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workers ordered back to work

ordered 3,400 striking Conrail employees to return in hours after the track maintenance workers down the freight railroad's operations. hours after the workers walked out over Conrail's orders to build tracks in Marysville, Ohio. Conrail because procedures were not followed.

ion's largest bank merger

approved on Friday the \$57.3 billion merger of America into the nation's first coast-to-coast as agreed to sell off 17 New Mexico branch Corp's American Airlines said it ordered 15 more from Boeing Co. to help the second-largest U.S. national markets.

e again; Dow drops 34 points

Friday for the second straight day, with the average surrendering a 97-point gain before 4.50 at 8,425.00, down 173.02 for the week. or's index fell 12.16 to 1,062.75, and the eq composite index fell 12.35 to 1,790.19.

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| | 3.55% |
| | 4.94% |
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| DAY AVG. | 5.03% |
| MARKET ACCOUNT | 2.22% |

—From Herald Staff and Wire Reports and Bloomberg News

Ex-Sheraton worker gets \$50,000

A jury late Thursday awarded \$50,000 in punitive damages to a Haitian housekeeper who worked for a Miami airport-area Sheraton hotel for the company's failure to take action after she complained of discrimination by her supervisor.

Marie M. Darcelin said she endured ethnic slurs such as "Haitians stink" and "you stupid Haitian," and had room keys hurled at her.

"The jury sent a message to companies like Sheraton that they should treat people with dignity," said Anne Telasco, who is representing Darcelin and six other Haitians who worked for the Sheraton Riverhouse, 3900 NW 21st St., now named the Sheraton Gateway. "Haitians have feelings and need to be treated with respect."

Darcelin's award marks the first victory for the group of Haitians who are suing River Orchids Investments, which operated the Sheraton.

Two other cases have been heard. In one, the jury granted a moral victory but not a monetary one. Another jury found no wrongdoing by Sheraton. Four more trials will be heard in the coming months.

Sherwood Weiser, who heads River Orchids, could not be reached for comment.