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City Manager Joel Valdez will leave his post on June 4

## Valdez takes UA post after 16 years with city

### Will become VP for business

By Chris Limberis

The Arizona Daily Star

Tucson City Manager Joel Valdez, who defied the odds of longevity by leading the city for 16 years, announced yesterday that he would resign to become the vice president for business affairs at the University of Arizona.

The announcement, made at about 9 a.m. by UA officials, ended weeks of speculation about Valdez's departure.

It also ended the steady denials by both Valdez and UA administrators that Valdez would take a position at his alma mater.

Valdez informed the all-Democratic City Council that he would

### Discussion turns to replacement

By Joe Burchell

The Arizona Daily Star

Almost as quickly as news of City Manager Joel Valdez's resignation spread through City Hall yesterday, speculation turned to who might replace him.

Deputy Manager Tom Wilson was

mentioned most frequently.

Wilson, 45, will almost undoubtedly be named acting city manager after Valdez leaves, based on City Council members' comments yesterday.

But council members said they need more time to decide how to select a permanent replacement. Four possibilities were raised by the all-Democratic council yesterday.

Mayor Tom Voly said the first

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### Hubble scope leaves shuttle, enters orbit

By Marcia Dunn

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — After years of delay and a last-minute snag, the Hubble Space Telescope was freed from the shuttle Discovery yesterday and drifted into orbit on its 15-year search for new worlds.

Mission specialist Steven Hawley released Hubble from the end of the shuttle's 30-foot-long mechanical arm after a delay in getting one of the telescope's solar wings unfurled.

"The first of NASA's great observatories is now on station at 300 nautical miles above the Earth," Mission Control's Jeffrey Carr said.

"The telescope really looked

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### Creditors seize historic Tucson hotel

By Walt Nett

The Arizona Daily Star

A Superior Court judge placed the Days Inn Downtown hotel — owned by a corporation headed by Tucson investor Humberto S. Lopez — into receivership yesterday.

"John Battalio, attorney for the Hotel Corporation of Tucson, said Judge Robert Buchanan granted the receivership request from Standard Charter Bank without notice.

"We had been negotiating for several months in an attempt to work out the financial problems of the hotel," Battalio said.

The attorney said the hotel's seizure could be challenged in either Superior Court or U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

"We thought we had a settlement, and then they demanded \$15,000 in attorney's fees right out of the blue. We thought we were still talking with them," Battalio said.

The 27-year-old hotel was known as the Santa Rita Hotel until 1987, when it became a Days Inn franchise. Lopez paid \$45,000 for the franchise, and spent \$1 million on remodeling.

Lopez said that if the foreclosure stands, he would lose more than \$4 million in the future. Lopez said the hotel is worth \$6.5 million with a \$1 million debt, he said.

The hotel remained open last night, but the court-appointed receiver fired several employees yesterday, he said. He didn't know how many lost their jobs.

Battalio acknowledged that the hotel, 88 E. Broadway, had suffered financial problems for some time, including late mortgage and property tax payments.

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## Chamorro takes over in Nicaragua



Violeta Barrios de Chamorro greets Managua stadium crowd after receiving presidential sash from Daniel Ortega

### Declares amnesty, ends draft

By Dorcas Piarote

The Associated Press

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Violeta Barrios de Chamorro took the presidential oath yesterday, ending 11 years of leftist Sandinista rule in Central America's largest country. She immediately proclaimed a political amnesty and ended the military draft.

"This blessed Nicaragua, instead of burying its sons in a fratricidal war, will bury its weapons forever, so the cannon will never roar again," Chamorro told a crowd of 20,000 at a Managua baseball stadium.

The transition follows nine years of a U.S.-backed insurgency in which 30,000 people died. Chamorro inherits a legacy of suspicion and distrust, a nation of 2.5 million residents that resembles an armed camp and an economy shattered by the U.S. trade embargo and rampant inflation.

Outgoing President Daniel Ortega lashed at the United States — which backed the Contra rebels — for supporting an "unjust and cruel war." He promised to lead a constructive opposition and said that if civil war broke out again, "the elections

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### Bush bluntly rejects criticism by Lithuania

By R.W. Apple Jr.

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WASHINGTON — Responding to continuing criticism from Lithuania, President Bush declared bluntly yesterday that he needed no defense for his refusal to penalize the Soviet Union for its tightening economic squeeze on the rebellious Baltic republic.

Answering Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis, who has accused him of selling out the Lithuanians people by failing to move against Moscow, Bush said with unusual asperity, "The policies and decisions I've taken have had strong support from the American people, and that's who I work for."

Landsbergis said in a telephone conversation yesterday morning with members of Congress that "The Soviets are strangling our nation like a boa constrictor."

Twenty-four hours earlier, he had called the U.S. decision not to intervene "another Munich" — a reference to the decision by Britain and France in 1938 to let Adolf Hitler's Germany have Czechoslovakia in Nazi Germany. The episode has since become synonymous with appeasement.

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heat on Bush by appealing to U.S. public opinion, Landsbergis said, "Can the freedom of one group of people be sold for the freedom of another?"

After promising "appropriate action" last week if the Soviets cut off oil and gas to Lithuania, Bush decided on Tuesday not to impose the limited economic sanctions that were under consideration.

The tone and substance of the president's comments yesterday, made during a picture-taking session at the White House, reflected the three principal White House conclusions about the potentially explosive situation in Lithuania.

The administration is convinced, senior officials said, that the Lithuanians are more responsible than Moscow for provoking a crisis and have suffered less than they have contended that furthering better relations between East and West is infinitely more important than responding immediately to the Lithuanians' pleas; and that the American people support Bush's policy of support for Soviet Presi-

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Apparently trying to turn up the

### WEATHER



**Warmer days.** Today is expected to be sunny and warmer, with winds out of the northwest at 10 to 20 mph. Look for a high in the mid-80s, a low in the lower 50s. Yesterday's high was 75, and the low 53. Details on Page 17A.

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#### Blast kills 6 in Colombia

**34 injured.** A bomb hidden in a dump truck exploded in Medellin, killing two policemen and four civilians. The blast comes as a military unit hunts for the head of the Medellin cocaine cartel. Page 8A.

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### Kohl's top opponent knifed at political rally

By Terence Petty

The Associated Press

BONN, West Germany — A woman in a white dress stabbed opposition leader Oskar Lafontaine in the neck yesterday while offering him flowers at a campaign rally. Officials said he was in serious condition.

Lafontaine, the left-center governor of Saarland state and Chancellor Helmut Kohl's leading challenger in the upcoming December elections, was stabbed with a knife as he was about to sign his campaign for his attacker, police said.

Hospital authorities said the 46-year-old leader of the Social Democratic Party was in serious condition because of blood loss but that his life no longer was in danger. A neck artery was severed in the attack, ministry officials said.

Police late yesterday identified the assailant as Adelheid Strodick, 42, of Bad Neuenahr, southwest of Bonn. The television network ZDF quoted relatives as saying the woman had a history of mental illness.

Kohl, in Paris for a West German-French summit, said the attack had "deeply shaken me. At this hour, one

can only hope that Oskar Lafontaine survives." The statement was released by the chancellor's Bonn office.

Social Democrat spokesman Eduard Heussen said the attacker approached Lafontaine on the dais at a rally in a Cologne suburb with a bouquet of flowers and an album containing poetry.

The woman stabbed Lafontaine while he was looking at the album, Heussen said.

Lafontaine was taken by helicopter to the University Clinic in the Cologne suburb of Lindenthal, police said.

The stabbing suspect sat impassively as a throng of policemen screamed at her: "Who are you? Who are you? Tell us your name! Say it!"

The woman stared at police and the camera and said nothing. The television report showed her being hustled out of the hall by a group of policemen.

An Interior Ministry spokesman said the woman was arrested.

Hans-Juergen Forster, a spokes-

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