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National

1 hostage smuggles Iran diary out

United Press International ST. LOUIS — Marine Sgt. Rodney "Rocky" Sickmann, apparently the only hostage who successfully smuggled a diary out of Iran, is negotiating for the sale of the story of his 444 days in captivity.

A family attorney for the Sickmanns, William Kimme of Washington, Mo., said Sunday negotiations were being conducted with a New York literary agent.

Kimme said Sickmann managed to conceal the diary in his trouser leg while the 52 American hostages were being freed.

"A student (guarding the hostages) knew Rocky had the diary and said that it was the only one left, the only one that had not been confiscated," Kimme said. "He told Rocky to put it in his luggage."

"But Rocky told me he had been lied to so often by the students, he put it in his pants instead. And his luggage was in fact confiscated by the Iranians as he left."

Kimme said the agent arrived in St. Louis Friday to read the document.

The agent, who was not identified, told the St. Louis Post-

Dispatch the manuscript was "lengthy — lots of paper. It is thorough and complete."

The agent said Kimme had read him parts of the diary over the telephone a few days earlier. He said negotiations on the sale of publication rights were continuing.

Kimme said Sickmann of Krakow, Mo., began keeping the diary a little more than a year ago. In the ensuing months, Sickmann was moved three times and despite being handcuffed and blindfolded, he managed to keep his diary with him.

Another former hostage, William

F. Keough Jr., said he tried to keep a diary but each time he tried to make notes they were confiscated.

Neither Kimme nor Sickmann would release any details on how Sickmann managed to keep the diary or on its contents.

In an interview with the Post-Dispatch, Sickmann said he spent seven months in a jail in Tehran with four other hostages, who taught him how to play bridge. He also said he forced himself into a daily exercise regimen and often pounded the walls in the bathroom to release his frustration.

Congress may balk at debt ceiling, the shoe is on the Republicans' feet now

United Press International WASHINGTON — President Reagan didn't want to have to ask for an increase in the national debt ceiling in the first place. Now it looks like Congress will deny it to him, at least at the outset.

Scores of Republicans, longtime opponents of higher debt ceilings, may vote against the president.

Will Reagan suffer the political indignity inflicted on Jimmy Carter when he was president: defeat of a debt increase bill on the first vote, followed by 11th hour passage?

The debt ceiling increase is one of only two major orders of business on Capitol Hill this week. The other is a Senate vote scheduled Tuesday on confirmation of Raymond Donovan as labor secretary.

When the debt ceiling vote comes, many chuckling Democrats are

likely to join balking GOP lawmakers, just to enjoy the spectacle of watching the Republican discomfit.

A source in the GOP leadership said only about 50 of the 191 House Republicans have promised to vote for the ceiling, and it will be almost impossible to gain a majority unless Reagan takes a personal hand in lobbying.

House Republican leader Bob Michel conceded last week that a majority of GOP votes "would be pretty tough to come by."

Reagan reluctantly asked for the \$49.9 billion increase in the debt ceiling because the current limit — set to last through Sept. 30 — will be inadequate to meet the government's borrowing requirements after Feb. 18.

The ceiling has become almost meaningless as an economic tool be-

cause it merely allows borrowing to pay debts already incurred. Failure to raise it has no effect on the budget, but can cause temporary havoc in the bureaucracy.

Republicans have made political hay with the debt ceiling over the past few years, voting against it as a bloc and forcing reluctant Democrats to support the Democratic president to pass it.

Now the shoe is on the other foot, and many Republicans are snared by their campaign vows to oppose further debt increases.

"There are 45 to 50 members on my side who aren't going to vote for a debt increase, period," said Michel.

The Donovan nomination has sparked controversy because of allegations linking him with organized crime.

The New Jersey construction executive has denied the allegations and the FBI said it found no evidence to support them.

The Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee last week recommended confirmation on an 11-0 vote, but five Democrats voted "present," saying there still were doubts about the allegations.

The five, including Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., ranking minority member of the committee, released a report Saturday in which they said Donovan had not been cleared of anything.

"The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been unable either to corroborate or to disprove the many serious charges against Mr. Donovan," the Democrats said.

Blackbirds a dung nuisance, Aggie moves roosts

United Press International LITTLE ROCK — Armed with a siren, some old-fashioned cherry bombs and a federal grant, Albert Bivings spends his nights in rice fields, roosts or wherever blackbirds gather.

Bivings, who recently received his doctorate from Texas A&M, heads the federally-funded Arkansas Wildlife Assistance Office. The office concentrates on problems associated with blackbird concentration, most notably in rice fields and feed lots.

"There are 50 million to 60 million blackbirds in Arkansas and only two of us, so we're pretty outnumbered," said Bivings in a recent interview. "We like to kill a lot of them, but that doesn't work very well."

Bivings said blackbird control is difficult because there are only a couple of toxicants that can be used to kill them. The most successful — a soap-like compound that breaks down the oil base in feathers and causes birds to die from exposure — must be applied under special circumstances.

Bivings said it must be a clear night since a plane must be

used, it must rain soon after the agent is applied and the temperature must drop below 40 degrees.

"There are very few nights you get all these factors working together," he said.

A poison which causes the birds to die from kidney failure can kill some birds in a flock, but it is only effective when there is no other food source, such as when the ground is covered by snow.

"Other than that, we're left with scaring them," said Bivings.

That's where the cherry bombs — better known as "bird bombs" and "shell crackers" — and broadcast sirens come in. Workers invade the fields and make such a racket the birds are happy to leave. Bivings said it usually takes about five nights to move a roost.

"When you scare them, they move somewhere else," Bivings said. "We can move most any roost of blackbirds, but the question is will they roost somewhere they will cause problems or somewhere they will less likely be a problem. It's a band-aid remedy to a long-range problem."

Bivings described a roost near Jonesboro where up to a million birds live in 10 acres of pine trees.

"The ground looks like the freshly fallen snow, but it doesn't smell like snow. It's just a stifling odor," said Bivings. "If we try to move them, they might move into Jonesboro. Instead of 100 people being mad at us, 10,000 would be."

In addition to being an aesthetic nuisance, large concentrations of blackbirds can lead to health problems.

Histoplasmosis, a respiratory disease with symptoms similar to tuberculosis, can be contracted by breathing spores emitted by bird droppings. It is rarely fatal, but Bivings said "you can count on at least six weeks bed rest. It really wrecks you out."

Bivings and his one-person staff receive \$150,000 annually to harass the blackbirds, most of which is spent on salaries and other fixed expenses. Since it can cost up to \$2,000 per acre to move a roost, Bivings said his office can offer advice and expertise to municipalities or farmers who have blackbird problems. They have to buy their own fireworks.

Coalition will monitor tv for sex and violence

United Press International WASHINGTON — A religious-backed coalition today announced it

will monitor television programs for "skin scenes," sexually suggestive language, violence and profanity

with an eye to boycotting advertisers on offending shows.

The "Coalition for Better Televi-

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sion" said it would equip several hundred monitors with score-

for a three-month review beginning in March.

Then the group "will select one more advertiser who rank among the top sponsors in the categories mentioned and ask for a one-year voluntary boycott of all their products," said Donald Wildmon, chairman of the group.

Wildmon, of Tupelo, Miss., is affiliated with the United Methodist Church and is the head of the National Federation for Decency.

He told a news conference the monitors will be given a form to label tabs on the number of "skin scenes" in a program.

Wildmon said about 200 groups, including many church organizations, will be involved in the project. He said the coalition embraces "many pro-life groups and pro-family groups."

Some of the same groups took part in a similar monitoring effort last fall. That project found the "least constructive" programs on television were "Lady's Man," "Soap," "It's a Living," Wildmon said. Others rating poorly included "WKRP in Cincinnati" and "Dukes of Hazzard."

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