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Widow files \$15 million claim on NASA

n the ill-fated space shuttle Chalave known "a catastrophic accident eral counsel for the space agency. ould likely occur.

The claim, filed by Smith's widow ne as executor of his estate, is the rst by a member of the families of seven astronauts who were

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A

division of Litton Industries, a

major defense contractor, was in-

dicted Tuesday along with two

employees on charges of de-

frauding the government out of \$6.3 million in connection with

contracts to manufacture instru-

Clouds brought slightly cooler

weather Tuesday to the South-

east, where a record string of eight days of 100-degree heat have caused 10 deaths. But fore-

casters warned the relief was tem-

porary, and scattered rain did

little to ease the region's drought.

the months-long drought have killed thousands of chickens,

The high temperatures and

nents for military hardware.

'It alleges, as it must under the mily of Michael J. Smith, the pilot federal tort claims act, that we were negligent and as a result an accident nger, has filed a \$15 million neg-gence claim saying NASA should said Edward Frankle, deputy gen-

> Under federal regulations, NASA has six months to decide how it wants to handle the claim, Frankle said, adding, "If we do nothing in six months, people can go to court.

The company agreed to plead guilty and to pay \$15 million in criminal and civil fines and resti-

tution, authorities said. U.S. At-

torney Edward S.G. Dennis Jr.

said that constituted one of the

largest sums ever recovered from

wrongdoing.

A suit also can be filed if NASA

Smith is represented by William F. Maready, an attorney in Winston-Salem, N.C., who specializes in aviation

The claim was dated July 2, not

sparse concern for human life

knew or should have known . .

Oil prices up slightly

bounded Tuesday and erased declines of the previous session after Saudi Arabian King Fahd's public plea for OPEC production re-straints, but many U.S. analysts expressed doubt the rally would last and some predicted a plunge to the

"I would say this was a technical

ton Corp.

John Hill, a trader at Merrill

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, the price of West Texas Intermediate, the best-known U.S. crude, soared more than \$1 a barrel

Unleaded gasoline jumped more 32.92 cents.

"This is a very strong rally, but the jury is still out on what it means,' said Peter C. Beutel, assistant director of Elders Futures Inc. in New York. "Everybody's asking why is it going higher, then they turn around and buy because they think, 'maybe

lied because traders bought oil to repay borrowed oil they had sold ear-lier at higher prices, known as short-covering, which can create tempo-rary supply shortages and drive the

U.S. industrial production drops 0.5% during June

WASHINGTON (AP) - U.S. industrial production plunged 0.5 percent in June, the fourth decline in the past five months, while retail sales inched upward only slightly, the government said Tuesday in separate reports that underscored how weak the econ-

The Commerce Department

rose a slight 0.2 percent in June, the weakest showing since March.

a defense contractor accused of Little relief expected for Dixie drought

use restrictions in communities. The weekend heat stroke deaths of three elderly people raised the number of heat-related fatalities in Georgia to five. Two heat-related deaths have been reported in North Carolina and one each in South Carolina, Virginia

districts walked off the job in a

contract dispute, halting garbage

collection, closing libraries and

museums and slowing other serv-

ices in the nation's fifth-largest

The request applies to about

withered crops and forced water-

Mayor seeks end to garbage strike

World Briefs

Litton charged with contract fraud

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Citing a threat to public health from growing piles of trash, Mayor W. Wilson Goode asked a state court Tuesday to order striking healthcare and sanitation employees

The request came two weeks

after 14,000 workers in two union

Stock prices fall amid brisk trading

NEW YORK (AP) — Stock prices tumbled across a broad front in brisk trading Tuesday in a continuation of the market's recent retreat.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials sank 24.75 to 1768.70 after a volatile session for the blue chips that featured several unsuccessful rally attempts.

Losing issues outnumbered gainers by about 3 to 1 in the overall tally on the New York Stock Exchange.

Trading volume on the exchange surged to 183.98 million shares from 123.17 million on

denies the claim.

and space law.

long after the Challenger investigating commission reported that a leak on the shuttle's right booster rocket triggered a sequence that resulted in the explosion.

port last month, Jane Smith commented that it reflected "incredibly terrible judgments (and) shockingly

The claim says that NASA officials "directed, allowed and participated in the launch . . . when they a catastrophic accident would likely

but plunge predicted

\$8-a-barrel level.

correction that doesn't have any strong underpinnings," said William Randol, oil-industry analyst at the New York investment firm First Bos-

Lynch Energy Futures in New York, said: "I have to say that most people are still a little skeptical over whether or not we've seen the lows."

The price for Britain's benchmark North Sea Brent Crude, which hit a record low of \$8.75 per 42-gallon barrel in Europe on Monday because of fears about a market glut, was trading in the \$9.30-\$9.40 range by late Tuesday

to \$12.12 by midafternoon in heavy

than 2 cents a gallon to 34.10 cents, closing at 34.11 cents, and homeheating oil rose more than 2 cents a gallon to 33.45 cents, closing at

there's something we don't know.

Others attributed the rally to Fahd, who on Monday exhorted his oil minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani to seek stability in world oil markets when the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries convenes an emergency session July 28 aimed at reaching a pact to restrain

omy has become.

report on retail sales showed they

While the Reagan administration is forecasting economic growth of 4 percent in the second half of 1986, many analysts contend the economy will show little pickup from the weak growth of the past two years.

Nuclear weapons cause dispute

Pakistan aid cutoff threatened

WASHINGTON (AP) - The its pledge to help Pakistan against outside aggression, but will cancel a multibillion-dollar aid program if that country builds atomic weapons, a senior official said Tuesday.

The administration also is seeking a crackdown on Pakistani opium nard Kalb said. production — the source of a substantial amount of the heroin used in

Pakistan that the United States remains fully committed to Pakistan's be canceled. security in the face of continuing A portion of the U.S. support conmilitary threat from the Soviet sists of economic and military aid, Union and the Afghan regime," State Department spokesman Ber-

At the same time, the official, speaking on condition he not be

"The United States has on many duces an atomic bomb, the commit-Reagan administration is sticking to occasions assured the government of ment —first made in 1959 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower -would

> which under administration proposals will climb to \$4.2 billion aid during the six years beginning October

"There's never been any misunidentified, said that if Pakistan pro- derstanding, and it's discussed with office Dec. 30.

great frankness, that the programs will be stopped if there is evidence they have acquired a nuclear device," the official said.

Attention focused on Pakistan's nuclear program and the drug situation there on the eve of a visit here by Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junejo. He's making his first official visit to the United States since taking

Senator says tax plan will help middle class

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate's chief tax-writer predicted Tuesday that Congress' final version the Senate, Sen. Bob Packwood, Rof tax overhaul will provide greater relief to middle-income Americans, though not necessarily by retaining fully deductible Individual Retire-

"Clearly, it (the final version) will full deduction for IRAs.

Ore., chairman of the Finance Committee, told a tax seminar.

the middle class than by keeping the

A conference of tax-writers from the Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee begins work Thursday on a compromise between the tax plans passed by He added, however, that there the House and Senate. Tax relief for probably are better ways of helping the middle class and IRAs are only two of the hundreds of differences between the two bills.

Packwood will head the Senate delegation to the conference. The House delegation will be headed by Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill.

About IRAs, Packwood said he would not object to restoring a full deduction for all workers if such help "can be targeted to the middleincome group.

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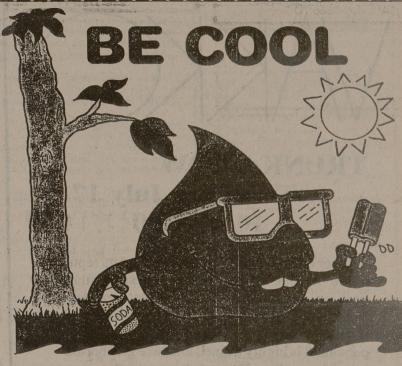
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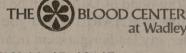
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