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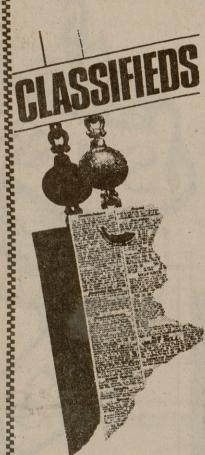
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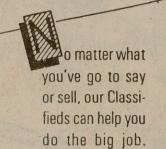
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Wednesday, November 29, 1989

into an office building across the street. At least five people were killed, 21 injured and five left missing, au-In the aftermath of the accident that rained concrete

criminal negligence for accidents on Los Angeles con-Meanwhile, there were conflicting statements on what was happening before the crane fell. Fire Chief Fred Postel said it was hoisting steel beams, but the general contractor said the crane was being repositioned

from the 16th to the 20th floors. "It felt like an earthquake," said Merrill Lynch Vice President Joe McLaughlin, who was in the damaged of-fice building. "I looked out and saw two bodies. One construction worker's boots were sticking up through a construction worker's mass of jagged metal.

gled from the side of the building under construction ries.

the area and ambulances rushed in and out.

The street was littered with flattened cars and a mangled motorcyle. Gas was cut off to the damaged 21-story office building for fear of an explosion.

"The wreckage looks absolutely incredible — stell beams look like pickup sticks," said Acting Mayor Angela Alioto, sitting in while Mayor Art Agnos tours the and twisted steel on one of the busiest intersections in the financial district, a prosecutor said the project's general contractor had been charged twice before with country urging tourists to return in the wake of the Oa

At an afternoon news conference at the scene, Alion said experts could not immediately determine the cause of the collapse. She also said streets in a four-square block area would be closed for at least a week for cleanup and repairs. The California Street cable car was

Alioto said the dead were four construction workers,

all from the Seattle area, and the woman driving the school van, operated by Laidlaw Transit Inc.

The fire chief said five people were listed as missing in the twisted steel and broken concrete.

A piece of the crane at least three stories long danin serious condition. Most of the rest had minor inju-

# Czech demonstrators fall silent as premier promises reforms

Crane plummets 16 stories

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) -Premier Ladislav Adamec promised Fuesday to include non-Communists in a new government and try to end the constitutional guarantee of

the party's monopoly on power.

Adamec made the pledges in a Adamec made the pledges in a meeting with the opposition Civic Forum movement after 11 straight days of unprecedented protest in Czechoslovakia. Millions of workers observed a two-hour general strike Monday, but the streets were quiet Tuesday because the Civic Forum open of the color. asked for calm.

After the meeting, Government Minister Marian Calfa said Adamec vould submit a coalition government to President Gustav Husak by

3,500 party activists in Prague the "future of the party requires giving up the monopoly of power," the official news agency CTK reported.

Urbanek, elected Friday in a ma-

jor reorganization of the party leadership, said Saturday he favored a broad-based coalition government. Central Committee spokesman Josef Hora said Urbanek would visit Moscow after the U.S.-Soviet summit off Malta this weekend.

rum spokesman Jiri Kanturek appeared on state TV's evening news with a 10-point statement outlining concessions made and further opposition demands.

er, party chief Karel Urbanek told of Husak, a central figure in the crackdown on reform after the & viet-led invasion of August 1968. At a news conference, prominer dissident Jiri Dienstbier read a lette

saying Husak's resignation would calm the situation down." The Civic Forum, and the allied Public Against Violence in Slovaki also demanded immediate revi

of the official view that the "Pra Spring" reforms of 1968 we worthless.

It called on Czechoslovakia is urge the Soviet, East German and Bulgarian parliaments to follow those of Poland and Hungary is condemning the 1968 invasion the five Warsaw Part countries as

Two demands were for free elections and the resignation by Dec. 10 the five Warsaw Pact countries violation of international norms the five Warsaw Pact countries as

# Infant survives transplant

CHICAGO (AP) — Tiny 21-month-old Alyssa Smith, who re-ceived the nation's first living-donor liver transplant from her mother, appeared "back on a smooth course" Tuesday after internal bleeding prompted a pre-dawn rush to surgery, her doctor said.

Alyssa was in critical but stable condition after a second round of surgery early Tuesday to stop bleeding detected within 12 hours of the Monday transplant, said Dr. Christoph Broelsch, who headed the surgical team. Alyssa's father, John L. Smith of

eration caused some tense moments for him and his wife, Teresa, but that he was reassured when he saw 'I think she looked great, even with the surgery and everything, she looked great," he said, his voice trembling. "Her eyes were kind of open and she saw me and . . . her face kind of lit up a bit."

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Smith said his wife "wants to go see Alyssa. Of course she knows she can't do it right away. Every time I go in to see her, that's all she wants

to know. She wants to hear Alyssa's fine from me.' Alyssa was awake, active and moving around after the second procedure, although still on sedation and

a ventilator, Broelsch said. 'The transplant is definitely functioning, and for now, things are back on a smooth course," he said at a mid-morning news conference at the University of Chicago Medical Cen-

During the night, the surface of Alyssa's new liver — about the size of a man's fist — began to bleed, a com-

# Doctors question ethics behind living donations

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Taking liver segments from healthy adults and putting them into dying children can ease a critical shortage, but the gains cannot be justified if they come at the donors' expense, surgeons said Tuesday.

risk to the donor," said Dr. Barry Kahan, president of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons and director of transplantation at the University of Texas at Houston, who was monitoring the nation's first living-donor

liver transplant.
"Before there's a wide application of this, one would like to get an estimate of the hazard to the donor," Kahan said Tuesday. "Certainly a high mortality rate in the donor would not give one much enthusiasm for continuing

Surgeons at the University of

plication that occurs in about 30 percent of all liver transplants, said Dr. Peter Whitington, director of pediatric transplant services for the hospi-

She was returned to the operating room at about 4:40 a.m. CST. Doctors corrected the problem in a few minutes, but kept her in surgery for nearly five hours of observation, Broelsch said.

Chicago Medical Center on Monday became the first in the country to perform a living-donor liver transplant. Teresa Smith, 29, a teacher from Schertz, Texas, had about

placed in to her 21-month-old daughter, Alyssa, who had been waiting more than a year for a liver from a brain-dead donor. Dr. Robert Gordon of the Uni versity of Pittsburgh, the world's leading transplant center, said he hopes doctors are "a little more

third of her liver removed and

cautious about jumping into this than they have been in the past with other medical advances. "It's one thing to just give new medicine," Gordon said. "It's another thing to subject healthy, liv ing donors to a surgical procedure without giving careful consideration to it. If you do any harm, the negative impact would

Doctors said Alyssa may unde another exploratory operation within a few days to examine the new liver.

be enormous.'

Mrs. Smith, who became the 18 tion's first living liver-transplantd nor Monday when doctors remove the left lobe of her liver for Alyssi transplant, was in fair condition Tuesday, doctors said.

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