Redwood logging protested

SAMOA, Calif. (AP) - Hundreds of environmentalists demonstrated outside a giant lumber mill Wednesday and 44 were arrested in a "Redwood Summer' protest of logging that they say endangers California's ancient forests.

About 350 protesters, environmentalists and labor union activists demonstrated at the coastal Louisiana Pacific mill as part of a summer of protests planned by the Earth First! environmental coalition.

Redwood Summer organizers. hope activists from around the country will converge on northern California's redwood country to protest logging of ancient trees in an environmentalists' reprise of the 1964 "Freedom Summer' civil rights demonstrations in Mississippi. They demand an end to what they say is excessive clear-cut logging, and cutting of virgin red-

The protest outside the plant 275 miles north of San Francisco was largely peaceful except for name-calling between demonstrators and plant workers or passing drivers.

Most of those arrested were issued citations for trespassing and released, said Humboldt County Deputy Sheriff Leona Mendenhall.

## **Bush breaks with PLO**

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) President Bush broke off America's dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization Wednesday, saying a guerrilla raid on Israel's coast "is sticking in our throat" and must be renounced by Yasser Arafat for the relationship to resume.

'We've given the PLO ample time to deal with this issue," Bush said at a news conference at the Marshall Space Flight Center in the midst of a day of

campaigning for Republicans in Alabama and North Caroli-

Bush said he was willing to reopen the talks if the PLO condemns the raid, dissociates itself from the action and moves to discipline Abbas, who Bush said was "the perpetrator.

The League of Arab States called the suspension of the dialogue a "blow to peace" and said it "signals a penalty to Arab moderation.

Israel welcomed the administration's decision. A statement issued by the embassy in Washington said Bush's decision 'will encourage those Palestinians seeking peace with Israel. to seize upon this opportunity to begin a direct dialogue with

## AIDS conference opens

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - The spread of AIDS is slowing among some gay men, but soar

ing among teen-agers, women, crack smokers and heavy drinkresearchers reported Wednesday on the opening day of the international AIDS con-

"In particular, the emergence of crack cocaine use as a risk factor for the transmission of HIV is a new and disturbing development in the epidemiology of AIDS," said Don C. Des Jarlais of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City.

The report released at the Sixth International Conference on AIDS offered little ground for optimism.

"We believe the picture of AIDS and HIV infection in the foreseeable future is one of a continuing toll of sickness and death for a steadily broadening profile of individuals." Des Jarlais told reporters.

## National

Air Force buys \$999 pliers

MIAMI (AP) — A senator said he wanted another Pentagon investigation of procurement waste after learning the Air Force bought jet engine pliers for \$999 a pair, just under a \$1,000 ceiling implemented as

U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, has asked the Pentagon's inspector general to take another look at acquisitions abuse over the custom-made pliers that contractor Pratt & Whitney sold to the Air Force. The Miami Herald reported Wednesday.

The maker of the pliers. City Tool of Florida, charged Pratt & Whitney \$669 a pair for the pliers, the newspaper said. The contractor added \$330 to the price of each pair to the Air Force, the Herald said.

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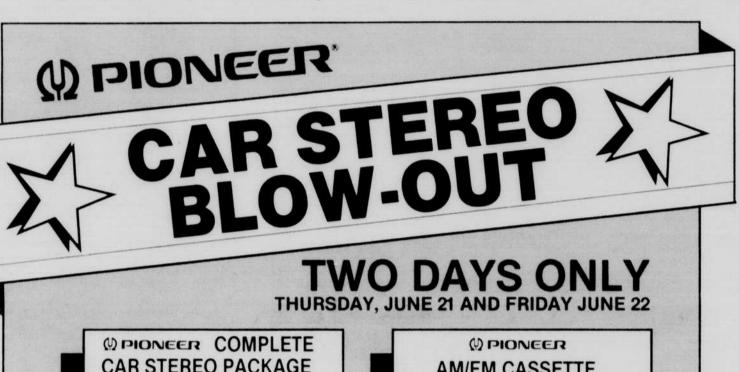
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