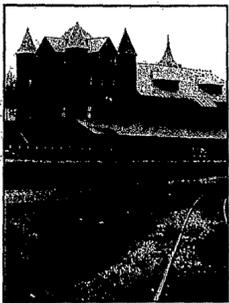




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Foul play doubted

By MICHELLE BOORSTEIN
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ARLINGTON, Ariz. (AP) — As evening's pinkish-orange light descended on the cotton farms and cactus-dry mountains ringing the site of last week's deadly Amtrak derailment, locals at the Desert Rose bar swapped theories.

They weren't buying the FBI theory of sabotage, but not because of any anti-government sentiment. They wondered if the railway might be trying to cover up poor maintenance with talk of terrorists.

Around them, the sky's glow didn't penetrate the window shades to lighten the walls decked with old snapshots of regulars, beer ads and plaques, including one picturing a gun and a saying: "We Don't Dial 911." Another: "Trying to keep a secret at the Desert Rose is like trying to slip daylight past a roster."

The FBI believes saboteurs may be blame for Monday's Sunset Limited derailment near Hyder that killed one person and injured 78, in part because a note found at the scene rails against abuses by federal law enforcement agencies and calls for an "independent federal agency" to watch the watchers.

"No one around here thinks like that. Not in Hyder, not here," John Kane, 36, said in Arlington, about 17 miles from the site. "They don't have those opinions."

"I don't believe it was sabotage," Kane said Thursday. "I think it's a ruse to divert attention from the fact that the tracks are not well maintained."

And the note?
 "I dunno," Kane said, smiling and shrugging.

Charlie Brune agreed there might be a cover-up.

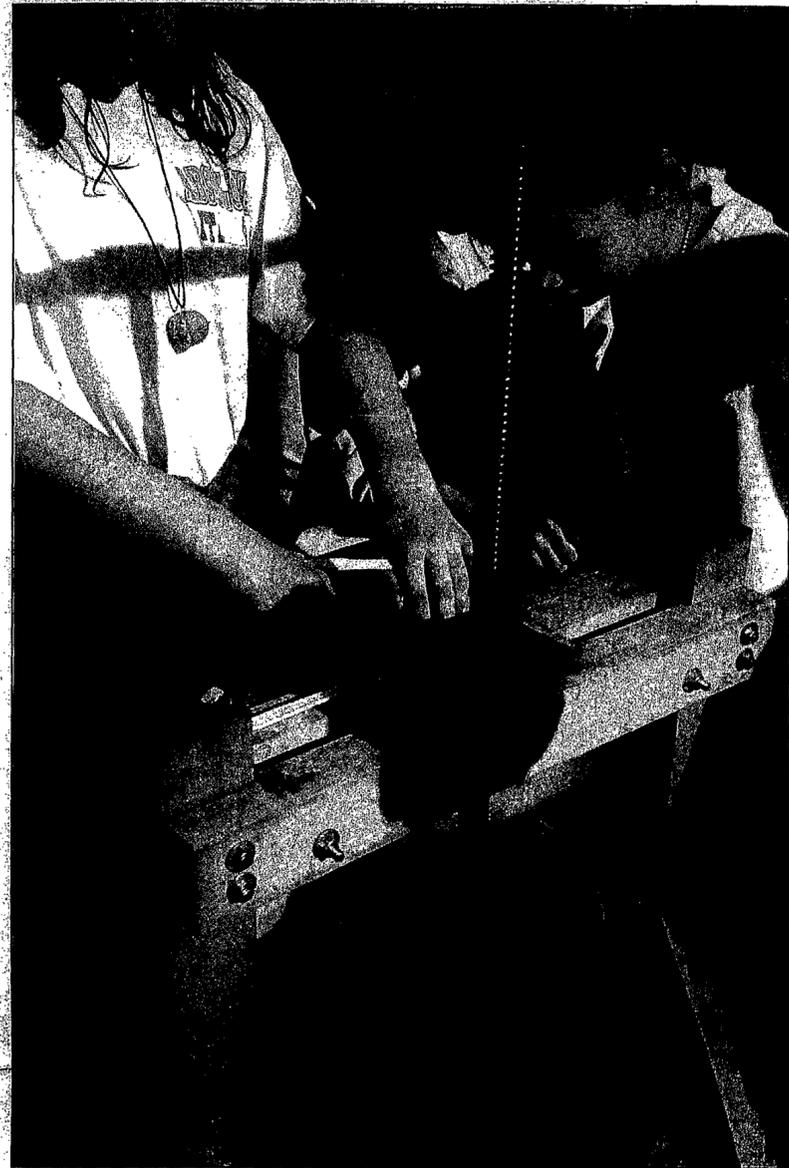
"I'm not saying the derailment wasn't deliberate, but it wasn't a good track to begin with," said Brune, 40, who hunts quail and deer in the area. "My personal opinion is that it wasn't inspected."

The track's owner, Southern Pacific Railroad Co., said the line is inspected twice a week and was examined on the Thursday before the derailment.

The derailment site, nearly 20 miles from the nearest paved road, is usually a crossroads for wandering animals. These days, it's so busy that the crowds of officials, investigators and reporters sometimes make for mini-traffic jams in the midst of the desert.

"That's the back way to everything. Fishing, hunting — everything," said Tom Jakes, placing his cowboy hat on the bar and lighting a cigarette. "But none of us have been out there; we're not used to all these people."

A pressing issue



Staff Photo/Mark Hollmer

Children at Day Camp in West Plattsburgh press apples to make apple cider. The activity is part of the combined day-camp program sponsored by the Town of Plattsburgh Recreation Department and students from SUNY Plattsburgh's Recreation 315 class. **Story, photo, Page A-3.**

Commandos storm hijacked bus

By JOHN IAMS
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MOSCOW (AP) — A man armed with an AK-47 assault rifle held a busful of tourists hostage near the Kremlin for 10 hours before Russian commandos stormed aboard early Sunday, freeing the last five captives. The gunman's fate was not immediately known.

About 20 commandos with an armored personnel carrier attacked the bus before dawn, opening fire and detonating several stun grenades. Television footage showed several commandos boarding the bus through its windows.

Five men identified as South Korean tourists were hustled from the bus looking shaken and dazed. The Interfax news agency reported that all of the remaining hostages were freed unharmed.

The gunman, who released most of the hostages unharmed in the hours before the commando raid, apparently had been demanding \$1 million and a plane to leave Russia in exchange for the hostages' freedom.



AP Photo

Police and security officers surround a tourist bus standing on the Moskvoresky bridge outside the Kremlin Saturday. A gunman seized the bus and had been demanding \$1 million.

SUNDAY'S FEATURE

Memory lane

U.S. soldier from Malone honored as hero in France

By DEE BROWN
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MALONE — World War II: American soldiers sweep into Paris and liberate France from the grip of Nazi Germany. La Marseillaise rings through the city streets again.

In Franconville, a town about 30 miles from Paris, an American light armored car unit, Free French Army forces and local resistance fighters mop up the remaining German forces. Enemy tank fire erupts. A young American soldier is shot and falls beside a French resistance fighter. Both are killed.

At 1600 hours, Aug. 28, 1944, Sgt. Francis Hurteau of Malone is dead, killed at age 21 in the service of his country.

He is the only American to die in the liberation of Franconville.

Sometime after the war, the Franconville City Council named a street after Sgt. Hurteau. The rue du Sergeant-Hurteau is in the city's business center near the train station.



Photo provided

Continued Page A-5 The monument to U.S. Army Sgt. Francis Hurteau in Franconville, France.