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**TUESDAY**

## In the news

■ Justice Clarence Thomas, 44, hobbled to the bench on crutches after tearing his left Achilles' tendon while attempting a jump shot during a weekend basketball game with his law clerks at the Supreme Court gym, a court spokesman said.

■ The Rev. Louis Farrakhan, 59, the Black Muslim leader known for anti-white and anti-Jewish comments, performed in Winston-Salem, N.C., the Violin Concerto of Felix Mendelssohn, Christian grandson of Jewish philosopher Moses Mendelssohn.

■ John Guare, the playwright, won best drama at London's Laurence Olivier Awards for his "Six Degrees of Separation," the first time an American play was so honored since David Mamet's "Glengarry Glen Ross" in 1983.

■ Lionel Hampton, saying he's "still swinging as usual," will play at least two numbers at his 85th birthday party Wednesday at a New York club.

■ Fred Tillman, 44, husband of actress Kelly McGillis, 35, who starred in the movies "Witness" and "Top Gun," was arrested in a Key West, Fla., prostitution sting and charged with soliciting an undercover female agent for sex.

■ Ferdinand "Bong-Bong" Marcos Jr., a Philippine legislator and only son of the late Philippine president, married Louise Araneta in Fiesole, Italy, but did not invite or inform his mother, Imelda Marcos, of the marriage.

■ James A. Baker III, former President George Bush's secretary of state who last year ran his failed campaign, will represent President Clinton in overseeing the U.S. delegation to the funeral of Turkish President Turgut Ozal, who died Saturday, administration officials said.

■ Sergei Khrushchev, 57, son of the late Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev, and his wife, Valentina, 45, were formally approved in Cranston, R.I., as permanent U.S. residents, receiving alien residence "green" cards, thanks in part to former Presidents Richard Nixon and George Bush.

■ Frederic L. Ballard, president of the National Bonsai Foundation, announced in Washington that \$500,000 from an anonymous donor and \$750,000 from the Wu Yee Sun Charitable Trust of Hong Kong had been given to the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum — referring to the Japanese and Chinese terms for miniature trees — at the National Arboretum.

■ Peter Eamonn Maguire, 56, was ordered in Dublin, Ireland, extradited to the United States in connection with an attempt to obtain surface-to-air missiles for the Irish Republican Army fighting British rule over Northern Ireland.

## Weather

Little Rock — Decreasing clouds and cool today. High in the lower 60s with northwest winds 15-20 mph. Clear and cold tonight with low in the mid-30s. Mostly sunny Wednesday. High in the lower 60s.

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**CULT COMPOUND BURNS** — Flames engulf the Branch Davidian compound Monday near Waco, Texas. The Justice Department said cult members set the fire, which destroyed the compound.

## Inferno ends standoff; 86 cultists feared dead

BY LAURA TOLLEY  
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WACO, Texas — Doomsday cult leader David Koresh's apocalyptic vision came true Monday when fire thought set by his followers destroyed their prairie compound as federal agents tried to drive them out with tear gas after a 51-day standoff.

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As many as 86 members of the Branch Davidian religious sect, including Koresh and 24 children, were thought to have died as the flames raced through the wooden buildings in 30 minutes. Only nine were known to have survived.

The blaze, fanned by stiff winds, erupted about 12:05 p.m., just six hours after FBI agents began using armored vehicles to pound holes in the complex of buildings and to spray them with tear gas.

"I can't tell you the shock and the horror that all of us felt when we saw those flames coming out," FBI spokesman Bob Ricks said in a solemn afternoon news conference. "We thought, 'Oh my God, they are killing themselves.'"

## Clinton said, 'Well, OK,' but buck stops with Reno

BY RANDY LILLESTON  
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WASHINGTON — President Clinton backed the FBI's plans to storm the Texas compound of cult leader David Koresh and his followers, White House aides said Monday.

Attorney General Janet Reno briefed the president on the plans Sunday, according to George Stephanopoulos, the White House communications director.

Clinton did not explicitly "sign off" on the plans but could have stopped them, Stephanopoulos said.

As news of the tragedy near

Waco, Texas, spread through Washington, administration officials worked to take responsibility and to limit the potential for long-term political damage.

"I approved the plan, and I'm responsible for it," Reno said at an afternoon news conference. "Obviously, if I thought the chances were great of mass suicide, I would not have approved the plan."

"I made the decision. I'm accountable. The buck stops with me."

But Reno also said that in a telephone conversation Sunday.

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## Lieutenant governor vote set July 27

BY ANDY GOTLIEB  
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Arkansans will elect their next Lieutenant governor July 27, Gov. Jim Guy Tucker announced Monday.

Tucker called for the election to fill a position that has remained vacant since Dec. 12. Tucker moved up from the lieutenant governor's post after his predecessor, Bill Clinton, resigned.

The special election procedure begins at noon Monday with the start of a filing period for both parties. Filings will close at noon May 6.

● Democrat Nate Coulter enters race for lieutenant governor 7A

A primary election for party nominees was set for June 8. If necessary, a runoff will be held June 22.

Marty Ryall, executive director of the state Republican Party, said the GOP planned to withdraw a lawsuit filed March 11 in Pulaski County Circuit Court that sought to compel Tucker to call a special election. Tucker had said he wanted to wait until after the Legislature adjourned before setting a date. Members

of the General Assembly went home April 8.

"The governor had complied with what we asked him for in a lawsuit," Ryall said.

Ryall said the primary method of choosing candidates — which the Democrats narrowly chose over the weekend, forcing Republicans to follow suit — had both its good and bad points.

Republicans believe the election is one that they have a good chance of winning. Maurice "Footsie" Britt is the only Republican to hold the office since Reconstruction. He served two

terms from 1967 to 1970.

"We'll take whatever hand is dealt us," Ryall said, adding that the process will be costly.

State GOP Chairman Asa Hutchinson estimated during the weekend that a primary would cost his party \$200,000 to \$300,000.

Republicans wanted to hold a state convention to nominate their candidate, most likely Mike Huckabee of Texarkana. Huckabee unsuccessfully challenged Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., in the fall.

However, Ryall said, the process will be costly. See ELECTION, Page 7A

## Beating leaves Hall graduate brain-damaged

BY LINDA SATTER  
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A beating that shocked the small city of Boulder, Colo., has left a popular 1991 graduate of Little Rock's Hall High School with extensive, possibly permanent, brain damage.

Paul D. Kelly, 20, a part-time student at the University of Colorado at Boulder and the son of Margie Holcomb of Little Rock, remained in very critical condition Monday night as a result of the beating by six unidentified youths, authorities said.

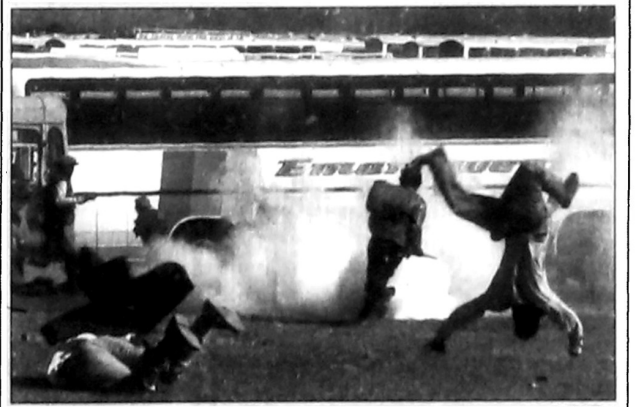
The artistic, athletic Kelly has lived in Boulder since January 1992, trying to establish residency before attending school full time.

Carolyn Terman, a spokesman at Boulder Community Hospital, said he was in a drug-induced coma Monday in an attempt to reduce brain swelling.

Pauline Hale, a spokesman for the university police, which

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## Clash in South Africa



**PROTESTERS SCATTER** — Demonstrators scatter as police fire tear gas, rubber bullets and buckshot outside the Soweto soccer stadium where the funeral of South African Communist Party leader Chris Hani was being held. Police fired on the protesters after being attacked with stones. Article, 6A

## South Dakota governor, 7 others die as plane hits Iowa silo

BY GREG SMITH  
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DUBUQUE, Iowa — A plane carrying South Dakota Gov. George Mickelson and seven other people crashed in eastern Iowa after reporting engine failure Monday.

There were no survivors, Jackson County Sheriff Bob Lyons said. Mickelson's body wasn't im-

mediately identified. However, Dick Vohs, an aide to Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad, said the airplane's passenger list included Mickelson, Janette Toman, press secretary for Mickelson, confirmed Mickelson was on the plane.

Rose Marie Ambrosy, who owns the farm where the plane crashed, said no one on the ground was hurt.

Lyons said the plane was in many pieces. "I assume that when it hit the silo it pretty much destroyed the plane right away," he said.

Mickelson, 52, a Republican, was serving his second term. He was elected governor in 1988 and won another four-year term in 1990. He also served six years in the South Dakota House, where he was speaker in 1979-80.

The plane was returning to South Dakota from Cincinnati when it crashed after reporting engine trouble.

The twin-engine turboprop had been headed for an emergency landing at the Dubuque airport when it struck a barn and silo about 15 miles southwest of Dubuque at about 4 p.m., said Sandra Campbell, a spokesman at the Federal Aviation Admin-

## Clinton calls filibusters shameless

Asks labor's help to pass jobs bill

BY RANDY LILLESTON  
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WASHINGTON — President Clinton used his strongest words yet Monday in criticizing Republican opponents of his short-term economic package is and called on labor leaders to pressure senators into backing the plan.

● Americans more likely to see domestic violence than robbery or muggings 3A

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"Many, and perhaps most, of the senators who are blocking our plan have voted for emergency measure after emergency measure after emergency measure for 12 years," the president told AFL-CIO officials at a conference in Washington.

Clinton said those Republicans backed the spending plans of the previous two presidents while the size of the federal budget deficit soared.

"Have they no shame?" the president asked. "How can they say this? Sometimes, I think the secret to success in this town is saying the most amazing thing with a straight face."

"I have compromised. I have held out my hand."

Later in the day, Clinton told the labor leaders: "I need your help today. Some of the people you are saying are now involved in the Sen-

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istration regional office at Kansas City, Mo.

The Mitsubishi turboprop plane is registered to the Department of Transportation of the state of South Dakota.

"The pilot reported a lost engine and lost pressurization. The aircraft then was handed off to the Dubuque tower for clearance to land. It was the nearest loca-

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