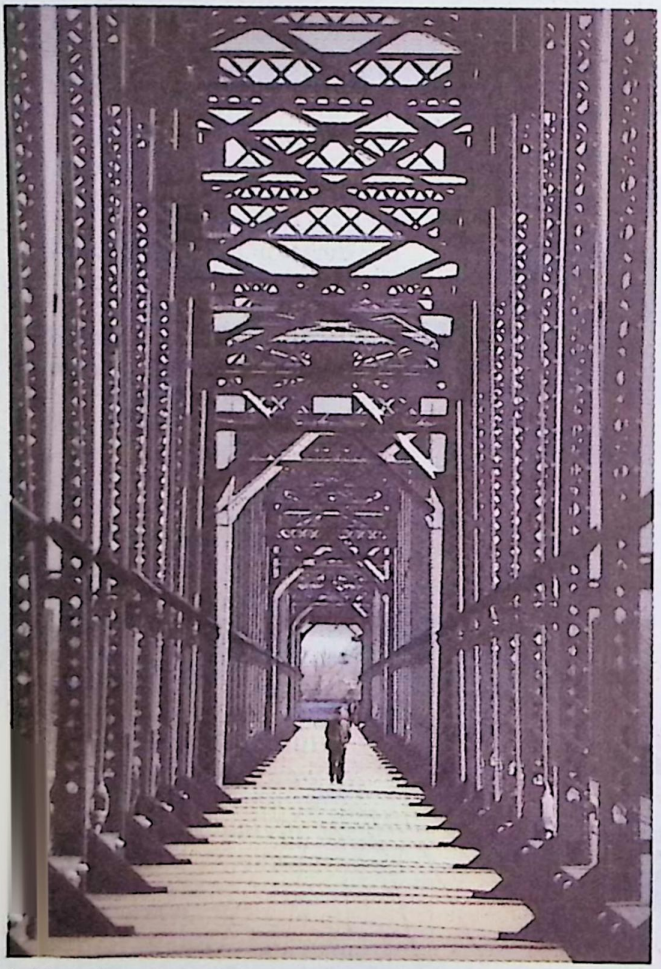


A visitor walks on "Broken Bridge" in Dandong which used to connect China and North Korea before it was bombed by the US during the Korean war and is now a tourist attraction on the Yalu River. The US, South Korea and Japan have urged North Korea to drop its planned April 4-8 rocket launch which they say is a pretext to test-fire a long-range Taepodong-2 missile, capable of reaching Alaska.



Work continues in full swing at the site of the Tata Motor's Nano Car Project on the Sanand-Charodi road, some 35 kms from Ahmedabad. Tata Motors launches the world's cheapest car, the Nano, in Mumbai hoping to revolutionise travel for millions of Indians and buck a slump in auto sales caused by the global economic crisis. The car is slated to cost just 100,000 rupees (2,000 dollars) for the no-frills model that has a two-cylinder engine, four-speed manual transmission and a top speed of 105 kilometres (65 miles) per hour.



A Bonhams auction house employee holds a recently discovered gem-encrusted gold finial from the octagonal golden throne of India's Tipu Sultan, also known as the Tiger of Mysore, in central London. The gem-set gold finial will form part of the Islamic and Indian Art Sale at Bonhams in London, on April 2.



Palestinian women hold portraits of jailed relatives during a protest at the Red Cross offices in Gaza City to demand the release of Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails. The Islamist Hamas movement that seized power in the Gaza Strip in June 2007 had demanded Israel free hundreds of Palestinian prisoners in return for captured Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, including scores of men implicated in deadly attacks on Israelis. But Israel's outgoing Prime Minister Ehud Olmert has blamed Hamas for the failure of Egyptian-mediated talks aimed at securing a prisoner exchange, saying the Jewish state was prepared to release 320 of the 450 prisoners demanded by the group but that there were "red lines" he would not cross.

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