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What's your beef?

Kristen Wanstedt, a graduate student in Food Science Technology from South Dakota and Cathy Griffin, a graduate student in Animal Science from Wyoming, prepare beef samples for a tasting test. The test is being sponsored by the

Animal Science Department in conjunction with the Market Research Division of the Agricultural Economics Department for the U.S.D.A. The research is being done for a proposed grade change in beef.

Dozier kidnappers

Terrorists sentenced

United Press International  
VERONA, Italy — The court trying the Red Brigade kidnapers of U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier found all 17 defendants guilty Thursday and sentenced them to prison terms ranging from 26 months to 27 years.

After seven hours of deliberation, the three judge panel — headed by Francesco Pulcini — read the sentences to a silent courtroom as the defendants gripped the iron bars of the courtroom cages that held them.

The court reserved the stiffest sentence of 27 years for Ce-

sare di Lenardo, 23, a hardline terrorist who refused to cooperate with police. His girlfriend, Alberta Biliato, 36, got 17½ years.

Antonio Savasta, 27, the kidnap gang leader who turned state's evidence, was sentenced to 16½ years.

Three of the other four defendants who were arrested in the Padua apartment when Dozier was rescued Jan. 28, received sentences ranging from 12 years to 14 years. All had turned state's evidence after their arrest.

Ruggiero Volinia, 25, the Red Brigade member who cracked under pressure and led police to the terrorists' hideout, was given the lightest sentence — 26 months.

The eight defendants who were tried in absentia each were sentenced to 26 years in jail.

Several relatives of the terrorists wept when the sentences were read. Others blew kisses and tried to force smiles.

Tina Frascella, mother of Emanuela Frascella, 22, who took care of the household needs of the "people's prison" in

Padua where the terrorists held Dozier for 42 days, buried her head in her hands when Pulcini read the sentence.

The trial's last session came one day after Dozier, who wound up his tour as a NATO chief of staff in Verona last week, left Italy for the United States with his wife, Judith.

Under Italian law, those convicted will be eligible for parole when half their sentences are served. A law currently under parliamentary debate could further shorten time before parole for those who cooperated with police.

ICC approves railroad merger

United Press International  
WASHINGTON — The Interstate Commerce Commission approved Thursday the merger of the Southern Railway System and Norfolk & Western Railway Co., two highly profitable coal-haulers, into the nation's third largest rail network.

ICC chairman Reese Taylor Jr. said at a news conference the consolidation should meet a growing demand for regional rail transportation service between the East, Midwest and Southeast.

"Rail users in these areas

should receive faster and more reliable service because freight moving over N&W or Southern will no longer have to be transferred between railroad systems," Taylor said. "The consolidation should make practical the movement of coal from mines on the N&W to utilities in the Southeast served by Southern."

The commission rendered its decision in this major case fifteen months before the statutory deadline of July 2, 1983. The merger application was filed with the ICC Dec. 4, 1980.

The combined network, to be known as the Norfolk Southern Corp., will have about 18,000 miles of track in 22 states and the District of Columbia, second in mileage only behind Burlington Northern and CSX Inc., both the product of mergers in the last two years.

Combined income of the two companies was \$503 million, and the merger is expected to provide an annual savings of \$88 million.

Southern's 10,000-mile system operates in 13 states and the District of Columbia, stretching from New Orleans to Jacksonville, Fla. Southern is based in Washington, D.C.

N&W, based in Roanoke, Va.,

operates 7,500 miles of track in 14 states and Ontario, stretching from Kansas City, Mo., to Norfolk, Va.

The merger would create a new company, Norfolk Southern Corp., with eight directors from each railroad. Southern's common stockholders will receive 1.9 shares and N&W shareholders one share of the new common stock for each share they now hold. The preferred stockholders of each railroad will not be affected.

The ICC still has one major proposed merger before it: that of Union Pacific with Missouri Pacific and Western Pacific into a 22,800-mile system stretching across the West.

Coal mine mishap kills 8 Taiwanese

United Press International  
TAIPEI, Taiwan — Poisonous gas killed at least eight miners and injured more than 20 others Thursday in a coal mine outside Taipei with more feared missing.

Police said it was not known how many miners still were trapped in the tunnels, 3 miles northeast of Taipei.

Rescue workers said difficulties in the search for the missing

miners arose because of the vast honeycomb of tunnels where one worker died and several others were injured in a similar accident a year ago.

Preliminary investigation showed miners dug into a gas pocket and the fumes quickly filled the mine.

Six of the miners died in the tunnels and two others died in a hospital.

One hostage freed at attorney's request

United Press International  
RALEIGH, N.C. — Three inmates freed a Central Prison employee with minor hypertension at the urging of a black attorney early Thursday leaving them with three hostages in a tiny office and demanding to see national civil rights leaders.

The inmates, two of whom will not be eligible for parole until well into the 21st century, released four other hostages at midday Wednesday in return for water, bologna sandwiches and cigarettes.

The News and Observer of Raleigh, citing sources familiar with the negotiations between authorities and the inmates, reported Thursday the prisoners have demanded to see national civil rights leader Jesse Jackson, Wilmington 10 leader Benjamin Chavis and North Carolina civil rights activist Leon White.

It was reported the inmates also requested transfer to a federal prison. Stuart W. Shadbolt, spokesman for the Department of Correction, declined comment on the report and would not discuss the negotiations.

At 2:30 a.m. EST, Shadbolt said the negotiations had resumed, with officials talking to the inmates through a broken

window of the barricaded door. "I would suggest that you stay around awhile," Shadbolt told reporters. "If after this particular discussion with Mr. Joyner we can't get together, we'll grab some sleep and pick it up at first light."

Authorities at North Carolina's only maximum security prison seemed content to attempt to talk the men into freeing the remaining hostages rather than rushing the third-floor room, which is part of the prison's diagnostic center where all men entering the state's prison system are screened.

Shadbolt said Jimmy J. Stallings, 33, of Smithfield was released at 12:42 a.m. after the in-

mates, all black, had spoken with Raleigh civil rights attorney Irvin L. Joyner.

"He was released through the persuasive argument of Mr. Irvin Joyner, who, with a federal agent and two members of our team, recommended he be let go because of his medical condition," Shadbolt said.

Stallings' hypertension is not serious but he requires daily medication, Shadbolt said.

The inmates continue to hold prison chaplain Lacy L. Joyner; correctional officer David Atkins; and Hugh M. Martin Jr., a data compiler who interviews inmates in the diagnostic center, which screens all male inmates entering the prison system.

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