

# News Digest

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## In Brief

### Air Force mum on crash investigation results

SPOKANE, Wash. — Drug tests have been ordered for mechanics who serviced a jet tanker that crashed, killing seven people and destroying the \$18 million plane, part of a new aerial show, an Air Force spokesman said Sunday.

"We don't know what the cause is at this point, and when we do, we're not going to tell you," said Bob Ballew, spokesman for Fairchild Air Force base. "The cause will never be released."

Urinalysis for maintenance people is standard procedure, said Ballew. Autopsies were scheduled Sunday and Monday on the six people aboard the plane, he said. The seventh victim died in a car on the ground struck by the plane.

The KC-135, a modified Boeing 707, that was part of a new aerial show, crashed in a field shortly after takeoff during practice for a routine that called for a simulated refueling run with a B-52 bomber, both flying at a low altitude.

The aerial team was designed as the Strategic Air Command's answer to the Air Force's Thunderbirds and the Navy's Blue Angels. Its official debut was scheduled for May.

### Mass. governor announces presidential bid

BOSTON — Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis announced his candidacy for the 1988 Democratic presidential nomination Monday, saying he felt he had the strength to run the country although the odds against his winning were "very, very long."

"With your help and with your prayers the son of a Greek immigrant named Mike Dukakis can be the next president," the 54-year-old governor told his supporters at the Statehouse, where he announced he was forming a campaign committee and would formally announce his entry into the race May 4.

"I have the energy to run this marathon, the strength to run the country, and the experience to run this economy."

Two other Democrats, both long-shots, have already jumped in the race. First to announce was Missouri Rep. Richard Gephardt, who formally joined the race on Feb. 23. Then came former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt, who announced his bid on March 10.

### Soviets conduct first shuttle rocket test

WASHINGTON — The Soviet Union has conducted the first test firing of the huge rocket that will power its new space shuttle to orbit, the industry magazine Aviation Week and Space Technology said Monday.

The first manned flight is expected by late 1987 or early 1988, probably before the U.S. shuttle flies again, the magazine said.

While the American shuttle uses three onboard engines to get into orbit in addition to the booster rockets that provide 80 percent of its power, the Soviet shuttle has no launch propulsion of its own. It rides piggy back on the booster to get into orbit.

For the flight readiness test, the 6.6 million pound thrust rocket was put on the launch pad and its engines were fired for a few seconds. The first unmanned flight of the heavy-lift vehicle is expected by midsummer.

## Remembering the kidnapped. . . Prayers mark anniversary of Anderson's abduction

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. — Friends, relatives and colleagues held hands and prayed for Terry Anderson two years after his kidnapping in Lebanon, and his sister said the hope that there won't be a third such ceremony keeps his family going.

"We have to have faith," Peggy Say, sister of the 29-year-old Anderson, said Monday.

Anderson, the chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, was snatched off a Beirut street on March 16, 1985, by armed men. He is the longest held of eight American hostages in that country.

"I don't think there is any more hope today than yesterday or last year on when he will be freed," Say said at a news conference.

The occasion was a news conference and prayer luncheon sponsored by the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. at its headquarters here.

There was a special plea for freedom for all 26 foreigners missing in Lebanon, including Church of England envoy Terry Waite, who disappeared on a mission to gain freedom for the others.

Participating were the Rev. Lawrence Jenco, who had shared a cell with Anderson for many months before he was freed last July; Eric Jacobsen, the son of former hostage David Jacobsen who lived with Anderson in a dimly lit



windowless room for 16 months; Elaine Collett, wife of British hostage Alec Collett, and Walter Mears, AP's executive editor and vice president.

In Washington, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Reagan didn't plan to contact the Anderson family, but said the president "feels very deeply about the hostages."

William Coper, executive director of the Baptists' Board of National Ministries, led a prayer asking "our national leaders to press more ardently through every possible peaceful means to secure their release."

## Israel: Pollard was last U.S. spy

JERUSALEM — No one has spied for Israel in the United States since Jonathan Jay Pollard was arrested in 1985, Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Monday.

He was less emphatic in rejecting reports that other Americans were involved with Pollard, 32, a former U.S. Navy analyst sentenced in Washington two weeks ago to life in prison for selling military secrets to Israel.

Responding to a report that others may have been giving Israel information at the same time Pollard did, Rabin said: "So far no one can present any proof . . . that there are others. I don't believe it's true."

Israeli sources confirmed, however, that U.S. investigators believe a high-

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ranking American may have been involved in the Pollard operation. That belief stemmed from facts gathered from Pollard by interrogators, the sources said.

The Washington Times quoted Justice Department official John Martin as

saying last week: "The prosecution of Pollard has ended. The investigation surrounding his activities and the activities of his co-conspirators has not ended."

Israel claims Pollard was part of a renegade operation run by lower-level Defense Ministry officials without government authority. Rabin said the agency responsible was dismantled and, since then, "Israel has not carried out any espionage activities in the United States."

"Let me make it clear. . . There are no Americans or non-Americans that serve as spies for Israel against the United States," he told American fundraisers at Hadassah hospital on Mount Scopus.

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## Farm suicide rate declines, study says

FARGO, N.D. — Farmers who committed suicide in five Midwestern states during the early 1980s often took their lives for reasons unrelated to financial troubles, a health official said Monday.

Wentz and Paul Gunderson of the Minnesota Center for Health Statistics released a study that showed the farm suicide rate in North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana and Wisconsin had gone down in the past three years.

But the study also showed that farmers, particularly those in their early 60s, are more likely to take their own lives than the average white male, said Gunderson, whose office coordinated the research.

The recession likely contributed to some of the 589 suicides by farmers in the five states during the six-year period analyzed, "but the question is how much," Gunderson said.

## FDA advisers OK anti-baldness drug

WASHINGTON — A government advisory panel on Monday recommended approval of the first drug shown to make hair grow on bald men, but with the provision that doctors be instructed to tell their patients not to expect miracles.

The panel of outside experts also told the Food and Drug Administration it expects the agency to closely monitor advertising of the product to make sure the manufacturer, Upjohn Co., does not overstate what the hair grower can be expected to do.

C. C. Evans, the physician who heads the FDA's derma-

tology section, said he expects the Upjohn drug to be approved in a few months.

The Michigan company has been selling the drug - minoxidil - in Canada under the trade name Rogaine since last October and plans to market it in the United States as Rogaine.

A one-month supply has been selling in Canada for about \$45 in U.S. equivalent currency, but Upjohn officials declined to say how much it will cost in this country. To be effective, the drug must be taken indefinitely. If discontinued, the hair it has stimulated to grow falls out.

## Study: 300 northeastern lakes to turn acidic in next 50 years

WASHINGTON — A long-awaited study of acid rain predicts that about 300 lakes in the northeastern United States will become acidic in the next 50 years unless the pollutants that cause the problem are reduced.

Many of the lakes in jeopardy are clustered in southern Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, the study says.

Other vulnerable areas are the Adirondack Mountains of New York, where environmentalists say fish already have been killed by acid rain, and the Pocono Mountains of eastern Pennsylvania.

If the study's prediction is borne out, it would mean almost a doubling of the number of acidic lakes in the Northeast.

"We're starting to get the answers now and it doesn't look all that good," said one EPA official, who like all the others spoke on condition of anonymity. "There's an indication of progressive damage."

The Canadian government says half its acid rain comes from the United States, and its call for a 50 percent reduction in U.S. emissions has received wide support among U.S. environmentalists.



At least some of the more than 200 acidified lakes high in the Adirondacks — 138 by EPA's count, which omits lakes of less than 10 acres — have been acidic for centuries; others started to change in the middle of this century, some scientists believe.

It concluded that 60 percent of

the 7,096 lakes in the Northeast and 67 percent of the 10,352 in the West had little ability to neutralize further acidity.

EPA defines "acidic" as the loss of capability to neutralize further acidity. By that measure, no lakes are currently acidic in the West and 325 are acidic in the Northeast.

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