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By Jim Earle



"I don't want to jinx it by talking about it, but don't we have a winning streak going?"

Five dead in Dallas air collision

Associated Press

DALLAS — Two private airplanes collided over a rural residential area Tuesday, killing two pilots and three corporate executives as the wreckage crashed within a quarter-mile of several houses, police said.

The bulk of one plane plummeted into an old southeast Dallas landfill, and the other disintegrated about a quarter-mile away after the 1:30 p.m. accident, Dallas police spokesman Ed Spencer said.

Four people — a pilot and three passengers — died in the twin-engine Cessna 441 that dove into the old landfill near the Balch Springs community, police Lt. Kirk Stuart said. The passengers included two men and a woman.

A fifth unidentified person died as a Cessna 152 single-engine plane crashed, but no one on the ground was injured, Stuart said.

Rosewood Corp. President Don Crist said the larger plane belonged to his company, one of Dallas' biggest hotel and real estate development firms that is owned by Caroline Hunt Schoellkopf, daughter of legendary oil tycoon H.L. Hunt.

Crist said the plane was returning to Dallas Love Field and carried no members of the Schoellkopf family when it crashed in clear weather.

On board were three executives of Rosewood's subsidiaries and a company pilot, he said, adding that identities would be released after relatives were notified.

The twin-engine plane's fuselage split in half on impact, but the wreckage was not fire-blackened. Parts of the two planes fell close to houses within a quarter-mile of the crash sites.

Elmer Ragland, a nearby resident, said, "It could've done a lot more damage than what it did. There are homes both ways from it. Any other time, there would have been a bunch of kids riding around out there."

Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board were on the scene.

J.H. "Sandy" Daugherty II, air safety investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board, said neither general aviation nor corporate aircraft are required by carry flight recorders.

Evidence at the scene indicated the crash was "not survivable" and that a large part of the damage occurred in the air, he said.

1985 Texas State Fair will kick off Thursday

Associated Press

DALLAS — A helicopter acrobatics act, a diving team and a touring company of the Broadway hit musical "42nd Street," are a few of the attractions at the 1985 Texas State Fair, which begins Thursday.

Gates at Fair Park open at noon Thursday and the fair continues through Oct. 20. This year's theme is "Something New For You."

Events include the traditional favorites such as evening parades, an outdoor ice show, a three-ring circus, fireworks displays, Midway rides and exhibits.

Several new attractions have been added to this year's agenda, including a ferris wheel called the "Texas Star."

The 212-foot-high ride is under construction and is expected to be one of the tallest ferris wheels in North America, fair officials said. More than 15,000 red, white and blue lights will be attached to the framework of the wheel for a computerized light show.

Another new event is the Great American High Dive Team, which will give several performances each day at a specially-built diving platform and pool near one of the gates.

"Starship 3," a helicopter acrobatic act, also will perform daily.

Dolores Gray and Barry Nelson will star in the Broadway hit "42nd Street," based on the extravagant movie musicals of the Depression era. The touring company will perform Oct. 1-20.

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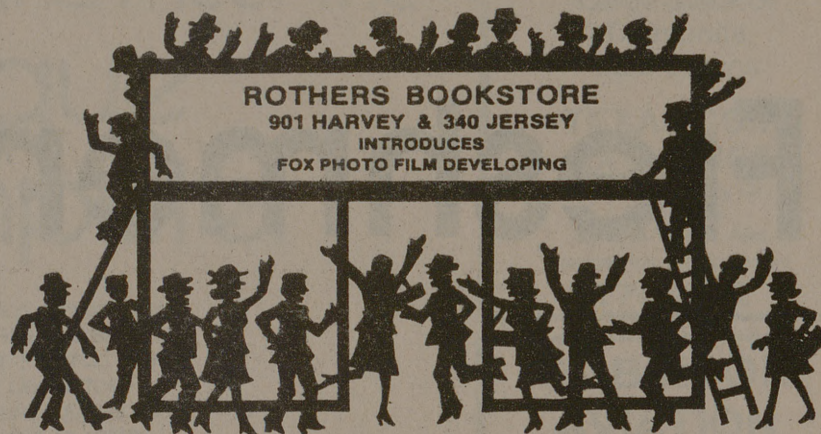
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