



World beat

International

American sentenced

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) Iran has sentenced an American engineer to 10 years in prison on charges of spying for the CIA, the official Iranian news agency reported Wednesday.

The Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted "informed sources" for its report on the sentencing of Jon Pattis, a 50-year-old telecommunications specialist. It did not say when the trial occurred.

Pattis, employed by Cosmos Engineers of Bethesda, Md., worked at the Asadabad telecommunications center 200 miles southwest of Tehran. He was arrested last June, shortly after an Iraqi air raid on the center that interrupted Iran's communications with the outside world.

According to the news agency, he faced seven charges related to espionage and using a forged passport to enter the country. It did not specify the charges of which he was found guilty.

Japan rocked by quake

TOKYO (AP) A strong earthquake struck the northern coast of Japan Thursday morning, shaking buildings and stopping trains on the mainland, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries, police said.

The Central Meteorological Agency said the quake at 5:13 a.m. measured 6.5 on the open-ended Richter scale, which would be capable of causing severe damage in a populated area. The U.S. Geological Survey said seismographs in Golden, Colo., recorded a preliminary magnitude of 6.4 on the Richter scale.

The quake's epicenter was located off the coast of Fukushima at a depth of 25 miles, and was felt most strongly in the city of Shirakawa, roughly 125 miles from Tokyo.

National

U.S. aware of Soviet bugs

WASHINGTON (AP) U.S. officials were fully aware as long ago as 1979 that the Soviet KGB was bugging the Moscow Embassy during its construction, but believed they had a strategy for finding the spy devices, a top State Department official said Wednesday.

Investigators have said some large components of the building were fabricated away from the construction site by a Soviet contractor and away from the eyes of U.S. inspectors.

Regional

Country seltzer to visit city

MILTON-FREEWATER (AP) This small farm town at the edge of the Blue Mountains will become known for something other than its orchards when a new soft drink bearing its name is unveiled Monday at City Hall.

The first bottles of Milton-Freewater, the sparkling water, will be opened by the mayor and sampled by Milton-Freewater, the town.

Milton Freewater will be marketed as a "diet seltzer" that is "unlike big-city seltzers," a news release said. It initially will be test-marketed in Oregon and in Seattle, San Francisco and Minneapolis-St. Paul before distribution throughout the United States and Canada.

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