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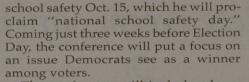
Clinton promotes tougher school policies to assist teach

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Offering America's teachers relief from troubled students, President

Clinton promoted wider use of school uniforms, tough curfews and anti-gun policies designed to restore "order in our children's lives" and discipline in their schools Monday.

"We either have discipline in the classroom or we

have disorder and, quite often, danger,' Clinton said in an address to the national convention of the American Federation of Teachers.



The conference will include educators, law enforcement officials and families touched by school violence.

Citing such measures as stricter curfews and the wider use of school uniforms, Clinton urged the teachers and their school districts to pursue "a new approach to restore discipline in our schools and order in our children's lives."

"Teachers can't teach if they have to fight for respect or fear for their safety," Clinton said.

After his address to the teachers' Clinton also announced he would union, Clinton was attending a fundlead a White House conference on raising lunch for Rep. William Jefferson,

was to headline a Demo-

cratic National Committee fund-raising dinner which, at \$10,000 per person, was expected to collect about \$200,000, teach if they have to DNC officials said.

The speech was designed as a broad-brush defense of Clinton's education proposals, some of which are under attack in Congress, but its focus was on school discipline. "While we've made

great advances in reducing crime over- waukee policy that allows police to stop all across the country, the president and question youths on the streets durwants to reinforce the message of how ing school hours.

school safety Oct. 15, which he will pro- D-La., expected to raise \$250,000. Before crucial it is that schools are safe and returning to Washington the president that discipline is restored," White House spokesperson Joe Lockhart said aboard Air Force One

en route to New Or-Teachers can't leans from Clinton's three-day weekend stay in Arkansas. With Washington's powers over educafight for respect or tion limited, Clinton was promoting sucfear of their safety." cessful programs in local communities. He told the AFT

— Bill Clinton convention he was President of the United States particularly pressed with a Mil-

Clinton said he has statistics that showed three students say they have tr ruptive classmates and th of teachers say undiscipli take up most of their tim Little that the preside

But aides said he wante his school discipline pad from the 1996 campaign cludes suspending studer guns to school.

Clinton arrived in New day after a weekend of go cal fund raising in his hor

While there, he plan two fundraisers for Louis rats. He had dinner Sunda Sen. John Breaux, D-La., an party leaders.

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General Motors' Saturn emplo vote in favor to authorizest

SPRING HILL, Tenn. (AP) -Workers at General Motors' only U.S. plant still turning out cars the Saturn division, where the company boasts of harmonious labor-management relations voted overwhelmingly to authorize a strike.

'We can't continue to live a lie that this partnership is alive and healthy and well when it's not,' Mike Bennett, bargaining chair for the union local at Saturn Corp, said.

The strike-authorization vote Sunday was another blow to the strike-crippled automaker. Negotiations have slowed and the United Auto Workers union called a labor summit Monday in Flint, Mich.

Talks between the union and the company resumed Monday at one strikebound Flint parts plant, the Delphi Flint East plant, while talks at the Flint Metal Center will be in recess until today.

Saturn promotes itself as different kind of car company." It uses a team approach in the factory and has a reputation for strong management-employee relations.

Of the more than 5,000 Saturn workers who cast ballots, 96 percent voted for strike authorization. A strike technically could be called by the end of the week, though negotiations are sched-

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"risk-and-reward" than abandon it for all other UAW worker GM has lost moret

lion since workers at t plants in Flint walked June 5 and 11. Moret GM's North Ameri have been affected and workers idled.

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Heat-related death to enters triple-digit figur

DALLAS (AP) — Temperatures climbed toward stifling le today across most of the country, with no immediate relief insig heat wave blamed for at least 113 deaths.

The temperature in Dallas hit 91 by late morning and wases top 100 degrees for a 15th straight day. The punishing heat ha claimed 79 lives in Texas, including 43 illegal immigrants crossed the border from Mexico

"It looks like this trend should continue another week, " from what we can see," said Roland Nunez, a meteorologist tional Weather Service.

The searing heat has also contributed to at least 22 deathsin nine in Oklahoma — where temperatures also climbed into th fore noon — and one each in California, Arizona and Missour

And authorities in Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas were ing additional deaths to determine if they were heat-related

There are probably many more out there that we have yet," said Dr. Louise McFarland, Louisiana's state epidemi

The humid Northeast was expected to be the next hard-hitre temperatures expected to rise into the 90s today. Temperatures were predicted again for much of the West, where several rec broken Sunday. Pueblo and Grand Junction, Colo., both reporte highs of 104.

Readings also hit 100 Sunday in Altus, Okla.; Jacksonville, A Las Vegas. California's Death Valley reached 124 and Lake Have Ariz., made it to 110.

In Texas, it's the worst summer heat wave since 1980, when had 42 consecutive days of 100-degree temperatures. One util ny on Sunday added extra crews to keep electricity flowing for

"We don't have any choice," said Sandy Smith of Texas Ut weather like this, the luxury of air conditioning becomes somet a matter of life and death.

People without air conditioning got some help in Dallas, asi ty's Health and Human Services unloaded box fans and wind that were donated to the agency.

For people who have air conditioners but don't use them It high electric bills, the county has created a fund to help.

Demand for water is so high that water systems are strain a water main breaks every day. Dallas had 67 ruptured mainsir last week

In Oklahoma, where heat-related crop losses could cost as line and billion, churchgoers heeded Gov. Frank Keating's call to pray

"It's so hot the fields are melting," farmer Jack Musgrove Musgrove, 79, said he has seldom seen the lack of rainfaller in the state this summer. He said there was little he could do no his cornfields.

"I did my 50 percent by planting the crop," Musgrove said 'God has to do the other 50 percent.'

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