Jordan not VP hopeful

HOUSTON — Former Congress-woman Barbara Jordan said Tuesday she had not discussed and would not accept any offer of a vice presidential nomination this year.

There have been reports she might be considered as a running mate for Republican John Ander-son's expected independent pres-idential campaign. Jordan is a Demo-

"I have no interest in being any-body's running mate," Miss Jordan said after a convention speech. "I am very pleased with my work as a (government) professor at the (University of Texas). I intend to continue with that."

Miss Jordan, who has an ailment gonna turn up. I'm gonna vote. I'm that forces her to walk with a cane, not gonna stay at home.

has denied speculation she retired from Congress in 1979 because of a major health problem. She said health is no problem.

"My health is fine," she said. "I institute of the said in the said of the said in the said."

just don't have any interest in getting into a political campaign right now—

Miss Jordan said Anderson "is a fine man. I like him a lot personally." But she emphasized she is a "Democratic Party regular" and was "very lukewarm" about prospects for any independent candidate.

She said she has not decided whom to support for president.

"I have not settled upon anyone," Miss Jordan said. "There has to be someone. I doubt if anybody else is

Hope for endangered species

United Press International ESCONDIDO, Calif. — An embryo transplant experiment has raised hopes that test-tube animal babies could some day be produced to ensure the survival

of endangered species.
Officials at the San Diego Zoo said Monday they had succeeded in transplanting an embryo from one female to another, resulting in the birth of a 6-pound Barbados sheep from a fertilized embryo extracted surgically from a ewe.

The purpose of the experiment

is to mass produce endangered

animals using surrogate mothers of a similar species, according to Dr. James Oosterhuis, associate veterinarian at the San Diego Wild Animal Park.

Another part of the experi-ment, in which the scientists tried to get a female of one species to give birth to a baby of another

species, failed.

But Dr. Oosterhuis said the part of the experiment that succeeded could be a significant step toward saving endangered spe-

cies. "The Barbados sheep birth, a

operating technique can be suc-cessful with wild animals, and that is a big step even though the cross-species transfers didn't take the first time."

Last Nov. 21, fertilized embryos from a Barbados ewe and a Cretan goat, consisting of only eight cells, were removed and surgically implanted in the womb of another Barbados sheep

The cross-species transplant failed but scientists said the proc-

edure will be modified and trie

again soon.

If the project is successful, it could be expanded to include more species, Oosterhuis safe For example, the embryo of an endangered snow leopard could be implanted into the womb of its contraction.

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Eventually the embryos could be frozen and shipped to zoo around the world to be implanted. into surrogate mothers who would give birth to future generations of endangered animals.

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Officials fight strike at prison

SANTA FE, N.M. — Corrections officials Tuesday said they had isolated the "ringleaders" in hopes of stopping a hunger and work strike by about 350 inmates at the prison where 33 prisoners were killed in an inmate rebellion in February.

Herb Hardin, administrative assistant to corrections secretary

Adolph Saenz, said New Mexico State Penitentiary officials transfer-red seven inmates identified as ring-leaders to "strip" cells where they are denied television or radio sets. He said the isolation of the alleged ringleaders was accomplished "with-

out the use of force."

He said prison officials were trying to determine if more inmates identified as instigators of the strike needed to be isolated to alleviate

peer pressure on other prisoners to take part in the protest, which en-tered its second day Tuesday.

The inmates are apparently un-happy over wages paid in prison in-dustries programs and over the lack of a conjugal visiting program for married inmates, although prison officials have not issued a definitive statement regarding the specific

The protest is the latest in a series of incidents since the brutal inmate uprising at the institution Feb. 2-3. Thirty-three prisoneers were killed in the rioting and a number of inmates and guards were injured. Physical damage done to the prison reduced its capacity from the pre-riot level of 1,156 inmates to the 500 prisoners now housed there.

Last week, guards had to use tear gas on some inmates who set fire to debris in a cell block.

Hardin said teams composed of correctional officers, prison psychologists, and persons involved in educational programs were "trying to determine if there are any genuine grievances and to see if the inmates want to go back to work.

"The prison is quiet and under the control of the staff," he said.

Inmates were warned late Monday they faced major misconduct reports if they continued to refuse to work Tuesday. Warden Jerry Griffin said the reports could delay parole hearings for some inmates and cause others to lose "good time" normally credited against their sentences. Hardin said, however, that prison

officials decided no misconduct reports would be issued until all of the inmates involved have been interviewed and given an opportunity to go back to work.

The inmate boycott began Monday morning when about 300 in-mates refused to leave their cells to eat breakfast or report for work. Another 50 prisoners joined in the movement when the noon meal was

Griffin said even though the in-mates had missed several meals, many had stocked up on packaged food items like candy and soft drinks from the prison canteen, apparently in anticipation of the boycott.

Screwworm case found in Texas

United Press International MISSION — After 205 days with-out any cases of the destructive screwworm, the Texas livestock industry has suffered a confirmed case

of the parasite. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's screwworm laboratory reports it confirmed last week a positive screwworm sample taken from a lamb in Coleman County. It was the first positive case found in the Un-

ited States this year. The nearest known screwworm case to the Central Texas area pre-viously had been in the Villa Union community in the Mexican State of Coahuila, 40 miles south of Eagle Pass, Texas, about two months ago, according to Dr. James E. Novy,

director of the screwworm labora-Officials said they would distribute a suppression pellets and sterile screwworm flies in Coleman County in an effort to eradicate any screw-

worms there. New Mexico had 199 screwworm free days, Arizona 146 and California 228 by April 1.

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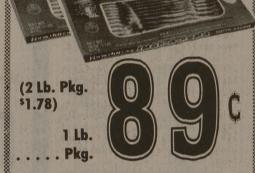
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