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# Joint Chief visits Ft Bliss

diers killed during an anti-drug mission in Colombia, Gen. Hugh Shelton said Monday such missions continue today and will in the future.

'One of the threats to America's interest is the large amount of drugs that come in from that region," Shelton, chairperson of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters at Fort Bliss.

"It is in America's interest, I think, to do whatever we can to slow the amount of drugs coming in," he said, adding that efforts also need to be made to reduce demand for drugs in the

Last summer, hundreds of soldiers, relatives and friends gathered at this base in El Paso to remember five comrades killed July 23 when their U.S. Army spy plane slammed into a peak in the Andes Mountains.

The crash, which also killed two Colombian air force officers, highlighted the dangers of U.S. efforts to stem the trade of illegal drugs from Colombia, the world's No. 1 source of cocaine.

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> - Gen. Hugh Shelton Joint Chiefs of Staff chairperson

Monday's visit was Shelton's first to this base just north of the U.S.-Mexico border, and the first by a joint chiefs chairperson since Gen. Colin Powell came in 1993.

The purpose of Shelton's visit was to talk to air defense soldiers and students at the Army's Sergeants Major Academy, which trains top noncommissioned officers in all U.S. military branches and allied countries.

Asked during a news conference about a shooting at the border last week involving the Mexican army, Shelton called the incident "unfortunate," but said the law is clear on when the U.S. military may become involved.

In a confrontation with Border Patrol agents on March 14. two shots were fired from a Mexican military truck, according to the Border Patrol. No one was hurt in the shooting, which occurred on the U.S. side of the line. Nine Mexican soldiers were briefly detained.

Shelton said he is a "big supporter" of the 1878 Posse Comitatus act, which prohibits the military from performing civilian law-enforcement duties. A presidential waiver would be required for the military to get involved.

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Tuesday, March 21, 2000

Jeff Stokes (R), a sophomore business major, attempts to get a Frisbee from Ryan Callbier, a freshman general studies major, outside of the Koldus Building.

# F-16 fighter dies in crash

KINGSVILLE (AP) — Air Force investigators on Monday began sifting through the scattered wreckage of an F-16 Fighting Falcon that crashed during a weekend air show, killing its combat veter-

Investigators arrived at Naval Air Station Kingsville late Sunday, just hours after the 1 p.m. crash, and began examining the wreckage at first light Monday, Navy Master Chief Jim Rostohar said.

"The Air Force has taken control of the scene and is in the process of investigation," Rostohar said.

Maj. Brison Phillips, a 10 year pilot who flew 130 combat sorties over Iraq and Bosnia, was killed about six miles north of the Kingsville base when his jet went down during Air Show 2000. He was 35.

The fiery impact left debris strewn over half a mile. Investigators plan to inspect the site for about week before removing the plane's remains, Rostohar said.

'The investigation, according to the Air Force, probably will take 90 days," Rostohar said.

Defense Department officials could have a pre liminary report within 30 days, said Col. Dean Atkins, commander of the 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, S.C. Phillips' squadron was part of that wing.

Phillips was performing a "split-S," in which the plane begins inverting at about 6,500 feet, then arcs downward until it rights itself at about 500 feet, Atkins said. There was no visual evidence Phillips tried to eject. Maintenance records for the plane were being sent to investigators, he said.

Flags were lowered to half staff at the base, about 40 miles east of the state capital of Columbia.

Phillips "was truly at the top of the class," said Atkins, who said he flew in the back seat of Phillips' jet last week. "He was one of the best that we have at Shaw. He had a very infectious personality - very outgoing, very friendly.'

Phillips became commander of the Ninth Air Force demonstration team, which helps recruit and retain Air Force pilots, in October.

## Car wash robbery leaves 4 dead, 2 wounded

Suspect may have retaliated due to his termination for exposing himself Police identified three of the dead as

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Five people were shot to death and another was critically wounded early Monday in an apparent robbery at a car wash.

The victims were discovered by an employee arriving for work at the Mi-T-Fine Car Wash, police spokesperson David Tull said.

said they were looking for a suspect in the slayings — an ex-employee named Robert Wayne Harris, 28. Television news reports said Harris was fired Friday after police arrested him for exposing

himself to two women at the business. Investigators said they are looking into whether Harris may have returned to the car wash Monday seeking revenge for his termination.

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some, this vicious in quite some time,"

car wash employees Dennis Lee, 48; Rhoda Wheeler, 45; Augustine Villasenor, 36; all of Irving. Villasenor's brother, Benjamin, 32, and Roberto Jimenez, 15, died at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. An unidentified man was in critical condition at Parkland.

victims were employees of the full-ser-

There was no immediate indication when the shootings happened, but a former employee said workers generally arrive about 7 a.m. The business closes at 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Three of the victims were dead at the scene, Tull said.

'There is no factual, rational, or logical explanation for this act of criminal lunacy," said Mi-T-Fine owner Luke Ram-

"We haven't seen anything this gruesome, this vicious, in quite some time."

> - David Tull police spokesman

sey in a brief statement released Monday. Pete Reyes, owner of a nearby jewel-

ry store, said he complained two weeks ago to police because people he believed to be employees were still at the car wash after hours and threw a beer bottle at him. Lance Turner, a former employee of the car wash, said he recognized several cars parked at the business as that of his

"They're my friends," he said. "I worked side by side with them. When hardworking people get hurt like that, it's Turner said company practice would

have called for weekend receipts to be stored in a safe until an armored car picked them up Monday morning. Several thousand dollars probably would have been in the safe, he said.

The car wash is located along a busy thoroughfare in a residential section of Irving, a suburb on the northwestern edge of Dallas. "We chose to live in this area because

it's safe," said John Nutting. "To see something like this happen ... my God.

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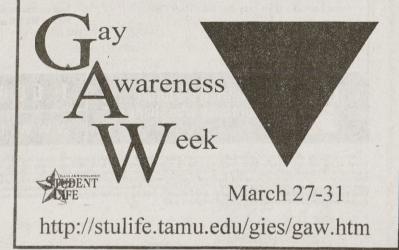
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