

# News Digest

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## Survivor search persists

Families and officials arrive awaiting news of the nine missing passengers.

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HONOLULU — Families of Japanese fishermen and students whose ship was sunk by a U.S. submarine arrived Sunday to anxiously await the outcome of a search for their missing loved ones and to ask the Navy why the collision happened.

Thirty-four family members and officials arrived from Osaka on two flights Sunday, two days after the USS Greeneville rammed the Ehime Maru as it surfaced, sinking the fishing vessel within 10 minutes. The missing include three crew members, two teachers and four students from Uwajima Fisheries High School in southwestern Japan.

The Ehime Maru's captain, Hisao Onishi, questioned why the 26 survivors waited 50 minutes to be rescued. The ship sank about 9 miles from Diamond Head and 20 miles southeast of Pearl Harbor.

A Coast Guard helicopter and plane reached the scene about 35 minutes after the collision. Patrol boats arrived about 15 minutes later, said Coast Guard spokesman Lt. Greg Fondran.

Adm. Thomas Fargo, commander in chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet, said choppy waters and the submarine's round hull made opening the hatches too dangerous. Waves were three to four feet with a six-foot swell at the time, he said.

His head bowed and brushing back tears, Onishi said Saturday that seas were calm enough that water did not enter the life rafts.

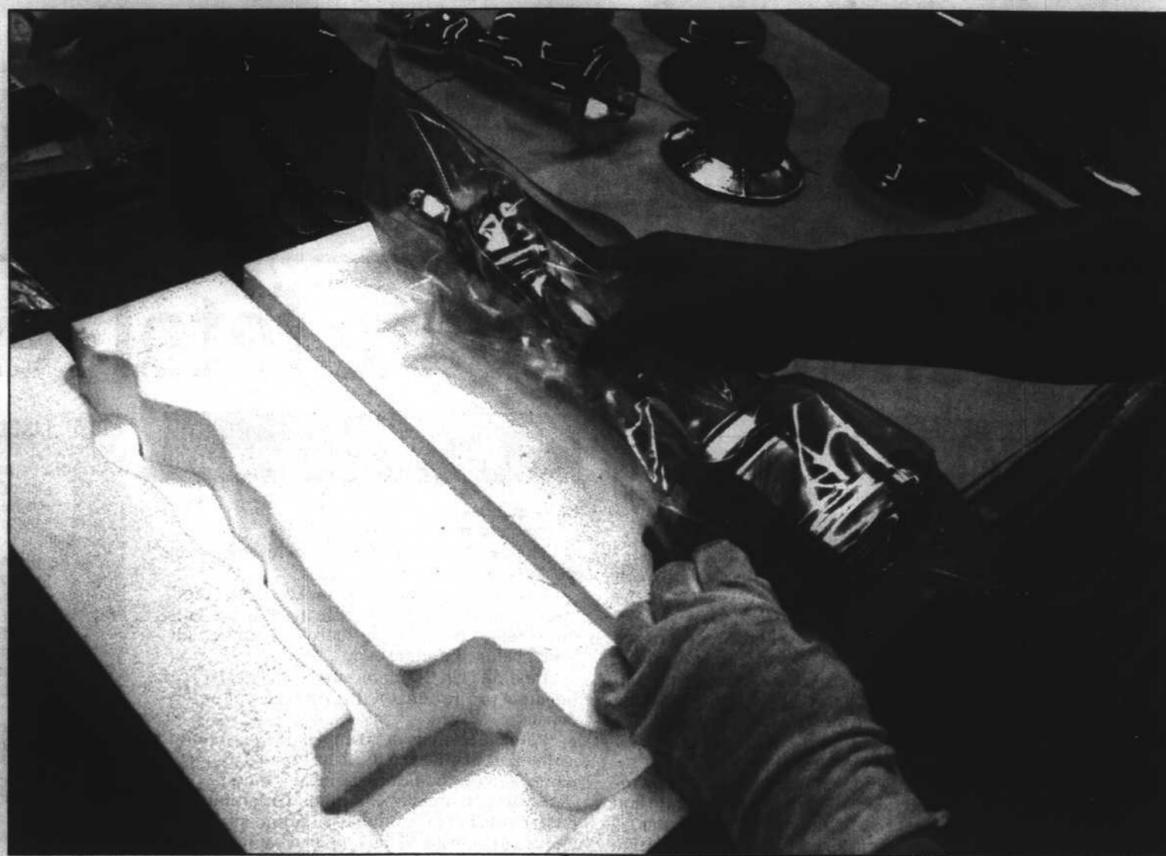
"I could see several people on the (submarine) tower," Onishi said. "They lowered a rope ladder from the conning tower, but none of our crew members were rescued by the submarine. ... They were just looking until the Coast Guard arrived," he said.

"We did our best to find other survivors," Onishi told reporters in Japanese. "We just couldn't find the nine missing."

By Sunday, about five Coast Guard and Navy aircraft and four vessels had searched 4,675 square miles.

Somber U.S. officers spoke Sunday to the Japanese families through a translator. During their meeting one older woman, her head on the shoulder of another, sobbed.

They were greeted by Yoshitaka Sakurada, Japanese vice minister of foreign affairs; Lt. Gen. Thomas R. Case, deputy commander of U.S. Pacific military forces; Rear Adm. Kirkland H. Donald, deputy chief of staff of the U.S. Pacific Fleet. After leaving their planes, they boarded two buses to travel to their hotel.



Bertha Fuentes prepares an Oscar for the Academy Awards for shipping at the R.S. Owens manufacturing plant in Chicago. Owens has been manufacturing the Oscar statuettes for 18 years. Nominations for this year's Oscars will be announced Tuesday morning.

Tim Boyle/Newsweek

## Another Clinton impeachment pursued

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WASHINGTON — Former President Clinton could face a fresh impeachment inquiry as a result of his last-minute pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich, a senior Republican said Sunday.

Sen. Arlen Specter, a senior member of the Judiciary Committee and a former Philadelphia prosecutor, did not specify what specific charges Clinton might face, but he said that based on his legal research, he believed a former president "technically could still be impeached."

Replied a Clinton spokeswoman: "Give me a break." Legal experts were divided on whether the Constitution allows Congress to pursue such a case — either over a president's use of his pardon power or against a president who has left office.

A Senate Republican leader, Oklahoma's Don Nickles, rejected the idea of a new impeachment case against Clinton but raised the possibility of using other methods to reduce the former president's pension, office rent allowance and other administrative expenses.

Specter, appearing on "Fox

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News Sunday," said, "I'm not suggesting that it should be done, but President Clinton technically could still be impeached." He added, "I don't think that trial would take too long."

Specter said Clinton "avoided a conviction on impeachment the last time around because he had not lost the confidence of the American people, and we didn't want to shake up the government, but he's not in office anymore."

In impeachment proceedings, the House brings charges and the Senate tries the case.

Specter said "someone" in the House could soon talk about possible articles of impeachment, but the senator added, "No, I don't

have anybody in mind."

His spokesman, Bill Reynolds, declined comment on Specter's comments after the senator's nationally televised appearance and said he was trying to contact Specter for further details.

Clinton's spokeswoman, Julia Payne, said: "Give me a break — what's clear here, by the continued piling-on of the Republicans on President Clinton, is that what they'd like to impeach is the eight great years of progress and prosperity the American people enjoyed under him."

Clinton was impeached by the House in December 1998 on two articles of perjury and obstruction of justice in connection with his affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky. In February 1999, the Senate voted to acquit Clinton; Specter opposed removing the president from office.

Rich was among 140 Americans pardoned by Clinton two hours before he left office on Jan. 20.

Rich had lived in Switzerland since just before he was indicted in the United States in 1983 on charges of evading more than \$48 million in taxes, fraud and partici-

pating in illegal oil deals with Iran.

Republicans have noted that Rich's former wife, Denise, was a major contributor to the Democratic Party and to Hillary Rodham Clinton's Senate campaign. Denise Rich also donated an estimated \$450,000 to the former president's library foundation, a Democratic source has said.

Democrats have not defended Clinton's decision.

Clinton has insisted that Rich deserved the pardon. "Once the facts are out there, people will understand what I did and why, even if they may not agree with it," he said last week.

Specter said Clinton could be stripped of "the emoluments of office, such as the substantial sums being spent on the library, such as the bodyguards, such as his pension."

At the Judiciary Committee hearing Wednesday, Specter plans to try to build support for a constitutional amendment that would give Congress the power to overturn a presidential pardon by a two-thirds vote. The president's power to pardon is absolute under the Constitution.

## Powell to include stop in Syria on Middle East trip

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WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday he was adding a stop in Syria during his upcoming trip to the Middle East for discussions with President Bashar Assad.

Damascus was not included when Powell announced on Friday a five-day trip that begins Feb. 23.

Powell already planned to see Israel's new prime minister, Ariel Sharon; Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat; and leaders of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Kuwait. He also will stop in Brussels, Belgium, for meetings with NATO allies.

"Syria is an important nation in the region, an important player

in this whole process, and so I thought it was very, very appropriate for me, as part of this quick trip through the Middle East, my first trip, to also stop in Syria for just a few hours," Powell said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

At his State Department news conference last week, it was noted that Syria was not on Powell's itinerary. "Don't read anything," he said, adding, "I reserve the right to change my mind. I am the secretary of state; I can change my mind."

The visit to Damascus is important because Syria supports Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon who have carried out sporadic attacks against Israelis. Further attacks could provoke a deadly response by Sharon, who

is committed to bolstering Israel's security and has not shied away from using force in the past. The former general in 1982 led an invasion into Lebanon.

Bush and his advisers intend to take Arab-Israeli diplomacy in a new direction, linking the intractable dispute over the Palestinians' future to other U.S. interests in the Persian Gulf.

Powell, asked about the possibility of Sharon forming a coalition government, replied: "I don't think it should be the role of the American president or the American secretary of state to tell them what kind of government best reflects the will of the Israeli people."

One goal of the trip is to ensure continued support of

pressure against Iraqi development of weapons of mass destruction.

Saddam Hussein's neighbors "are the ones who are being threatened, not the United States, and we are helping his neighbors deal with the threat that he presents to them," Powell said on CNN's "Late Edition."

The secretary of state did say he thinks there "certainly have been some fractures" in the alliance assembled against Iraq during the Gulf War.

Powell said on CBS that it was his responsibility to Bush "to try to rally again to make sure we keep the finger pointed where it deserves to be pointed, on the Iraqi regime and not the Iraqi people."

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### Florida

#### American-made 'Destiny' added to Alpha space station

CAPE CANAVERAL — Wearing goggles and red, white and blue socks, two space commanders opened the door Sunday to Destiny, the American-made science laboratory and the newest and priciest addition to the international space station.

The moment the hatch was raised by astronauts Bill Shepherd and Kenneth Cockrell, space station Alpha became the largest orbiting outpost ever in terms of habitable volume.

"The lab looks and feels and smells great, and looks like all the hard work has really paid off," said Cockrell, space shuttle Atlantis' skipper. "It's a beautiful piece of hardware in here."

Shepherd, the commander of space station Alpha, signed for the delivery of the \$1.4 billion laboratory, which was installed by the visiting shuttle astronauts on Saturday.

### Pennsylvania

#### Onlookers bid farewell to 30-year-old stadium

PITTSBURGH — A cloud of dust went up and Three Rivers Stadium came down.

Sunday marked the end of one of the nation's best-known stadiums — site of one of football's most famous plays and a Pittsburgh pro sports resurgence in the 1970s.

Thousands of onlookers cheered the implosion of the 30-year-old home of the Pirates and Steelers. Experts loaded 4,800 pounds of dynamite into the stadium to clear the way for separate baseball and football stadiums nearby. The \$5.1 million implosion lasted about 19 seconds.

"This is a very bittersweet day for me," Mayor Tom Murphy said. "I remember being here at the last baseball game of the '95 season when we weren't sure that we were even going to have a team anymore."

Three Rivers opened in 1970 at a cost of \$36 million.

### Florida

#### Make of tea canister helps in case against mayor

MIAMI — Police have acknowledged that the tea canister Mayor Joe Carollo allegedly threw at his wife during an argument was cardboard, not the hard pottery they originally reported.

Carollo was charged with one count of misdemeanor simple battery for allegedly injuring his wife, Maria Ledon Carollo, and spent a night in jail.

Police initially said that a tea canister seized by investigators was made of terra cotta.

Carollo disputed that description Friday, and later the police department agreed.

"The material the item is made of is some type of hard-pressed cardboard," said an unsigned statement Saturday. "The tea container, however, did have a terra cotta-type color."

Carollo's attorney, Ben Kuehne, expressed satisfaction with the police admission.

"They have some explaining to do," Kuehne said. "How can you look at cardboard and call it a terra-cotta container?"

### New York

#### Proposed law argued by Mary Tyler Moore

ALBANY, N.Y. — Westchester County's most famous TV mom is taking on Gov. George Pataki's proposal to allow more teenagers to hunt big game.

Mary Tyler Moore, who gained fame in the 1960s sitcom "The Dick Van Dyke Show," is supporting an effort by The Fund for Animals to shoot down Pataki's proposal even before it formally reaches the Legislature.

The measure would lower the age to legally hunt deer and bear to 14 from 16. Young hunters would have to complete the state's 10-hour hunter safety course and hunt with a parent or have written permission from a parent to go out with another licensed adult.

"The government should not be in the role of promoting and placing firearms in the hands of children," Moore said. "Basketballs, baseballs and books are a much better alternative."

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Partly cloudy  
high 40, low 25

**TOMORROW**  
Partly cloudy  
high 49, low 24

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## Death toll continues to rise as cleanup persists

Soldiers, using large cranes to move debris, have recovered nearly 18,000 bodies.

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BHUJ, India — Authorities clearing mountains of rubble in western India have recovered 400 decomposed bodies and a heap of gold coins from the debris of homes destroyed by the nation's worst earthquake in 50 years.

The bodies were found Saturday and Sunday throughout the Bhuj-Kutch district, said Anup Kumar Singh, deputy inspector general of police in Bhuj, part of the hardest-hit area, Gujarat state.

Over the past few days, soldiers have been able to dig deeper into the rubble using both hand tools and large cranes. The work is less delicate than while they were searching for survivors, and they have more heavy equipment available.

The quicker work likely means a rapid increase in the confirmed death toll from the 7.7-magnitude quake that struck on Jan. 26, devastating more than 900 villages in the Bhuj-Kutch district.

The Gujarat state government says it has recovered nearly 18,000 bodies — 15,785 from the Bhuj area, Singh said. Unofficial estimates put the death toll at around 30,000.

Soldiers working in Bhuj on Saturday discovered a collection of more than 3,000 rare gold, copper and brass coins from a collapsed house, along with the body of the owner, Press Trust of India quoted army Maj. R.C. Joshi as saying. Many other bodies across the area were found adorned with expensive jewelry, Joshi said.

The coins had inscriptions in the Urdu, English and Afghani languages. They will go to the state government, which is expected to keep them in a museum.

Fresh tremors, meanwhile, shook parts of the state early Sunday. No injuries were reported.