

=====Toyota to replace oil hose in 933,800 cars (22 sec)

TOYOTA MOTOR CORP WILL REPLACE AN OIL HOSE IN SOME 933,800 VEHICLES IN THE UNITED STATES DUE TO THE RISK OF A POTENTIAL LEAK THAT COULD DAMAGE THE ENGINE IF LEFT UNTREATED, THE AUTOMAKER SAID. ON SOME CAMRY, AVALON, RAV4 AND LEXUS VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH V6 ENGINES, THE RUBBER PORTION OF THE ENGINE OIL HOSE MAY DEVELOP A SMALL HOLE, POTENTIALLY CAUSING OIL LEAKAGE AND ENGINE FAILURE.

=====3/04/10

=====TAIWAN-EARTHQUAKE (20 SEC)

A POWERFUL 6.4-MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE ROCKED SOUTHERN TAIWAN, TERRIFYING RESIDENTS, DISRUPTING COMMUNICATIONS AND TRIGGERING AT LEAST ONE LARGE FIRE. LOCAL NEWS REPORTS SAID SEVERAL PEOPLE WERE INJURED. NO TSUNAMI ALERT WAS ISSUED. THE QUAKE WAS CENTERED IN THE COUNTY OF KAOHSIUNG, AND STRUCK AT A DEPTH OF ABOUT 3.1 MILES.

=====3/05/10

=====VA-PENTAGONO SHOOTING (20 sec)

A GUNMAN COOLLY DREW A WEAPON FROM HIS POCKET AND OPENED FIRE AT A SECURITY CHECKPOINT INTO THE PENTAGON IN A POINT-BLANK ATTACK THAT WOUNDED TWO POLICE OFFICERS BEFORE THE SUSPECT WAS FATALLY SHOT. THE TWO OFFICERS SUFFERED GRAZING WOUNDS AND WERE BEING TREATED IN A HOSPITAL, SAID RICHARD KEEVILL, CHIEF OF PENTAGON POLICE. THE GUNMAN, IDENTIFIED AS JOHN PATRICK BEDELL, 36, OF CALIFORNIA, DIED HOURS AFTER BEING ADMITTED TO A HOSPITAL IN CRITICAL CONDITION, AUTHORITIES SAID. THEY HAD NO MOTIVE FOR THE SHOOTING. IN AN INTERNET POSTING, A USER BY THE NAME JPATRICKBEDELL WROTE THAT HE WAS "DETERMINED TO SEE THAT JUSTICE IS SERVED" IN THE DEATH OF MARINE COLONEL JAMES SABOW, WHO WAS FOUND DEAD IN THE BACK GARDEN OF HIS CALIFORNIA HOME IN 1991.

=====03/08/10

=====US-TOYOTA RECALL LATEST (:18sec)

TOYOTA IS TRYING TO PROVE ITS ACCELERATOR PROBLEMS WERE CAUSED BY STICKY GAS PEDALS -- AND NOT AN ELECTRONICS FAILURE. THE AUTOMAKER HELD A DEMONSTRATION THIS MORNING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO DEBUNK A STUDY THAT FOUND VEHICLE ELECTRONICS COULD BE TO BLAME. RESEARCHERS TODAY SAID THE ENGINEERING PROFESSOR WHO CONDUCTED THAT STUDY MANIPULATED THE CAR'S ELECTRONICS IN AN UNREALISTIC WAY. STILL, SOME DRIVERS AFFECTED BY THE EIGHT-MILLION VEHICLE RECALL REPORT THEY'VE GOTTEN THEIR CARS FIXED, BUT ARE STILL EXPERIENCING SUDDEN ACCELERATION. TOYOTA AND THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION ARE BOTH INVESTIGATING THE CLAIMS.

=====03/11/10

=====CHILE-AFTERSHOCK (1'30")

SEBASTIAN PINERA IS HURRIEDLY SWORN IN AS CHILE'S FIRST ELECTED RIGHT-WING PRESIDENT IN 50 YEARS AS STRONG AFTERSHOCKS SET FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS TREMBLING AND DIGNITARIES RISE FROM THEIR SEATS TO EVACUATE. THE AFTERSHOCKS CAUSE MORE DAMAGE, PROMPT A TSUNAMI WARNING AND DEMONSTRATE THE CHALLENGES PINERA FACES.

=====3/30/10

=====TOYOTA/NASA WILL HELP SOLVE THE PROBLEM (19 sec)

WITH EXPERTISE IN COMPUTER SYSTEMS AND ELECTROMAGNETIC INTERFERENCE.. WILL ASSIST THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION IN CONDUCTING TESTS.. ON AFFECTED VEHICLES. THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES WILL PERFORM ITS OWN INVESTIGATION. THE INVESTIGATIONS WILL COST APPROXIMATELY 3 MILLION DOLLARS.