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Remotely Amusing

Flying his remote control helicopter is the way Texas A&M professor Dave Youngblood decides to take advantage of a pleasant afternoon. Young-

blood said that he and a few other model helicopter enthusiasts meet every other Sunday in the Bryan High School parking lot to fly their models.

DC-8 crash Investigator says take off was OK

Associated Press

GANDER, Newfoundland — The plane that crashed last week, killing 256 U.S. soldiers and crew, was going fast enough to take off, but suddenly lost speed and veered to the right before hitting the ground, investigators said Monday.

Peter Boag, investigator-in-charge for the Canadian Aviation Safety Board, said the initial analysis of a damaged flight data recorder has determined the airspeed and magnetic headings for the plane's 100 seconds, beginning when it lined up on the runway for takeoff.

The Arrow Air DC-8, carrying 248 soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division home from the Middle East for Christmas, hit 190 mph, then "began to decrease and continued to decrease" until it smashed into a hillside and exploded a half-mile south of the runway's end, Boag said.

"At about the same time, the heading began to alter to the right," he said, eventually putting the aircraft 20 degrees off course.

He said the 190 mph speed should have been enough to put the DC-8 airborne, given its load.

The new information gleaned from the flight recorder does not go far in determining what caused the crash, Boag said.

Boag refused to speculate on such possible causes as engine failure, ice on the wings or pilot error.

Meanwhile, ABC News on Sunday night played a tape recording from one of the victims, Spec. 4 Jeff S. Kee of Pensacola, Fla., that complained about the aircraft.

Kee, in a tape sent from Egypt to his fiancée, Tracy Walker of Hopkinsville, Ky., said, "I just hope the plane gets back all right, 'cause... the plane we fly on is really bad."

In Fort Campbell, Ky., the widow of an officer killed in the crash said her husband spoke of his fear of the

plane during his last call to her.

"He told me, 'I'm going to survive the trip home on the plane,'" said Christine Manion, widow of Capt. Edward J. Manion.

She said her husband told her he heard the plane "was all screwed up and having many problems."

Safety board specialists will dismantle the four engines and examine other parts of the plane being shipped to a laboratory in Ottawa.

The first 20 bodies were flown Monday afternoon to Dover (Del.) Air Force Base for autopsies and investigations with the remainder following by Wednesday.

Reagan mourns loss of 248

Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — President Reagan on Monday mourned the loss of 248 "Screaming Eagles" from the Army's 101st Airborne Division, calling the soldiers who died in a plane crash not just warriors but peacemakers and idealists.

In a flag-draped hangar at the airfield where their loved ones had waited to welcome them home four days before, Reagan told about 600 mourners, "We cannot fully share the depth of your sadness, but we pray that the special power of this

season will make its way into your sad hearts and remind you of some old joys."

After the 15-minute service, the president and his wife, Nancy, followed by division commander Maj. Gen. Burton D. Patrick and his wife, walked through the crowd for nearly an hour, shaking hands and hugging families in their grief.

There were old men wiping tears from their cheeks, weeping widows and children who stood on their

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Relatives offered solace

Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — President Reagan offered solace to a mourning fiancée and Nancy Reagan dabbed her eyes as dozens of families grieved Monday at a memorial service for the 248 soldiers killed when their jetliner crashed.

For nearly an hour, the president slowly walked the aisles in a hangar at Fort Campbell, consoling 300 relatives and friends of the dead.

A small girl dressed in a bright red coat and black patent leather shoes clutched a teddy bear as she stared at the television cameras fo-

cusing on her wide-eyed gaze. When Reagan approached, she leaned back and began to wail.

Reagan, surrounded by soldiers holding multicolored unit flags, stood before a nearly 40-foot-high banner portraying the symbol of the "Screaming Eagle" division, and offered his condolences.

"You do not grieve alone," he said. "We grieve as a nation, together, as together we say goodbye to those who died in the service of their country."

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Kidnapping suspect arrested in College Station

Associated Press

COPPELL — A Houston area woman was arrested in College Station Monday in connection with the abduction of a 3-month-old Coppell infant who disappeared a month ago after being left with a new baby sitter, police said.

Susan Oglesby Miller, 39, of Seabrook was charged in a kidnapping warrant and police sought a \$100,000 bond in the abduction of the baby, who was found Friday in Tampa, Fla., police Sgt. Mark Leonard said.

Earlier in Tampa, Jennifer Sutton beamed as she cuddled her baby and described her reunion with the blue-eyed infant.

"I was kind of afraid to pick her up at first," Sutton, 20, told reporters at an airport news conference before heading home. "I just looked at her, then I turned her over and it was her. It was a big shock. She had grown so much."

Mallory Elizabeth Sutton was discovered missing from the Sutton duplex on Nov. 13. Sutton said she never checked references

provided by the sitter. She said the friendly, well-groomed woman in her late 30s or early 40s answered a classified newspaper ad for a governess, claimed she had six children of her own and "knew how to handle the baby."

Through a tip to the National Center for Missing and Abused Children, FBI agents and police in Texas tracked the baby to a Tampa home Friday night.

Coppell Police Chief Tom Griffin speculated "there's always the money factor — somebody wanting to sell a baby or some-

one who always wanted a baby and could not have one."

Griffin said the sitter gave her name as Bernice "Bernie" Kelley. A telephone number she provided turned out to be that of an answering service in Houston.

Leonard said detectives Ted Hayes and Mike Goncbe had gone to Houston seeking a suspect and were told that she was in Seabrook, southeast of Houston. Then they learned that the suspect was in the College Station area and notified police there. She

was arrested early Monday and held for the detectives, who picked her up and returned to Coppell about 4:30 p.m., Leonard said.

FBI agent Woody Specht said the tipster became suspicious when a woman left Houston for a trip to Dallas and returned "with a baby whose sudden presence she was unable to reasonably explain to friends and relatives."

Sutton said she was in the fourth day of a new job doing office work in a dating service when her baby was abducted.

Atom bomb Documents: Eisenhower's staff envisioned weapon's use

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower's military planners envisioned the use of atomic weapons in 1955 to help stop an anticipated communist invasion of South Vietnam, according to government documents published Monday.

"Use of atomic weapons should result in a considerable reduction in friendly casualties and in more rapid cessation of hostilities," the Joint Chiefs of Staff concluded in a Sept. 9, 1955, study commissioned by the National Security Council.

"No prohibitions should be imposed on the use of atomic weapons, or on other military operations, to the extent of precluding effective military reaction as the situation develops," the study said.

"If atomic weapons were not used, greater forces than the U.S. would be justified in providing would therefore be needed."

The Joint Chiefs memo, newly declassified, was published Monday by the State Department in the latest volume of its "Foreign

Relations of the United States" series.

The memo concluded that 30,000 to 60,000 U.S. troops, backed by sea and air forces, would be needed to help the South Vietnamese army of Prime Minister Ngo Dinh Diem repel a communist invasion from North Vietnam.

The use of atomic weaponry was also discussed the following year, at an NSC meeting at which Eisenhower suggested the deployment of short-range Nike missiles equipped with small atomic warheads, according to the declassified minutes.

During the meeting, Eisenhower "wondered whether we could not send some Nikes to Southeast Asia equipped with small atomic warheads," the minutes said.

Historian Ronald H. Spector, who wrote the official Army history of the period, said discussing the use of atomic weapons was a common "bureaucratic exercise" during the Eisenhower years by military planners who saw them as a way to minimize the use of troops.

Company trying to bypass law

Texaco files federal suit

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Texaco Inc. has filed a federal court suit seeking to block enforcement of a Texas law that would require it to post a \$12 billion bond before appealing the record damage award won by Pennzoil Co.

A lawyer for Pennzoil contended Monday that the lawsuit was "an act of desperation," saying the nation's third largest oil company was attempting to buy time while trying to find ways of avoiding having to pay the judgment, which totals \$11.1 billion with interest.

In documents filed Friday with the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, Texaco said that if it is forced to post a bond of \$12 billion — an amount approaching the company's \$13.5 billion net worth — the expense would "destroy Texaco as a going concern."

Thus, because Texaco would be financially unable to defend itself, its constitutional right to due process and equal protection under the law would be violated, the company maintained.

Irv. V. Terrell, an attorney with the Houston law firm of Baker & Botts, which represents Pennzoil, scoffed at the argument.

"We think we're going to win, because the Texaco bond statute is constitutional," he said. "Texaco has taken action in a federal situation out of desperation."

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Pennzoil attorney Irv Terrell

thing will happen — because what's happened so far is not so good," he added.

In Houston, Pennzoil spokesman Tom Powell said his company would file a response to the suit within 20 days.

Texaco's stock fell \$1.12½ a share to \$28.62½ in composite New York Stock Exchange trading.

In the lawsuit, Texaco also asked the federal court to keep Pennzoil from claiming any Texaco assets while Texaco appeals the judgment.

Last month, a Houston jury ruled that Texaco had wrongly interfered with a merger agreement between Pennzoil and Getty Oil Co. and then acquired Getty itself. The jury awarded Pennzoil \$10.53 billion in damages.

Texas State Judge Solomon Casseb Jr. affirmed the award last week, added \$600 million in interest, and said more interest would accumulate at the rate of 10 percent annually.

Casseb also temporarily waived the requirement that Texaco post the \$12 billion after the two companies agreed that Texaco could continue operating for up to 90 days without paying the bond. Texaco also agreed not to file for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, while Pennzoil agreed not to attach any liens to Texaco property.

In a statement released Monday at Texaco's headquarters in White Plains, N.Y., the company stressed that the lawsuit was not an attempt to interfere with the "Texas State District Court in Houston, or any Texas official or the Texas judicial proceeding."

Reputed crime bosses shot in New York

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Paul Castellano, reputed head of the nation's most powerful Mafia family, and another organized crime figure were shot to death Monday evening as they emerged from a limousine in midtown Manhattan, police said.

Castellano, 73, had been on trial on federal racketeering conspiracy charges in running a car-theft ring that was alleged to have killed five people who threatened to expose its operations.

Castellano, was "head of the largest and most powerful organized crime family in the nation," the Gambino family, according to Edward McDonald, head of the federal Organized Crime Task Force.

In 1980, Newsday quoted a federal law enforcement source as saying Castellano was "the boss in name only. He was Gambino's brother-in-law, a moneymaker a diplomat, but he doesn't call the shots that count. The man that does is Dellacrocce. He's got the firepower, the army of enforcers that keeps the family in line."