

## Boeing contracts let for new plane

**United Press International**  
SEATTLE — The largest one-day transaction of its kind in civil aircraft manufacturing history was culminated Thursday when four aerospace firms agreed to more than \$1 billion in subcontracts to help build the Boeing 757 airliner, a spokesman said.

The subcontracts were signed at the Boeing Commercial Airplane Co. Plant in nearby Renton, where the new twin-jets will be assembled. Plans called for the 757 to be built in sections at plants in four states, then shipped to Washington State where they will be assembled — much like a giant airplane kit.

First deliveries of the short-to-medium range, 178-passenger airplane were scheduled for early 1983, the Boeing announcement said.

Work on the aircraft would be allotted out in the following manner:

— Avco Aerostructures division, Nashville, Tenn., will build the wing center section on which the fuselage rides, and the keel-beam, located in the fuselage section over the wing.

— Fairchild Republic Co., Farmingdale, Long Island, N.Y., will construct the passenger cabin section over the wing.

— Rockwell International Corp., Tulsa division, Tulsa, Okla., will build the fuselage sections just forward and just aft of the wing.

— Vought Corp., of Dallas will build the horizontal stabilizer including leading edges and stabilizer tips; the vertical tail including its leading edge and the aft-most body section of the fuselage.

The contracts were in addition to 757 structural subcontracts already signed with Short Brothers Ltd. of Belfast, Northern Ireland, for inboard trailing flaps.

## Federal jobs flee cities

**United Press International**  
NEW YORK — Federal jobs are abandoning the central cities of New York, Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Houston and Los Angeles for their surrounding suburban areas, city Comptroller Harrison Goldin said Thursday.

Goldin said the job losses "fly directly in the face of President Carter's stated policy" to try to keep federal jobs in inner cities.

Carter issued a 1978 directive instructing federal agencies to "encourage the location of federal facilities in urban areas," the comptroller said. Since then, however, Goldin said the flight has continued.

New York was hardest hit of the six cities, he said, having lost 5,100 federal jobs from 1974 to 1978. Chicago was next, with 3,083 job losses in the same period, followed by Boston with 2,803, Houston with

2,547, Los Angeles with 1,184 and Detroit with 1,077.

In the 1974-1978 period, he said, total federal employment levels rose 29,000 to 2,753,000.

Goldin said he could not cite specifically the development of any facilities that had contributed to the inner city job losses.

The comptroller detailed his objections to the policy in a letter he said he sent to Carter.

### Fiesta flyers were warned

## Balloonists die in crash

**United Press International**  
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Internationally famous balloonist Ben Abruzzo is well acquainted with the treacherous winds that often buffet off the Sandia Mountains, a 10,600-foot range that rises from the east floor of the Rio Grande Valley.

Abruzzo, one of the three Albuquerque adventurers who made history last year by completing the first Trans-Atlantic balloon crossing,

warned fellow balloonists this week not to try and fly over the mountain range during the International Balloon Fiesta.

But despite the warnings of Abruzzo and fiesta officials, some 20 balloonists Wednesday decided to challenge the 30-35 mph winds by attempting to float their craft over the picturesque mountains. A California couple didn't make it.

Richard Temple, 31, of Cucamonga, Calif., and Kathy Wiley of Palmdale, Calif., died in the flaming crash of their red and gray nylon balloon, free-falling inside the balloon's small gondola some 750-feet into a ravine.

While Federal Aviation Administration officials Thursday tried to pinpoint the cause of the crash, officials of the Balloon Fiesta — which has attracted hundreds of pilots from throughout the United States — said the events would proceed as scheduled.

The fatal crash was the first such accident in the eight-year history of the festival, which this year has attracted some 350 balloonists.

Abruzzo, who along with fellow Albuquerque residents Maxie Anderson and Larry Newman completed the historic flight across the

Atlantic last year, said he tried to discourage balloonists from attempting the treacherous excursion over the Sandias.

Abruzzo apparently convinced about 60 pilots to stay on the ground, but when others decided to try the flight, Abruzzo went up first in his balloon and succeeded in flying over the rugged peak.

"I radioed back that conditions were nasty and that they should go high," Abruzzo said.

Scores of witnesses, including Temple's chase crew, witnessed the flaming crash.

Witnesses said the balloon, named the "Johnathan Livingston Seagull II," apparently did not have enough air and the strong winds collapsed the throat portion of the balloon. When Temple attempted to use his propane burner to force hot air back into the balloon, an entire side of the nylon balloon ignited. The flames spread quickly, engulfing the entire balloon and turning it into a stream of fire.

"There was nothing the pilot could do," said Dale Stevenson, of Albuquerque, a witness to the crash. "Everybody knew that man was going to crash."

Sam Edwards of Houston, a member of the board of the Balloon Federation of America, said the flight over the Sandia Mountains was not a sanctioned part of the weekend festivities and officials had discouraged the pilots from trying it.

Another balloonist, Howard F. Wolfley of Colorado Springs, Colo., said he witnessed the crash from his balloon, which was hovering just above Temple's. Wolfley, who has flown over Pikes Peak several times, said the winds at the time of the crash were "as treacherous as I have ever seen."



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### Round and round she goes

Joan Moore demonstrates how she centers clay as she throws it at the Memorial Student Center's Day at the Fountain. Moore from Bryan, is a basic pottery and crafts instructor.

## First hunting season hits 15,000 gator skins

**United Press International**  
NEW ORLEANS — Alligator hunting season closed in 12 parishes last weekend with a "highly successful" harvest of 12,000 to 15,000 hides, a state wildlife official said Thursday.

The one-month hunting that closed Sunday marked the time since the early 1960s that alligator kills were allowed on three southern Louisiana parishes.

"We were looking at bagging between 10,000 and 15,000," Johnnie Tarver, assistant chief of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, said.

"If every acre of marsh had been hunted and every tag used, we have had a harvest of 18,000. About 10 percent of the harvest had failed to emerge from the marsh with their tallies, he said.

Wildlife officials detected a difference in hunting skills in the regions into which the state is divided.

"In the southwest where I used to do this sort of thing, I tagged out the first two weeks," Tarver said of the hunters in Iron, Calcasieu and Vermilion parishes. Hunting has been allowed in that region since 1972.

"In southeast Louisiana, the hurricanes raised the tides and a couple of weeks of September cold snaps that came through slowed things a bit," he said.

Tarver said the number of hides sold to land owners, or to leasing rights to the land, was on acreage and the type of land provided for alligators.

"Most of the people hunting alligators are also fur trappers," Tarver said. "They sell to local traders who ship the hides on to the trading centers in New York."

Hides sold for \$16.50 per hide in 1977, Tarver said, but he does not speculate on this year's price.

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