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## Zales Corp. rejects 2nd takeover bid from Peoples Ltd.

#### **Associated Press**

DALLAS — Zale Corp. said Sun-day it rejected a second takeover offer from Peoples Jewellers Ltd. of Canada and announced a major restructuring that it said would hurt its earnings but improve its focus on the domestic jewelry industry.

Donald Zale, chairman and chief executive officer, said in a statement, "There was nothing right about it. The price was wrong. The time was wrong, and the buyer was wrong." Toronto-based Peoples, which holds a 15 percent stake in the na-tion's largest involve retailer was of

tion's largest jewelry retailer, was of-fering \$38 a share in cash and a new issue of preferred stock with a face value of \$7 a share.

The first offer, which was rejected in early March, was for \$35 per share in cash and preferred stock valued at \$5 a share

Zale said the board of directors rejected the latest takeover offer as not in the best interest of shareholders.

The Zale and Lipshy families control about 32 percent of Zale's total outstanding capital stock, or 12.4 million shares.

Zale's new restructuring plan will result in a charge against net income of \$80 million to \$90 million for the year ending March 31.

Net cash proceeds from the restructuring will total about \$70 mil-lion, the company said in a statement.

The restructuring will involve the "revaluation of inventory . . . to re-flect market conditions and new plans for existing retail operations in western Europe."

The plan also calls for the sale of two under-performing, non-jewelry retailing divisions. Zale said the company will sell the

Aeroplex Division and the O.G. Wil-Catalog Showroom Division, which consists of 13 retailing units offering an assortment of non-jew-elry merchandise.

### 3 children die in Houston fire despite cousin's rescue effort

HOUSTON — A 2-year-old boy and his 18-month-old twin sisters died in a fire that swept through a northwest Houston home despite efforts by a cousin to save them, officials said.

The victims were identified as Raymond Radford III, 2, and his sis-ters, Latoya and Latasha Radford.

Investigators were looking closly at a space heater in the children's bedroom as the possible cause of the fire, which broke out early Saturday, Houston Fire Department spokes-man Bill Paradoski said.

Officials said the children's cousin, Michael Nelms, 25, was asleep at the home when the fire broke out about 12:35 a.m.

cousin, said, "He came over here banging on the doors and windows and telling us to (call) the fire department.

Michael Nelms said he was awakened by extreme heat, saw the blaze and grabbed for one of the girls, but

was driven back by the heat. Renita Nelms said, "The little boy was (on his bed) up against the win-dow. Then the flames were coming out the window and there was noth-

ing we could do." She said the children's father, Raymond Radford Jr., had gone to pick up his wife when the fire erupted.

#### MSC CAMERA COMMITTEE: James Rogers will spe "Wedding Photography" at 7 p.m. in 701 Rudder. sion is free if you bring newsletter, otherwise it is \$1. AGGIE ALLEMANDERS: will give square dance less

p.m. in the Pavilion. A club meeting will follow at 8:30

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT: will sponsor a mini w course uitled "To Do or Not To Do: That is the Propo 6:30 p.m. in 120 Blocker. The instructor will be S Dent. For more information, call 845-3452 or stoph

ience" DANCE ARTS SOCIETY: will have aerobics, 6:30 p.m. jazz, 7:30 p.m.; and int./adv. jazz, 8:30 p.m. in 268E. as it see nomic a was caus

What's up

Monday

INTRAMURAL RECREATION: entries open at 8 am 159 Read for handball doubles, superstars, track meet pickleball doubles. For more information call Paty.

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- **TEXAS AGGIE MAJORITY FOR CLEMENTS: will me** p.m. in 404 Rudder.
- MSC VISUAL ARTS: will sponsor an artfest through h in the MSC Gallery and near the MSC Fountain. For information call Christy, 693-1360.

#### Tuesday

- DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES: budg quest for student organizations allocations are due M at 4 p.m. in the Student Finance Center. No requests accepted after the deadline. The last two workshop treasurers of student organizations will be held Tues 601 Rudder at 3:45 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.
- Th DANCE ARTS SOCIETY: solo and ensemble auditor the spring show will be held Tuesday night. Also, conditioning, 6:30 p.m.; beg. ballet, 7:30 p.m.; inth 8:30 p.m.; and pointe, 9:30 p.m. in 268 E. Kyle. For information call Karen at 693-3490 or Cindy, 260-350 0
- ASSOCIATION OF BAPTIST STUDENTS: will pres film "Hudson Taylor" at 7 p.m. in the All Faith's Cha
- TAMU ONE WHEELERS: invites anyone interested cycling to meet with them at 5 p.m. in front of G. White Coliseum.
- Christia e worl FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES: will h guest speaker at 8:30 p.m. in 145 MSC. Come dress play softball! lical Mo Jeru unday
- TAMU BICYCLING CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 504 couts
- WATER SKI CLUB: will give out important tourname formation at 7:30 p.m. in 402 Rudder. For more info tion call Chris, 260-3960.
- TAMU FLYING CLUB: will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the club house. For more information call Don, 696-933

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### Project funded by \$3 million grant

# UT class merges computers, video

#### **Associated Press**

AUSTIN - A glass-enclosed classroom at the University of Texas, featuring interconnected audio-visual and computer equipment, pro-vides students and teachers with a glimpse into the future of education.

A team of UT professors in the Graduate School of Business designed the room for 22 graduate systems for planning.

business students who use "Class-room 2000," a project financed by a \$3 million grant from IBM Corp.

J. Richard Dietrich, a designer of the room, said the students are trained to manage information systems that connect a corporation's data processing department and se-nior managers who use information

"Business schools have developed programs in management information systems or in data processing systems," he said. "But we have not trained people to be managers of the information function in a corporation

A professor who stands behind a wide podium in the class uses a pushbutton control board to dim lights, turn on a sound system and display slides. Each desk hall sonal computer on which s store homework assignments

Darwin Klingman, director Information Systems Progra The students in that room posed to the latest technol they're going to be using in ness place in the next three

years.

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leep at the home when the fire oke out about 12:35 a.m. Renita Nelms, a neighbor and they returned, she said.

