International U.S. plane crashes

LIMA. Peru (AP) — A small U.S. plane used in Peru's antidrug effort crashed in the Andes mountains, killing the six Americans and three Peruvians aboard, officials said Sunday.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Charles Loveridge said the plane went down Saturday afternoon, after it had left the jungle town of Tingo Maria. He said the wreckage was spotted Sunday morning.

Loveridge refused to provide

the names of the passengers. But he said the dead Americans included a DEA agent, two helicopter pilots, the plane's pilot, a mechanic and a security officer from the embassy.

In Washington, Maurice Hill. a DEA public information officer, identified the dead DEA agent as Rick Finley, 36, of Ft. Knox, Ky.

Interior Ministry spokesman Fernando Yovera said all nine on the single-engine plane died. He said the three Peruvians were a police captain, the 8-year-old son of a police commander and the chief of the U.S.-funded coca eradication program.

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Yovera said the U.S. plane was flown by an American contract pilot, and Hill said it was owned by the U.S. State Department's International Narcotics Matters Bureau.

Yovera said there was no indication of what had caused the crash, but he discounted sabotage because of strict security controls.

American personnel in two Peruvian military helicopters from Lima were recovering the bodies Sunday, Yovera said. The effort had been suspended Sunday night until the morning, Loveridge said.

National Kaduku doing fine

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A California condor chick was coaxed from its egg Sunday as keepers clucked over the year's third successful hatching in an ongoing effort to save the giant vulture from extinction.

The chick, named Kaduku, was the first conceived by a pair of 6-year-old birds at the Los Angeles Zoo, changing notions about when condors reach sexual maturity, said San Diego Wild Animal Park spokesman Tom Hanscom.

"It previously was not known if California condors achieved full sexual maturity at age six or seven." Hanscom said. "It was thought to be seven but these birds proved us wrong."

The sparsely feathered bird, hatched from a pale aqua-colored egg laid on Easter Sunday, weighed 5.8 ounces after it was helped from the shell by handlers at the San Diego park around 11:20 a.m., Hanscom said

"It was our Easter egg," said Los Angeles Zoo spokeswoman Cindy Richardson. "It looks really healthy and is doing great."

The baby, whose Konkow Indian name means "very strong being, both physically and spiritually," joined two other chicks at the park's so-called "condorminium" and was scheduled to take its first meal of minced mouse meat Sunday night.

The baby bird, conceived by a pair of birds named Cayuma and Cachuma, was the fourth captive-bred condor chick successfully hatched, bringing the world's California condor population to 31.

All remaining wild condors, which are North America's largest land birds, have been captured in hopes of building their numbers in captivity.

Seventeen condors are housed at the animal park in northern San Diego County, about 30 miles northeast of downtown San Diego, and the other 14 live at the Los Angeles

Officer's son killed

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A group of vengeful men waving baseball bats beat a police officer's 17-year-old son and left him dying with a bullet in his back, police said Sunday.

A 19-year-old man. Rafael Droz of Philadelphia, was charged with murder Sunday, and police were searching for up to a dozen more suspects, said homicide Lt. James Henwood.

The attackers piled out of three cars Saturday night in North Philadelphia and went after Sean Dailey and a group of nine to 15 of his friends. Sgt. Dennis Murray said.

The others escaped, but Dailey was caught on a street corner, beaten to the ground and shot in the back, Murray said. Dailey died several hours later at Episcopal Hospital.

The attack was apparently in retaliation for a fight between one of the attackers and a man in the neighborhood a week ago. Henwood said. He said Dailey was not involved in the fight.

"He was just in the wrong place at the wrong time," Henwood said.

RegionalKids march for rights

CORVALLIS (AP) — About 100 students from three high schools met at the Benton County Courthouse and marched through downtown Corvallis early Saturday to protest state and city curfew laws.

The two laws are identical: people under 18 must be off city streets from midnight to 6 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and off the streets from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday unless accompanied by a guardian or an adult who has permission from the minor's guardian, said police Lt. Bruce Benner.

The demonstrators were not cited for violating curfew. Instead, police chose to monitor the demonstration from a distance in patrol cars.

"As long as there were no problems," Benner and Sgt. Gary Boldizsar decided to let the protest "fizzle out." Sgt. Merle Woods said.

The protest was organized by students at Crescent Valley High School and Corvallis High School, who said the curfew unfairly restricts the rights of minors.

Timber rally held

SALEM (AP) — More than 1.000 people turned out for a rally Sunday to show their support for the timber industry and to criticize efforts by environmentalists to protect the northern spotted owl.

The rally, on the front steps of the State Capitol, drew people from communities throughout Oregon that depend on the timber industry for their livelihoods.

They heard speakers warn that moves to protect the spotted owl could result in drastic reductions in the state's timber harvest and cost thousands of people their jobs.

Among those on hand for the gathering were Oregon Sen. Bob Packwood and Reps. Bob Smith and Peter DeFazio.

They were presented with petitions bearing 158,000 signatures of people asking Congress to pass stronger laws to promote timber harvesting on federal lands "at historic and sustainable yields."

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