# High winds fan forest inferno in Montana

Raging fires spread throughout state, damage 100,000 acres, force hundreds to flee

### By TOM LACEKY **Associated Press Write**

whipped fires raged out of control one was sure how many because 100.000 acres of forests and rangeland were involved. and forcing hundreds of people to flee "We're monitoring 13 to 16 fires their homes, while fresh firefighters around the state from 1,500 to 45,000 began arriving from other states. acres." said Department of State

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Glacier Park in the extreme north- Missoula. Forest and the Bull Mountains in the from other states were flowing into southeast," said Gov. Ted Schwin- the state vesterday

fires that were threatening populated blaze near between Roundup and fied amount of Federal Emergency their homes. Management Agency funds available High wind driving the flames conto help firefighting efforts. FEMA tinued to buffet the state and was officials met with state officials yes- forecast to continue today.

control," Schwinden said in an inter- some areas we haven't even been view. "We've had a number of homes able to use the aerial slurry aplicaburned, some animals lost. In some tions simply because of high winds," north of Helena, 8,000 acres. areas our major effort is on evacua- the governor said. "With extremely • The Houghton Creek fire burntion rather than containment of the high winds in timber, and some of the ing an eight-mile swath on both sides fire."

"Some of these fires are totally out country, you simply can't get the Libby, 10,000 to 12,000 acres. of control at the present point, and the ' heavy equipment in." major priority has to be trying to One volunteer firefighter was crit- east of Kalispell. more than 2,000 save buildings, communities and ically burned over the weekend and acres. evacuating people," the governor taken to the University of Utah Burn

Schwinden called the outbreak the minor.

even beyond Glacier, to Libby in the extreme northwest corner of the extreme northwest corner of the state. HELENA. Mont. - Scores of wind- Scores of fires were burning, but no

yesterday across Montana, charring several state and federal agencies

"Our state literally is on fire from Lands spokesman Steve Jorgenson in west corner to the Custer (National) He said federal forest firefighters

The state's two biggest fires were President Reagan declared two coming together to form a 45,000-acre

areas to be federal disaster areas Billings, and two major new forest yesterday, Schwinden announced. fires erupted in northwestern Mon-The designation makes an unspeci- tana, driving about 600 people from

terday in Helena to discuss qualifying "We are getting somewhat cooler other fires for the federal assistance. temperatures, and what we need is "A number of the fires are out of for the wind to go down because in

fires are in very rough, mountainous of U.S. 2 about 30 miles south of

worst in Montana in a decade, but the At least a dozen fires qualified as The North Hill and Houghton Creek breadth was even greater than he "major," and the governor listed fires were covered by the federal said: The fires extended westward these four as the most dangerous: disaster declaration

it now takes past New Orleans.

• The North Hill fire, 14 mile

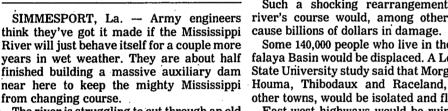
• The Red Owl Creek fire south-

Center, but other injuries have been of Billings, more than 30,000 acres. The Hawk Creek Fire northeast



## Army ingenuity being used to tame the mighty Mississippi

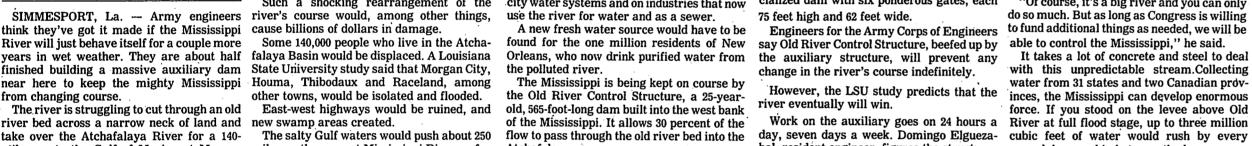
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The river is struggling to cut through an old river bed across a narrow neck of land and new swamp areas created.



run to the Gulf of Mexico at Morgan miles up the present Mississippi River as far

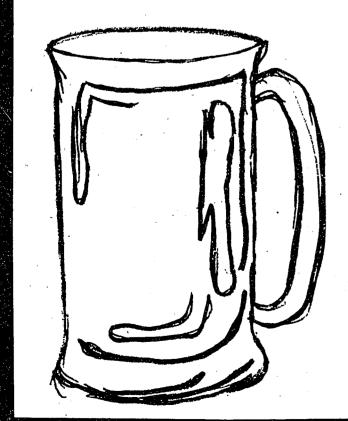
sippi. It allows 30 percent of the flow to pass thro

City, La., instead of the 312 meandering miles as Baton Rouge, shouldering in against the The new addition to Old River is a \$144.5 will stand for 100 years to keep a throttle hold weaker flow. Salty water would be tough on million auxiliary control structure - a spe- on Old Man River. Such a shocking rearrangement of the city water systems and on industries that now cialized dam with six ponderous gates, each "Of course, it's a big river and you can only 75 feet high and 62 feet wide. A new fresh water source would have to be Engineers for the Army Corps of Engineers to fund additional things as needed, we will be

> change in the river's course indefinitely. However, the LSU study predicts that the

1 days a week. Domingo Elgueza- cubic feet of

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do so much. But as long as Congress is willing with this unpredictable stream.Collecting water from 31 states and two Canadian prov-

## By MICHELLE FAUL **Associated Press Writer**

foundering ship.

miles southwest of San Diego.

stabilized the ship, but, said Har-

"The captain of the ship was pretty

frantic and he wanted to abandon

ship" early yesterday, said Har-

baugh. "The Coast Guard has in-

structed them not to abandon ship

was speeding toward the scene was

was to stand by and offer emergency

Officer Charles Crosby. Another mer-

expected to reach the scene early

today, he said.

baugh, "It's holding its own."

unless absolutely mandatory." The merchant vessel Joseph Roth

visiting heads of government.

anthems of Zimbabwe and the Palestine Liber- spheres - economic, technical, technological and ation Organization eantry, African dancers and drummers performed nation by Mugabe.

on the tarmac of Harare International Airport. airport to welcome Arafat, who earlier visited the Middle East."

ties with black leaders.

Sinking freighter stabilized LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) - Rescue know from personal experience that a vessels rushed toward a hurricane- lifeboat looks very small out there.

lashed freighter that lay dead in the I've been on search aircraft looking water yesterday, a gaping hole in its for them." bow. after its "frantic" captain and After the Blue Falcon, registered in 22 crew members stabilized the Cyprus and bound for Panama from Honolulu, issued its mayday, pro-Aircraft dropped pumps early yes- ceeded for several hours at about 4 terday to the 350-foot Blue Falcon, knots, then fell dead in the water, which emitted a Morse Code mayday officials said.

at 9:30 p.m. Monday saying it was The Coast Guard dropped three sinking in the Pacific Ocean about 900 pumps able to move 250 gallons of water a minute to the ship about 4 "The vessel is no longer sinking," a.m., but officials were unsure what was unknown. U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Debra Har- stabilized the ship.

baugh said about 9:45 a.m. Tuesday. "It could be the pumps, or it could Officials were unsure how the crew be that they have damage control," the tropical hurricanes form," Woods court. Harbaugh said.

The freighter, carrying 5,000 tons of parently crossed the path of Hurri-The Coast Guard sent three aircraft during the weekend of Aug. 3-5, at the cane Lowell, but the storm's center carrying communication gear, raand the ship were about 240 miles dios, life rafts and food supplies, but ment. But sponsors had missed the from each other by mid-morning yes-tordou and how supplies, but deadline for getting a license. terday, said Petty Officer Rick using the equipment, said Harbaugh. The parents said they then got the idea of serving the beer free and Woods.

expected to arrive last night, and it "It looks to me like the hurricane land-based helicopters, said Woods. tions to the program. passed right over the top of it," "I understand that it's theoretically About two dozen supporters of the help until a Coast Guard cutter ar- Woods said.

knots, about 55 mph, and water had preparations and it would take days and vowed to be in court when the chant ship, the Nalo Express, was ceased washing over the main deck, to get ready," Woods said. Harbaugh said.

The 15-foot swells washed one life py but good weather for aircraft," arrive at the scene at 1 p.m. (PDT) room yesterday when Buslee set the raft away from the freighter, and she said. "The winds are flyable and today, but the merchant vessel Nalo trial date. officials said the crew would be safer they (the aircraft crew) won't lose Express, contacted late Monday, was At the time of her arrest, Bednarek on board than on the remaining life sight of the vessel." Cabo San Lucas on the southern tip of reported

'It looks to me like the hurricane passed

right over the top of

-Rick Woods, U.S. Coast Guard petty officer

What caused the hole in the bow

"That area down there is one where plea by letter and did not appear in away fast enough."

The ship was out of range for most asking customers to make cash donapossible to get there and back with a parents attended a village board rived about 1 p.m. today, said Petty Winds of 65 knots had dropped to 40 helicopter, but it would take special meeting Aug. 6 to protest the arrests

Two Zimbabwe air force jets screamed over-Arafat reviewed a green-uniformed presidential guard and then was driven into central Harare in a motorcade for talks with Mugabe.

In Lusaka, Arafat met privately with Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda. 'Kaunda later denounced the United States for supporting Israel and white-ruled South Africa and condemned Arab countries opposed to Arafat's leadership of the PLO, according to the Pan-African News Agency.

Arafat said the PLO's aim "is to find a peaceful, were among hundreds of people gathered at the "wide-ranging talks... on the current situation in comprehensive and lasting solution to the Middle East problem," he was quoted as saying, and Zambia and Tanzania on an African tour to renew Arafat, wearing his distinctive black and white added that the government of Israel - which he headdress and a tan military-style safari suit, flew called a "military junta" was the PLO's enemy -

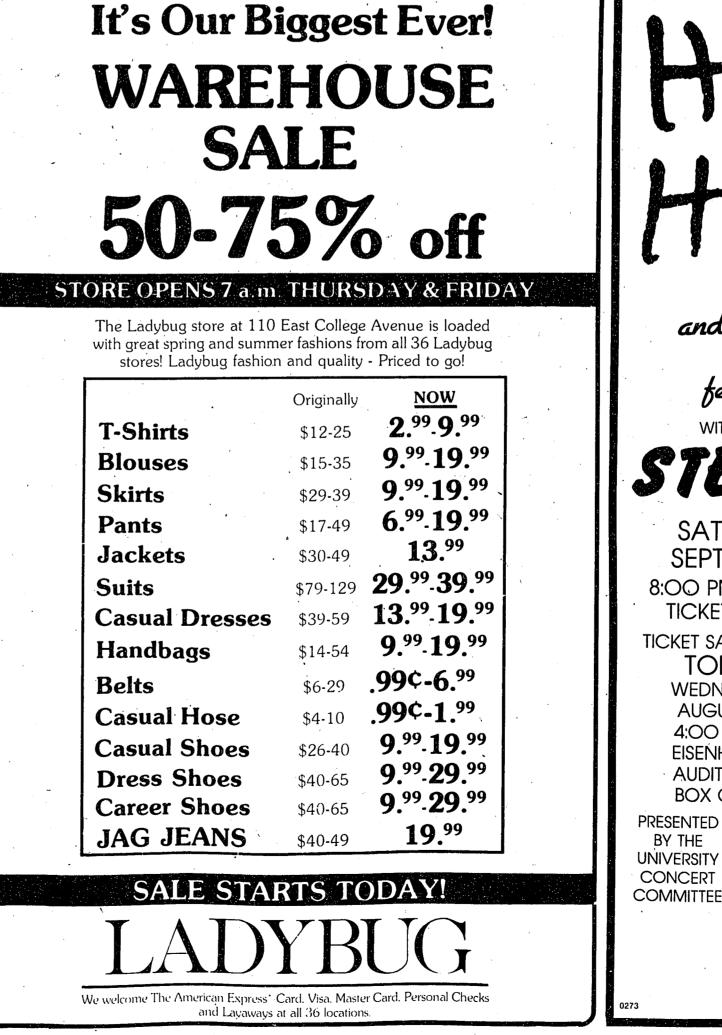
## Illegal beer case to go to court

FOND DU LAC, Wis. (AP) - A udge yesterday ordered a Nov. 8 trial for three parents who allegedly tried to attract cash donations to an athletic program by illegally offering free beer at a girls' softball game. Fond du Lac County Circuit Judge Henry Buslee set the trial date during a brief court appearance of two of the parents, Elizabeth Bednarek, 34 and Alexandria Braun, 37. Both pleaded innocent to charges of selling beer without a license. The third parent, Gary Friess, 42, entered an innocent

said. "It's possible that they just got The parents had intended to raise caught in the area and couldn't get funds for a girls' softball program in North Fond du Lac by selling beer start of a three-day softball tourna-The parents said they then got the

case came up. Originally set for Aug. The Venturous, a Coast Guard ves- 14, the case was postponed until yes-"The weather on the scene is chop- sel from Long Beach, was expected to terday. Few people were in the court-

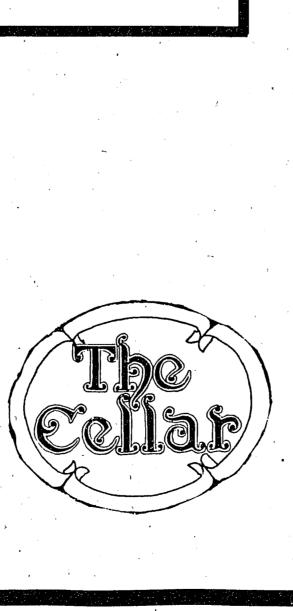
> to arrive at midnight last night, said it was embarrassing to be the Coast Guard, it was gally selling beer to a policeman's wife, who sat sipping the



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Harare gives Arafat warm welcome was the guest at a state banquet in the Monomotajet with Saudi Arabian markings

pa Hotel and heard Mugabe attack both Israel and South Africa's white-minority government. HARARE, Zimbabwe - PLO leader Yasser Ar- "Today, Zionism and apartheid have become afat, packing a pistol on his hip, arrived in Harare birds of a feather," Mugabe said. "They flock yesterday to a 19-gun salute usually accorded together as they jail, maim, disperse and even kill your people and the people of South Africa. They Prime Minister Robert Mugabe welcomed him flock together as they invade and destabilize on a red carpet as a police brass band played the neighboring states and as they collaborate in all

military. In a mixture of military pomp and tribal pag- Arafat was officially invited to Africa's youngest Before he arrived, the Zimbabwe Foreign Min-Diplomats from East bloc and African nations istry said in a statement that Arafat would hold

The PLO chief left his pistol in his room when he from the Zambian capital of Lusaka in a private not all Jews.

head in salute as the plane touched down.

