Ski gondola falls, injuries unknown

Squaw Valley, Calif.-A tramway accident at Squaw Valley Ski Resort sent one of two huge cable cars plunging 30 feet toward the ground Saturday and jammed a second one, stranding about 100 persons in the dangling cars, a resort spokesman said.

An undetermined number of people were injured, some aparently seriously, said Placer County Sheriff's Capt. Max Bennett. He said there were head, leg and back injuries, but he did not know how many people were hurt or the extent of their injuries.

"We think the one car is hanging about 50 feet above the ground," said Bill Boardman, director of Squaw Valley Ski Corp. "The other one is about 800 feet above the ground. We are evacuating both cars.

Train collides

Bologna Italy-A Venice-Rome express and another packed passenger train collided head-on in a rainstorm Saturday, killing at least 41 persons, police reported.

Another 120 persons were taken to hospitals, many of them in serious condition.

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Authorities said the early-afternoon collision 19 miles south of this central Italian city apparently occurred when a northbound train left its tracks and was hit by the southbound Rome express, which was traveling an estimated 66 mph. The tracks were said to have been loosened by the heavy rains.

Actress charged

Rome-Actress Sophia Loren, already named as an accomplice in her husband's currency-transfer case, has been charged with illegally exporting art objects worth more than \$3 million.

Rome Prosecutor Paolo Dell'Anno, in investigating the financial status of Loren and her husband, film producer Carlo Ponti, also accused the 43-year-old actress of establishing unspecified funds abroad without informing Italian officials.

The prosecutor revealed that American actress Ava Gardner and Irish actor Richard Harris have been charged in connection with the Ponti case. He said they had allegedly accepted dollars rather than Italian lire for work done in Italy.

Torrijos optimistic

Contadora Island, Panama-Panamanian chief of government, Gen. Omar Torrijos said Saturday he is "awaiting with optimism" the U.S. Senate vote on the final Panama Canal Treaty.

'We hope everything will work out all right," Torrijos said. "We will wait with optimism until 6 p.m. Tuesday.

The Senate vote on the second of two treaties, which would turn the canal over to Panama by the year 2000 is set for Tuesday. The first treaty, approved March 16, would ensure neutrality of the waterway, but includes a controversial reservation allowing American intervention if the canal is closed.

ather bomb scare fizzles

University Police received an anonymous phone call Friday at 12:32 p.m., saying that a bomb had been placed in a trash can in Oldfather Hall.

Ater making the bomb threat the caller added "and say hello to the regents," according to Capt. Kenneth Markle, of the University Police.

The police and a member of the State Fire Marshall's office arrived at Oldfather at 12:45 and began evacuating the building.

Markle said the threat may have been motivated by disgruntlement with the NU Board of Regents, or by a scheduled math exam.





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