

McCain's melanoma under control

PHOENIX (AP) — Tests on lymph nodes and tissue removed during Sen. John McCain's skin cancer surgery confirmed that his skin cancer did not spread, his office announced Monday as McCain went home from the hospital.

The former GOP presidential candidate underwent more than five hours of surgery on Saturday to remove melanoma, the most dangerous form of skin cancer, from his temple and upper arm.

Pathologists completed the final review of the tissues around the cancers and found no sign the melanoma had spread, said Todd Harris, a McCain spokesperson.

If the cancer had reached one or more of the lymph nodes, treatment would have been more complicated and less likely to cure the cancer, experts had said.

McCain, 63, was released from the Mayo Clinic Hospital and was resting comfortably at his Phoenix home, a statement released by his Senate office said.

Doctors found the melanomas after McCain left the Republican National Convention to have biopsies performed at Bethesda Naval Hospital near Washington on Aug. 4. He also had a melanoma removed from his shoulder in 1993.

Melanoma is usually caused by exposure to

the sun. People with fair skin have a higher risk of skin cancer. McCain spent hours in the harsh Arizona sun campaigning for Congress in 1982 and subsequent years.

McCain's friends have said he is religious about wearing SPF 45 sunblock when outdoors and about seeing his doctor three or four times a year to check for new lesions.

McCain canceled about a dozen campaign events with GOP congressional candidates since learning of the skin cancer diagnosis. Spokesperson Nancy Ives said McCain hopes to return to campaigning by Labor Day.

News in Brief

MP3.com, Sony reach settlement

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The online music storage company MP3.com reached a settlement with Sony Music Entertainment, the fourth such settlement with plaintiffs in a lawsuit claiming its business violates copyright law.

Under terms announced late Monday, San Diego-based MP3.com will pay an undisclosed amount to Sony for past violations and enter into a non-exclusive North American license for use of Sony's songs in the company's MyMP3.com listening service.

MP3.com previously reached settlements with Warner Music Group, BMG and EMI. It is still negotiating with Universal Music Group.

The settlement comes one week before both sides in the lawsuit are due back in court. A federal judge has ruled that a trial is still necessary to decide whether MP3.com willfully infringed on copyrights of major record companies by letting people store copied songs on its computers. The case is set to resume Aug. 28.

Activists claim Kohl's contracts with Nicaraguan sweatshops

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Rosa Esterlina Ocampo Gonzalez said she used to endure daily indignities simply to make cheap outfits for Americans.

The Nicaraguan woman recently worked for a sweatshop in her homeland that she says mistreated her and her fellow workers. After she tried to help form a union, she alleges, she was fired.

Gonzalez was one of two workers invited Monday to recount conditions at two Nicaraguan factories that human rights, religious and labor groups claim supply Kohl's Department Stores with cheap garments.

"They mistreated us physically and verbally," said Gonzalez, 22, who worked at the American-owned Mil Colores plant. The second plant was identified as Tawainese-owned Chentex. (Kohl's spokesperson Susan Henderson said the company sent independent auditors to Mil Colores this spring, and they did not find sweatshop conditions.)

K-Mart spokesperson Michele Jasukaitis said that chain also does business with Chentex and sent inspectors to the factory on a "very regular ba-

sis." The company will look into the new allegations, she said.

Patty Morris, spokesperson for Target Stores, says the company does business with Mil Colores and has done four audits on the factory in the last year, with the most recent in April.

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Charles Kernaghan of the National Labor Committee of New York, a nonprofit group that focuses on workers' rights worldwide, said workers at the sweatshops have been

verbally and physically abused, live on "starvation" wages and work more than 90-hour weeks.

Nicaraguan workers sewing jeans for Kohl's are paid \$65 a month and live in "utter misery," Kernaghan said. He said many work as many as 50 hours overtime, added to the 47.5 hours week.

Kernaghan said he was not seeking any boycotts and did not want production moved out of Nicaragua, but he wants Kohl's to "have respect for human rights."

Gladys del Carmen Manzanarez, 52, said she was one of more than 600 people fired after walking out for an hour to protest Chentex's refusal to raise the wage per garment by 8 cents.

She alleges Chentex is circulating names to other factories so the workers cannot get jobs. If workers made a mistake, they would get a "knock" in the head and be called horses or mules, Manzanarez said.

Catholic Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, from Detroit, and other religious leaders from Milwaukee and New York went to Nicaragua and met the two women fired from Chentex and Mil Colores.

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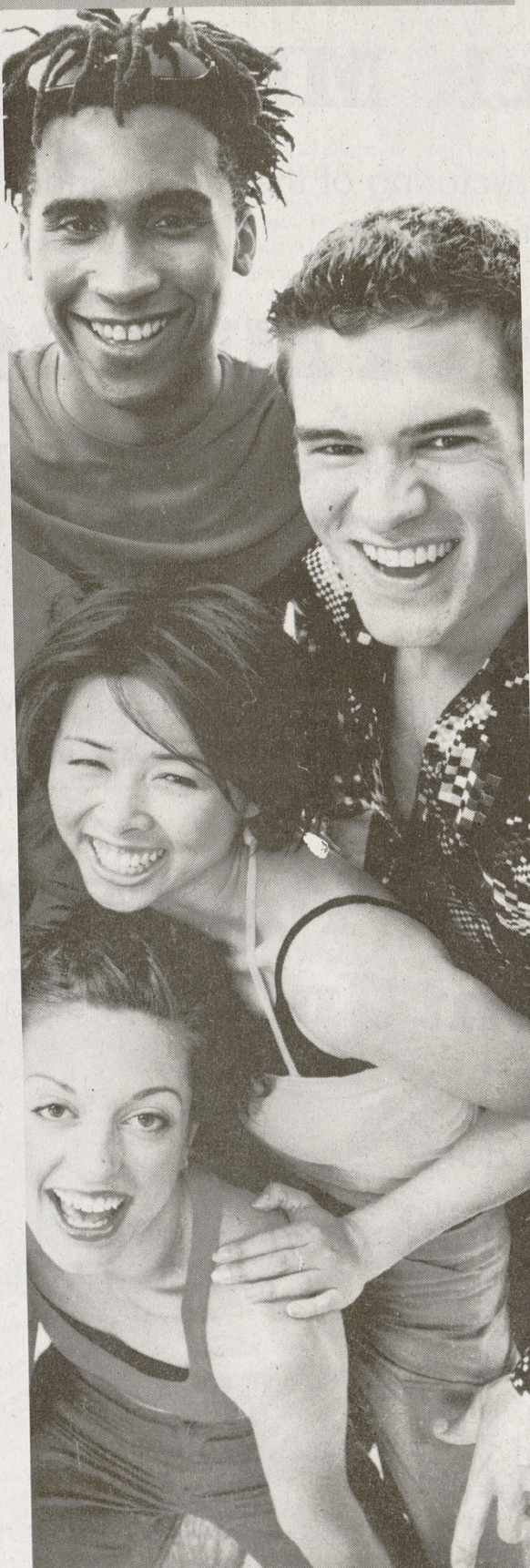
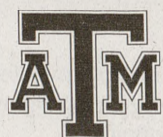
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