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China opens port to U.S. Navednesday, Au

HONG KONG (AP) — In the largest American port call since a spy plane crisis soured U.S.-Chinese relations, thousands of sailors came to Hong Kong aboard seven warships Monday — to the relief of merchants whose businesses have been hurt by the chill.

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Beijing barred U.S. port calls following NATO's bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade in 1999 and again after the U.S. spy plane collided with a Chinese fighter jet in April, killing the Chinese pilot and causing a major U.S.-Chinese standoff.

Last week, China barred another U.S. Navy spy plane, a P-3C Orion patrol plane, from landing in Hong Kong on a for the refusal.

The arrival of the aircraft carrier USS Constellation was good news for merchants who depend on military visits for a substantial portion of their profits. Since the April plane collision, the only U.S. port call allowed by Beijing was in July by two small anti-mine ships.

Hong Kong has long been a favored port of call for the U.S. military but former colony back to China.

The Constellation arrived right after it staged an unusually large-scale exercise with another carrier, the USS Carl Vinson, in the South China Sea on Friday.

The maneuver stirred a controversy here as one defense analyst said it was intended to warn Beijing that Washington is keeping close watch on the Taiwan Strait.

The commander of the naval battle group that includes the Constellation, Adm. Terrance Etnyre, sought to play down the significance, saying the naval maneuvers had been planned far ahead of time

"I'm not sure that there's a big diplotraining mission. Beijing gave no reason matic message drama," Etnyre responded to questions from reporters on a press tour of the ship. "I'm a sailor, so you'll have to leave the diplomatic messages to the American consulate and the ambassador here in China.'

> Some of the 6,500 sailors on board the Constellation and six other ships came on shore in the afternoon. The port call ends Saturday.

Petty officers Josh Tomlin, 19, of Beijing's approval has been required since July 1, 1997, when Britain handed this San Diego, Calif., were among a group of six servicemen heading straight Beer Castle bar.

Wednesday, August 2

"I've been to everywhere else here," See said. "I want to do son seeing, go to different bars and se ent people."

Shopping for silk and electron on the agenda for Tomlin.

That was great news for men the Fleet Arcade, a waterfront a caters to the military.

Roger Sabnani, who runs Sa East Ltd. gift shop in the Fleet said his business will likely inc fourfold or fivefold while the here

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Travis Clark, 21, from Shrever nd a respect for was happy to talk about his shor ped since the however.

"Not many people at home and nice place like Hong Kong," sad0 plan to go to (see) music, sightsee shopping for souvenirs."

Thousands laid off in Mexic 1999 Aggie

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — Owners of foreign-owned factories who once flocked to the Mexican border to take advantage of its cheap labor are laying off tens of thousands of people in the wake of a U.S. slowdown.

After years of strong economic growth and a booming job market spurred by the North American Free Trade Agreement, Mexico's dynamic that sells garage doors discard-

industrial region is sputtering. On a scruffy hill dotted with shacks, 50-year-old Jose

Luis Cuadras struggles to eke

ed by Californians. Carted across the border, the doors are used by impoverished Tijuana pay his rent on an apartment. "You do what you can to

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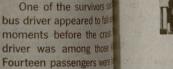
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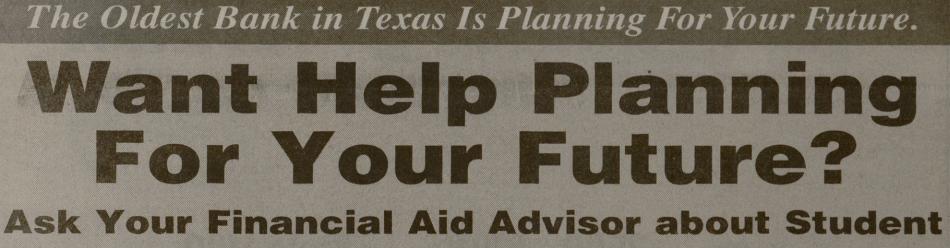
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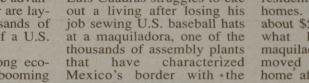
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residents as walls for their homes. Cuadras now makes about \$5 a day, about half of what he earned at the maquiladora. The lanky man moved into a garage-door home after not being able to

get by," he said.



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