

VERY COOL through Tuesday. Clear tonight, low in lower 40s. Sunny Tuesday, highs near 60s.

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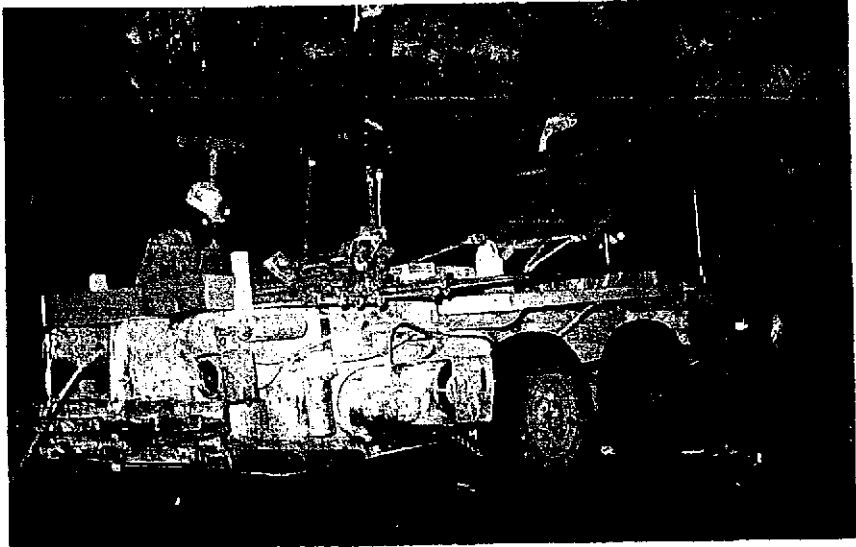
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**ON SPELLING**

There's a lot of bad spelling around these days, a subject for today's column by Bob Mellace. Page 6A.

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SCENE SHOWS HIGH COAL OF VALLEY CAMP DEEP MINE IN UTAH  
Roof Bolter Evan Smith, New On Crew, Expects Winter Strike But Says He Will Be Okay



JOHN (SACK) HREINSON TAKES A BREATHER  
Western UMW Members Will Demand Full Health Benefits

— Photos for the Daily Mail by Phil Shurtleff of the Provo (Utah) Herald

## Gandhi Arrested In India

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Indira Gandhi, prime minister of India for 11 years until her election defeat last March, was arrested today on charges of misusing her position.

Eyewitnesses said a large squad of agents from India's central bureau of investigation took Mrs. Gandhi, 59, into custody at her New Delhi home.

Mrs. Gandhi was charged with acquiring 104 vehicles through misuse of her official position.

A large crowd assembled outside Mrs. Gandhi's home as soon as supporters learned of the raid and while she was still inside. They chanted "Long live Indira Gandhi."

Shortly after the plain-clothesmen arrived, supporters of Mrs. Gandhi issued a statement in her name charging that the "arrest is a political one. It is to prevent me from going to the people. It is an attempt to discredit me in their eyes and the eyes of the world."

Sources close to her household said Mrs. Gandhi demanded that the bureau agents take her away in handcuffs but they explained this was not customary in such cases.

In her statement Mrs. Gandhi said even though she lost her individual liberty for a time her supporters must be prepared to fight "the very real threat to the country's self-reliance."

She was taken into custody under Section 5 of India's Prevention of Corruption Act. First reports said the specific charge was misusing her position as the prime minister to acquire 104 jeeps from two firms for electioneering.

The arrest came as Mrs. Gandhi appeared to be making what political sources said was the first tentative move toward a comeback after her election defeat in parliamentary voting last March.

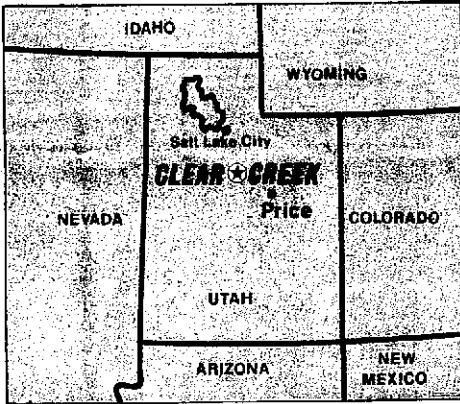


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## Worker-Boss Relations Sweeter Out West

EDITOR'S NOTE — Will the coal boom bypass West Virginia and end up in the West? Daily Mail business writer Jeff Kosnett spent a week in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana and Utah investigating this prospect. This is the second of five reports.

By JEFF KOSNETT  
Of The Daily Mail Staff  
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CLEAR CREEK, Utah — In August, while Valley Camp Coal Co. miners in Kanawha County were striking, management and labor also had a direct conflict near the company's mines here.

Mike Branagan, 31, a tippie operator, doubles as "the law" in the nearby hamlet of Scofield, a reclaimed ghost town that is now home for about 200 people, mostly families of miners who have renovated the old company houses or bought trailers to be near where they work.

Scofield is more than an hour away from the Carbon County seat of Price, so to provide law and order the sheriff's office appointed Branagan an auxiliary deputy.

One afternoon a regular deputy was showing Branagan how to operate a radar device. The speed limit in Scofield is 35.

Cars usually zoom through the town because there is little traffic except miners going to and from work and children returning from Price on school buses. Scofield has a government, recently revived by the miners, but it has no businesses, not even a grocery store.

Branagan waited and soon a car sped by. Recognizing the car, he ran it down and pulled it over.

The speeder was Bob Steele, vice president and general manager of Valley Camp of Utah. "Yeah, he gave me a ticket," Steele chuckled, "twenty-two dollars and you better believe I paid it."

As Steele and Branagan recalled the incident with laughter, three other United Mine Workers members lurching outside Utah #2 mine joined in, including Scofield's mayor, Paul Helsten, 33.

"We've all done something else, but we came back home. What do I think about mining? I'm making a living, aren't I?" said Helsten, who until two years ago "bounced around the country."

Loaders David (Bud) Trease and Stanley (Rip) Podbevsek,

who have worked several Utah mines in their 30-year careers, said the speeding ticket incident is a true indication of the way the "men" and "bosses" get along at this mine. They fish together picnic together, share the same showers and commiserate about mine inspectors.

"Do you believe that we have a one-section, one-shift mine and they have an inspector assigned full-time to us?" asked Steele.

"I haven't seen him today," Branagan said. "Are you paying him to stay away? Or is he already on the payroll, Robert?"

"I did invite him to the company picnic," Steele said, "but I guess he took it the wrong way."

In the adjacent maintenance shop, a short, young-looking man with a bushy blond beard was tinkering with some equipment. He introduced himself as John Hreinson, president of UMW Local 6788.

Hreinson, 32, worked as a butcher in a grocery store for six years after high school before entering mining in 1969. He started, as many Valley Camp employees did, with North American Coal Corp. near Helper. When North American closed a

large mine in 1974, he switched to Peabody Coal Co. and then joined Valley Camp in January, 1975.

"I don't mind coal mining. My dad was a miner for 50 years. I think it's safer working here than it is on that highway driving to and from work." Hreinson lives in Helper, 40 miles from the mine, where he bought a company house for \$500 and fixed it up. He says it's now worth \$20,000.

"You know, this company's real good on safety," Hreinson said. "I cannot remember a safety grievance in two years as president. In fact, during that time, there have been only 10 grievances, the majority about overtime compensation."

The few grievances are handled rather informally by Local 6788. When there is a complaint, the parties sit down and discuss it on even terms. There is no acrimonious rush to arbitration. "You win a few and lose a few, but afterwards we can still sit down and be friends," said Hreinson.

Monthly local meetings are poorly attended because some of the miners live so far from Scofield, but they are lively. "They're a little open," the local president explained. "I don't run 'em with Robert's Rules of Order."

When the UMW announced cutbacks in medical benefits, the miners met. And although they were disgruntled — and still are — they did not consider a picket line or a wildcat strike.

"I do not believe in illegal strikes," said Hreinson, carefully measuring his words.

"It says right there in the contract, in the 1974 wage agreement, that strikes are a violation of the agreement. You ... could ... be ... fined."

But all is not contentment or indifference. Local 6788 is disgruntled by the union's internal problems. Arnold Miller is not popular with the local or the district. In the June election, Harry Patrick got 25 votes, Lee Roy Patterson 24 and Miller 14. Miller also finished third in the district.

Word of the West Virginia movement to recall Miller was news to many of the miners at Valley Camp of Utah, but several said "Godd!"

Hreinson and others said they will insist on restoration of medical benefits in the new contract. The president was not sure separate contracts East and West, a Patterson suggestion that won him support with Local 6788, would benefit Utah miners because eastern members contribute the most to the Health and Retirement Funds.

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## Amtrak Train Rams Florida Truck; 10 Die

PLANT CITY, Fla. (AP) — "I did everything in my power to stop it, but there just wasn't enough time," says the engineer of an Amtrak passenger train that slammed broadside into a pickup truck and killed 10 persons, seven of them children.

Florida Highway patrolmen at the scene of the Sunday night accident said there were no survivors in the camper-backed truck.

None of the 40 passengers in the train was injured.

Troopers said they thought the victims were migrant workers. They said it may be a day or so before firm identifications are made.

Early reports indicated that two adults were in the cab and one adult and seven children, ages 1-10, were in a camper perched atop the truck bed. The camper was wrenched off and crushed almost beyond recognition.

Investigators said late Sunday that they believed they had removed all of the bodies but because of the darkness and thick underbrush would again sift through the charred, twisted wreckage today.

Police investigators said they found a purse with identification cards indicat-

ing some of the victims were from Dade City, north of Tampa.

Pete Medley, engineer on the Chicago-to-St. Petersburg route of the Floridian, said he tried his best to stop.

"The engineer said he was 200 feet from the crossing when he first saw the truck," said Plant City police Sgt. Lee Candis. "The crossing was marked with flashing lights."

Witnesses said the crossing lights were blowing, but the truck went across the tracks in an apparent attempt to beat the train. The crossing is located about 25 miles due east of Tampa in a rural area billed as the "strawberry capital of the world."

The train, traveling at speeds estimated at up to 70 miles per hour, crushed the pickup and pushed it about half a mile down the tracks. The vehicle exploded into flames that Fire Chief Lester-Evans of nearby Dover said could be seen for one mile.

The train had just left nearby Lakeland on the last leg of its run when the accident occurred at 8:25 p.m. The Floridian reached its final destination at 10:26, two hours overdue.

## Coal Contract Talks To Open On Thursday

Daily Mail Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON — Coal industry negotiations will start Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Capitol Hilton Hotel, United Mine Workers spokesman Paul Fortney said today.

The talks between the UMW and the Bituminous Coal Operators Assn. will continue until a new contract is ratified by the UMW's 277,000 members. The present agreement expires Dec. 6.

Though most observers are not optimistic about the possibility, representatives for both sides expressed hopes that an agreement would be approved in time to prevent a nationwide strike.

UMW president Arnold Miller called a meeting of the union's international executive board tomorrow to discuss the impending negotiations.

Also, the UMW bargaining council, composed of district presidents and board members, will meet this week to prepare for the talks.

The right to strike over local grievances is expected to be the major stumbling block to a new contract.

Some miners have demanded that they be allowed to strike if a majority of their local so votes. Supporters of this idea claim it would prevent the spread of wildcat strikes because it would be illegal for members to picket any mine except their own.

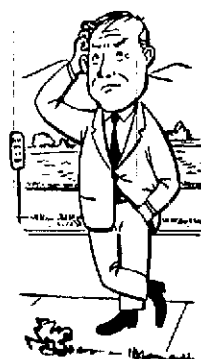
## Top Of The Evening!

### Unyielding Bureaucracy

Residents along Vinson Street in Williamson are learning the hard way about federal bureaucracy, flood relocation and cost-benefit ratios. Bob Kittle reports, Page 7A.

### The Ones Nobody Wants

Our state Welfare Department will propose legislation that will give economic incentive to those who adopt handicapped and deformed children. Richard Grimes reports on Page 1B.



CHARLEY WEST SAYS  
It looks like K mart was gyped by those disorderly patrons yesterday.

### Defense

That's what John Holliday shines at. The ex-Hurricane star is a stand-out for WVU, as Don Hager notes today, Page 2B.

### Rose Show

A story, the list of winners and a picture of the Daily Mail trophy winner can be found today on Page 7B.

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## Speak Out

### Ban Handguns?

Latest government figures estimate that 50 million Americans own handguns (pistols), buying an average of four minutes each minute of each day.

These and other factors such as growing crime and fuel to the argument that handguns should be either outlawed or that ownership severely restricted.

The question today is: Should the sale of handguns in the United States be outlawed? Answer Yes by dialing 348-4868 or NO by dialing 348-7901. Speak Out phones will be open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday. The results will be published in Wednesday's editions.



IT'S THAT TIME: One of the pleasures of fall is being enjoyed in this color scene from St. Albans where apple butter-making took place over the weekend. We have more pictures for your enjoyment on Page 1B.