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## B-1 wrecks, killing one

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EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — An Air Force B-1 jet bomber, the second of only four ever built, crashed Wednesday in the Mojave Desert, killing one crew member and injuring two others, officials said.

The Air Force said the unarmed intercontinental jet was on a low-altitude, low-speed test flight when it crashed at 10:30 a.m. about 10 miles northeast of the sprawling Southern California base.

Master Sgt. Wally Ross said all three crew members were in the ejection capsule, which "successfully ejected" from the craft before the crash. He said it was not known how the crew member was killed.

A new prototype of the plane scheduled to be introduced next week, the B-1B, will have individual ejection seats instead of the capsule.

Airman 1st Class Tom Bernas said there were no weapons aboard the jet.

It was the 127th test flight of the B-1 series, which began in 1974. The Air Force has described the development of the plane, which cost up to \$40 million each, as "the most successful bomber test program in history."

The crash occurred in a desolate area near the Kern-San Bernardino county line, approximately 80 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles. The explosion sparked several small brush fires.

Kern County Fire Capt. David Goodell said "wreckage was strewn all over the place."

"The plane looked as though it was destroyed."

The burning jet sent a "large, black column of smoke" into the sky, said San Bernardino fire spokesman Thomas Barnes.

The plane was a B-1A version of the bomber that was produced during the Carter administration. It was one of only four built before President Carter scrubbed the program in 1977 because it was too expensive.

President Reagan resurrected the controversial program on Oct. 2, 1981, and ordered production of 100 more jets. Funds await congressional approval.

The B-1, with a 136-foot wing span and a maximum speed of 1,451 mph, was designed to replace the larger B-52, backbone of the Air Force's strategic bomber fleet since the 1950s.

The new prototype, the B-1B bomber, has not yet flown. It is scheduled to roll out of Rockwell's nearby Palmdale plant next week and President Reagan may be there for the occasion.

At the time he gave the go ahead for the B-1B production, Reagan initiated a program to develop a "stealth" bomber to be practically invisible to radar and other detection methods.

The B-1B is designed to be in the field by 1988 as a survivable force through the early 1990s.



Photo by JOHN RYAN

### Out with the Old

For the next two weeks Rudder Fountain and its accompanying mall will be an obstacle course. Workmen will be laboring overhead to add new cross members to the windows on Rudder

Tower. University Center Manager Steve Hodges said that the crossmembers were being installed to add support to the new, smaller glass panels also being installed.

## 2 more inmate stabbings in TDC

United Press International

HUNTSVILLE — Two more stabbings reported at the Texas Department of Corrections pushed the number of stabbings involving inmates this year to 267, including 12 fatal attacks, with 41 stabbings occurring this month.

TDC spokesman Charles Brown said Wednesday inmate Rickey Lynn Jones, 21, began fighting inmate Marcus Jackson, 21, about 10 p.m.

Tuesday in the dayroom of the Clemens Unit in Brazoria County. The fight began with an argument over a radio.

Jackson was stabbed seven times in the chest, face and stomach. During the fight another inmate, Donald Ray Wilson, 19, attempted to help Jackson, grabbed the knife as it hit the floor and stabbed Jones, Brown said.

Jones, Wilson and another inmate

that entered the brawl are being held in segregation for questioning. Jones was treated at the unit infirmary for multiple lacerations. Jackson was in critical condition after undergoing surgery at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston.

Nine inmates were killed in attacks in 1983 but Brown said reporting procedures were more relaxed, so there is no comparable figure for the total number of attacks.

One inmate was killed at the Clemens Unit Monday and another died in a stabbing at the Wynne Unit Monday. About 180 inmates at both units remained confined in their cells Wednesday, Brown said.

TDC Director Raymond Procnier said inmate violence probably will continue until officials can install new techniques, including a reclassification of inmates to isolate the most violent ones.

## Creamery sales room to close doors soon

By SARAH OATES  
Staff Writer

Dropping by the creamery for a quick milkshake between classes may soon become a thing of the past for most people on campus. Because of declining sales and a poor location, according to animal science faculty, the creamery sales room will be closed on Sept. 7.

But this doesn't mean dairy products produced and sold at the creamery will no longer be available. The sales room at the meat lab next door to the Kleberg Animal and

Food Science Center on the west side of campus will continue to sell all creamery products, such as butter, milk and cheese. The meat lab sales room, which opened almost a year ago, offers the products for the same price as the creamery sales room.

However, for creamery employees, the story isn't good. Patrons may have to go out of their way to buy their products when the sales room closes, but for the employees, this means finding a new job.

"I came to work yesterday and was told that we were closing and that I

would have to go to personnel and see if they could find me another job," Debbie Matter, a creamery employee, said Wednesday. She said employees were surprised to hear the sales room was closing.

Matter, who has worked at the Creamery for less than a year, said she "hasn't noticed any drop" in sales.

"We have people standing in line outside by 3 p.m.," she said.

The employees were given two weeks' notice, which is standard procedure at Texas A&M. The 28-year-

old Matter said she doesn't know what she will do if the personnel office can't find her a new job within the University system.

"I think it's really sad that they don't even try to help us," she said.

Dr. Ronald Richter, an associate professor of animal science who was involved in the decision to close down the sales room, said no one has spoken to him about employee problems.

Richter said sales at the Creamery declined by 30 percent during the past year. Worn-out facilities, such

as the soda fountain, were another factor in the decision.

"It would cost about \$20,000 to \$30,000 to replace the equipment. We just couldn't justify that when there's another retail outlet on campus," he said.

"The Creamery is primarily for teaching and research. The sales room doesn't contribute to that."

Richter said that since Spence Street was blocked off for construction, the Creamery is no longer accessible enough to justify keeping it open.

"We used to get a lot of families who would come in to buy cheese and butter," he said, "but we've lost that business because traffic and parking are so bad now. There's better parking at the new place."

James Dooley, business manager for the Animal Science department, said the final decision to close the sales room was made about two weeks ago. He said he discussed the problems with Dr. G.C. Smith, head of the department, and Richter before a decision was reached.

The Creamery opened in 1956.

## Firebomb thrown on steps of capitol injures one, causes no other damage

United Press International

WASHINGTON — A young man threw a Molotov cocktail on the steps of the Capitol Wednesday, singeing a tourist but causing no other damage, police said.

Henry David Briody, 20, was arrested and charged with arson and assault with a deadly weapon, U.S. Capitol police said.

Police said his hometown was unknown but he was carrying a U.S. passport that listed his birthplace as California.

The young man gave no reason for throwing the firebomb when arrested by police immediately after the incident, a law enforcement spokesman said.

The homemade device ignited on

the top landing of the center steps on the east side of the Capitol — the main tourist entrance. The incident occurred at about 6:35 a.m. when few tourists or federal workers are at the Capitol.

A tourist identified as Steven B. Rock, no age given, of Hull, Mass., received a slight burn on the back of one of his legs from the brief flare of the exploding device, police said. He refused medical treatment.

"The Bermuda shorts he was wearing had a slight burn," a police spokesman said.

Police roped off the area on the white granite landing where the bomb ignited, but there was no damage except for a light brown stain on the stone that was virtually undetectable.

A policeman at the scene said the broken glass collected afterward on the landing indicated the man had put gasoline or a similar flammable liquid in a brown beer bottle.

The location of the incident is the primary tourist entrance to the huge domed building, which has been ringed with tightened security since a bombing inside the Capitol last fall. But police spokesmen said they did not expect new security measures to result from this latest incident.

The Capitol has been the target of bombers three other times.

On Nov. 7, a time-bomb left in a second-floor Senate hallway exploded, blowing a door off its hinges in the office of Senate Democratic leader Robert Byrd and shattering furniture, paintings and woodwork

outside the nearby Mansfield Room. No one was hurt, but damage was estimated at \$1 million.

An explosion on March 1, 1971, ripped through a men's restroom on the ground floor of the Senate wing. No one was hurt, but damage was estimated at \$300,000.

In July 1915, a Senate reception room on the second floor was damaged by a bomb, but no one was hurt.

The most serious terrorist act in the Capitol came March 1, 1954, when four supporters of Puerto Rican independence opened fire in the House chamber, wounding five congressmen.

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