



Basket design... Photo by WANDA WINKLER

Kim Karrick, a freshman computer science major from League City, makes an 8-inch egg basket in her basket weaving class. Registration is now going on at the MSC

Craft Center for classes making pine needle and Appalachian gift baskets, beginning Nov. 19. This picture was taken through an 18-inch melon basket.

Salvadorans win RFK award

United Press International

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador — The U.S. Embassy denied visas to four Salvadoran women who are to receive the Robert F. Kennedy Prize for their human rights work, spokesmen said Monday.

A letter from Acting Consul Charles M. Parish Jr. to the Salvadoran women said the decision made by the embassy's consular section was under review by the State Department in Washington, which could reverse the denial.

Embassy spokesmen were unavailable for comment because of the Veterans Day holiday.

Maria Teresa de Canales, one of

the women denied a visa, said she had been told by an embassy staffer that U.S. Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering intervened after learning of the consulate action.

"The ambassador himself has taken up the case on his own, and he will send the visa requests to the State Department to help us in the case," Canales said.

The four women, members of the Msgr. Oscar Arnulfo Romero Committee of Mothers of the Politically Imprisoned, Disappeared and Assassinated, have an invitation from the Kennedy Foundation to receive the prize on behalf of the committee next Tuesday in Washington.

The mothers committee has been awarded the Robert F. Kennedy Prize for its work in trying to improve the human rights climate in El Salvador, where 50,000 have died in political violence since 1979.

The committee holds weekly sit-in demonstrations at churches or offices to draw attention to its cause and to demand accounts of the 3,000 political disappearances.

Canales said a staffer in the embassy's political section told the women they were denied visas because they could "put the security of the United States in danger and that our visit could have links with anarchist or Communist parties."

Prosecution: Killer didn't suffer seizure

United Press International

DALLAS — A neurosurgeon testified Monday that Abdelkrim Belachheb was not in the midst of a partial complex brain seizure when he shot and killed six nightclub patrons.

Dr. John Mullen, a neurosurgeon at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas, said a description of Belachheb's actions at Ianni's Restaurant and Club was not consistent with a seizure.

Defense witnesses in Belachheb's murder trial have testified the defendant's damaged brain made him prone to such seizures. They claim the defendant, who has pleaded innocent by reason of insanity, was suffering a seizure at the time of the June 29 shootings.

After hearing prosecutor Norman Kinne describe the facts of the case, Mullen agreed that if they occurred during a seizure, it would be a "historic occasion."

State District Judge Gerry Holden Meier also was to decide if comments Belachheb made to his arresting officer could be admitted before the jury.

Dallas police Sgt. Bill Parker, testifying outside the jury's hearing, said Belachheb asked him, "How did you catch me so fast?" and said, "I think I killed some people tonight."

Defense attorney Frank Jackson objected to admitting Parker's testimony before the jury, claiming Belachheb had not indicated he had waived his right to remain silent.

Mullen, asked why he did not believe Belachheb was in the midst of a seizure when the shootings occurred, said such seizures last an average of 29 seconds, and the only actions of which the victim is capable are simple, uncoordinated, fragmented and unsustained.

Kinne's description included allegations that Belachheb cursed at two women, killed six people and wounded a seventh, loaded a clip into his 9 mm semi-automatic pistol and performed the acts necessary to cock the pistol and fire it.

Mullen was a rebuttal witness for the prosecution during the sixth day of testimony before a jury of eight women and four men. The case is expected to go to the jury by mid-week.

Another rebuttal witness, Sarah Frederick, said Belachheb was not depressed or acting abnormally when she saw him at Ianni's about two hours before the shooting.

Search continues for jet pilot's wife

United Press International

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, U.S. Virgin Islands — Civil Defense authorities continued searching Monday for a passenger missing when a Lear 24 jet bound from Dallas to Sao Paulo crashed into the sea near St. Thomas with four people aboard.

The missing passenger, whose name was not released, was identified as the wife of the craft's co-pilot, Burt Lisle, of Dallas, who died in the accident.

The other two passengers were identified as the pilot, Reinaldo Bauke, 39, of Brazil, and Jose Martins, 29, a Brazilian citizen living in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Bauke was treated for a broken pelvis while Martins escaped with minor injuries.

A U.S. Coast Guard official said the co-pilot died as he attempted to rescue his wife from the plane. The medical examiner said Lisle had died of drowning but also had experienced multiple bruises and cuts.

The Coast Guard pulled three of the passengers from the water 15 minutes after the accident. Search continued for the remaining passenger and the wreckage Sunday afternoon for 13 hours.

The craft was reported to have crashed in waters about 100 feet deep, with visibility of approximately 20 feet.

The pilot said the jet was being flown to Sao Paulo from Dallas for possible sale to a Brazilian charter company. The craft was registered in the name of the Lisle Aircraft Corp. of Dallas.

Bauke said the craft's altimeter appeared to have registered the wrong altitude as it approached the runway to land for refueling.

"I looked (out the window) and saw we were below where we should be," Bauke said. "We were too close to the water. I gave full gas but it was too late."

He said the plane floated for about two minutes before splitting in two between the cockpit and the passenger compartment.

World's Fair closes to mixed reviews

United Press International

NEW ORLEANS — A cold front failed to subdue boisterous crowds celebrating the final day of the bankrupt World's Fair in the festive spirit of a jazz funeral.

An estimated 70,000 people packed the shores of the Mississippi River Sunday evening to watch a dual fireworks display at each end of the riverfront, ending 180 days of food, entertainment and exhibits.

The open-air amphitheater — scheduled to be dissembled soon from its riverside berth — was filled to capacity with fairgoers eager to relish the last moments of what had been billed as a six-month-long Mardi Gras.

Local singer Irma Thomas added the flavor of the closing ceremonies of the U.S. Olympics, singing Lionel Richie's "All Night Long" at the opening of a colorful fireworks display.

Visitors on the final day danced along the 84 acres of avenues and thoroughfares strewn with litter and trash, waving umbrellas and handkerchiefs behind a jazz funeral that

wound through the fairgrounds.

Fair employees attending the finale expressed mixed emotions about the outcome of the failed exposition, which filed for bankruptcy last week.

"We are glad to leave New Orleans," said Bill Roland, facility manager of the U.S. Pavilion, a veteran of the Knoxville fair enroute to similar jobs at World's Fairs in Brisbane, Australia.

"The City was very hard to work with," Roland said. "It was very difficult to get people to cooperate."

Most of the crowd at the closing were local people making one last visit to the fair, which they supported despite financial problems that culminated in \$140 million in debts.

Kenny Skidmore, a New Orleans private detective wearing a private coat and a Hawaiian flower necklace, claimed to have visited the fair 84 times.

"I didn't come for the last three days so I could come today and make it the 84th time," Skidmore said. "I suffered, believe me."

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