



Is there an opening? staff photo by David Fisher

Bob Hildebrand, a marketing junior from Galveston, checks the computer printouts hunting for an opening in a class. The status of classes is posted every day during drop/adds. Last day to add a class is Friday.

'Mad squirrel' terrifies town

United Press International
AUSTIN, — Health officials say a "mad squirrel" that bit an elderly woman, a child and a policeman was not rabid but merely smitten with territorial instincts brought on by mating season.

Mrs. Agnes Frisbie of Lubbock was attacked by the squirrel while walking down an Austin street near her son's home last Thursday.

"This thing came up behind her and without a sound, it started biting her on the legs," said Richard Frisbie, her son. "It bit her again and again, breaking the skin several times. It was pretty savage."

Frisbie said his mother tried to run from the rodent but it followed her and attacked again.

On the advice of a veterinarian who said the animal might be rabid, Mrs. Frisbie and her son went after the squirrel armed with a pellet gun and slingshot.

They were soon joined by two police officers. A pair of construction workers asked if they were looking for "that crazy squirrel" and said the animal had "bitten the devil" out of a neighborhood youngster the day before.

Mrs. Frisbie said one of the officers who went after the squirrel was also attacked. A single stomp from the officer's boot, however, ended the squirrel's spree and it was sent to the health department for an examination.

Old age attributed to strength of God

United Press International
BROWNSVILLE, — A 107-year-old woman credits her religious faith with giving her the strength to live so many years and forgive a niece who forced her from her home and later burned it to the ground.

"I give thanks to God every day for each day he has loaned me," said Evarista Serrata.

"I'm here through the hands of God through whatever illness."

Serrata, born in Brownsville in 1876, talked warmly about her marriage at age 15 to Juan Serrata. As migrant workers, they worked in the fields of the Rio Grande Valley.

Juan Serrata died in 1939, and the couple had never had children. But Mrs. Serrata has since reared four generations of children left homeless by death and divorce in the family, she said.

One of those eight children — a niece — returned to Mrs. Serrata's small home in 1980 and eventually forced the old woman out, she said. Mrs. Serrata had to seek legal help to have her home returned to her.

The niece had left the house in a shambles, but a sympathetic community restored it when Mrs. Serrata moved back in.

When the home was burned in 1981, the niece and a companion were charged with arson. The community again pitched in for renovation.

Congressional piggy-back hangs on Redskins, Dallas

United Press International
WASHINGTON — Rep. Walter Fauntroy, D-D.C., will piggy-back into the House chamber next week if the Redskins beat Dallas for the NFL's National Conference championship game Saturday.

Just imagine it," Fauntroy said. "The duel at Silver Creek, at high noon." "What could be more fitting, than all the stakes to be rolled up in such a classic battle for the NFL championship here in the nation's capital, with our hated arch-rivals?"

The District plans to honor the Redskins with a parade Feb. 2.

Fauntroy declared Saturday "3-D" day in the District, "Defeat

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