

# Crane to get first commercial flight

United Press International

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — Wildlife experts Tuesday prepared an injured young whooping crane known as "83-14" for a commercial flight across country to take its place in a captive flock.

The 10-month-old bird, if healthy enough following surgery to remove part of a wing, is to be flown to Denver Wednesday and then on to Laurel, Md., to become a breeder at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center.

"It will never fly again — on his own," said Wendy Brown, a member of a University of Idaho group trying to save the magnificent migratory birds from extinction. At present, about 140 whoopers are living — more than double the number 10 years ago.

A Grand Junction-area rancher found the downed bird April 20. Officials theorized it flew into a power line and damaged its left wing en route to its summer nesting area in Gray's Lake, Idaho.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service recovered the bird, and took it to Grand Junction. There, veterinarian Jeff Mullins operated to remove a part of its left wing. Brown said the bird was recovering well despite having lost weight from an estimated 15 pounds to 9 pounds.

For transport, a special 36-inch tall box will be used. The bird can stand up in the box but not spread its wings.

"It could die if it got on its back. So it is allowed to stand up in the box," Brown said.

Frontier Airlines in flying the

whooper to Denver Wednesday morning, and then Frontier Horizon Airlines is flying it to the East Coast. A Frontier spokesman said there would be a \$50 charge "because we aren't allowed to do it free." He said it was the least his company could do.

"I think it's in the interest of whooping-crane-kind," Ned Walker said. "Everyone has a vested interest in saving the

whooping crane."

The bird is a product of the determined effort by Americans to preserve the species. It was produced from the 14th egg recovered in Buffalo National Park, Canada, in 1983. Hence it took the name "83-14."

Naturalists transplanted the egg to Gray's Lake, and there sand hill crane's nurtured the young whoopers like they were their own.

## Candidate claims debate prejudice

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DALLAS — Lyndon LaRouche Jr., who calls Henry Kissinger an agent of Soviet influence and has accused the British Royal family of dealing drugs, Tuesday filed suit in an attempt to force his way into tonight's Democratic presidential debate.

LaRouche, an arch-conservative Democrat who is making his third run for the presidency, claims the League of Women Voters is illegally excluding him from the debate.

The League is sponsoring its fourth Democratic presidential debate of the year Wednesday night at the Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport. Gary Hart, Walter Mondale and Jesse Jackson planned to take part.

LaRouche, a former leftist who swung to the far right of the political spectrum, has not taken part in any of the League's debates this year.

He filed suit after being excluded from a Pittsburgh debate, but he lost.

LaRouche operative Daniel Leach said the suit asked that a Fort Worth judge either force the League to let LaRouche take part in the debate or issue an injunction to stop it.

Leach accused the League of conspiring against LaRouche, whose political followers were arrested in 1973 for attacks on members of left-wing groups.

He said the League, a tax exempt group that bills itself as nonpartisan, "should drop its cover."

"There's nothing fair or nonpartisan about the League of Women Voters," Leach said.

League President Dorothy Ridings defended the League's decision, saying LaRouche was

excluded from the debate because he was not a major candidate.

"There must be some method of assessing who are the most significant national candidates or there would be no opportunity for candidates to appear in that forum," she said.

LaRouche, 61, has been described as a Neo-fascist. After his political swing, he and his followers have accused every group on the far left of being the tool of the Rockefeller family, the Ford Foundation and/or the CIA.

He also contends that Kissinger, the Secretary of State under Richard Nixon, of being an agent of Soviet influence, and he has accused the British Royal family of dealing drugs.

"He represents a viable candidate in the Democratic Party," Leach said.

"LaRouche enemies quite simply fear should the cat get out of the bag and he become exposed... there are a number of traditional Democratic voters, blue-collar workers, who would vote for him," Leach said.

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**COLLEGE REPUBLICANS** Last meeting of the semester is scheduled at 7 p.m. in 501 Rudder.

**COLOMBIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION** Village Hope committee representatives will be discussed at 7 p.m. in 302 Rudder. A farewell for graduating seniors will also be held.

THURSDAY

**CEPHEID VARIABLE** Charlton Heston and Robert McDowell star in the Planet of the Apes at 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

FRIDAY

**AGGIE ALLEMANDERS** A graduation square dance and celebration for the spring square dance class will be held at 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the Pavilion.

SATURDAY

**GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL** Party for graduate students at 8 p.m. at the Quonset huts.

**TAMU WOMEN'S RUGBY** Territorial competition weekend in Norman, Oklahoma.

## Funds being raised for injured aliens

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BEAUMONT — A German woman whose husband is Lebanese-Armenian said Tuesday she is sympathetic to the plight of several illegal aliens from El Salvador hospitalized with critical injuries since a weekend accident involving a train.

Helga Sarrafian made a flurry of telephone calls to initiate fundraising efforts for the people injured in Saturday night's accident near the far south Texas town of Kingsville.

A freight train surprised a group of about 40 illegal aliens being led across a railroad trestle by smugglers who brought them into the country at the Texas-Mexico border. The group scattered, many people falling or jumping to the rocky creekbed below, and four were killed.

In critical condition in Corpus Christi Memorial Hospital are Elizabeth Corea, 9, whose mother and brother died in the accident; Graciela Guerrero, 11; her brother, Douglas Guerrero, 7; and Santos Melendez, 22.

"When I saw this I was horrified because of those children," Sarrafian said in her heavy Ger-

man accent. "They're being called Corpus Christi because they try to find out what I can do to help them. I've never done anything like this."

As a result of her efforts, Rev. Robert Freeman, pastor of Catholic Charities in Beaumont, has established a fund to help the surviving Salvadorians.

Sarrafian said her efforts are not an end with monetary assistance, though. She wants to make certain the refugees of the accident do not have to return to El Salvador. Their situation is complicated by the fact the U.S. government does not recognize political appeals for political refugees from El Salvador.

The native of Germany she has a special understanding of the plight of immigrants.

She was granted a visa no problem when she moved to the United States because there is no quota limit on German migration, she said. But her husband, a Lebanese-Armenian physician, had to be under her visa because of the quota of Lebanese immigrants that year, she said.

## Texas lad on Grace Foundation

NEW YORK — Two New Yorkers and a Texas woman were named Tuesday trustees for the Princess Grace Foundation.

The appointment of the trustees, Phyllis Wagner, Bernard Combemale, all New York, and Margaret Dallas, was announced by chairman Robert Hausman. The foundation's executive board meeting.

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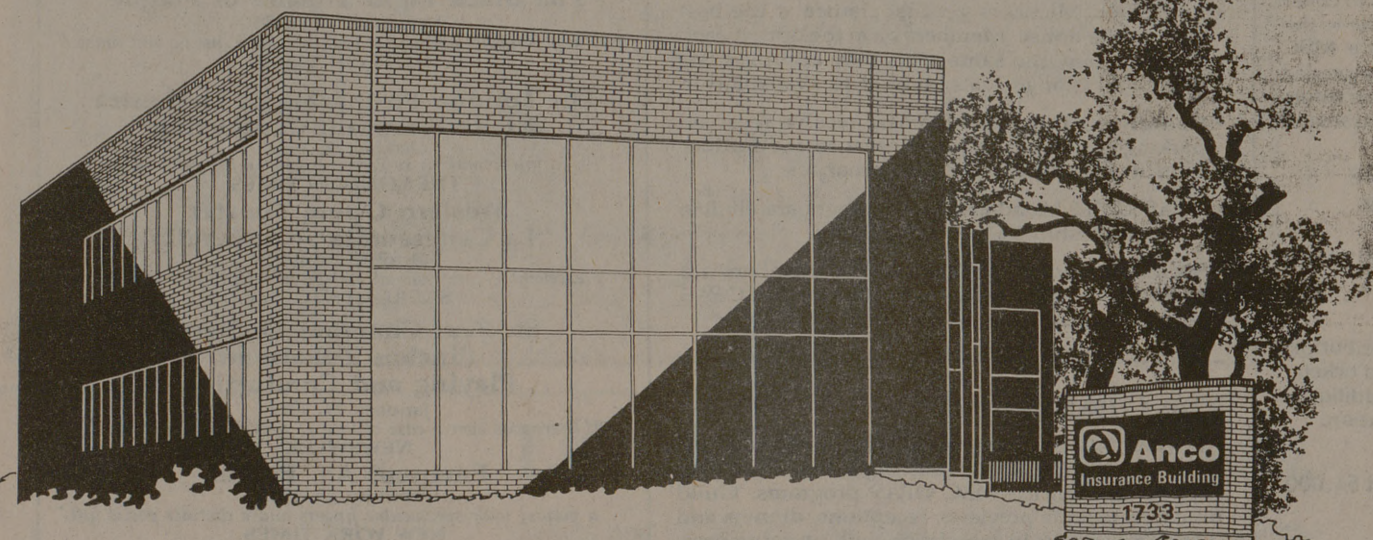


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