

Tennis star plans to teach others about AIDS

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sure Arthur will meet this challenge head on and become a leading voice in the fight to educate, raise funds and increase awareness to all, especially our youth."

Ashe, 48, said he had wanted to have privacy because he was not running for office or heading a company whose stockholders depended on him. He spoke with emotion, and at one point his wife,

Jeanne, had to take over reading his statement.

He said: "I am not sick. I can function very well. And I plan to continue doing those things that I have done all along, if the public will let me. My wife and daughter are in good health and both are HIV negative."

He said he would work to teach others about AIDS and said he was inspired by Johnson's work.

Ashe's heart operations in 1979 and 1983 occurred before testing of blood for the AIDS virus made blood transfusions safer.

Dr. John E. Hutchinson, director of cardiac surgery at St. Luke's Hospital in New York City when Ashe underwent both operations there, said he would check with the hospital to see whether blood products were used in either operation.

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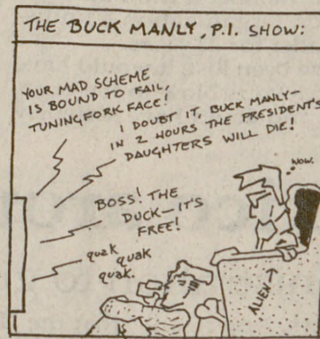


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Officials investigate explosion

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firm. "A valve signal of this nature may be no more than a false signal," said Charles Batten, head of the operations group of NTSB. "It may also be many other things, which we are looking into. We will be looking into Seminole records as well." Batten said other valves between the salt dome facility and the Seminole valve should have checked any leak. "Had that valve moved, there were other valves between that valve and the cavern that were closed," Batten said. "It could be

a malfunction of the detection equipment or it could be a movement of the valve. "It could be a lot of things," he said. "We don't know, and I don't want to speculate until we have a chance to look at the other records." Mocharko said the initial spark that started the explosion could have come from a vehicle. A Seminole employee who had stopped at the home of Mitchell and Carolyn Hall to report the cloud of leaking gas witnessed an automobile drive into the vapor and disappear. Seconds later the gas exploded. "A Seminole worker was at the

Hall's house when they told school bus was coming, so he had to stop it," Mocharko said. "He was running to stop it, the car drive into the gas. "It is possible the car that stalled and when they tried to restart it, that might have off," Mocharko said. "We're sure at this time." The pipeline at the explosion site continued to burn on Wednesday night. Mocharko said a Coastline crew was installing a temporary valve on the pipeline which would shut off the flow of gas and extinguish the flame as early as Thursday night.

Governor's office refuses disaster aid for destroyed area

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office, said uninsured victims still have ample recourse. "Ed Laundry has assured me that they will call the Red Cross and make sure they will have money available to help these people to rebuild their homes," Morgan said. "There will also be money available through other sources." Morgan said she was not surprised by Laundry's decision. "I personally did not think we would get the aid," she said. "We had a major disaster - and he agreed it was a disaster - but FEMA only helps if people have no other coverage." Morgan said the Red Cross would coordinate and distribute any aid from outside organizations or individuals. Wesley resident Darlene Koniczny, 37, said insurance

will pay for repairs to her damaged home eventually, but she is not sure what to do in the meantime. "We want to know what they're going to do about putting us up," Koniczny said. "We have no place to live." Koniczny said she felt Seminole Pipeline Co., the company that owns the salt dome facility, has not dealt properly with the situation. "Nobody contacted us," Koniczny said. "They should have come to us and asked what they could do to help us, but no one has." With or without immediate aid, Koniczny said she feels lucky to be alive. "I looked down the road toward the explosion and I saw what could have happened," she said. "We'll make it. I've never been a quitter."

Organizers prepare for Muster

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The families of those who were honored are invited to be encouraged to attend Muster, a candle is held by the family of the family answers "here" in behalf of the deceased in response to roll call. Families of the honored are asked to check in at the Muster where a greeter leads them through the ceremony. "This is a very emotional time for the families," Briscoe said. The greeters consist of members of the Muster Committee, Traditions Council, Hospital Committee and the Brazos Valley A&M Club. Muster is a chance for alumni to reunite with old friends, share their pride for their alma mater and - most importantly - honor the departed. The 1992 Campus Muster ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21 in the White Coliseum. A barbecue is also scheduled that afternoon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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