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Pilot dies in plane crash

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KANSAS CITY — Kansas City businessman Morgan Maxfield,

sharply veering his disabled two-engine plane away from a crowded residential street and into a tree-covered vacant lot, perhaps saved many lives, police and witnesses said Saturday.

Maxfield, a flamboyant and highly successful real estate and investment expert, died in the fiery Friday crash, along with the three friends he was flying to a Labor Day vacation at Mount Rushmore in South Dakota.

"There's no doubt that he banked it sharply (away from the street and the homes) in the seconds before the crash," a police spokesman said. "The plane clipped a few trees, cut one or two in half and then smashed into the ground in a ball of fire."

Mike Gamber, 16, was driving down the street at the time of the crash. He said he saw the eight-seater Aero Commander gliding toward the homes with one engine

out and the second in serious trouble.

"He turned to avoid the houses just as sharp as he could turn," the youth said. "As soon as I saw him turn and saw his propellers, I knew he was in trouble."

Hundreds of residents rushed to the area following the explosion, but the flames from the burning gasoline prevented their aiding the victims.

Also dead were Sheryl Ann Myers, 24, of Kansas City, Mo., and Shelley Ann Vaughn and David Allan Eastham, both 26, of Raytown, Mo.

Witnesses said the twin-engine plane apparently lost power shortly after takeoff. Maxfield radioed a distress call back to the downtown airfield he had just left.

"He apparently was having engine trouble but he wasn't specific," air controller George Ballew said.

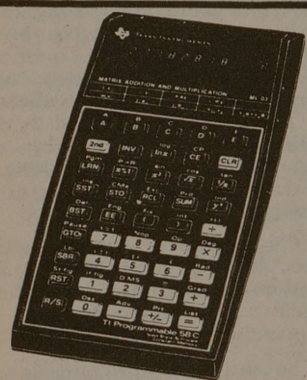


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Time to clean up

Alicia Kervin, a resident adviser of Keathley Hall, and Officer Roe of the University Police discuss the remains of a fire that started in a Keathley Hall trash chute. College Station firemen were called Sunday to put out the fire; however, the fire was extinguished by the automatic

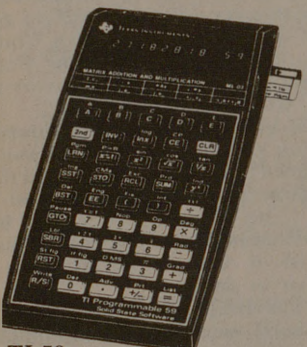
sprinkler system before the firemen arrived. Kervin said the fire apparently was started by coals from a barbecue. This is the second fire in two weeks on the Texas A&M campus. The first incident occurred Thursday in an Astor Hall community bathroom.



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Clements announces plans to run for re-election in 1982

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AUSTIN — Gov. Bill Clements has announced his intention to seek re-election in 1982, citing a July poll showing Texans support the issues he has been trying to push.

"We're right on target, right in the bull's eye of the target," the governor said.

Clements said he would withhold a "final and formal" announcement of his candidacy until mid-November.

He said education, the drug problem, crime and effective government management were the deepest concerns expressed by citizens who responded to the poll.

"The public is well aware of this and they show a sensitivity to these issues," he said.

The poll also revealed Clements has a name identification rating of 93 percent, as opposed to being an almost-unknown when

he defeated former Attorney General John Hill in November 1978. "That's saturation," he said. "It (name identification) can't get any higher than that."

Clements announced his intentions at his first news conference since returning from the two-week New Mexico vacation during which he had planned to discuss a possible reelection bid with his

wife, Rita. On another subject, Clements said he would meet with federal officials in Washington Sept. 18 to discuss President Reagan's immigration policy proposal. The governor has long supported a document worker program for Mexican nationals, but is not totally supportive of the government's new proposal.

Friday announced formation of a commission to unite the state's defense industries and educational institutions to help aerospace economic development. He named a commission. Chairman Paul Thayer is co-chairman. Other members are Texas Aerospace and National Defense Technology Development Council.

Investigation awaits report

Texas recruit drowned

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DALLAS — A House committee investigation into the drowning of a Marine recruit at a boot camp must await a Marine report on the incident, Rep. Jim Mattox, D-Texas, says.

The congressman said Friday he will decide on the basis of the Marine report whether to ask the House Armed Services Committee to look into the drowning of recruit Randall C. Christian, 18. "I think that the Marine Corps has been very helpful," Mattox said. "I think they realize that if something is wrong, they can't stonewall it."

Mattox questioned recruits Thursday who said the Dallas life-guard and swim team member was allowed to drown during an Aug. 27 endurance swim at the San Diego Marine Reserve Depot near Camp Pendleton, Calif.

He promised congressional protection for the recruits with whom he spoke after their commanding officer, Lt. Col. Pete

Rowe, ordered one of them not to speak with reporters.

Pvt. Ruben Conner Jr., a friend and classmate of Christian's in high school, told Mattox one Marine trainer pushed Christian under water after he and Christian swam to the side of the pool, exhausted.

"I held to the wall the same time Christian did," Conner said. "I said I was drowning. I let the wall go, but Christian held on. The instructor jumped in and took Christian five feet out and then pushed him under the water. They pushed him out toward the water, then pushed him down with their hands. He came right back up, and it looked like he was struggling."

Pvt. Jerry Ritchie said that Christian made two more attempts to get to the pool's edge and that during the final attempt the instructor blocked him.

"I could hear him yell, 'Help. I can't go no more,'" Ritchie said.

Lt. James Jernigan, a Pentagon public information officer, identified the guard as Staff Sgt. Rudy Rodriguez, a 15-year veteran.

Rodriguez told Mattox Christian and three other recruits were all holding on to each other in the pool and that he swam to break up the group. While trying to break up the group, Rodriguez noticed him "going upward."

Then he saw Christian on the surface, and then he just went down. Rowe confirmed that Rodriguez was an arm's length from Christian when he drowned but termed his failure to help recruit a "judgment call."

"It's one of those things you can't pass judgment on," said Thursday. Mattox is chairman of House Budget Committee's Force on National Defense. Veteran Affairs that sets budget for the armed services.

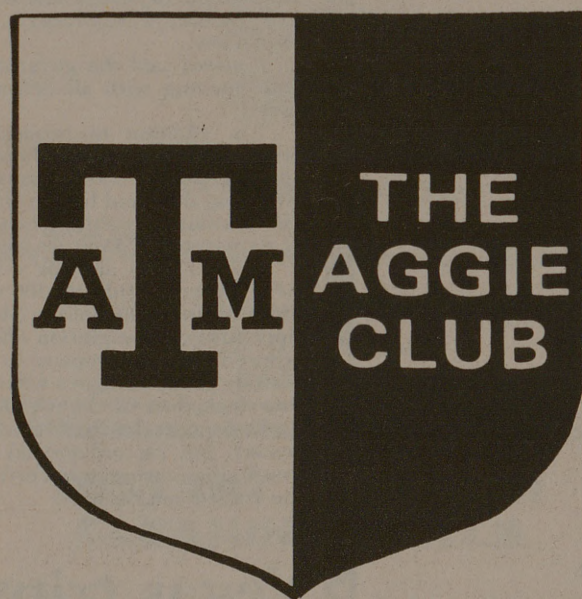
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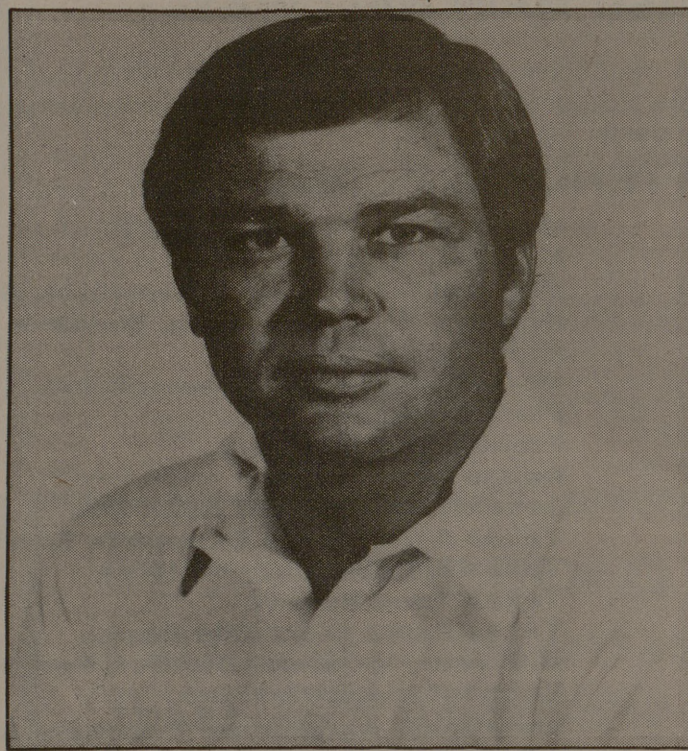
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