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Funky Winkerbean



SHOE

(2.) CURLING IRON

by Tom Batiuk

a seven iron shortly after it has been use to shank a ball into the pond

by Jeff MacNel





U.S. missile test put off to June

WASHINGTON - In a move that could improve the atmosphere for next month's nuclear arms talks in Geneva, the Reagan administration is delaying its test of an anti-sa-tellite missile from March until June,

administration sources said Monday. The Soviet Union last year had demanded a moratorium on anti-satellite tests as a condition for resuming arms control negotiations. The administration refused, but sources now say the test has been put off for

"technical reasons."

Two officials said in separate interviews that the delay in the anti-satellite test could be linked to the resumption of arms control talks with Moscow in Geneva on March 12, but they added they did not know this for a fact. They said they did not know the nature of the technical dif-

The timing of the delay seems fortuitous, because launching the controversial test on the eve of the Geneva talks could have soured the atmosphere for the negotiations, which are expected to be difficult even without the test.

"It is helpful" to the talks, said a

senior State Department official, who, like other sources, spoke on condition he not be identified.

Another official said the issue wasn't even raised in last month's meeting between Secretary of State George P. Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko, which suggests the Soviets may already have been informed of the delay.

The official said that, regardless of the reason for the delay, it "kicks the can down the road" by making the test a less pressing problem with

Shultz and Gromyko met in Geneva on Jan. 7-8 to set the stage for resuming formal arms control talks next month. They agreed among other things to seek "effective agreements aimed at preventing and terminating it." arms race in space and terminating it

Analyst: economic expansion

nomic outlook is fairly bright for this year, but a recession bro on by soaring federal budget of icits is likely to begin sometimes.

Association of Business Econ mists differs sharply from eo nomic expectations of the Reagan

Fifty-two percent of the men bers said they expected the ne recession would begin in 1980 Only 17 percent expected the recovery to last into 1987 or be vond.

Giant federal budget deficit were cited most often as the rea son why some believe the curren expansion will not last 46 months

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The economists said they be lieved these deficits would pus interest rates higher and further

The current expansion began in November 1982.

"It is significant that so few believe this recovery can last as long as the 1975-1980 expansion

Even with the pessimism for they were three months ago, boosting their growth prediction while lowering their expectations

The group predicted the econ omy would grow at a rate of 32 percent with inflation remaining at a moderate 4.2 percent. Bot expectations are close to Reagan

won't last **Associated Press** WASHINGTON - The em

next year, a national group business economists said Monda The forecast by the Nation

administration, which is proje

the average for recoveries since World War II.

weaken the foreign trade deficit by keeping the dollar near re-cord-high levels.

Ben Laden, president of the association. "It is clear that the basic problem is the budget deficit." next year, the economists were more optimistic about 1985 than

for inflation.

the economists predicted the year's budget deficit would hit? record \$210 billion, dropping only slightly to \$200 billion for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

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No federal civil rights prosecution for Goetz

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Bernhard Goetz will not be prosecuted for federal civil rights violations because he apparently did not act out of racial prejudice when he shot four teen-agers on a subway train, a prosecutor announced Monday.

Goetz, meanwhile, emerged from seclusion and said in newspaper interviews that he favored arming the public to fight crime, and that peo-ple should be taught "to get the gun out quickly."

Black leaders asked U.S. Attorney Rudolph W. Giuliani to investigate the case after a state grand jury refused to indict Goetz, who is white, in the shootings of the four young blacks. The jury instead charged

him with weapons possession. Giuliani's announcement came as Goetz appeared in public for the first time in weeks. Over the weekend, he attended the arraignment of a man charged with stabbing an alleged thief at a subway newsstand, tried to attend the wake of a slain cabbie — he was turned away due to the ruckus of accompanying press and gave interviews.

Four youths were shot on Dec. 22, two of them in the back, after they asked Goetz for \$5. Goetz has said he believed he was being robbed.

Goetz could be sentenced to seven years in jail on the weapons charge, a prospect he says he is willing to ac-

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