) will share the cultural tradition of the Pow-Wow with the community.

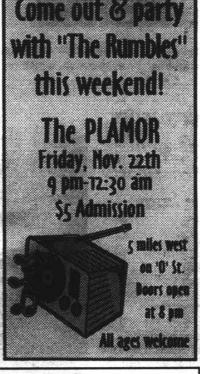
The Pow-Wow, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 23 and 24 in the Nebraska Union's Centennial Ballroom, is intended to bring people together and to share the expression of the arts.

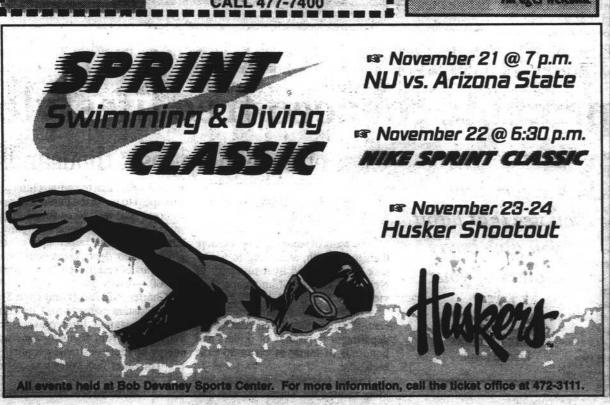
The event will highlight traditional American Indian dance and drumming. The Grand Entry of Pow-Wow participants will be Saturday at both 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday at 1 p.m.

The price of admission is a canned food donation.

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