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Rescuers search for man after blast

SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb. (AP) — Rescuers were searching for a worker missing after a sugar refinery explosion that leveled seven 150-foot-tall silos, scattered sugar up to a mile away and left four people hospitalized.

Investigators were sifting through the rubble of the Western Sugar plant, trying to find Gene Juergens, 31.

A fellow employee said that he thought Juergens was working on a top floor of a sugar silo at the time of the blast Saturday night.

"Perhaps some pockets developed where the rubble did not have a crushing effect," said Scottsbluff Mayor Mark Harris.

Authorities said it could be days before they knew what caused the explosion, which spewed plywood and sugar around this western Nebraska city of 14,100 people, just 20 miles from the Wyoming state line.

Company officials said sugar dust might have been ignited.

"We had reports of a bomb, fire-



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works, a cruise missile and lightning all hitting the factory," said Deputy State Fire Marshal Jerry Larson. "That's understandable given the suddenness and size of the explosion."

The blast leveled seven of the plant's eight silos and initially injured 15 of the 31 employees inside the refinery. Four remained hospitalized Sunday night. One of them, a 49-year-old woman, was in critical condition with chest and abdominal injuries.

Concern over pace of salvage operation mounts

EAST MORICHES, N.Y. (AP) — Federal officials are concerned over how long it is taking to get clues from the wreckage of Trans World Airlines Flight 800 and that a terrorist might be getting away.

"It frustrates me," says FBI assistant director James Kallstrom. "The reality is, I need this forensics evidence. Because if I do have a terrorist, here — I'm not saying I do — but if I do, it's another day's head start that this individual has to do whatever he's doing to cover his tracks."

For the first time, Kallstrom defined what scenarios the FBI was considering: "There was a bomb on the plane, the plane was hit with a rocket or there was a mechanical, electrical or some malfunction on the plane that caused the plane to explode."

All 230 people aboard the flight died in the nation's second worst air disaster.

Navy workers trying to map out what is believed to be the main piece of wreckage from the TWA flight were stymied Sunday when equipment failure kept them from videotaping the scene.

Investigators planned to try again to-

day to identify the 15-foot-high object rising from the ocean floor. A Navy ship left Norfolk, Va., early this morning to deliver an unmanned, underwater robot that will help divers search for wreckage.

"Hopefully, we will find this airplane," Kallstrom said.

Searchers planned to videotape the crash site, which could be as wide as a mile, before sending down divers. Divers were sent out Sunday to search for bodies, however.

The Boeing 747's two recorders for cockpit conversations and flight data, the so-called black boxes, had not been found, nor were investigators hearing any telltale "pings" that are released from the recorders.

Investigators said if the boxes were lying under certain types of metal it might prevent the sounds from being picked up.

While officials said there was still no evidence the plane was downed by a bomb, they were eager to inspect the fuselage for clues. Time was running short, they said, since the chemical remains of plastic explosives would begin to fade af-

ter a week.

The debris may also hold the passengers whose bodies have not been recovered, Kallstrom said.

Also Sunday, families of the victims gathered at dozens of memorial services across the country. Many said they believed officials were not doing enough to identify the victims.

"Anger is without question the predominant feeling," among the families, said Red Cross counselor Dottie Brier. "It is increasing and increasing."

Of the 101 bodies recovered so far, 46 had been positively identified by Sunday night, said Suffolk County Medical Examiner Dr. Charles Wetli.

Wetli said identifying the rest of the recovered bodies could take "several more days."

Gov. George Pataki ordered more pathologists to the scene so the medical exams could continue around-the-clock.

Pataki said victims' families would attend a waterfront memorial service today at Smith Point County Park, on a point of land closest to the site.

Culture Concerto

Quartet brings chamber music to A&M



By Heather R. Rosenfeld
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An international quartet hopes to heighten cultural awareness through music in Rudder Theater tonight.

The Cuarteto De Cuerdas America (The String Quartet of America), includes members of the Simón Bolívar Symphony Orchestra from Venezuela.

Marcos De Donato, president of the Venezuelan Student Association and doctoral student at Texas A&M, said the association brought the quartet to A&M in hopes of educating students and the community.

"Texas A&M has a great variety of people," De Donato said. "But, many people here don't integrate much with people of other cultures, I feel this would be different if there was more exposure to other cultures and their traditions."

The quartet performed last week in the International Festival Institute at Round Top, Texas.

Carlos Alberto Rubio, violinist in the quartet, said the group overcame tough competition to be selected to play at Round Top.

"Five quartets were selected worldwide," Rubio said. "We were chosen from the best in the United States, and the best from Europe. ... We were the only ones to represent Latin America."

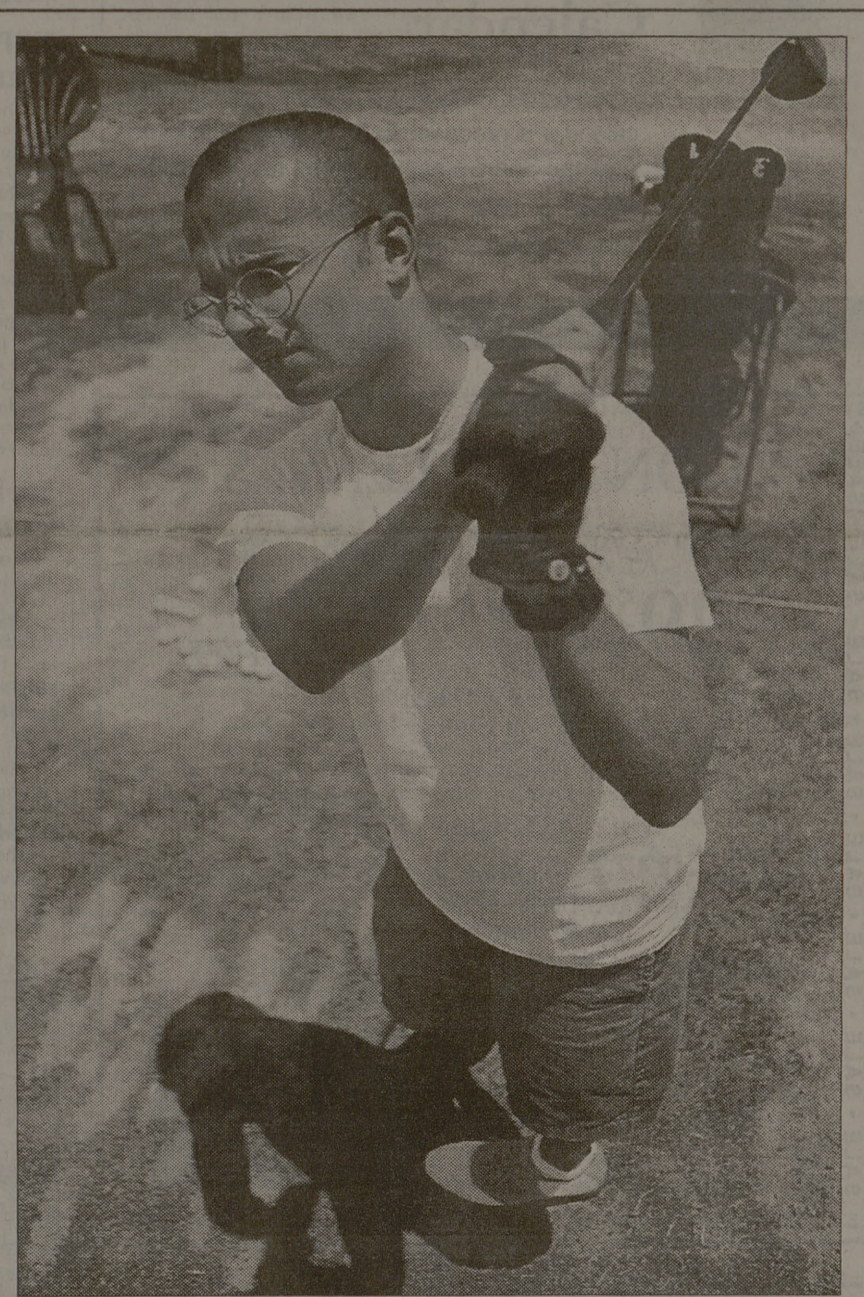
Marion Peraza Ugel said Texas A&M provides the quartet with a new opportunity.

"Performing at this University is a very different experience," Ugel said. "There are many different citizenships here, and there are high expectations of us to bring quality music from our country."

Daniel Hernandez, a junior international business and management major, said the quartet's performance will be more than an enjoyable evening out.

"A&M is constantly becoming more international and more diverse, and it is important that people from other countries see that our University is one that is interested in learning about other cultures," Hernandez said. "In return, it enables other those from other countries to see our University and the culture we have here."

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GOLF GURU

Joe Saucedo, a senior business management major, practices a golf swing before playing in an intramural tournament Sunday.

Marion Peraza Ugel, Carlos Alberto Rubio, Luis Enrique Vargas and Marta Fontes Sala are members of the Venezuelan quartet.



MONDAY JULY 22	
09 a.m. - noon	Gymnastics—Men's team competition
	Swimming—Qualifying heats
	Rowing—Qualifying heats
7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Gymnastics—Men's team final
	Swimming—Finals
	—Women's 400m freestyle
	—Men's 100m freestyle
	—Women's 100m backstroke
	—Men's 200m butterfly
	—Women's 4x100m freestyle
	Basketball—U.S. men vs. Angola
	Volleyball—U.S. women's game
11:41 a.m. - 1:11 a.m.	Volleyball—U.S. women's game
	Boxing
	Water polo—U.S. vs. Ukraine
	Wrestling—Greco-Roman matches
	Weightlifting—Featherweight final

The H.E.A.T. is on

Program helps stop auto theft

By Erica Roy
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Car thieves looking for an easy time should steer clear of some Texas automobiles.

The statewide Texas H.E.A.T. (Help End Auto Theft) program was established by the Department of Public Safety in November 1993 to help prevent automobile theft.

The voluntary H.E.A.T. program enables police officers in Texas to stop cars with the H.E.A.T. stickers on them, and ask the driver to prove ownership of the car between the hours of 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Sgt. Choya Walling of the Bryan Police Department said, "If you don't usually drive your car during the early hours in the morning from 1:00 to 5:00 a.m., then you can register in the H.E.A.T. program."

Registering with H.E.A.T. does not prevent drivers from using their cars during these hours, but does allow police officers permission to stop them if they do use their car.

To register for the program, vehicle owners must go to a participating law enforcement agency, such as the Bryan or College Station Police Department. University Police Department (UPD) does not issue the stickers, Lt. Bert Kretzschmar of UPD said, but it does enforce the program by stopping cars with the H.E.A.T. stickers on them.

Any car registered in Texas can participate in H.E.A.T. by presenting a valid driver's license, certificate of title and proof of insurance or vehicle registration receipt at any police station.

Two decal stickers are attached to the car. The rear decal is circu-

lar with the words H.E.A.T. and the State of Texas written on it. It is red, white and blue and mounted on the lower-left corner of the rear windshield or on the left side of the rear bumper.

There are two different front decals, depending on which program in which the car is registered. The white H.E.A.T. sticker gives permission for an officer to stop a vehicle any time it is crossing from Texas into Mexico.

The yellow H.E.A.T. sticker allows police officers to stop the car crossing into Mexico between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

Registration costs 1 cent.

Patty Gonzales, the H.E.A.T. program supervisor of the Department of Public Safety, said, "It (H.E.A.T.) is funded by the Automobile Theft Prevention

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Residence halls get connected to Ethernet

By Brandon Hausenfluck
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The Texas A&M Department of Resident Life and Housing is connecting dormitories across the campus with Ethernet, a campus-wide computer access network administered by Computer Information Services (CIS).

Ron Sasse, director of Resident Life and Housing, said once all residence halls are connected to the Ethernet system it will be a convenient tool for students on campus.

"The Ethernet will allow students to have direct connection to the University computers," he said. "This will allow students to access information much faster and easier than they could before. We're trying to develop a plan to get everyone hooked up

as soon as possible."

Sasse said 10 residence halls are already connected and three more should be completed by the end of the summer.

Once connected with Ethernet, students will be able to have direct access to the Internet, e-mail, the World Wide Web, the library on-line catalog, academic computers, Nintendo and other computer resources on campus.

Raymond McCauley, systems analyst for the Department of Resident Life and Housing, said getting hooked up to the system will be easy for students.

"They (students) will have to buy a card to be installed on their computers," he said. "Then basically all they will

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