

What's Up at Texas A&M

Wednesday

NATIONAL AGRI-MARKETING ASSOCIATION: Meeting to discuss seminar and trip to Denver at 8:00 p.m. in Kleberg Lounge.

SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS: Meeting to work on conference at 7:30 p.m. in 103 Zachry.

TAMU POLO CLUB: Mandatory meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the Animal Industries Building.

OCA: Meeting at 6:30 p.m. for the Apartment President, Officers, and Comm. Chairmen in the OCA Cubicle.

MSC OPERA AND PERFORMING ARTS SOCIETY: Simon Sargon's Rigoletto Operalogue at 7:30 p.m. in the Theater. Admission: \$1.00.

HILLEL CLUB: Welcome back - wine and cheese party at 7:30 p.m. in the Jewish Student Center.

TEXAS A&M TAE KWON DO CLUB: Demonstrations of Tae Kwon Do will be at 7 p.m. in 266 G. Rollie White.

MID-EAST DIETETIC ASSOCIATION: Meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. in 440 Soil and Crop Science Building. Dietitians and dietetic interns are invited.

VIETNAMESE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Meeting to celebrate Tet Nguyen Dan at 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, 200 College Main.

Thursday

SURF CLUB: Surfing Movie "We Got Surf" by Hal Jepsen will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in the Heldenfels Building. Filmed in Calif., Hawaii, Bali-Bata, and some new footage.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: Everyone welcome in the 105 Harrington Classroom Complex.

CEPHEID VARIABLE: Movie "Dragon Slayer" at 7:30 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. in Rudder Theater.

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TAMU CHESS CLUB: Meeting will be at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder Tower. Players of all levels of ability are welcome.

VIETNAMESE AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION: Meeting to celebrate Tet Nguyen Dan will be at 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church, 200 College Main.

MSC BASEMENT: Jean Kilborn, a soft-rock, blues, singer-guitarist, will be performing at "Rumours" at 8 tonight and tomorrow night.

Thunderbirds crash in Nevada desert

Pilot mistake may be cause of wreck

United Press International
INDIAN SPRINGS, Nev. — An Air Force spokesman said Tuesday a miscalculation by one Thunderbirds stunt team pilot may have caused three other pilots to follow him to their deaths.

Four members of the precision flying team died Monday when their planes slammed into the desert floor and disintegrated at speeds approaching 400 miles per hour.

The four pilots were practicing a wing-to-wing upward roll maneuver when they crashed almost simultaneously near the landing strip of the Indian Springs Air Force Base.

Col. Mike Wallace of the Public Information Office at nearby Nellis Air Force Base, headquarters for the Thunderbirds, said Tuesday the pilots are trained to look at each other to determine their positions.

"In the maneuver they were doing, the pilot on the exterior left divides his time between checking the instruments and his right wing man," Wallace

said.

The plane's instruments tell the pilots air speed and altitude, he said.

Could a miscalculation by one pilot cause the other three planes to follow his lead and crash in formation?

"I don't want to speculate," Wallace said. "That's why we have a board to investigate."

Is it possible?

"Yes, it is possible," he said.

Wallace said Maj. Gen. Gerald D. Larson, the head of an Air Force investigation board, arrived at Nellis Monday and met Tuesday morning for briefings. Larson planned to visit the crash site about 40 miles away by noon.

Larson and a team of 10 to 15 experts are expected to spend three weeks studying the wreckage of the four T-38s — the worst crash in the 28-year history of the Air Force stunt flying team.

Wallace said the bits and pieces of the jet trainers likely would remain on the ground at Indian Springs during most of

the preliminary investigation by Larson's team.

The manufacturer of the Thunderbirds' planes, Northrop Corp., discounted mechanical failure of the four supersonic T-38 Talon jets as the cause.

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"The airplane has been known to have a very, very good record," Northrop spokesman Monte Montgomery said. "I don't think this particular accident had anything to do with the operation of the airplane at all. You don't have four airplanes fail at the same time."

The jets crashed almost simultaneously with what nearby Desert Springs residents described as an earthquake-like explosion that looked like a napalm bomb. Wreckage was strewn across a 1-square-mile area of desert 60 miles north of Las Vegas.

The crash brought the number of Thunderbird aviators killed since the formation of the group in 1953 to 18.

Witnesses said the pilots failed to pull out of their steep dive and crashed into the earth side by side, still in formation.

Killed in the crash Monday were:

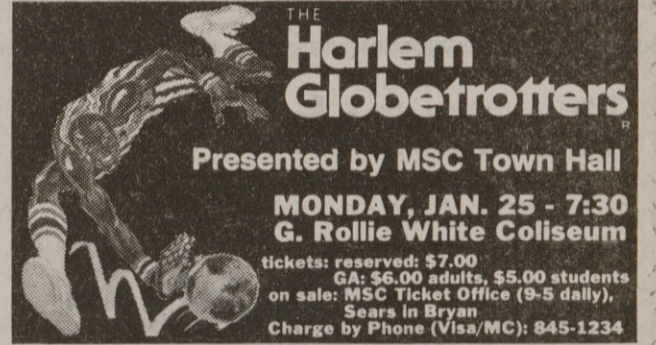
—Maj. Norman L. Lowry III, 37, Radford, Va., a veteran of 264 combat flights in Vietnam and the new commander-leader of the Thunderbirds.

—Capt. Willie Mays, 31, Ripley, Tenn., left wingman.

—Capt. Joseph "Pete" Peterson, 32, Tuskegee, Ala., right wingman.

—Capt. Mark E. Melancon, 31, Dallas, Texas, flying the slot position.

The 1982 show season would have been the debut for Lowry and Melancon as Thunderbird pilots.



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Igloo warms New Yorker

United Press International
WOODMERE, N.Y. — Most New Yorkers are staying close to the heater during the winter weather — except Kenneth Nathanson. He likes sleeping in his igloo.

Nathanson, 22, took advantage of the frigid temperatures by building an igloo in his suburban back yard.

To test it, he slept in it Saturday night. Despite a zero reading, he said he was very comfortable in his sleeping bag.

"I didn't have any heat inside, because I was afraid the igloo would melt," Nathanson said Monday. "It was very, very peaceful because the snow keeps out sounds. I slept like a baby from midnight until 9 a.m. Sunday, and when I awakened, the temperature was down to zero."

The igloo, constructed of

blocks of compacted snow, is 6½ feet wide and 5½ feet tall at the center.

"My mother peeked in once early Sunday morning, because

she was worried that it would cave in," Nathanson said. "I was sure it was safe, but I had a shovel with me in case it collapsed."

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New options opening for elderly home care

United Press International
NEW YORK — Nursing homes aren't the only way to care for the aged.

Today's options include home care through reach-out programs, elderly roommate matching, congregate housing, apartments for the aged and continuous care centers, an article in the January issue of Money magazine said.

Reach-out programs provide hot meals delivered to the elderly in their homes and apartments, adult day care helpers and homemakers, transportation to doctors' offices and even maintenance personnel to give baths and shaves. Costs range from nothing to more than \$5 an hour. One such state-sponsored program in Florida, Community Care for the Elderly, is helping more than 10,000 elderly people remain at home.

Groups such as Los Angeles' Housing Alternatives for Seniors match up elderly people who can share expenses and companionship.

Congregate housing works something like old-fashioned rooming houses, but with more services.

Continuous care centers or communities are especially

attractive to elderly couples because they provide apartments, communal dining facilities and health care.

For a free checklist to help evaluate homes, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the National Council of Health Centers, 2600 Virginia Ave. NW, Suite 1100, Washington, D.C. 20037.

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