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Contact made with lost ship

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GALVESTON — The University of Texas research ship *Idea Green*, which had not been heard from for two days, radioed Tuesday that its only problem was a faulty communications system, the Coast Guard said.

A representative of the Marine Science Institute, Bill Mitchell, took the call from a marine operator about 9 a. m., and when patched through to the vessel told it to return for radio repairs.

The ship carrying 20 scientists had failed to call the past three days at noon, the designated time to report its position and destination.

When it finally radioed, it was about 150 miles southeast of Galveston, Coast Guard Operations Officer John Dec said.

The 135-foot ship was doing seismic research and surveying for oil fields in a 41,000-square mile area of the Gulf of Mexico.

The previous contact with the ship had been Saturday morning when it got word to another ship of the radio problems.

Austin residents still recovering

No luck in flood victim search

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AUSTIN — Firefighters Tuesday dragged parts of Lake Austin, searching for four persons who remained missing and were presumed dead from a raging storm that took 10 lives and left a trail of destruction through the city.

Fire officials said they began dragging Lake Austin, which is west of the city, about 10 a. m. and would continue through the day. They were searching for Helen Durio, 49, of Austin, who was last seen near Bee Creek Cove on Lake Austin and Bruce Engman, age unknown, who also reportedly was swept away in that area. Police recovered Engman's car Monday.

Also missing are Arthur Raiford, 35, and Roy Presley, 31. Both were last seen in the Bull Creek area of Lake Austin.

Austin fire chief Doug Palmier said reports that a mother and her 8-month-old infant had been swept away had proved false and the couple was located in Arkansas. Police said the woman's husband made the report but admitted

Monday that it was false.

"Other than the four, I believe we have everyone accounted for," said Palmer said.

Nine other persons were killed in Austin by fast-rising waters from nearly seven inches of rain. The 10th confirmed victim was found in nearby Burnet County, which also suffered heavy rains.

But with the rain, the creek quickly jumped its banks and seemingly sucked in whatever was in its path.

Cleaning up the tons of mud and silt left behind the storm was the primary job Tuesday as many business owners and home owners laid out soggy furniture and merchandise to dry.

For some businessmen, the job of cleaning out mud from the stores has been coupled with keeping a watchful eye on looters.

George Lowrance, owner of Lamar Volkswagen, said motorboats Sunday night circled his shop, in one of the heaviest hit areas in Austin, in an attempt to loot. In the

aftermath of the flood he watched as two looters attempted to carry out a desk from his shop, he said.

"I said, 'What the hell are you doing,' and they said, 'We're just taking the desk off,'" Lowrance said. Police said only two looting arrests had been made.

City officials said Sunday's flood was by far the worst in the Hill Country community since 1935. Although no coordinated damage estimate has been made, the destruction is expected to total in the multi-millions of dollars.

Austin Mayor Carole McClellan and other state and local officials said they were hoping the federal government would declare Austin a disaster area, making homeowners and businessmen eligible for low interest loans and, in some cases, grants.

McClellan said she hoped to have enough damage reports by today to give an application for disaster relief to Gov. Bill Clements.

House kills racehorse gambling bill

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AUSTIN — The House Tuesday killed a bill legalizing parimutuel betting on horse racing, the first such vote the Legislature has taken on the sensitive issue since betting was last banned more than 40 years ago.

The bill by Rep. Craig Washington, D-Houston, failed 91-50, but was seen more of a test vote so lobbyists pushing parimutuel betting know how much work they need to do before seeking legislation legalizing horse betting again.

Rep. Frank Tejada, D-San Antonio, led the fight against Washington's proposal, which would have legalizing parimutuel betting on a local option basis.

Tejada, who indicated he had changed his mind on legalized horse betting, said Texas had grown the past decade without the benefit of legalized gambling and would continue to do so.

"Texas is the star of the Sunbelt, and I submit that legalized gambling had nothing to do with it," he said before the House voted 91-50 to kill Washington's legislation.

Texas has not had legalized betting on horse racing since 1937, and eight times since then voters have turned down the proposal in statewide elections. The last time was in 1978 when a non-binding referendum on parimutuel bet-

ting on horse races failed by 32,000 votes.

But until Tuesday, the Legislature had not taken a direct vote on the issue.

Washington argued that the legislation would only benefit urban areas because rural counties would not be able to take in enough money to finance a horse track where betting was legal.

He also said legalized horse betting would bring in \$35 million to the state and provide much more to the economy because many horse breeders are forced to take their race horses out of the state.

"The people who believe in horse racing have waited 20 years for a vote by either house," Washington said. "They ought to know where you stand on horse racing."

"The bill is clean and I don't see any question. There's going to be horse racing whether it's legal or not. There will be betting."

Rep. Bennie Bock, D-New Braunfels, also argued that gambling would not flourish any more if legalized parimutuel betting on horse racing was allowed by the Legislature.

"Gambling is already happening, but we're just turning our heads," he told Washington.

Tejada contended that legalized gambling would make illegal gambling flourish because the racetracks would not be able to compete with bookies who give bettors better odds.

"We'll have an illegal bookie at every street corner," he said.

Tejada said 62 percent of his district favored horse racing, but they had not been asked their feelings on legalized betting of horse racing.

"My father would vote for horse racing," he said. "I would vote for horse racing. But I will not vote for gambling on horse racing."

Washington's bill would have established a three-member Texas Horse Racing Commission appointed by the governor to regulate horse racing and parimutuel betting. Countywide elections would have been required before a racetrack license would have been issued.

Under provision's of the bill, 85 percent of the money wagered would go to the winning bettor. The owner of the winning horse would receive 5 percent, the racetrack operators another 5 percent, and the state would receive the additional 5 percent.

Sun Belt climate lures northern executives

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The attraction of the Sun Belt will continue to grow as long as its economy remains resilient and more people seek refuge from the inhospitable climes of the north, says a senior official of a prestigious international executive search firm that bears his name.

Paul R. Ray Jr. and his father run the firm headquartered in Fort Worth, with offices in Houston, Dallas, New York, Chicago, Atlanta, Los Angeles and London. The firm relocates top executives in the salary range of \$50,000 and up to wherever they want to go.

"Given two years of winter in Chicago or Buffalo, you can see what a draw the Sun Belt can be," Ray said from his Fort Worth office.

Ray resigned his job as a senior official of R.J. Reynolds Inc. to join the firm of his father, who also quit a high-salaried job to live in Texas.

"It is the quality of life in places like Fort Worth, Dallas, Denver that attracts people these days," Ray said. "Texas has tremendous appeal for obvious reasons — climate, strong economy, healthy environment, fairly good schools, employment opportunities."

Ray's experience has shown top executives moving to the Sun Belt rate Dallas at the top, with Austin and Fort Worth running a close second and Houston at the lowest rung. The low ranking of Houston was attributed to its congestion, distances and relatively high cost of living. San Antonio is expected to pick up when more industries move to that city, he said.

"Our executives come from all over the place," Ray said. "Mostly from the Northeast and the Midwest. Surely, you are not going to be able to move a person from southern California."

Ray says it is no longer consid-

ered wrong for someone in a high position to seek a move or a better job. Three factors affect this, he says — quality of life, upward mobility and compensation.

"These days industries looking for the right executive or an executive searching for the right job simply don't have time or the facility to conduct the search," Ray said. "This is where we come in. Our firm is one of the top 10 in the nation."

An executive wishing to make a move gives top priority to a location's cultural and leisure environment, excellence of its schools, job opportunities for spouses and housing before making a move.

Ray noted that when considering upward mobility, an executive is not interested in moving on — even for better pay and a promotion — unless there is a certainty

he or she can move upward beyond the position being offered.

"The age levels of the new boss and the promotion policies of the company are often strong deterrents to switching jobs," he says.

Under the category of compensation, said Ray, recruiting companies must offer about a 30 percent increase in base pay and

other benefits to lure a quality person.

Other benefits must include moving costs, mortgage rate differential, good bonus potential and stock options.

"Money still talks but it must be sufficient and coupled with quality of life and upward mobility," Ray said.

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