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Lebanese face rough road to vote

Final stage of nation's election brings

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AITA JEBEL, Lebanon - Voters in southern Lebanon passed through checkpoints and over bombed-out roads to reach heavily guarded ballot stations Sunday in the final stage of the first parliamentary elections in 20 years.

Police said they had no reports of violence despite initial fears of clashes between anti-Israeli fac-

tions and more moderate groups. Four election-linked deaths were reported in the two previous rounds of voting, a low figure in a nation recovering from a 15-year civil war that claimed 150,000

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heavy turnout, fewer political deaths Officials said more than half of the 500,000 eligible voters cast ballots in the southern cities of Sidon, Tyre and Nabatiyeh and surrounding villages, where 131 can-didates vied for 23 seats.

It was the heaviest turnout in the three-stage elections, boycotted by right-wing Christians of the Maronite Catholic sect who have dominated power since Lebanon's independence from France in 1943.

The narrow roads leading to the town of Aita Jebel were so jammed with cars that people trudged on foot under the sweltering sun to vote.

Ali Dakroub rented his donkey for the half-mile trek from the village of Tibnin to Aita Jebel at a cost of 45 cents a trip.

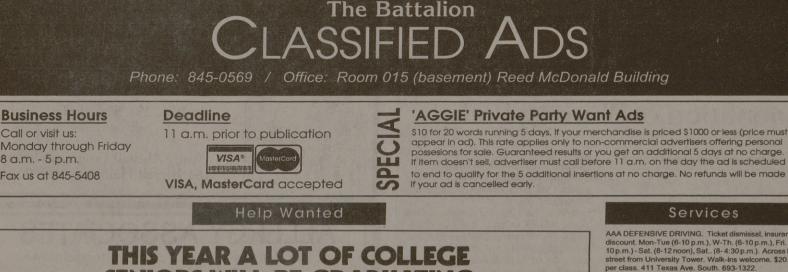
"I wish I'd known we'd have a traffic jam," he said. "I'd have bought 10 donkeys. It's a good investment.'

Loudspeaker vans flying the

yellow flags of Hezbollah, or Party of God, traveled the streets of southern villages, blaring religious songs and urging voters to support the fundamentalist faction

Muslim fundamentalists have won 14 seats and were expected to capture four more Sunday

The Syrian-backed government of President Elias Hrawi went ahead with the elections despite the boycott, prompted by fears that voting with 40,000 Syrian troops in north, east and central Lebanon would produce a rubberstamp parliament that will turn Lebanon into a Syrian satellite.



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Report says women work more than men, earn smaller salaries

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WASHINGTON - From Havana to Oslo to Warsaw to Tokyo to your hometown, the complaint is the same: men aren't doing enough housework

The problem of women having to dress the kids, wash the clothes, cook the meals, make the beds and take out the garbage - all before they go to work to earn less than men - is a worldwide inequity, according to an International Labor

Organization report. Even in Cuba, where a law requires men to help around the hacienda, 82 percent of all Havana women do all the domestic chores, said the report released on Labor Day.

In Nordic countries, a study cited in the report said, when men's working hours were re-duced, they used the extra time for leisure activities rather than for housework or child care.

"In Poland, even the youngest of married men do not help with the housework, while Japanese men spent only 15 minutes a day on chores around the house," said the report by the U.N. agency. "Couch potato" husbands, who sit like vegetables and

watch television while wives do the chores, have been a longtime butt of jokes and feminine anger in the United States.

Nearly everywhere in the world, women work harder and earn less then men, and the gap in many countries is widening, the report said.

"Family responsibilities are at the heart of much discrimina-tion against women," said Michel Hansenne, ILO directorgeneral in Geneva, Switzerland. "Women are expected to stay at

workers because of this." The differences between m for men and women widened

home to look after children a

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both developing and industri ized countries, despite decad of efforts to push female equation the job, the report said.

Women work more hours week, including housework than men in every part of the world except North America and Australia, the ILO report estimates.

They work the hardest m Africa. The report estimate that African women work hours a week, compared to for men. In Asia, women wor 62 hours while men average hours a week

In North America and Aus tralia, men work 49 hours week, while women work 47. the report says. In Western E rope, women average 48 hour men 43; Japan's women wor 56 hours and men 54; in Lati America, women work 60 hour to 54 for men.

Australian women are at th top of the pay equality scale with salaries increasing from percent of men's in 1980 nearly 88 percent in 1988, in most recent year for which ig ures are available.

U.S. women's salaries in creased from 60 percent or men's to 65 percent over about the same period, and Canadian women increased their salarie with nearly the same percen ages. The ILO says two-thin of new businesses in Canada are being started by women.

The ILO is reviewing policie and laws of countries throug out the world that are suppos to ensure pay equality.

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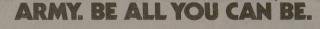
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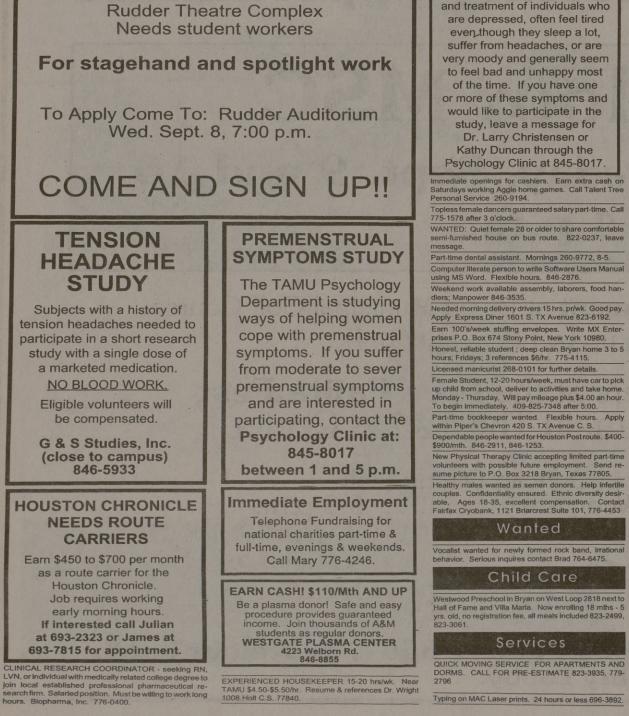
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