

## World and Nation

# Eastern buyup plans near completion

From Associated Press reports

NEW YORK Eastern Airlines' unions have reached a tentative agreement that could clear the way for former baseball commissioner Peter Ueberroth's group to buy the strike-crippled airline and put it back in the air, labor sources said Monday.

Ueberroth, Eastern and labor representatives met with U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Burton Lifland after a weekend of secret talks in Washington. Lifland, who is overseeing Eastern's bankruptcy reorganization, must approve any sale.

The meeting was held under a news blackout. None of the principals would comment on the talks before the session or during a lunch break.

Labor sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, refused to give specifics about the agreement.

Ueberroth's group, which reached an agreement last week to buy

Eastern from Texas Air Corp. for \$464 million, could have abandoned the deal if agreements were not reached with the unions by midnight Tuesday.

Under Ueberroth's buyout proposal, Eastern employees would get a 30 percent stake in the airline in exchange for \$200 million in contract concessions. Ueberroth has also said he would proceed with plans to sell Eastern's Northeast shuttle to New York developer Donald Trump for \$365 million.

The unions involved are the International Association of Machinists, the Air Line Pilots Association and the Transport Workers Union.

The Machinists struck Eastern on March 4 after refusing to accept more than \$120 million in wage and other concessions demanded by Texas Air, Eastern's parent. The other unions have accepted concessions in the past

but honored the Machinists' picket lines.

The unions virtually halted Eastern operations. On March 9, the airline filed for protection from creditors under federal bankruptcy law.

Eastern has been seeking court orders requiring the pilots to return to work. A federal judge in Miami was scheduled to issue a ruling on the request Monday, but his office personnel said the judge had granted a request from Eastern and the pilots union that he delay the decision.

The weekend talks in Washington were held under the guidance of attorney David Shapiro, who was appointed by the bankruptcy court to be the airline's examiner.

Last week, Texas Air Chairman Frank Lorenzo said Eastern could restore a significant part of its schedule within 24 hours of reaching new work agreements. But airline and

union officials indicated Monday that that was an unrealistic assessment.

Eastern has flown about 110 flights a day, focusing on its Northeast shuttle and Latin American routes, by using non-union employees and 200 non-striking pilots.

Eastern spokeswoman Karen Ceremak said in Miami that it could take 10 days for the carrier to resume 80 percent of its prestrike schedule of 1,040 flights daily once the unions agreed to return. The delay would come from maintenance and inspection of idled planes, ferrying aircraft to airports, recalling laid-off employees and other tasks.

Raymond Wright, a vice chairman of the Air Line Pilots Association's master executive council, estimated it could take 45 to 60 days for Eastern to resume a full schedule once striking employees return.

# Mexican attorney general praises sweeping arrests

From Associated Press reports

MEXICO CITY The Mexican attorney general said Monday that arresting Mexico's biggest reputed drug lord and six police officials in a weekend sweep was a blow at corruption, and he vowed to continue the crackdown.

Enrique Alvarez del Castillo told reporters that arresting men like Miguel Angel Felix Gallardo, 43, was "one of the top priorities" of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari's new administration.

In addition to Felix Gallardo and three aides, the sweep also netted the top federal anti-drug official in the alleged drug kingpin's home state and five other ranking police officials, Alvarez said.

The raids were the third dramatic example of Salinas' determination to attack corruption. In January he put the previously untouchable leader of the allegedly corrupt oil workers' union behind bars, and in February a leading stockbroker went to jail.

### No injuries in hijacking

MIAMI — A twin-engine aircraft carrying a missionary group from Haiti to Fort Lauderdale was hijacked Monday, but the plane was diverted to Miami before the two gunmen surrendered peacefully, officials said.

The gunmen, who the FBI said were apparently members of the Haitian military, surrendered when the plane landed, and no passengers were hurt. The men were then taken to FBI headquarters. The FBI said the motive for the hijacking was not known.

"It's over now. They surrendered on the ground," said Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) spokesman Dick Stafford in

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Washington. Stafford said he had no details on the identity of the hijackers.

### Reformist wins in Montenegro

BELGRADE. Yugoslavia's Nenad Bucin, a popular advocate of economic and political reforms, was declared the winner Monday in elections for the republic of Montenegro's representative on Yugoslavia's collective presidency, Belgrade radio said.

Preliminary results indicated that Bucin, who ran against a retired army officer and a career politician, won 171,047 of the 310,000 votes cast in the republic's 20 counties.

He is scheduled to be formally approved by Montenegro's Parliament as the republic's representative on the national presidency next Friday.

The nine-member federal presidency includes representatives of Yugoslavia's six republics, its two autonomous provinces and the head of the Communist Party.

### Kemp proposes drug sweep

WASHINGTON — Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp proposed steps on Monday to rid public housing projects of drugs, including increasing police patrols, installing security fences and requiring photo identification cards for residents.

Kemp's proposal was aimed at stemming the drug-and-violence epidemic in the nation's capital, and he announced it as part of the federal government's drug crackdown in the District of Columbia.

# Weather helping to keep oil spill off coast

From Associated Press reports

VALDEZ, Alaska The slick of thick crude oil spilled by the Exxon Valdez stalled Monday in its movement toward the nation's No. 1 fishing port and was breaking up in rough waves and high wind, Coast Guard officials said.

However, the stormy weather hampered cleanup efforts as small craft advisories and gale warnings were posted along the central Alaskan coast, where 10.1 million gallons of crude oil oozed across Prince William Sound, threatening fisheries and killing thousands of birds and

animals. The wind was out of the northeast, which kept oil from washing ashore in untainted inlets and the Kenai Fjords National Park.

"It's not pushing it (oil) to the Kenai Peninsula, and that's good. The weather is breaking up the slick,

and that's good," said Coast Guard spokesman Rick Meidt.

As of Monday, 18,000 barrels of crude have been recovered, or 8 percent of the 240,000 barrels spilled. Exxon said with additional skimmers about 2,000 barrels were being recovered a day, although reports from state officials and the Coast Guard so far have placed the figure at about 1,000 barrels a day.

At the fishing port of Kodiak, which landed a \$166 million catch last year to lead the nation, preparations to battle the floating oil continued in spite of the good news. Fishermen covered logs with fish net and strung them together as floating booms to keep oil out of vital areas.

Spotter flights over the spill were canceled Monday, but the weather was not expected to curtail boom-laying operations.

## Housing

residence halls because the housing department was able to give more applicants their first choices.

The full effects of guaranteed sophomore housing may not be seen until next year, RHA leaders said. "They delayed the results of guaranteed sophomore housing by guaranteeing everybody housing," Randolph said.

This may create a new attitude in rising juniors and seniors next year.

Randolph said. "They may have intensified the problem for next year. Next year you may see very large numbers of rising juniors and seniors applying because they know everybody from last year got in."

Kuncl said a room drawing may be necessary next year. But the trend of older students looking for off-campus housing may reduce the number of rising juniors and seniors

in on-campus housing, he said. "We'll have to wait and see what happens."

Rustin said more students would want to stay on campus next year because they would be attracted to renovated residence halls. But the University would probably still have fewer applicants for housing than housing spaces, he said. "It's coming closer to being an even match of supply and demand."

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## Leslie got an apartment



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# Cleanup plan announced for capital

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — William Bennett, slapping at the city government's attempts to battle a drug problem that he said "is so glaring, so out of control," announced on Monday a multimillion-dollar federal effort to combat drugs in the nation's capital.

Bennett, director of the national drug control policy office, said "the plain fact is that, for too long and in too many respects, the D.C. government has failed to serve its citizens."

He announced plans calling for building new pretrial detention and prison facilities, expanding a local law enforcement task force, an effort to rid public housing of drug users and dealers, expansion of drug-treatment facilities and an increase in job-training programs.

Bennett spoke at a news conference with Attorney General Dick Thornburgh and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp.

Washington was the nation's murder capital last year with 372 slayings, most of them drug-related. Already this year, there have been 135 homicides, compared with 87 at this time last year.

Bennett said "drugs and demand for drugs sorely test the responsive abilities of dozens of American cities. But here, where the problem is so glaring, so out of control, serious questions of local politics and governance can no longer be avoided or excused. They must be answered."

"The local government has not acted in as responsible way as they should have," he said. He said the

## MacNelly

In 1978, MacNelly won a Pulitzer Prize for a cartoon in which he took a real income tax return form and rewrote questions, such as "Have you had your tires rotated?" and "Do you live near a decent pizza joint?"

"It irritates me to this day that it's the only cartoon I ever did that has no drawing in it."

When he attended UNC, MacNelly worked for both The Chapel Hill Weekly and The Daily Tar Heel. Jim Shumaker, an associate professor in the UNC School of Journalism, was editor of The Chapel Hill Weekly when MacNelly began working there. Shumaker became the inspiration for "Shoe."

federal effort should not be construed as an attack on home rule for the district or "an attempt to get the city government off the hook."

Bennett estimated that the plans, approved by President Bush, will cost \$70 million to \$80 million, although he cautioned that there was no firm price tag. The money will come from "redeployment of existing resources," said Bennett.

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"I didn't mean to name the comic strip after him," MacNelly said. "He's had to take the heat for it ever since." The characters of "Perfessor" Cosmo Fishhawk and Skyler are projections of himself at ages 65 and 12, MacNelly said.

The character Skyler in "Shoe" has been adopted by the U.S. Marine Corps because of his summer camp trips to places such as Camp Lejeune, he said. Every spring, Marines begin writing to him and asking when Skyler is going to go to camp.

MacNelly said in the future he would like to budget his time better and do more painting and sculpting.

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