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IN THE NEWS

Alaskan Airliner Dives Into Pacific Ocean

OXNARD, Calif. — An Alaska Airlines jet carrying 65 passengers and five crew members from Mexico to San Francisco crashed Monday in the Pacific Ocean after reporting mechanical difficulties.

Flight 261 from Puerto Vallarta was reported down 20 miles northwest of the Los Angeles airport about 3:45 p.m., the Federal Aviation Administration said. Pieces of wreckage could be seen in the water, but there was no sign of survivors.

Cynthia Emery, FAA flight operations officer in Seattle, confirmed the number of people on the jetliner.

FAA spokesman Mitch Barker said the plane was a Boeing 737. Boeing spokesman Craig Martin said the company was told by Alaska Airlines that the plane was an MD-80.

Presidential Candidates Gear Up for Primary

NASHUA, N.H. — The presidential candidates shoveled snow, flipped pancakes and trudged through the slushy streets of New Hampshire on Monday,

waging handshake-to-handshake combat to the finish of their hard-fought primary races.

With the field puzzling over ways to get supporters to voting booths, Sen. John McCain joked that he had the answer. "Death threats," the Arizona Republican said. "If they don't go out and don't vote for McCain, then don't start your car for the next week."

Kidding aside, the stakes were high for McCain who badly needs a victory in his nomination fight with better-financed George W. Bush. Bush is seeking a come-from-behind victory here to burnish his front-running national campaign, while staunch conservatives Steve Forbes, Alan Keyes and Gary Bauer are trying to show they still have a chance.

Ill. Governor Puts Hold on Death Penalty

CHICAGO — Gov. George Ryan took the unprecedented step Monday of putting all executions on hold in Illinois, which over the past two decades has freed more inmates from death row — 13 — than it has put to death.

"There is no margin for error when it comes to putting a person to death," the Republican governor said. "Until I can be sure that everyone sentenced to death in Illinois is truly guilty — until I can be sure with moral certainty that no innocent man or woman is facing a lethal injection — no one will meet that fate."

Ryan called the death penalty system "fraught with error" and said he will appoint a committee to help revamp it.

Illinois becomes the first of the 38 states with the death penalty to issue a moratorium on executions.

NASA Delays Launch Of Endeavour Shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. —

Computer trouble and bad weather forced NASA on Monday to delay the launch of space shuttle Endeavour on a quest to create the most accurate map of Earth ever produced.

Launch managers said they would try again Tuesday, but only if the computer problem can be solved quickly.

Liftoff time would be 12:44 p.m.

"If we don't understand it to the point where we know we are safe ... then we will not launch," shuttle program manager Ron Dittmore said.

"We can always take the time to change out the box."

Dittmore said the launch would have to be delayed a week in order to replace the computerized unit, called a master events controller.

It is a critical component.

Two identical controllers are on board, and both are needed to send signals to ignite the two solid rocket boosters at liftoff and to later separate the boosters and external fuel tank from the shuttle.

Russian Forces Gain Ground in Chechnya

ALKHAN-YURT, Russia — Russian forces pushed into a key square in the capital of rebel Chechnya on Monday after more than a week of intense battles with snipers firing from high-rise buildings, Russian officials said.

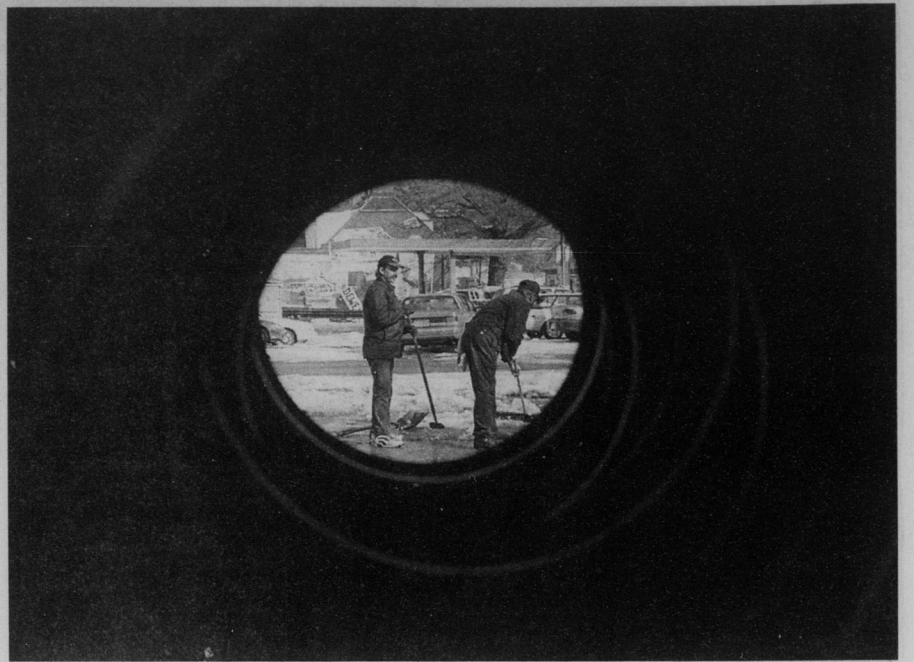
Sergei Yastrzemsky, acting President Vladimir Putin's spokesman for the Chechnya war, said federal forces were in control of a third of Grozny's Minutka Square in the afternoon.

Russian television reports later said the square was completely under the control of Russian forces.

The reports could not be independently confirmed. Defense Ministry officials could not be reached for comment Monday evening.

— Associated Press

'TIRE'ING WORK



DITH/JEFF POULAND

Employees of Chapel Hill Tire Co. clear off the remaining ice and snow from the company's parking lot Monday. The store was closed for two days due to the monster snowstorm that blew through North Carolina a week ago. The storm shut down the University and led to canceled classes for three days.

GREENSBORO

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ing years of struggle and sit-ins that resulted in the Civil Rights Act of 1965.

The event also led to a series of non-violent sit-ins in the South, which caused businesses across the nation to integrate.

"What happened (in Greensboro) changed not only Greensboro and North Carolina, but also the country and the world," said McArthur Davis, general manager of Sit-In Movement Inc., the company that is organizing today's celebration.

The Sit-In Movement has scheduled a series of commemorative events today, including a tribute to Richmond,

who died in 1990, a national telecast from the Woolworth's counter, featuring the three remaining protesters, and street dedications for the four protesters.

The Sit-In Movement began raising funds in 1993 to convert the closed Woolworth's store into a museum.

"We didn't want that history and that landmark to be lost," said Skip Alston, chairman of Sit-In Movement Inc.

Alston said the organization had raised \$2 million for the project and would need a total of \$10 million before the museum could be completed. But Alston said he was confident the project would be completed within three years.

Experts said the historical significance of the sit-in warranted the Woolworth's conversion to a museum.

Reginald Hildebrand, associate professor of African and Afro-American studies at UNC-Chapel Hill, said it was often forgotten how much the four men risked. "From our perspective, it was very easy to lose significance of what was risked and accomplished here," Hildebrand said.

Alston said he hoped the protesters' actions would influence future generations as much as they had influenced young people of the 1960s.

He said the museum aimed to ensure that the protesters were not forgotten. "So we can learn from our history," he said. "So we do not repeat our history."

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CENSUS

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greatly influenced by the census. "The census is used in a variety of ways at the local level," he said. "It can affect how the state apportions government seats in

the county and how many representatives are allotted in (the U.S.) Congress.

"The census affects how the state and national government determine funding. That includes everything from housing to transportation."

Dorosin said students could find well-paying positions in helping coordinate

efforts to get the census out to everyone.

Students interested should contact The Job Skills Center on West Franklin Street, Dorosin said. Student applicants are required to pass a basic skills test.

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FREE TUTORING begins february 8th & 9th

The Peer Tutoring Program will offer drop-in tutoring from 6-9pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays throughout the semester, beginning Feb. 8. Come to the 2nd floor of Dey Hall for help with the following subjects:

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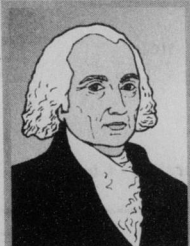
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too. A Carolina basketball ticket is one of the most prized possessions in the state of North Carolina and maybe even the country."

Maurice Koury, the namesake of the natatorium which was built in conjunction with the neighboring Smith Center, said he would not be willing to give up his floor seats for ones in the upper deck. "If they could get the students in (the lower level), that would be great," Koury said. "But I just don't see where they are going to put them."

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ANNOUNCING



The James Madison Memorial Fellowship

The James Madison Memorial Fellowship is a federally-endowed fellowship program designed to strengthen instruction about the U.S. Constitution at the secondary school level. Graduating seniors without teaching experience who intend to pursue a career in teaching American history or political science can receive funding for two years of master's level graduate study of the framing and history of the Constitution. Fellowships will provide up to \$24,000 in educational support over a two to five year period. Fellows must agree to teach full-time in a secondary school for no less than one year for a full year of fellowship support.

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GO AWAY! And spend the summer in Paris!



UNC-CH Students, Amy Bailey and Paul Miller, enjoy the sights of Paris.

The UNC-CH Study Abroad Office, Resident Director Dr. Ed Costello, and UNC-CH graduate student in French Jennifer Latham invite students to GO AWAY and spend the summer of 2000 studying in the City of Lights. Applications are due by February 15, 2000. Classes include an intensive French course taught at the Sorbonne, and a History of Paris course which incorporates excursions concerning French culture and civilization. Requirements are successful completion of two semesters of college-level French.

Students will visit the major sites of Paris, plus the châteaux of Fontainebleau and Vaux-le-Vicomte, plus Chambord and Chenonceau in the Loire Valley. Students will also have the opportunity to attend the ballet La Sylphide at the Opéra Garnier, and Don Giovanni at the Opéra Bastille.

— NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED —

The program is open to sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate students in good standing at all accredited US institutions of higher education.

For further information, contact the UNC-CH Study Abroad Office at (919) 962-7001, send an email to abroad@unc.edu, or consult our website at http://www.unc.edu/depts/abroad

Fall and Spring semester options are also available.

Application deadline for Summer 2000 is Feb. 15, 2000

KICKOFF

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Sigma Theta sorority Inc.

Juniors Joy Ganes and Sarah Kolluru also announced their intent to run. "We want to achieve service, togetherness and we want to inform seniors and make sure they have a good time while they are here," Ganes said.

Four additional students — Godwin Ogunmefun, David Beyer, Robinson

Hogue and Scott Washington — announced their intent for the post, but the Elections Board had not verified their candidacies as of Monday night.

Also, second-year law student Matthew Bouchard declared his candidacy for the Graduate and Professional Student Federation.

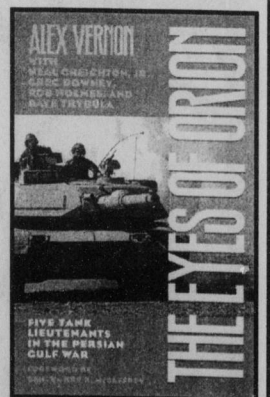
"I see it as a greater opportunity to do more on behalf of my colleagues."

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Alex Vernon will speak on **The Eyes of Orion Five Tank Lieutenants in Persian Gulf War**

Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 3:30pm

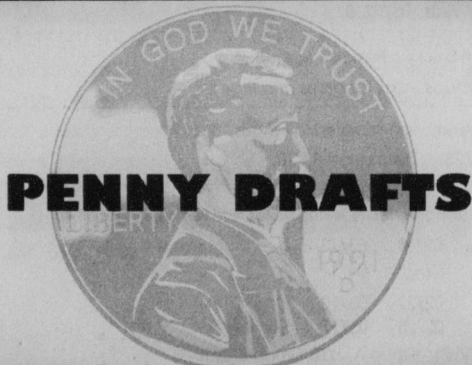
Vernon graduated from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1989. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate and a teaching fellow in the Department of English at UNC.



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