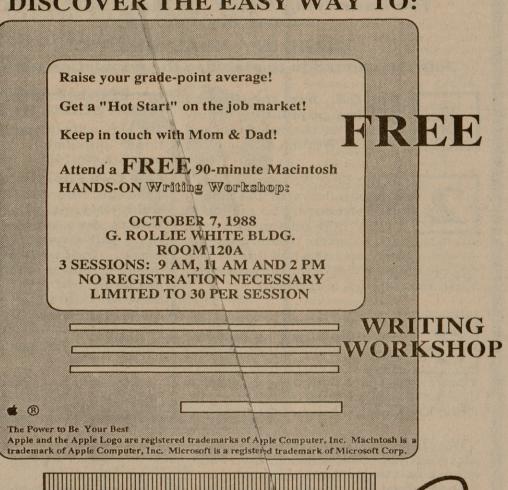
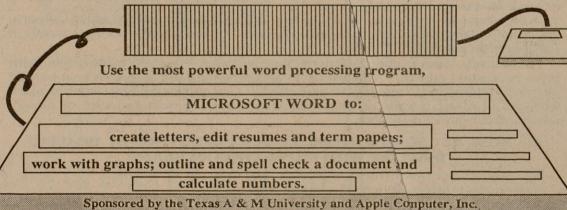




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# Pipe bomb kills 1 youth, agents await test results

FORT WORTH (AP) — A federal firearms expert said Monday it will be later this week before agents receive test results on a pipe bomb that killed a 9-year-old boy and injured five other children

Lou Iliano, resident agent of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said laboratory tests will reveal what material was inside the device that went off Sunday night in a south Fort Worth neighborhood.

The blast killed Max Herrera. His brother, sister and three neighborhood children were injured when the 6to 8-inch-long bomb they believed was a "big fire-cracker" exploded about 7:45 p.m., officials said. Injured were Rudy Herrera, 6, Irana Herrera, 4, Joel Zamora, 8, Jael Zamora, 11, and Mark Zamora, 7.

Irana Herrera was in serious condition, and Mark Zamora was in good condition Monday at John Peter Smith Hospital, public relations director Drenda Witt said. Irana Herra suffered from a broken thigh and an open-joint fracture, hospital officials said

Jael Zamora was in good condition Monday at Fort Worth Children's Hospital, public relations director Sally Bradford said. Rudy Herrera and Jael Zamora were treated and released Sunday from Harris Methodist Hospital, Ruth McFadden, unit leader of the Harris emergency room said.

Iliano said authorities will not be releasing any further information on the homemade device until the lab tests are finished, probably late this week.
"We've got the whole (bomb)," he said. "There's quite

a bit of physical evidence. I was surprised at how much there was left.' Witnesses said the explosion rattled windows of

nearby stores and homes and sounded like a loud gun-

"It was a terrible situation," Lt. R.C. Swan of the Fort Worth Fire Department said. "It was quite an explo-

Iliano said investigators have interviewed was and some of the children involved, but it was not where the bomb came from or how the children 'We've got a lot of conflicting stories, so we've try to find the truth," Iliano said.

Fire Capt. Roy Knight said the children may found the bomb near a curb on West Fogg Street.

David Carr, fire department district chief, si children were playing with the "large and volate" bomb when it detonated between the sidewalk at parked pickup.
"We've heard the kids were passing it around

to light it with matches," he said. "They had it in hands. Whether they lit it or not, we don't know They were playing with it, but we can't be sure time where it came from.'

But the dead boy's older sister, Rosie Arredond told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, the bomb was to her brother.

"Some kid gave Max the bomb," she said. "Max

The powerful blast spewed fragments as fare feet, Carr said. But nearly 75 percent of the box mained intact

Shannon Hartigan, a pediatric nurse who was at the first on the scene, said she came from behin South Fort Worth Baptist Church and saw the did

lying on the ground.
"I saw that little boy," Hartigan said of MaxHer
"I was going to help him and I couldn't, of course cause there was nothing to do to help."

She said the five injured children had been col at the scene. "All they kept asking was 'Are we go die?" Hartigan said.

Arredonda said the Herrera children had accor nied their mother to a grocery store a block awai left the store to play with their friends.

# Navy airmen: Spare parts used on rescue helicopters

HOUSTON (AP) - Two Navy airmen and a former co-worker allege that untested parts from a wrecked craft are being used to keep a pair of rescue helicopters in operation at its Corpus Christi base.

One of the airmen making the accusations, Petty Officer Bryan Sims of Houston, and a former petty offi-cer who did not want to be identified, told the Houston Chronicle they have been punished for objecting to the practice of installing unproven parts from a wrecked Huey helicopter, whose 1985 crash killed three crewmen.

The former petty officer received an honorable discharge this year. Sims, 27, is facing a court martial scheduled to start Monday. Both maintain that the accusations against them, ranging from alcohol abuse to losing gear, are false.

Sims, a helicopter mechanic still assigned to the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, says gauges, hydraulic equipment and rods used to control the flight of the helicopters were switched from the wrecked helicopter to the pair now in service. The mechanic also asked not to be identified, the *Chronicle* said.

A base spokesman said the Huey helicopters have been tested and are safe, but he would not immediately discuss how spare parts are ob-

A spokesman at headquarters in Washington told the Chronicle the Navy does not routinely use parts from wrecked equipment.

Navy spokesman Lt. Barbara Kent in Washington said any part recovered from a damaged aircraft must be properly tested and certi-fied "ready-for-issue" before it is

Orders to transfer the parts issued by chief petty officers the parts were not examined tested before being installed, three said. "I just want them to stop play
with people's lives," the media
told the newspaper, saying the
helicopters could crash if the or

rods malfunction. However, Sims and the other acknowledged they have no that the parts have malfund during helicopter missions

The Hueys, the type used American fighters in the View War, are used primarily to so ther airmen from trouble details. in Corpus Christi, Beeville

aircraft training missions from Kingsville.

## City lends hand, rebuilds home

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) The city has kept its promise to build houses that were destroyed i July when a 790,000-gallon water tak collapsed, releasing a wall of wer downhill into a poor neighbor-

he flash flood on the morning of July22 killed three people, injured morthan 20 and destroyed at least 13 abbe and wood homes. Cars, furnitre and parts of houses were washe to the bottom of the slope.

The next day, Juarez Mayor Jaime ermudez visited the neigh-borhood and promised the city would phyide medical care and replace everthing that could be re-

Two moths later, the city contin-

lina is almost glad her adobe house was swept downhill.

'The flood forced the city to build me a new home, which is better than what I had," she said last week. "Our new home is going to have an indoor bathroom, a separate kitchen and a bedroom. We had only one room before. Things are looking bright

But her enthusiasm is tempered by memories of other victims.

Three boys that I knew were killed," she said. "They can never bereplaced.

The accident happened when a 75-foot-long wall on the concrete water tank gave way. Officials beues to eict cinderblock houses water tank gave way. Officials be-where adol and wood structures lieve heavy rains might have weak-

existed before. Some days, Elida Mo- ened the tank's foundation.

Besides building the new ho the city has provided a doctor set up a tent office in the neigh hood, and household goods? livered daily by the truckload.

"We never expected this im help," neighborhood resident! Santos Garcia said. "They tell is in two weeks, all the homes

In the meantime, families staying with relatives while and the completion of their new ho If they don't feel well, they can Leonardo Ruiz, the city-pro doctor who provides free me help and prescriptions from 9 to I p.m. five days a week.