

SPORTS

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Still no foe for Foreman

TWO WEEKS FROM tonight, former heavyweight champion George Foreman is scheduled to step into a boxing ring at the Bond Sports Complex north of Eugene.

However, it's hard to be overwhelmed with confidence that this will actually happen, or that it will be much more than an expensive sparring match, or carnival sideshow, if it does.

As of Wednesday evening, no opponent for the 40-year-old, 250-pound minister from Houston had been officially selected and presented to the Oregon Boxing and Wrestling Commission for sanctioning.

A few names have been bandied about, but they have been unacceptable, either to the televising USA Network, which has a few dregs of credibility to maintain, or to the Foreman camp, which won't let the big fella risk a multi-million dollar payday with Mike Tyson against anyone who could do some damage with one punch.

At least, not in a nickel-and-dime fight in Eugene, Ore., and if you happen to spend \$25 for a ticket thinking you'll get quality boxing from a bout between Foreman and some poor guy who would have been pointing for the big match since, oh, this week, you have my condolences.

Foreman is 19-0 on the comeback trail, and his opponents were aptly summed up by boxing trainer Emanuel Steward: "Never in the history of boxing have there been so many handpicked bums."

Pickings are apparently getting slim, and so now everyone is standing around in agitation like the rancher who has fired up the barbecue, invited the guests, set the table and needs a lamb to go belly-up.

"It's making everyone nervous," admitted Ritch Danner, the Bond events manager.

Also unnerving is the fact that the USA Network, which would televise the heavy-weight fight and the undercard, and is bankrolling the endeavor, has serious concerns, even to this moment, about televising an outdoor fight in Eugene.

Because puddles are still floating around from this week's rain, it is hard to dismiss those concerns as unwarranted, and network officials have expressed their concern from the opening bell of negotiations. Remember, no USA, no fight, but Bond is staging the event to showcase itself as a multi-events facility; it can't do that if the event moves.

SO FAR, THREE fights on the undercard have been approved by the boxing commission, including a fight between hard-hitting heavyweight Joe Hipp, 7-1, who trains in Eugene, and Shaun Ayers, 17-1.

But the whole program seems to be one punch from the canvas, although Ron Weathers, a Phoenix man who described himself as Foreman's friend and adviser, said Wednesday evening that he's "very confident that the fight is going to happen."

Foreman's opponent is being cooked up by a kitchen of chefs: The Foreman camp, the USA Network, the Bond Sports Complex, which is listed as the promoter of record, and Weathers, who is actually pulling together the main event.

Waiting in the wings is Bruce Anderson, director of the Oregon Boxing and Wrestling Commission, who will ultimately rule on sanctioning the bout.

Selecting Foreman's opponent has become a convoluted endeavor. If you normally weigh about 200 pounds — Foreman is leaning up on cruiserweights — but won't dance around the ring and make George chase you, and don't have a lethal knockout punch, and can struggle for two rounds and then go sweetly, you might have been considered.

EARLIER, THE USA Network rejected a proposal that the opponent be David Bey, who fought Larry Holmes a few years ago. Seems USA thought it had an agreement with Foreman to fight someone ranked in the Top 20. Bey isn't, but at this point he looks pretty good.

Danner indicated that 6-foot-6 Art Tucker, 16-0, was rejected by Foreman for being too good; that former Leon Spinks opponent Jim Ashard was eliminated by the network for the opposite reason; that fighters Mark Lee and Ken LaKusta turned the fight down, and so on. The alternatives are not improving with the passage of time.

Wednesday morning, Danner said the latest candidate was a fighter named Wesley Watson, if acceptable to Foreman. Danner, who has been a fight matchmaker and knows a lot about boxing, didn't know anything about Watson who, as it turned out, hasn't beaten anybody you'd recognize, got KO'd in the first round of his last fight June 12, and was suspended for 90 days in Kentucky.

No matter. By Wednesday night, Danner had been informed by Weathers that Watson was out of the picture and the opponent-of-choice is a declining Ohio cruiserweight named Jeff Jordan. Weathers said he hoped to have the card rolled down today.

Will the boxing commission sanction such a fight? Anderson wouldn't say; nothing definite has been presented yet. But while Anderson is under pressure to sanction a fight card in Oregon, he's also been an advocate for the credibility of boxing, which is taking yet another blow to the chops.

"If I have to wear the black hat, I'm prepared to do that," he said wearily. If he sanctions this exhibition, with the names he's mentioned, it would be with a heavy heart, and a bad taste.

Finland wins rights to '91 games

By SHANNON FEARS
The Register-Guard

In a surprisingly close vote on Wednesday, the city of Turku, Finland, won over Mulhouse, France for the right to hold the 1991 World Veterans' Championships.

Turku, a community of 160,000 on the southern coast of Finland, won by a vote of 60-47 in the World Association of Veteran Athletes' (WAVA) general assembly of delegates from around the world at the Eugene Hilltop.

The vote capped more than eight hours of discussion and debate on a rather full agenda as the current World Veterans' Championships, being conducted at various sites around the Eugene-Springfield area, took a day off from competition.

The games, which end Sunday, resume today with finals

in the discus, high jump, triple jump, 200 and intermediate hurdles, all at Hayward Field, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. This is also the day for the 10-kilometer cross country runs at Lane Community College from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be no events at Springfield's Siike Field today.

The WAVA delegates also voted against scrapping the word "veterans" in favor of the American term "masters," delayed action on making the youngest age groups equal for men and women, agreed to select future sites further ahead, and retained medal standards (minimum performances that must be achieved to win a medal).

But with a banquet looming Wednesday night, the assembly ran out of time to decide other matters, such as whether women will be forced to move up from 10 kilometers to 20 in road race-walking and whether the decathlon and heptathlon will continue to be contested at the games. Those

matters will be taken up Sunday by WAVA's executive council.

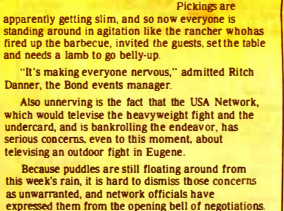
The close vote on the '91 games was a surprise because the Turku delegation had been preparing its bid for more than a year, while the Mulhouse proposal was hastily put together after a group from Athens withdrew its bid at the 11th hour.

"We didn't even know Mulhouse was in the running until two weeks ago," said Irmeli Torssonen, director of Turku's city tourist office.

Torssonen, who presented Turku's bid to the general assembly, said she wasn't surprised by the vote.

"It's very good to have more candidates," she said. "This is a democracy, you know. Having more sites to choose

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George Foreman
Rejects unbeaten fighter



Sometimes a catcher loses the collision at the plate and sometimes he wins, like Colin Ryan did against the A's Steve LeMuth

Catchers: A special species

'You get beat up quite a bit... but you're part of every play'

By BOB RODMAN
The Register-Guard

They strap on their shin guards, buckle up their chest protectors, get their face masks a tug, and march off to the arena.

Battle after battle they return, bodies bumped and bruised, a tooth missing here, a skinned knuckle there. Mud mixed with the blood.

Barroom brawlers? Gladiators? Traffic cops? A little of each? Sort of.

They are catchers. Baseball catchers. A rare breed of athlete that seems to be making its way onto the endangered species list.

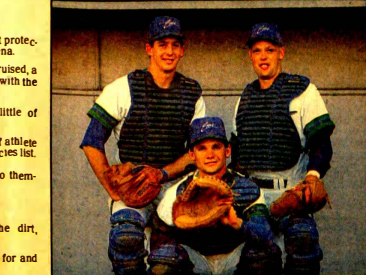
These are guys you, for some reason known only to themselves and God, are strongly attracted to the following:

- A 90 mph fastball slamming into their glove.
- That same 90 mph fastball slamming into the dirt, nowhere near that glove.
- A curveball coming at them after they had called for and were expecting a fastball.
- A 200-pound baserunner screaming toward the plate trying either to score from third or put the catcher three rows up, or both.
- Trying to throw a runner out at second with a ball down the middle and a guy swinging a bat in your face.
- A warm afternoon or evening of playtime in the dirt for three or so hours.

"A coach once told me that digging balls out of the dirt builds character," said Colin Ryan, one of the catching profession's chosen few who currently plies his trade for the Eugene Emeralds.

Ryan went to college and all, but the impact of that little chunk of philosophy might have missed its target.

"I looked at him kind of funny," Ryan said. "I'm not so sure."



The Eugene Emeralds utilize three catchers: Left, David Solseth, Robbe Buchanan (middle), and Colin Ryan

The Emeralds have three catchers this season — Ryan, David Solseth and Robbe Buchanan. But as far as major league baseball is concerned these days, good catchers are as hard to find as Pete Rose at a betting window.

California Angels' Manager Doug Rader said in a Sports Illustrated story earlier this year that, "Catching is work. Hard, dirty, tough work."

Montreal Manager Buck Rodgers said in the same story, "Mothers don't want their kids back there, getting bit by foul tips and being run over trying to block the plate."

Ryan, a 14th-round draft pick of the Kansas City Royals,

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O's rally, remain in 1st place

Baltimore surpasses last year's win total

By TIM KURKJIAN
The Baltimore Sun

BOSTON — Hold the obits. The Baltimore Orioles live.

Just when you thought they would never win again, the Orioles erased a 6-0 deficit after three innings and beat the Boston Red Sox, 9-8, to remain in first place in the American League East.

Boston could have ended the Orioles' 68-day stay in first place by winning, but Baltimore scored three runs in each of the sixth, seventh and eighth innings to steal a victory before 34,970 at Fenway Park. It was only the Orioles' second victory on the 14-day trip, which ended Wednesday night, but at least it averted the worst trip (10 or more games) in club history.

"Pretty big win, I guess," said Bill Ripken, smiling from ear-to-ear. "You don't need me to tell you how big that win was. It was big. Real big."

"That's the kind of game that can get you going," said Orioles Manager Frank Robinson. "That's the kind of game we've been looking for during this streak."

Behind a season-high 17 hits, including a career-high four hits by Bill Ripken, the Orioles finally surpassed last season's victory total with No. 55.

After Nick Eassey hit a two-run home-offer winning pitcher Mark Williamson (8-3) in the ninth, cutting the lead to 9-8, Mark Thurmond came on and got pinch hitter Randy Kutcher on a grounder to Cal Ripken to end it.

Randy Milligan's seventh, three-run homer in the bottom of the sixth, Murphree had tied it — erasing the six-run deficit made it the club's biggest comeback this year — then the Orioles beat the Red Sox, Monday night's starter, in the eighth inning.

Phil Bradley started the inning with a one-out walk. Cal Ripken (three for four) doubled to right-center, scoring Bradley, who was running on the pitch. The ball appeared as if it would jump the three-foot-high fence in right field for an automatic double, but the ball took a strange, short hop and stayed in the park, the Orioles' luck is changing again.

Mickey Tettleton was intentionally walked. After Hetzel went to 3-0 on Keith Moreland, Hetzel was replaced after complaining of a strained right elbow. That brought in Mike Smithson, who was scheduled to start tonight's game, but the Red Sox bullpen is so depleted, he was their only option.

He walked Moreland, loading the bases. Milligan's sinking line drive to left was caught, but it scored Ripken, whose hard slide into home jarred the ball loose from catcher Rick Cerone. That made it 8-6. Craig Worthington (one for five) rolled a single to right, scoring Tettleton to make it 8-6.

Williamson entered the game with two out and two on in the seventh and got Jim Rice to ground out, keeping it tied, 8-6.

Jeff Ballard started, but went only

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MORNING BRIEFING

Martina plans return to No. 1

After the first extended vacation of her career, Martina Navratilova says she is anxious to get back to the professional tennis wars...



Martina Navratilova Send Graf to Siberia

"I think we need to ship Steffi off to Siberia," she joked to reporters after a workout Tuesday at Mountain Park Racquet Club in Portland...

"She's very tough because, if you have a little titland, she jumps on you. You can't afford to let up for even one game."

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Dallas Cowboys running back Herschel Walker has a role in the HBO series "First and Ten," scheduled for fall release.

Floyd Patterson, 1952, and Michael Spinks, 1976.

Reggie Williams, Cincinnati Bengal linebacker, asked his attributes: "Speed, strength and the ability to recognize pain immediately."

Former Memphis State basketball Coach Dana Kirk is scheduled to be released today from a minimum-security prison in Alabama...

Blazers' top draft pick injured

PORTLAND — The Portland Trail Blazers' top draft choice, Byron Irvin, suffered a hip contusion in his first day of practice...

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WELCOME Veteran Game Participants

Cobb finally gets checkered flag

By The Associated Press PORTLAND — When the starter waved the checkered flag three laps too soon in Sunday's G.I. Joe Camel Gran Prix, he made Price Cobb a winner...

IMSA upholds protest in disputed finish at Portland Gran Prix race

of a second and was declared the provisional winner. However, Cobb filed a protest and the protest was upheld by acting race director George Silbermann, an IMSA vice president...

only the fifth race for the Jaguar's new turbo-charged engine. Soal said this was the first time in the 20 years of IMSA racing that a checkered flag had been waved prematurely...

Top Soviet gymnast expelled from team

MOSCOW — Olympic triple gold medalist Dmitri Bilozerchev and a colleague were kicked off the Soviet team for the World Gymnastics Championships because of a two-day drinking binge, a newspaper reported Wednesday...

"The situation is so typical for our sports, that this almost doesn't require any elaboration, commentaries or conclusions," it said. Bilozerchev was known previously to have an alcohol problem...

Sovietsky Sport said Bilozerchev's neighbor had warned the newspaper before the 1983 accident that the gymnast was drinking too much vodka, but reporter V. Golubev said, "I answered the reader that he was probably mistaken."

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Will the bear push down the bull?

By ROBERT LUKE
Ox News Service

ATLANTA — The bulls are in the china shop, but they haven't yet smashed everything to smithereens as they did in October 1987, when the stock market lost a third of its value after soaring to a record high just two months earlier.

With the Dow Jones industrial average currently headed on the same high trajectory as it did in 1987, many investors are wondering if another cataclysmic fall is in the offing.

The 30-stock Dow Jones industrial average on Wednesday wiped out nearly all of Tuesday's 19.54-point loss and rose 16.32 points to close at 2,657.44 — within shouting distance of the all-time peak of 2,724.42 established on Aug. 25, 1987. Broader averages, such as the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index, already have vaulted to new highs this week.

"If the Dow Jones industrial average moves above its August 1987 highs, most likely that will buy the market additional time," said a spokesman for stock market guru Robert Prechter Jr. of Gainesville, Ga. "Even if that occurs, it should not be treated as the beginning of a new bull market but rather as the end of a bull market that's quite old."

Investors wondering if market will peak

Prechter, the editor of the Elliott Wave Theorist, believes the stock market will soon plummet into the largest bear market in more than 60 years. He's advising investors to sell all their U.S. equities and invest the money in U.S. Treasury bills.

Prechter, who gained fame for six years of accurate predictions, including the Black Monday market crash, bases his forecast on his analysis of the Elliott wave theory, which holds that the stock market is a gauge of mass psychology that mirrors trends in the economy.

But hope springs eternal for most professional investors, who dismiss Prechter's dire predictions

They think another stock market debacle isn't likely to occur, at least in the foreseeable future.

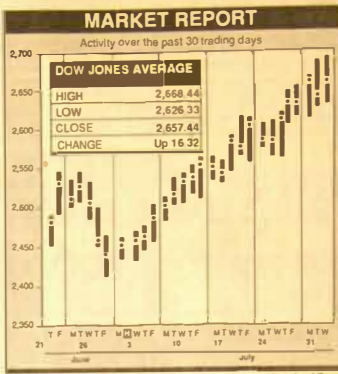
The stock market collapse of 1929 "was traumatic and so was October 1987," said Robert Kirby, chairman of Los Angeles' Capital Guardian Trust Co., which manages \$20 billion in assets. "As long as the memory of that is sharp in people's minds, I don't think we'll see another crash happen today. We'll need a whole new generation of players."

Indeed, individual investors recently have been stepping back into the market for the first time since the crash. The Investment Company Institute, a mutual fund trade group, reports that sales of mutual fund investments jumped to \$2.9 billion in June, their highest level so far this year, from \$1.9 billion in May.

Mutual fund investments have been increasing each month since March, the trade group said.

The advance is seen by many as a sign of increasing investor confidence, but others see even that positive development as a sign of danger, since indi-

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Games put only drop in bucket

But economic benefits anticipated in future

By PAUL DUNWIDDIE
The Register-Guard

The World Veterans' Championships have pumped up Eugene's civic pride and have re-established its reputation as a world-class host for track and field. But as a one-shot event, the games will have little effect on Lane County's economy.

Statistically, they are a \$10 million drop in a \$3 billion bucket.

And of the \$10 million that athletes and visitors are expected to spend, not a penny is likely to end up in the pockets of average citizens.

"Ten million dollars is not a lot of money," says Larry Davidson, an economist and professor at Indiana University School of Business.

"The impacts are temporary — money comes in, flows around and is gone. It's not like building a factory."

Looked at another way, the games will have the same economic clout this year as a half dozen fast-food restaurants.

The true importance of the games, says Davidson, is their ability to attract other such events in the future.

"The games are a big plus," says Linda Weston, executive director of the Eugene Springfield Convention & Visitors Bureau. "They are a window to the community. Those people will come back again, or they may locate a business here."

James Reinmuth, dean of the University of Oregon School of Business, agrees. "Look at the Seattle World Fair," he says. "That had a long-range benefit because people saw (the city), liked it and came back to stay."

But even if people don't move here, conventions and one-time events taken as a whole are important to the economy.

In 1988, 86,000 convention delegates hit town, spending \$43 million in the process. "It's hard to imagine this community without that money," Weston says.

Total tourist dollars spent in eastern Lane County totaled \$155 million in 1987, according to the Oregon Tourism Division. That was enough money to support 3,335 jobs.

The total economy is much larger, of course. Jim Zelenka, economic development coordinator for the Lane Council of Governments, says Lane County's 273,700 residents are supported by a \$1.6 billion payroll. Economists say such a

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U.S. Attorney Anton Valukas (center) announces the indictments in Chicago on Wednesday, flanked by FBI Director William Sessions (left) and Attorney General Dick Thornburgh

U.S. charges 46 commodity brokers

By ERIC BERG
The New York Times

CHICAGO — The Justice Department announced Wednesday the indictment of 46 commodities brokers and traders, accusing them of repeatedly defrauding customers by stealing and skimming investors' profits.

The indictments grew out of a two-year investigation of the nation's two largest commodities exchanges, the Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

As part of the inquiry, FBI agents infiltrated trading floors and secretly recorded members' conversations.

"We are talking about hundreds of customers and thousands of trades," said Anton Valukas, the U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, who supervised the FBI's undercover investigation. "We are not talking about technical violations. It can be fairly described as wide-ranging activity."

'The activities uncovered at these exchanges, the largest of their type in the world, cannot be tolerated'

— Attorney General Dick Thornburgh

There are more than 6,000 brokers and traders at the two exchanges.

Valukas declined to say how much money investors had lost because of the illegal trading, but he called the amount "significant."

Valukas said both individual and institutional investors had been cheated and that a number of defendants had agreed to work with prosecutors in exchange for leniency.

None of the 46 were arrested Wednesday. Valukas said they would have 10 days to surrender.

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh said the exchange members had been charged with a wide range of offenses, including racketeering, mail fraud, commodities fraud, filing false tax returns, lying to federal agents and conspiring to defraud the Internal Revenue Service.

"This probe is part of an expanding Department of Justice crackdown on white-collar crime from Wall Street to LaSalle Street to Main Street with all stops in between," he said.

"The activities uncovered at these exchanges,

the largest of their type in the world, cannot be tolerated."

Thornburgh emphasized that the indictments did not implicate either brokerage houses or the two exchanges.

At a separate news conference Wednesday afternoon, Karsten Mahlmann, the chairman of the Board of Trade, said the exchange stood by its members. "We believe in the integrity of our markets and our membership," he said.

Mahlmann said four members already had pleaded guilty and would be denied access to the floor. He said that other members indicted Tuesday would be permitted to continue trading until their trials had ended, but that brokers would be asked voluntarily not to fill customers' orders until their cases are resolved.

Thornburgh said the exchange members, if convicted, could face jail terms of up to 20 years and fines of up to \$250,000. They may

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FINANCIAL DIGEST

Amax plans to buy Canadian firm

GREENWICH, Conn. — Amax Inc. plans to acquire Falconbridge Ltd. of Canada for \$2.4 billion in cash, capping a financial turnaround for the worldwide mining company. If approved by shareholders, the deal announced Wednesday will expand Amax's mining operations and mark a return to nickel production. Toronto-based Falconbridge is the world's second-largest nickel producer.

Airline to sell aircraft, gates, routes

MIAMI — Eastern Airlines has signed an agreement to sell aircraft, gates in three cities and routes to Midway Airlines for \$210 million, the company announced Wednesday. Eastern intends to seek federal bankruptcy court approval of the sale within 10 days, and Chicago-based Midway has arranged the financing to close the deal this fall. The two carriers reached a tentative agreement on the package in mid-June, about six weeks after the disabling strike by Eastern mechanics forced the carrier to file for federal bankruptcy reorganization.

Shopping network lawsuit rejected

CLEARWATER, Fla. — A jury rejected Home Shopping Network's \$1.5

billion lawsuit charging GTE Corp. with providing faulty telephone equipment and instead awarded \$100 million to two GTE subsidiaries for libel and slander. The cable television retailer claimed it lost millions of calls and \$500 million in potential sales in 1986 and early 1987 because GTE telephone equipment it contracted for could not handle the volume of calls. But on Wednesday, a Pinellas County Court jury rejected charges of fraud, negligent misrepresentation, breach of trust and confidence, and breach of fiduciary duty against the telecommunications giant.

S&L's switch to bank status OK'd

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators have allowed the nation's eighth-largest savings and loan to become a commercial bank, potentially reducing revenue to the beleaguered Federal Home Loan Bank Board, by millions of dollars. The Federal Home Loan Bank Board, in a decision late Tuesday, said Home Federal Savings and Loan Association of San Diego could leave the insolvent Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp.

Cuisinarts files for bankruptcy

HARTFORD, Conn. — Cuisinarts Inc., famous for its upscale food

processors that surged in popularity in the 1970s, on Wednesday filed for protection from its creditors under federal bankruptcy laws. Donald Luke, Cuisinarts chairman, said earlier this week the company had begun meeting with prospective acquirers, but he would not elaborate. "The food-processing business has peaked and it's now in a declining stage," said a Cuisinarts lawyer. "A food processor is not the type of item that needs to be recorded every year, and the market has been saturated."

Recording giant plans acquisition

NEW YORK — Polygram Records, one of the world's three largest record companies, said it would acquire Island Records. The London-based record company did not disclose the price, but industry experts believe it to be in the area of \$300 million. The current artists at Island Records include U2, Anthrax, Melvin Etheridge, Tone Loc, Tom Waits and the Christians. The label was founded in Jamaica in the 1960s and was one of the first companies to popularize Jamaican reggae music. Polygram is a subsidiary of Philips N.V., the Dutch electronics company, and its artists include Dire Straits, Elton John, Bon Jovi, Bonnaroma, James Last and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

From news service reports

Northwest stocks show big gains

Forest products issues lead advance

By The Associated Press
PORTLAND — Forest products stocks led a strong advance in Northwest stocks for July, with gains outpacing losses by a 4-to-1 margin.
 Thirty-eight of the 51 Northwest issues followed by the Oregonian moved up while only nine lost ground and four remained unchanged in one of the best performances in recent months.
 Nationally in July, the Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 9 percent while Standard & Poor's 500-stock index was up 8 percent. The Murphy-Fibre index of 50 Northwest stocks rose 7.1 percent.
 Four forest products stocks were among the 10 best gainers, and a number of them reached 52-week highs by July's closing session on Monday.
 Topping the list was WTD Industries with a gain of 31 percent. Other winners in the group were Georgia-Pacific Corp., No. 3 with a 25.1 percent gain, Bohemia, No. 6 with 16.9 percent, and Louisiana-Pacific, No. 8 with a 14.7 percent advance.
 Other forest products companies with solid increases were Longview Fibre, Pope & Talbot and Willamette Industries. Reaching new highs Monday were Georgia-Pacific at \$54.875 a share, Louisiana-Pacific at \$28.125, Pope & Talbot at \$27.625 and WTD Industries, which had gone as high as \$15 during the day.
 Investors were attracted to the group for a number of reasons.
 Virtually all of the companies had

strong earnings gains, some to record marks, for the second quarter. Prices for building products are holding at high levels. Companies are reaping riches from wood chip sales, with prices twice as high as a year ago.
 In addition, analysts believe the group has been undervalued.
 The second-best performer was Oregon Metallurgical, the Albany titanium producer. It rebounded after slipping the previous month from ProfitHak Computer Systems, fourth best gainer, stood out in the high-tech group after reporting sales and earnings improvement for the second quarter.
 No. 5 Pacific Telecom continued to benefit from a strong telecommunications market. It had one of the best advances in the first half. Nordstrom settled in 10th position as investors took note of the Seattle company's prospects in Midwest and Eastern markets.
 Financial stocks also did well overall.
 Benj. Franklin Federal Savings and Loan Association had a fractional advance, but it was good for the seventh best move. U.S. Bancorp touched a new 52-week high during Monday trading. United Savings Bank of Salem continued to move up on takeover hopes that were formalized Tuesday when First Security Corp. of Salt Lake City announced an agreement to buy United Savings.

Other losers included TJ International, the Boise building-products firm, and Northwest Natural Gas, apparently caused by profit taking in the wake of recent strong advances.

Judge may overturn racketeering verdict

By The Los Angeles Times
NEW YORK — A federal jury said Wednesday that the six defendants found guilty in the Princeton-Newport Limited Partners securities fraud trial should forfeit only \$3.8 million to the government under the racketeering law, far less than the \$22 million that prosecutors had demanded.
 But U.S. District Judge Robert Carter said he almost certainly will overturn the jury's findings and grant the prosecutors' request for the full \$22 million.
 The quick turn of events first raised the spirits of the defendants and their families, who had expected the worst after Monday's guilty verdict. But the judge's decision, which would allow the full \$22 million erased their relief and left them bewildered.
 The six were found guilty by the same jury Monday on 63 counts, including racketeering, racketeering conspiracy, securities fraud and mail fraud. The government charged that the six arranged sham trades of securities so that Princeton-Newport could claimphony tax losses. The case was noteworthy because it marked the first use of the racketeering law against top executives of a securities firm.
 Under the federal Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, or RICO, defendants found guilty of participating in a continuing criminal enterprise can be forced to forfeit to the government their full financial interest in the enterprise, including amounts gained from legitimate activities.
 But the jurors indicated by their verdict Wednesday that they felt that taking the full amount would be appropriate in this case. After the forfeiture verdict, juror Michelle Rodriguez said in a brief interview on the courthouse steps that "we thought what the government asked was exorbitant." She declined to elaborate, however, on how the jurors arrived at precise figures for each defendant.
 The defendants are due to be sentenced Oct. 16 and face the possibility of lengthy prison terms and fines in addition to the forfeiture.

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also face confiscation of assets under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) act, loss of their exchange memberships, and a temporary prohibition on their trading.
 The indictments painted a bleak picture of the activity in the trading of the huge octagonal rings where traders clamor to buy and sell futures contracts.
 There are repeated references to members cheating customers by engaging in "rearranged trading" — secretly arranging a trade outside the normal competitive bidding mechanism.
 The charges cite many cases of members skimming customers' profits by falsifying the cards on which trade information is kept and by tampering with the exchanges' systems for timing trades.
 The indictments also accused brokers, who execute trades for outside investors and traders, also known as locals, who trade exclusively for themselves, of using advance knowledge of customers' orders to enrich themselves.
 This illegal practice is known as "front-running."
 Although it could be months before any defendants go on trial, the indictments will have far-reaching implications.
 Perhaps the biggest impact could be on outsiders' confidence in Chicago's commodity exchanges.
 Industry experts said it would be premature to suggest that large numbers of investors might lose faith and take their business elsewhere. But they said they expected investors to scrutinize the activities of the brokers and traders.
 The presence at the news conference of law-enforcement officials and regulators like Thornburgh, Vaikukas, FBI Director William Sessions and Wendy Gramm, chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, will heighten investor concerns, they said.

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payroll puts the county's gross domestic product — the value of goods and services produced by all local businesses — somewhere in the ballpark of \$3 billion.
 But tourism — and sporting events in particular — are nonetheless important. Some cities have based their economic revitalization on it. Indianapolis, for example, has created a boom industry hosting athletic events similar to the World Veterans' Championships.
 Lacking the lure of mountains or ocean shores and suffering from urban decay, Indianapolis decided in the late 1970s to sell itself as a sports capital.
 Kae Browning, vice president of the non-profit Indiana Sports Corp., says the community has spent \$150 million since 1980 on sports facilities.
 The investments, according to The Indianapolis Project Inc., included \$77.5 million on the Hoosier Dome, \$21.5 million on the Indiana University Natatorium, \$5.6 million on the Indiana University Track and Field Stadium and \$25 million on the Major Taylor Velodrome.
 World and national sports events flocked to the city. The 1987 Pan American Games alone pumped \$175 million into the economy, according to a study by Davidson and others.
 Hotels were remodeled, the airport was expanded and new convention facilities were built. Officials say convention business has tripled over the past four years as a result.
 But Eugene is in no position to invest \$150 million on sports facilities. Local governments were strained to contribute \$2 million for the reconstruction of Hayward field.
 In bringing the veterans' championships to Eugene, the governments of Eugene, Springfield and Lane County contributed a total of \$59,900. Corporate sponsors are paying about \$300,000.
 In Indianapolis, the Lilly Foundation alone put up \$25 million for the Hoosier Dome.
 Nonetheless, Gary Triguero, former president of the Oregon Track Club, says Hayward field can stand with any track facility in the world.
 "Obviously, we don't have an \$8 million natatorium next to it," he says "but strictly as a track facility there are none better."
 Triguero says Eugene can still get more than its share of major track events. For example, he says the club is working on a proposal for the 1992 Olympic trials.
 Weston, at the visitors bureau, says

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