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Jury selection difficult in North trial

From Associated Press reports
 WASHINGTON — Oliver North's Iran-Contra trial quickly ran into jury-selection trouble Tuesday, and the judge said there could be problems with "triability of the case" because so many people had seen or

read of North's testimony in congressional hearings.
 U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell said only 16 of the first 54 prospective jurors indicated on questionnaires they weren't exposed to North's congressional appearances.

The former White House aide testified to House and Senate investigating committees in 1987 under a grant of limited immunity from prosecution based on his testimony.
 During an afternoon court session, two of the 16 were declared qualified

to be in a pool of people who eventually will be considered for jury duty.
 One of them, a retired postal clerk, said she paid as much attention to North's televised testimony as she paid to "the Three Stooges."
 Still, North's lawyers objected to her selection, noting she said she turned on her television during North's testimony but said in her questionnaire she had seen none of the hearings.

The other person declared qualified, a young mechanic, said he knew nothing about North.
 Gesell also heard arguments on how exposure to North's earlier testimony should affect qualification or disqualification of potential jurors.

John Kecker, the head of the prosecution team, argued that the question should be whether a potential juror can be fair and impartial, not whether the person was exposed to North's testimony. In that testimony, North detailed instances of misleading Congress and altering and shredding documents as well as other matters for which he is now charged with crimes.

North attorney Barry Simon said anyone who was exposed to North's testimony should be disqualified, even if the person remembers nothing about it. Simon said jurors could experience "sudden recall" as the trial progresses and details of the case against North are presented and that therefore "all the work is for naught" in attempting to select a fair and impartial jury.

North's trial on charges of lying to Congress, shredding evidence and conspiring to commit tax fraud "arises following a period of fairly intense publicity on television, newspapers, magazines" which will continue, Gesell said.

He quickly excused the first five prospective jurors after all said they had been exposed to North's 1987 testimony.
 North's attorney, Brendan Sullivan, also sought to rule out as jurors anyone who in recent days had seen North's congressional testimony replayed in news reports as the trial start neared.

Military refueling jet crashes at Texas base; at least 17 dead

From Associated Press reports
 ABILENE, Texas — A military refueling jet bound for Hawaii with 19 people aboard crashed in a ball of flames on takeoff Tuesday at Dyess Air Force Base, killing at least 17 people, the Air Force said.

"I heard the plane as it was coming down," said Skeet Jackson of Abilene. "Engines were backfiring and missing. It curved off to the left and crashed. And then I saw the ball of smoke and fire go up."
 The wreckage burned for more than an hour after the crash.

At least 17 people were killed, said Lt. Col. George Peck, a spokesman at Strategic Air Command Headquarters at Omaha, Neb.
 It was the second crash at Dyess in less than three months. A B-1B bomber crashed there Nov. 8. The four-man crew safely bailed out.

Winter heads south
 The record cold air that stunned Alaska swept into the lower 48 states Tuesday, dropping temperatures in Montana by more than 70 degrees, and the weather system keeping Alaska cold intensified to a North American record.

Blowing snow dropped visibility to zero, closing schools in Montana and North Dakota and briefly shutting down a Minnesota highway.
 Balmly weather that set records for warmth in many cities ended abruptly in Montana, where Great Falls dropped to 10 degrees below zero Tuesday morning, after Monday's record high of 62, the National Weather Service said.

Cold air from Siberia was trapped over Alaska by a dome of extremely high atmospheric pressure.
Hatcher, Jacobs file suit
 RALEIGH — Two Tuscarora Indians Tuesday asked a federal judge to block their extradition and prosecution on 14 state

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charges of kidnapping stemming from last year's takeover of a Lumberton newspaper.

The suit, filed in federal court by Eddie Hatcher, Timothy Jacobs and the Robeson County Defense Committee, names Gov. Jim Martin, Attorney General Lacy Thornburg, SBI Director Robert Morgan, Superior Court Judge Joe Freeman Britt, Robeson County District Attorney Richard Townsend and Sheriff Hubert Stone, as well as deputies and SBI agents, as defendants.

The suit shows that the people of Robeson County "are a changed people," defense attorney Lewis Pitts told a crowd of about 50 people at a news conference in front of the county courthouse in Lumberton.

But Thornburg said the state did not intend to stop pressing for the extradition of the two Indians.

Exporter held secret papers
 NEWARK, N.J. — A Korean-American businessman charged with trying to export nerve gas also held classified documents revealing the United States' capability to intercept enemy communications, the government disclosed Tuesday.

Papers filed in U.S. District Court by prosecutors fighting the release of Juhwan Yun on \$2 million bail gave new details on the documents, which Assistant U.S. Attorney Anne Singer earlier said were found on a desk at Yun's import-export business.

"Revelation of the information would not only compromise specifics of our EW (electronic warfare) capabilities but would also reveal details of our knowledge of enemy threat," said a memorandum written by Navy Capt. M. Oettinger, vice director of the Pentagon's Joint Electronic Warfare Center, to the U.S. Customs Service.

Nicaraguan airplane hijacker arrested at Costa Rica airport

From Associated Press reports
 SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — A Nicaraguan Indian exiled in Colombia hijacked a domestic airliner with 122 aboard to Costa Rica on Tuesday by threatening to set a passenger afire with gasoline, officials said.

A passenger said the copilot overpowered the hijacker, who was carrying two orange juice cartons of gasoline with wicks, just before the plane landed.

An anti-terrorist squad arrested the hijacker, and three other people were detained after the Ace airline Boeing 727 touched down at an airport near the capital, said Interior Minister Carlos Disanti, who declined further comment.

The Red Cross treated some pas-

sengers for shock, officials said, but no other injuries were reported.

Public Security Minister Hernan Garron said the hijacker was identified as Alvin Antonio Siu, a Miskito Indian living on San Andres Island.

He was being questioned to determine why he hijacked the plane, which officials in Colombia said had 116 passengers and a crew of six.

The hijacker commandeered the flight about 11 a.m. EST, 10 minutes after it took off from the island on a flight to Medellin, Colombia's second largest city. It landed in Costa Rica about noon.

"The hijacker during the flight told the pilot, Jaime Perez, he would burn a passenger alive if he did not divert the flight to Costa Rica," said Costa

Rican air traffic controller Carlos Paniagua.

A man on the plane said the cabin door was open and passengers could hear the conversation. "He spoke with the captain and told him to divert the plane to any Central American country, Jamaica or Miami, but the captain convinced him to land somewhere close because of lack of fuel," said Humberto Campos, a passenger sitting toward the front of the plane.

When the hijacker, clad in jeans and a blue shirt, looked out one of the cabin windows shortly before landing, the copilot overpowered him and took the cartons away, he said.

Disanti did not say what, if any, action the Costa Rican squad took.

Communists hate God, Quayle says

From Associated Press reports
 WASHINGTON — Vice President Dan Quayle told religious broadcasters Monday that the Soviet government system, rooted in "hatred of God," has brought much evil into the world.

He quoted communist revolution leader Vladimir Lenin as saying the idea of god is "unutterable vileness of the most dangerous kind."

"That was Lenin and unfortunately his gospel is still actively pursued in

the Soviet Union," Quayle said. Quayle made his comments in a speech to the annual conference of the National Religious Broadcasters.

"How did the Communist Party gain such appalling confidence in its own wisdom, indeed, its own omniscience? I think the root of the matter all comes back to a hatred of God, to a rejection of the entire concept of a religious system," Quayle said.

He contrasted the Soviet and American revolutions, saying that

founders of the United States had a "belief in the existence of a creator whose laws have placed irrevocable limits on the power of the state."

"Look how much good has come into the world as a result of the first revolution and how much evil has entered the world because of the second," Quayle said.

White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater said Quayle's comments were not inconsistent with administration policy.

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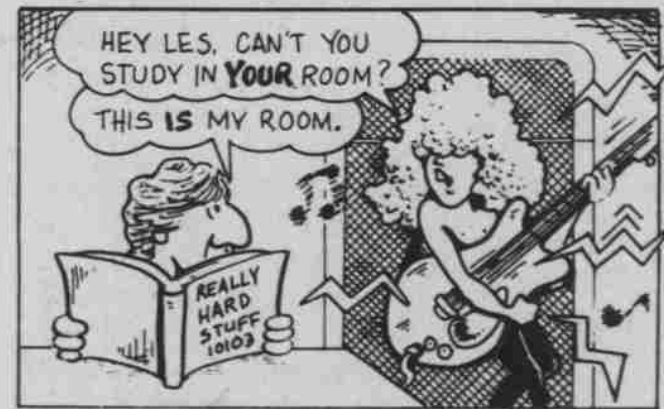
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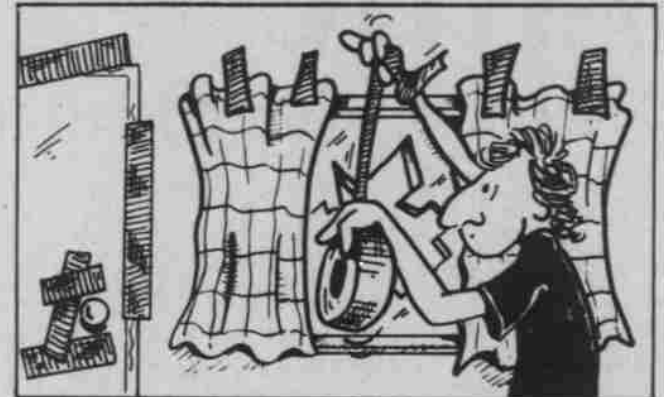
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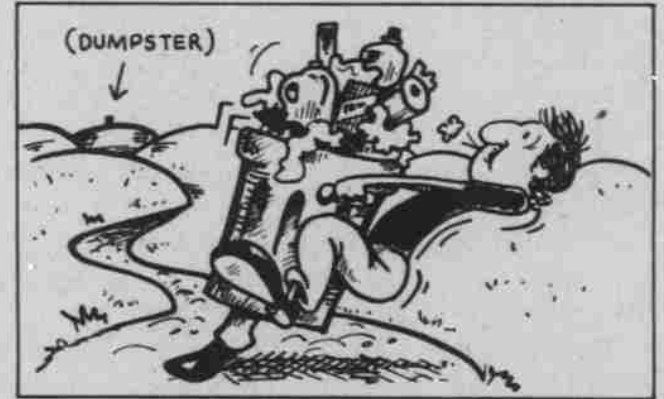
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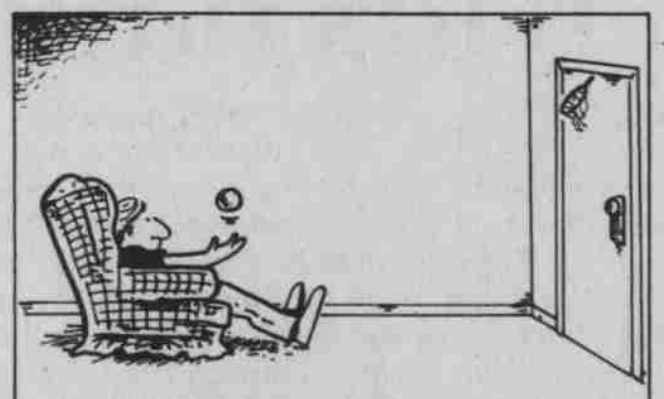
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Les spent more money on duct tape than on books.



Les's exercise regimen consists of taking his trash to the dumpster.

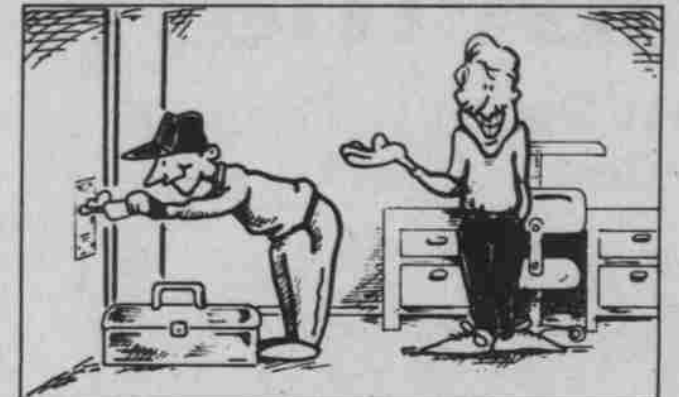


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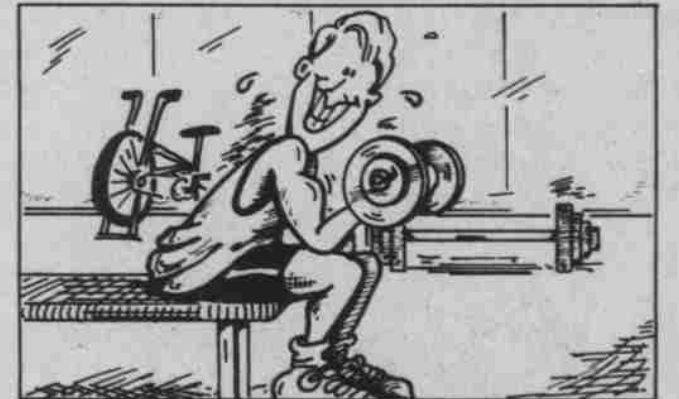
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