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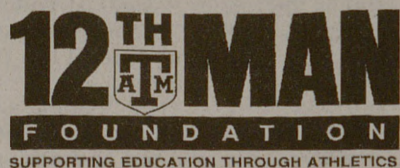
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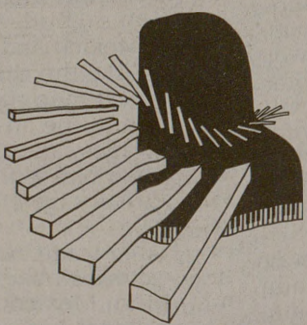
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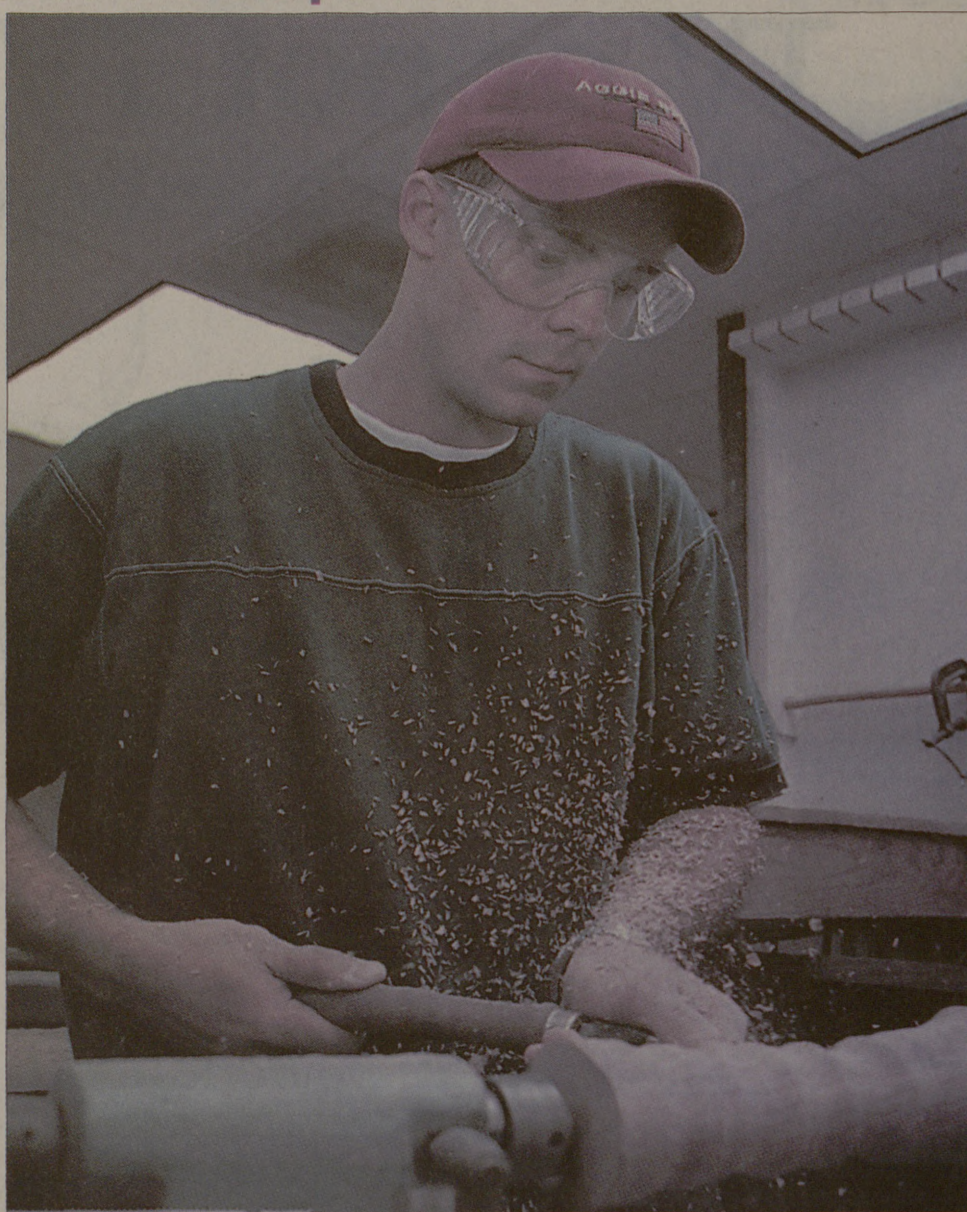
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Jason McGarvie, a senior construction science major and wood shop supervisor, works on a lathe in the woodshop at University Plus, which offers craft classes for students and the community.

Arkansas man honored as hero of Flight 1420

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A Hot Springs truck driver was honored as an Arkansas hero today for helping to rescue nearly two dozen fellow passengers after the crash of an American Airlines jet at Little Rock.

"Thank you for being a person who put others above yourself," Gov. Mike Huckabee said in presenting the Governor's Life-Saving Award to Wayne McDaniel at a state Capitol ceremony. "There are folks who are alive today ... that wouldn't have been had you not been there."

McDaniel, 54, was among 145 passengers and crew aboard Flight 1420 June 1 when it rolled off the runway after landing at Little Rock National Airport, broke apart and burst into flames.

He was credited with helping to rescue 20 people from the wreckage.

"Someone said 'Help.' What more motivation do you need?" said McDaniel, who recalled thinking more about the strength of the wind, the size of the hail and the intensity of the fire than his own safety in the crash's aftermath.

He said he appreciated the award but said others should also be honored.

"I wasn't the only one doing this. There were four, five, six others who were also helping. They haven't been honored here, and we need to remember them," McDaniel said. "We are the ones who turned this disaster into a near miracle. I just wish we could have saved the other nine people."

Eight passengers and the pilot died in the crash. Two others died later of injuries.

Federal investigators have not determined the cause of the crash, which occurred at the end of a Dallas/Fort Worth-to-Little Rock flight.

Florida maintenance company charged in 1996 ValuJet crash

MIAMI (AP) — An airline maintenance company was charged by the state with murder and manslaughter yesterday for improperly packaging oxygen canisters blamed for the 1996 ValuJet crash that killed 110 people in the Everglades.

The company, SabreTech Inc., and three of its employees were later indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of conspiracy, making false statements, and, in the case of the company, failing to train the personnel who handled the hazardous material.

It was believed to be the first time in U.S. aviation history that criminal charges were filed against maintenance workers after an accidental airplane crash, Mike Boyd, president of the Evergreen, Colo.-based Mike Boyd Group, which researches aviation issues, said.

Murder or manslaughter charges against corporations are also extremely rare.

The state murder and manslaughter counts against SabreTech do not require proof of premeditation or intent.

"This crash was completely preventable," Katherine Fernandez Rundle, state attorney for Miami-Dade County, said. "It was not an accident like many other crashes are. It was a crime."

If convicted on the federal charges, SabreTech faces a possible \$6 million in fines and restitution. The workers could be sentenced up to 55 years in prison and fined \$2.7 million on the conspiracy charges.

SabreTech said prosecutors ignored findings by the National Transportation Safety Board investigation, which spread the blame among SabreTech, ValuJet and the Federal Aviation Administration for lax oversight.

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State attorney for Miami-Dade County

Railway kills surrenders

Resendez-Ramirez turns self peacefully at Mexico-U.S. border

EL PASO (AP) — Rafael Resendez-Ramirez, a Mexican drifter suspected of killing eight people, turned himself in yesterday in a deal brokered by his sister, surrendering on a bridge between Mexico and the United States.

Ending a six-week manhunt, the 39-year-old Resendez-Ramirez walked with a brother across the bridge to El Paso, where Texas Ranger Drew Carter arrested him.

"Carter told me that he extended his hand, shook hands, and he handcuffed him. He was pleasant, not aggressive," Bruce Casteel, commander of the Texas Rangers said.

The tattooed ex-convict — who is charged with three murders and linked to five other slayings in Texas, Kentucky and Illinois — was on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List and had been in custody for an undetermined amount of time, investigators said. Mexican police apparently had no role in his surrender.

"I think that it's a big relief to everybody involved," Carter said. "The law enforcement officers working the case, the victims' families, as well as the fugitive himself and his family."

The surrender agreement included assurances that Resendez-Ramirez would be safe in custody, Casteel said. The agreement does not shield Resendez-Ramirez from the death penalty, Casteel said.

Asked why Resendez-Ramirez would surrender to the death penalty, Casteel said: "I've been in the business a very long time, and I'm struggling to answer that myself right now."

Victims' families also expressed relief that the man was in custody.

"We're hoping that everybody can start sleeping again, because there have been a lot of people who were not sleeping well," the Rev. Ralph Ludwig said. Ludwig took over as interim pastor at Weimar Church after the Rev. Norman Sircic and his wife, Karen, were killed in May.

The surrender ended an all-out hunt for Resendez-Ramirez, whose alleged crimes spread fear among those living near railroad tracks in the nation's border section. All the victims were killed near tracks.

LULAC, Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition join forces

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson and the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) agreed Tuesday to join forces in supporting fair immigration policies, improved health care, public school funding and positive portrayals of blacks and Hispanics in movies and television.

Jackson and LULAC President Rick Dovalina signed a 10-point agreement that promised cooperation between LULAC and Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition.

Jackson was the keynote speaker at a luncheon at LULAC's 70th annual convention.

Despite tension between blacks and Hispanics in some parts of the country, both groups will work together to accomplish their goals as they have with desegregation and

other civil rights issues, Jackson said.

"The record shows if you look at our relationship through a door, not through a keyhole ... our interests on the human rights agenda are fundamentally converged," he said.

Dovalina also encouraged cross-racial cooperation. "We should be united on issues, not divided by race," he said. "We should tear down walls. We shouldn't build walls."

The agreement's 10 points target voting rights, the 2000 census, health care, corporate initiatives, fair trade, public education, immigra-

tion, media and motion pictures and affirmative action.

One of the points calls for the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and LULAC to make sure blacks and Hispanics are members of corporate boards of directors.

"They are aiming at the Hispanic and black markets, but there is no person of color on their boards," Jackson said. "We will begin to challenge corporate America, company by company, to let your boards and investment portfolios look like your markets."

Both groups will advocate a review of the North American Free Trade Agreement, workers' rights and environmental protection as part of free trade, Jackson said.

They also seek positive portrayals of blacks and Hispanics in

movies, television shows and news and will advocate affirmative action programs. Supporting the bill of rights and addressing health care also are on the agenda.

Jackson invoked black and Hispanic icons as examples of political contributions both ethnic groups have made.

"What Selena showed us was what Sammy Sosa shows us," he said. "Jordan showed us — whenever playing field is even and the public and the goals are clear, we can make a contribution," he said.

LULAC was founded in 1929 in Corpus Christi and now has more than 700 councils and 210,000 members in the United States and Puerto Rico.



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