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Attorney: 10 U.S. Baptists Charged In Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Ten members of a U.S. missionary group who said they were trying to rescue 33 child victims of Haiti's devastating earthquake were charged with child kidnapping and criminal association on Thursday, their lawyer said.

Edwin Coq said after a court hearing that a judge found sufficient evidence to charge the Americans, who were arrested Friday at Haiti's border with the Dominican Republic. Coq attended Thursday's hearing and represents the entire group in Haiti.

Group leader Laura Silsby has said they were trying to take orphans and abandoned children to an orphanage in the neighboring Dominican Republic. She acknowledged they had not sought permission from Haitian officials, but said they just meant to help victims of the quake.

The children taken from the group, ranging in age from 2 to 12, were being cared for at the Austrian-run SOS Children's Village in Port-au-Prince on Wednesday.

The U.S. citizens, most of them members of an Idaho-based church group, were whisked away from the closed court hearing to jail in Port-au-Prince, the capital. Silsby waved and smiled faintly to reporters but declined to answer questions.

No Major Injuries In Latest Calif. Quake

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Residents of Northern California's Humboldt County were rocked by a magnitude-5.9 earthquake Thursday, but officials said there were no immediate reports of major injury or damage from the second large tremor to hit the area within a month.

The U.S. Geological Survey reported the quake struck at 12:20 p.m. about 35 miles northwest of the community of Petrolia and nearly 50 miles west of Eureka. The shaking was felt within a 150-mile radius, as far north as southern Oregon and as far south as Sonoma County, according to the USGS Web site.

Local officials and residents reported feeling a rolling sensation that caused items to fall from walls and shelves. Many said the movement didn't feel nearly as severe as the magnitude-6.5 quake that struck the same region Jan. 9 and caused more than \$40 million in damage and one serious injury — an elderly woman who fell and broke her hip.

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Republicans support is a good way to break the ice, while also reflecting Obama's renewed emphasis on creating jobs. Also, lawmakers worried about re-election in the midst of double-digit unemployment want to be seen as helping the 7 million Americans who have lost their jobs in the recession.

"We heard the message of Massachusetts," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. "They said focus immediately — and don't take your focus off — jobs, the economy, helping the middle class."

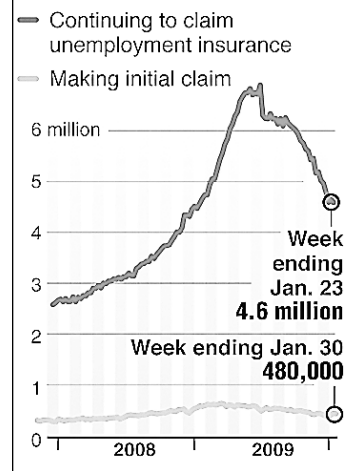
In addition to the tax break for hiring unemployed workers, the bill under discussion Thursday would extend unemployment payments for those whose benefits have run out, and would renew a program that offers the jobless a subsidy for health insurance premiums under the COBRA program. About \$33 billion in popular tax breaks that expired at the end of 2009, including an income tax deduction for sales and property taxes and a business tax credit for research and development, would be extended through 2010.

Reid has said he also wants to extend at least three programs for another year: funding for the highway trust fund; tax breaks for small businesses that buy new equipment; and a bond program to help state and local governments pay for infrastructure projects.

The tax break for hiring unemployed workers would exempt

Out of work

Initial claims have risen in three of the past four weeks, a trend that had not occurred since August.



NOTE: Report on continuing claims lags initial claims by one week
Source: U.S. Department of Labor © 2010 MCT

to \$5,000 for each new worker that employers hire.

Supporters said the Senate plan is cheaper, simpler and less vulnerable to abuse than Obama's plan, which would cost \$33 billion.

Tax experts, however, question how effective either plan would be as long as consumer demand for products is down.

"There's a feeling among a number of the people that we've talked to and heard from is that this isn't really focused on the real core issue or the core concern," said Rick Klahren, a tax expert at the accounting firm RSM McGladrey. "In a sense they are saying look, a tax credit isn't going to do me any good if I don't have the need to bring on a new employee."

Discussions continued among Senate leaders from both parties Thursday and it was unclear whether final agreement on a bill would be reached before next week, especially with most senators heading to their home states ahead of a major snowstorm expected in Washington on Friday. Several key Republicans, however, sounded hopeful about eventually striking a deal.

Prospects are less certain in the House, where some House Democrats are skeptical whether employers would hire workers because of a tax break. However, if the Senate passes a bipartisan jobs bill, House Democrats would be on the spot to support a top White House priority.

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Toyota Woes Mount As U.S. Government Examines Prius Brakes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Toyota faced mounting pressure Thursday as the government opened a probe of brake problems with the Prius, a crown jewel of its lineup. The beleaguered automaker said it was "too soon" to decide whether to add the hybrid to the millions of cars it has recalled.

Some owners of the 2010 Prius have reported their brakes do not always engage immediately when they press the brake pedal, or that the brakes have an inconsistent feel. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it would assess the scope of the problem and the safety risk to about 37,000 cars that could be affected.

The investigation comes as safety questions surround Toyota, which has already issued broad recalls for millions of its best-selling vehicles, including the Corolla and Camry, because of gas pedals that can become stuck.

U.S. officials have blessed Toyota's solution to that problem, a small piece of steel designed to eliminate excess friction in the pedal mechanism, but have criticized Toyota for being too slow in responding to customer complaints.

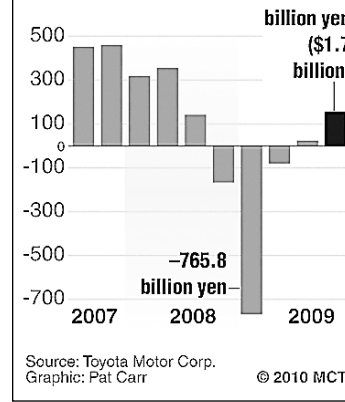
Asked whether Toyota would recall the 2010 Prius, spokesman Brian Lyons said: "It's too soon to call at this point. We will, of course, fully cooperate with NHTSA in that investigation."

Lyons also said Toyota is checking other hybrid models in its lineup to see if they have the same braking system as the 2010 model, but said he was so far unaware of any other models being involved.

Congressional investigators expanded their review of Toyota

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Toyota reported a profit for the quarter that ended Dec. 31, 2009. Quarterly earnings, in billions of yen:



Source: Toyota Motor Corp. Graphic: Pat Carr © 2010 MCT

to include the Prius as California Rep. Darrell Issa, the ranking Republican on the House Oversight Committee, asked Toyota for records on its Prius brakes.

Toyota said some customers have complained of an inconsistent feel during slow and steady application of brakes on rough or slick roads when the antilock brakes engage. Normally, the brakes grab and release rapidly in reaction to slipping tires.

Stocks Tumble On Worries About Jobs, European Debt

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks buckled Thursday under the growing belief that the global economy is weaker than many investors expected and likely to stop companies from hiring. The Dow Jones industrials briefly traded below 10,000 for the first time in three months.

A flood of bad news, including rising debt levels in European nations and an unexpected jump in the number of Americans filing for unemployment benefits, had investors pulling money out of assets like stocks and commodities that look increasingly risky. Fears of more disappointing news Friday, when the government issues its January employment report, contributed to the slide.

Demand for safer investments sent the dollar and Treasury higher and the euro falling. Major indexes skidded as much as 3.1 percent to their lowest levels in three months. The Dow fell 268 points and briefly traded below 10,000 for the first time since Nov. 6. The Dow's 2.6 percent drop was its biggest in seven months. And it was the ninth time in 14 days that the Dow has moved by more than 100 points.

Just 273 stocks rose on the New York Stock Exchange, while more than 2,800 fell. One of the weak performers was metals

producer Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc., which tumbled 5.3 percent. The few winners included Cisco Systems Inc. following a big increase in its earnings. Consolidated trading volume at the NYSE rose to 5.9 billion shares from 4.3 billion Wednesday.

The day's news reminded investors that the global economic recovery remains tenuous. It also raised questions about whether the market can resume its rebound from 12-year lows it hit last March.

The slide began in Europe on concerns about onerous debt levels in Greece, Portugal and Spain. Worries about those countries set off broader concerns that governments will have difficulty containing rising debts and borrowing more money to help revive their economies.

The drop in stocks was the latest leg of a stumble that began in mid-January. Stocks fell then in response to China's attempts to curb its overheated growth. Those moves raised fears that the other world economies could suffer as a result. The pullback in stocks worsened as leaders in Washington said they would impose tighter regulations on U.S. banks.

OBITUARIES

Dellano Hoelsing

FORDYCE, Neb. — Dellano H. Hoelsing, age 77, of Fordyce, NE passed away on Wednesday, February 03, 2010 at the Golden Living Center in Hartington, NE.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 6, 2010 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Menominee, NE with Rev. David Fulton officiating. Burial will be in the parish cemetery.

Visitations will begin at 4 p.m. Friday, February 5, 2010 at the Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory, Yankton with a 7:00 p.m. rosary followed by a 7:30 p.m. Scripture service.

Pallbearers will be J.D. Hoelsing, Josh Hoelsing, Wade Hoelsing, Chad Hoelsing, Ryan Thorson and David Hyde.

Dellano was born on December 17, 1932 to Hubert and Elizabeth (Hoebelheirich) Hoelsing. He was born, grew up and farmed northwest of Menominee until 2000. He married Mary Schaefer on April 24, 1956 at Menominee. He worked many years at Stockmen's Livestock in Yankton. He enjoyed working with cattle and gardening. Mary died on July 31, 1999. On November 13, 2000 he married Rita (Pick) Kleinschmidt.

Dellano is survived by his wife, Rita; eight children and their spouses: Della and Dan Haas of Tabor, SD, Hubert and Deb Hoelsing of Dakota Dunes, SD; Karl and Lori Hoelsing of



Hoelsing

Rapid City, SD. Darrell and Linda Hoelsing of Fordyce, NE, Lyle and Michelle Hoelsing of Yankton, SD, John Hoelsing of Beatrice, NE, Sharon and Mark Thorson of Rapid City, SD and Curt and Lynn Hoelsing of Pullman, WA. He is also survived by three step children, many grandchildren, great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hubert and Elizabeth Hoelsing; his first wife Mary Hoelsing; five sisters and their spouses: Leona and Alfred Haberman, Sr., Verna and Pete Schmidt, Marian and Emery Heine, Kathleen and Edmund Bruening, and Del Rae Schaefer; two brothers and spouse: Arland and Rita Hoelsing and an infant brother.

The family requests that the Beatrice State Developmental Center, Attn: Rojane Meyer, 3000 Lincoln Blvd, Beatrice, NE 68310.

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Darrell & Shirley McCloud

Thank You
Thank you to all who extended condolences and memorials upon the death of our Mother, Grandmother and Great-grandmother. You made our loss easier. God Bless You.
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