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Weather

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A common bond in tough times

They are blue-collar and white-collar, young and old, skilled and unskilled. Although they prefer to remain nameless and faceless, they by no means are mysterious. Almost one in every 10 people in the Lehigh Valley is out of work. SEE PAGE B-1

Popular game

The numbers game '24', created by Easton resident Robert Sun, is gaining national recognition as schools sponsor tournaments for the game. His invention has found its way into 100,000 classrooms. SEE PAGE B-1

A time for planting

With almost half of the money raised for the \$110,000 arboretum planned in the Forks Township, Pa., municipal park, the township will bethis week SEE PAGE B-1

Balancing act

How we feel about balancing our checkbook can be traced back to Mom and Dad. Developmental experiences profoundly influence the way we handle

SEE PAGE A-6 Crime rate climbs

Violent crime reports to police rose five percent nationwide last year, and experts blamed drugs and the nation's economic troubles for the increase. SEE PAGE B-8

All dolled up

Dolls are among the most popular and valuable of all collectible items, and Rose LaMonica's extensive collection of 250 dolls spans the globe.

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Draft day decisions

The Eagles, looking to bolster their running game, pick Alabama's Siran Stacy in the second round. The Giants selected tight end Derek Brown of Notre Dame in Round 1 SEE SPORTS PLUS

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Pa. voters a primary concern on Tuesday

Democrats and Republicans across the state will pick their party nominations for president, Congress and state offices tomorrow.

By RICH KIRKPATRICK Associated Press

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania voters on Tuesday get their say whether Democrat Bill Clinton is right for the party's presidential

also be choosing candidates for

U.S. Senate, Congress, the Legislature, three statewide offices and deciding a ballot question whether the state should borrow an additional \$350 million for water and sewer projects.

Clinton, governor of Arkansas, has been ahead in public opinion Voters in the state primary will polls in the weeks leading to ber, Tuesday's decision. But former

"I hope the voters will break of the anti-incumbent mood. my way because people have to know that the present arrangefailing this country," he said Saturday in Philadelphia.

Clinton, questioned about character issues throughout the primary season, is fighting the perception that he is too flawed to beat President Bush in Novem-

With voters angry and incum-

Rep. Stephen Freind of Delaware County is challenging Specment of political power is utterly ter in the primary. Lacking failing this country," he said Satenough money for television ads, Freind is counting on a 12,000strong volunteer force to turn out appears to be riding a wave of rehis supporters Tuesday.

Freind, the state's leading antiabortion foe, offers himself as a it's time for new faces. Her televiconservative option to Specter, a moderate.

Specter says he is concerned

California Gov. Jerry Brown bents edgy, Republican Sen. about low turnout hurting him. hoped to capture about a quarter of voters who were undecided. Sen. about low turnout hurting him. Both his campaign and the Reof voters who were undecided. Sen. about low turnout hurting him. Both his campaign and the Reof voters who were undecided. they will be working hard to blunt Freind's efforts and keep turnout high enough to ensure Specter's victory.

In the Democratic Senate race, political newcomer Lynn Yeakel sentment that not enough women are serving in the Senate and that sion ads attack both Specter and the Democratic front-runner, Lt.

More quakes strike Calif.

By DAVID MORRIS Associated Press

SCOTIA, Calif. — A pair of powerful aftershocks Sunday followed a major earthquake along Northern California's remote "Lost Coast," touching off fires and fear of more destructive seismic shak-

The National Cuard trucked in drinking water to four communities hardest hit by the quakes in the rugged, mountainous region of redwood forests and rocky sea-

Throughout the area, people boarded up broken windows and hauled belongings out of homes tossed off their foundations. Some slept in emergency shelters, or camped outdoors to avoid more

"Obviously, the fear of aftershocks does exist here," Hum-boldt County Sheriff David Ren-

More than a dozen people were evacuated in Ferndale after gaso-line was believed to have leaked into sewer lines, said volunteer

fire Capt. Mike Manzi. About 50 people were injured, none seriously, in the quakes that began Saturday with one that registered 6.9 on the Richter scale. centered about 250 miles north of San Francisco. Major aftershocks measuring 6.5 and 6.0 followed

They touched off a fire that ravaged a shopping center in Scotia, destroying a lumber yard, a pharmacy, a coffee shop and a grocery store. Firefighters had to draw water from a nearby pond after the town's water main snapped.

The first major aftershock struck at 12:41 a.m. and measured 6.0 on the Richter scale. A second, at 4:18 a.m., measured 6.5, and was felt as far away as Fresno, 460 miles south. There were thousands of lesser aftershocks.



E-T photo/SUE BEYER

Kirby Field House floor, volunteers for the project, who have died of the

With the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt spread on the dressed in white, observe a moment of silence for those who

AIDS quilt display touches Lafayette

The AIDS memorial quilt display at Kirby Field House through Tuesday honors those who have died and also touches those they left behind.

By SUSAN BASILONE The Express-Times

EASTON — From budding leaves on oak trees to colorful spring flowers, signs of life are materializing on the campus of Lafayette College.

But for a few hours Sunday, thoughts may have wandered from the beauty of spring as people faced a dismal reality at Kirby Field House.

More than 700 people walked through the doors, not to attend a sporting event but to pay their respects to people who have died from AIDS.

Men and women, children and college students, friends and family, came to view the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. The quilt, made up of 15,000 panels, will be on display at Kirby Field House through Tuesday.

The quilt consists of panels designed by friends and families of people who have died from AIDS in this country and around the world. The bright and dark colored panels bear personal treasures such as letters, stuffed animals, patches and clothing of people who died from AIDS.

In addition to the 632 quilts presently at Lafayette, quilts designed from local families and friends of people who have died from AIDS, will also be exhibited for the first time.

One friend who created such a quilt is Esther Obert of Allentown. Her friend David died of AIDS in February. "I feel like I am helping David live on and say to the world he's not ashamed of who he was," she wid as also attend in front of the said as she stood in front of the quilt. "It's my way of saying it's a shame anyone has to die of this

Obert's tribute to her friend David is simple. It is outlined with snowflakes and includes David's name surrounded in red animal paw prints. Obert said she chose these two symbols for the quilt because David loved animals and snow.

A purple crocus, which Obert

said depicts spring, lies below David's name. "It's breaking through to remind us that although times are dreary now it will brighten up again. It says spring is on the way. Hopefully a cure is, too," she said.

"David would be proud of this," she said as she wiped a tear from her face.

"It was like a roller coaster making this. Last night, I dreamed all the snowflakes fell off. I was relieved when I came downstairs this morning to see they were still attached," Obert

said. "I hope I never have to do this again," she said of her gift. Keith Riley, a representative of NAMES Foundation, said NAMES expects about 30 new panels during its display at the college. "That means 30 more

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Bucks County restaurant owner shot to death

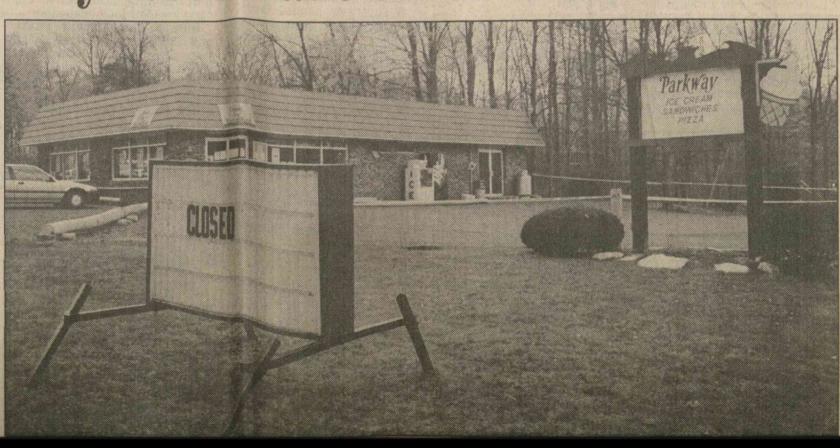
A restaurant patron shot the co-owner to death shortly after being asked not to smoke in the establishment.

By CHUCK MALINCHAK and **BOB GOODMAN** The Express-Times

HAYCOCK TWP., Pa. - A 35year-old restaurant owner was shot in the head from point-blank range and killed Saturday night by a man who several minutes earlier was told not to smoke in the restaurant.

"Then he left," said Harry Grim III, John M. Flaherty's partner in Parkway restaurant, which is about two miles north of Lake Nockamixon. Grim said he was standing next to Flaherty when

he was shot. Grim said John R. Schriner, who lives in a trailer home next to the restaurant on Thatcher



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Book trends

Only two of every five American households bought a book during 1991, a publishing industry survey found.

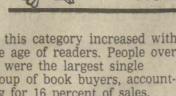
The survey examined monthly book-buying trends of 16,000 households between April 1990 and March 1991.

holds surveyed bought at least one book. Among the survey's other findings:

• Professional and white-collar workers bought half of all the books sold, and city dwellers were the most frequent

• Households earning \$50,000 or more bought 21 percent of the books, accounting for 41 percent of the dollar sales. Households with incomes under \$30,000 accounted for nearly half of all books sold, but 25 percent of the dollar

 Two-thirds of all books bought were fiction, and sales



the age of readers. People over 65 were the largest single group of book buyers, accounting for 16 percent of sales.

Canine devotion More than 200 people at-

tended a Fort Benton, Mont. ceremony marking the 50th an- called at Sunday's service that niversary of the death of Shep, Shep never met a freight train. the faithful sheepdog who waited 51/2 years at a train sta- was one that touched a lot of tion for his dead master to re- people," McSweeney said.

The dog's vigil began in August 1936 when Shep watched baggage men load the casket carrying his master, a sheepherder, onto a train.

Only 40 percent of the house- in this category increased with From then until Shep died, the dog met each of the four daily Great Northern passenger trains that arrived in this central Montana town. The vigil ended on Jan. 12, 1942, when

> Steve McSweeney, 63, who watched the vigil as a boy, re-'The story of his devotion

the dog fell beneath an arriv-

Some honeymoon, eh? A Longmont, Colo. man who last week settled into a car with his bride and another

couple for a honeymoon endurance test was disqualified Monday after police arrested him on an outstanding warrant.

Rhonda and Sheryl and Vernon Plowman were participating in a contest sponsored by KQKS radio in Denver and the Twin Peaks Mall for a chance to win the \$8,795 Nissan Sentra.

The two couples were married Friday and then jumped into the car. The couple who lasted the longest was to win

Marion Barry

n Jan. 1991.

she did, what she wore, what she 'Magic Castle' comes alive

saying it would help him "sow and superagent Michael Ovitz

his oats in the proper places from were also there, as was Strei-

tured speaker at a con-

rassment organized by

cheered Hill at the event Satur

day in New York that attracted

nists, including Gloria Steinem,

Steinem introduced Hill as

Hill testified before the Senate

committee that Supreme Court

nominee Clarence Thomas sex-

ially harassed her 10 years earli

r. Thomas later was confirmed.

problem or my problem, it is our

problem," Hill told the packed

auditorium at Hunter College

"Far too often we fall into th

trap ... of having to defend our in

dividual behavior as targets and

then we ignore how our behavior

fits into a pattern prevalent in so-

"Instead of talking about what

said, did she complain ... we nee

to talk about why he abused the

power that he had in this situa-

Marion Barry goes home

to prayers and oat bran

Marion Barry received an un-

usual gift at a prayer service in

Washington, D.C., to welcome the

former mayor home after he fin-

ished serving six months in

A supporter handed Barry

package of oat bran Saturday,

prison for cocaine possession.

tion," Hill said.

"Harassment isn't really your

Catherine MacKinnon and

'our Supreme Court justice."

Bella Abzug.

some of the nation's leading fem

Anita Hill speaks to a full house

at sexual harassment conference

Keeping up with

the rich & famous

notel room. He didn't run for re-

election when his term expired

Speakers at Union Temple Bap-

ist Church praised Barry as a

he elderly and a friend of youth

'Like the prodigal son, I've

"I realize that I violated the

public trust by letting my per-

sonal life get out of control," he

added. "But I know God has for-

to mark 50th for Barbra

Hollywood's biggest movers and shakers turned out for Bar-

bra Streisand's 50th birthday

to the kids who were welcomed to

Barbra's Magic Castle."

ebration, but the day belonged

Among the 350 guests at Satur-

day's celebration in Los Angeles

Hawn, Nick Nolte, Meryl

Streep and George Hamilton.

Warren Beatty and wife, An-

nette Bening, also showed up,

Woody Woodpecker's creator 92 today

Businessman Marvin Davis true

"Now I've come back

een in the pig pen of life," Barry

hero of the poor, a champion

luring his 12 years as mayor.

Aurora police officers pulled Lyon out of the car inside the mall Sunday night and took him into custody on a warrant for failure to appear to answer cation director.

assault and disorderly conduct charges. He was booked and

After Lyon was arrested, the Plowmans got the car. The couples were given 12minute breaks every three hours; otherwise, they remained in the car.

Gym dress code

Those wanting to shape up must cover up. That's the rule at a new \$1.1 million fitness center at Spokane Falls Com-munity College in Washington

The gym, which opened last week, prohibits halter tops, leotards, short shorts or tank-top muscle shirts. That leaves exercisers a choice of baggy sweats or loose

shorts. Leotards can be worn

only with tights or sweat The dress code prevents selfconscious gym users from feeling intimidated, said Maury Ray, the college's physical edu-

Barbra Streisand

Streisand, who turned 50 on Fri-

Pickett's car hits man,

cops cite him for booze

Rhythm-and-blues singer Wil-

son Pickett struck an elderly

with open bottles of alcohol, a

Pepe Ruiz, 86, suffered a head

njury in the Friday accident and

Pickett, 51, got the traffic sum-

mons after police found six

empty miniature vodka bottles

and six empty beer cans in his

car." said Bergen County Prose-

influence of something," Fahy

Police expect to have the re-

sults of blood and urine tests next

'Gilligan' rescued by kids

to help wishes come true

Actor Bob Denver revived his

Gilligan's Island character and

was "rescued" from his island by

a group of children as part of a fund-raiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation in South

Denver, who played Gilligan on

dressed in his old costume t

help raise money for the founda-

tion, which gives children with

life-threatening diseases a

chance to see their wishes come

from an island in the Kanawha

"He appeared to be under the

was in guarded condition Sunday

prosecutor said.

cutor John Fahy.

e scrambled to get several other aployees to safety in the event chriner would start shooting Schriner lived in the trailer with a friend who refused to give

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1992

Shooting:

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Grim said.

Restaurant

owner killed

his side with the barrel facing

"We couldn't see the gun,"

Schriner then stepped up to the

serving window where Flaherty

pointed the barrel at Flaherty's

nead and fired a 12-gauge slug,

"He didn't say a word. Just

"Then he walked out like noth-

After walking out of the restau-

rant, Grim said, Schriner went

back to his neighboring trailer

home, where he placed the gun on

a parked car, sat down on the

trailer's porch and apparently

'I was standing right next to ohn when the gun went off.

There was nothing we could do. It

was like we saw everything, but ouldn't believe it," Grim said.

By the time both men realized what was happening, Grim said,

t was too late. He didn't have a

After the shooting, Grim said

picked it (the shotgun) straight

up and fired," Grim recalled.

ng happened," he said.

was standing, lifted the gun,

"I don't want you using my

name because everyone thinks 'm part of it. I'm not," the man However, the man, who said he's the caretaker of the trailer,

said Schriner had been distraught for several weeks over the death of a friend. The man said Schriner was also having rouble coping with society since is recent release from prison. **Bucks County District Attorney** lan Rubenstein was not availble to comment on Schriner's ast criminal history.

"Ever since his friend died, he day, but young people were just wasn't right. He couldn't take treated as well. Her former beau, it," the man said. producer Jon Peters, trans-"We never thought he'd do

something like this. Never. He just couldn't handle society," he When Schriner laid the shot-

orch, he called for the man. "He called me over," the man aid. "He said he wanted me with im because the cops were going N.J., and was ticketed for driving

Grim said Schriner had come nto the restaurant several times since he and Flaherty bought the place March 20. "He's come in and bought cigarettes and soda. He seemed a little nuts, but harm-State police at Dublin said Fla-

erty was flown by emergency hecopter to Lehigh Valley Hospi tal, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. Lehigh County Coroner Wayne Snyder performed an autopsy and ruled the death a homicide by gunshot. Schriner was charged with first legree murder and possessing an strument of crime, police said.

He was arraigned before Bucks unty District Justice Elizabeth eonard in Kintnersville and taken to Bucks County Prison, where he was being held Sunday

Quilt: AIDS Continued from A-1

night without bail.

people in this area died of AIDS," he said, "and those are nly the people who are coming Hospital statistics show the rate is higher, he said. Last year at a similar display at

a great deal to some fine people.

Lafayette freshman Laura

Black, a volunteer for the project

aid, "People are aware AIDS is

out there, but they don't realize

t's here and it is here," she said

referring to the campus. As she

stood near one of the quilts, she

said, "most of the people are re-

acting with compassion and get

ting the message. I don't think

least one tear," she said. "It's

anyone left without shedding at

Muhlenberg College, 40 panels were added, he said. Debbie Hoff, assistant director student residents at Lafayette co-chairman of the project aid. "even if students don't

come and see the quilt, people on campus will talk about it." "If they (students) can see the world as being bigger than on this hill, it helps," she said. "It's agencies and television said. a privilege to give this kind of gift to the community. It means

> series. Short now has five points to

United Way groups so far unscathed by scandal

little negative fallout over stories of high-living by the group's former chairman, William Aramony.

Associated Press

charity's umbrella group.

NATION BRIEFING

Jurors deliberate

in 'beating' case

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. — Jurors continued to deliberate as-

sault charges Sunday against

four Los Angeles police officers accused in the videotaped beat-

ing of a motorist stopped for

From our wire services

From Richmond, Va., to Anchoraddressing some legitimate questyear, traveled on the Concorde raised \$3.1 billion. Most United Way affiliates say age, Alaska, they have been tak- tions from donors about what and was chauffeured in limou- Most United Way donations they haven't been seriously hurt ing pains to distance themselves we're doing with the money we sines. to see what will happen in their ated Press last week, only a few as a lobbying, research, advertis- Way officials say they have no been scattered cancellations by

"We're concerned," said Mary signed under fire in February. Ruth Austin, spokeswoman for Officials of many charities that

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Across the nation local chapters of the charity report

little negative fallout over stories of high living by the

The affiliates, each of which is on a major campaign that already the United Way of Greater Tampa depend on United Way similarly independently run, collect money said they have noticed no immefrom individual donors and chan-Affiliates across the country some donor cancellations and diate backlash from reports about nel it to 42,000 charitable organiare taking no chances, though. we've spent a good deal of time Aramony, who earned \$463,000 a zations nationwide. In 1990, they

come from payroll deductions. they haven't been seriously hart his pains to distance themselves by stories about the Concorder and-limousine lifestyle of William headquarters in Alexandria, Va.

The United Way of America, Workers sign up during annual take in."

Of more than 50 United Way af which Aramony headed, is an fund-raising campaigns. Until Aramony, former head of the And they're waiting anxiously filiates surveyed by The Associ- umbrella organization that serves those campaigns are held, United

has gotten under way. said Diane Ryan, a spokeswoman for the Greater Rochester United Way in upstate New York, which holds its fund-raising sign-ups in the spring each year. She said

percent so far. Many affiliates said there have

corporate donations were up 6

Eye on

Region

Every weekday morning, they gather on Walnut Street in Bethlehem. They are the unemployed, and lately, there are many of them. /B-1

Laws governing safety in America lag behind changes in the workplace, according to the president of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO./B-1

With almost half of the money raised for the \$110,000 arboretum planned in the Forks Township municipal park, the township will begin planting its first trees this week. /B-1

A numbers gaine created by Easton resident Robert Sun is gaining national recognition as one that improves skills and makes math fun. /B-1

More than 500 people conhouse to vent their anger and frustration at government and to protest tolls on the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State

Dr. Lois Copeland and her patients are suing the federal government over Medicare bills which they want to pay. /B-4

National

Parkway. /B-4

Most United Way affiliates say they haven't been seriously hurt by stories about the extravagant lifestyle of William Aramony, former head of the charity's umbrella group. /A-3

Democratic presidential hopeful Jerry Brown linked a call for a better environment with his message of cleaning up politics at an Earth Day rally in Philadelphia. /A-10

Democrat Bill Clinton implored a fund-raising audience in Washington, D.C., to put aside any worries about the controversies in his campaign, saying "it's hard for things that aren't true to endure." /A-10

Ross Perot said "all the signs are positive" for his prospective independent race for the White House, and the Democratic chairman said the Texas bil lionaire should be included in presidential debates if he is a credible candidate. /A-10

Violent crime reports to police increased 5 percent last year while reported property crimes rose 2 percent, govern ment figures showed, and ex-

perts blamed drugs and the nation's economic troubles. /B-8

A Massachusetts family is determined to make a home in the house it purchased after the government seized it from a couple of tax resisters. Problem is, supporters of the former owners won't leave the family

International

A runoff presidential election has been called in Austria because no candidate received the needed majority to succeed controversial President Kurt Wald-

Authorities blamed city leaders and the Pemex state oil monopoly for sewer blasts in Mexico that killed at least 190 people last week. Charges could in clude negligent homicide. /B-8

Money

Walk-in emergency centers ealth care, but Theresa Veres learned that sometimes they can be a place for improper treatments. /A-6

Checkbook holders are di vided between those who faith fully balance their ledgers and those who don't. Here's the reason why. /A-6

Sports

It was good news and bad news for the Philadelphia Phil lies. They won for the third time in four games, but lost right-hander Andy Ashby for a minimum of two months. /D-6

Living

As the former owner of a toy store, Rose LaMonica sold more than 500 dolls per year, but as a collector, she's amassed about 250 dolls from all over the

world. /C-1

Lotteries Sunday, April 26, 1992

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Barry was arrested in 1990 in co-starred with her in The Prince ginia Belle along with more than an FBI sting after being video- of Tides. 500 adults and children for a taped smoking crack cocaine in a The party was dedicated to cruise.

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ON THIS DATE: • In 1805, a force led by U.S. Marines captured the city of Derna. on the shores of Tripoli. • In 1937, the nation's first Social

Security checks were distributed. • In 1947, it was "Babe Ruth Day at Yankee Stadium as baseball fans, not just in New York, but across the country as well, honored the ailing star.

In 1967, Expo '67 was officially opened in Montreal by Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pear-

Today's birthdays: "Woody Voodpecker" creator Walter

pop singer Sheena Easton, 33.

Lantz, 92; actor Jack Klugman, 70; civil rights activist Coretta Scott King, 65; actress Anouk Aimee. 60; CBS News correspondent Phi Jones, 55; actress Judy Carne, 53; opera singer Judith Blegen, 51;

were Tom Hanks, Goldie the 1960s television show

sand's son Jason Gould, who River, he boarded The West Vir-

■ 50 years ago today rationing after midnight when all sugar stocks will be "frozen" by

The Sun sets at 7:51 p.m. today. rises at 6:04 a.m. Tuesday. The Moon sets at 2:47 p.m. today.

rises at 3:33 a.m. Tuesday. The moon is three days past last quar ter. Morning stars are Mercury, Venus, Mars and Saturn. Evening

YESTERYEAR Northampton County residents will feel the first effects of sugar

governmental order until May 5. No sugar sales will be permitted during the freezing period, during which time registration of individual consumers will be under way. There are 182,500 individuals in Northampton County to be powerful,"she said of the disregistered.

VACATION FARES. FARES ARE EACH WAY FROM ALLENTOWN

The six-man, six-woman panel met behind closed doors in the morning, broke for lunch and then continued its fourth day of deliberations. Police Sgt. Stacey Koon, 41, and Officers Timothy Wind, 31,

Theodore Briseno, 39, and Laurence Powell, 29, are charged with the March 3, 1991, beating of motorist Rodney King. The incident was videotaped by a neighborhood resident and its broadcast sparked national

Displeasure brewing

outrage.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Miller Brewing Co. has set up an electronic phone system to lobby against higher liquor taxes proposed by Gov. Jim Edgar, but some lawmakers aren't too happy with the high-tech cam-

Under the system, paid for by the Milwaukee-based beer giant, a computer calls voters and asks if they oppose the proposed tax increase. If the answer is yes, the call automatically transfers to a toll-free umber with a recorded mes sage blasting the governor's

After a pause, the line is linked directly to lawmakers' offices, where the caller can express displeasure with the tax plan - without ever having

made a phone call. Sen. Richard Luft, a Democrat who chairs the Senate Revenue Committee, criticized the beer company. Republican Sen. Frank Watson called the electronic lobbying program excessive, but said it was a good way to get lawmakers' atten-

Three Marines killed

FORT KNOX, Ky. — A large truck carrying Marines from a training exercise overturned on a rain-slick road, killing three and injuring nine, officials said

Lt. Col. Don Harlin, a divi-sion commander at Camp Lejeune, N.C., said 12 Marines were returning from a gunnery range Saturday night at Fort Knox when the driver apparently lost control as the truck began descending a steep road.

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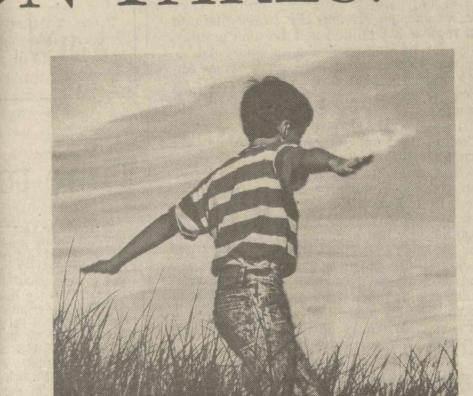
16 killed in fighting MOSCOW - Azerbaijan on Sunday accused Armenia of using chemical weapons in the battle for control of the Nagor-

no-Karabakh region, a news report said. Armenia denied the Azerbaijani and Armenian forces fighting over the disputed enclave exchanged artillery fire over the weekend, killing at least 16 people, news

Short, Karpov battle

LINARES, Spain - Britain's Nigel Short and Anatoly Karpov of Russia played to a draw Sunday in the ninth round of the Candidates Tournament chess semifinals, placing Short in a strong position to win the

Karpov's four. A player receives one point for a victory and a half-point for a draw.



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