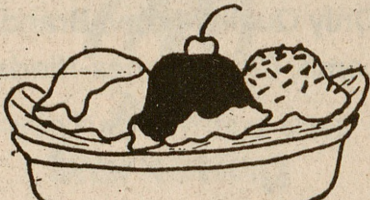


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Ex-servicemen begin march toward capitol for recognition of MIAs

SAN MARCOS (AP) — After participating in seven veterans' marches over the years, Michael Martin is on his last trek — this time from the Alamo to the nation's capitol to call attention to 2,416 veterans still listed as missing in action.

Martin, 38, of Dallas and several other ex-servicemen marched from Dallas to San Antonio two years ago to voice concerns over those missing veterans. This time, it's a 1,600-mile march from the Alamo to Washington, D.C.

This march, called "Journey to Remember — Part II" is the second part of the journey that began in 1985.

"I want to get my life back in order, but we didn't resolve the issue in 1985," Martin said Monday. "I've got one more mission. I've got to see it through."

Organizers expect to complete the march in November, around Veterans Day.

Martin said its purpose is not only to raise concern about the MIAs but to show support for all veterans "who are held prisoner by their own nightmares" and who face problems

like alcohol and drug abuse, unemployment, divorce and suicide.

"People tell us to put the war behind us," said Martin, who served a year in Vietnam. "The war is over, but I'm still dealing with some of its after-effects. And I'm one of the lucky ones — I came home with all my limbs intact."

Martin said that although the war has been over for more than a decade, he and other veterans are convinced some American servicemen still are being held prisoner in Southeast Asia.

"We still think there are some prisoners still alive," Martin said. "Even if there are not, we owe a debt of honor to their families to get an accurate accounting of all those soldiers listed as prisoners of war."

Martin and several other veterans left San Antonio over the weekend.

They spent Monday night in San Marcos and were expected to make it into Austin by Wednesday.

Martin, a singer and songwriter who has released an album about Vietnam veterans, is scheduled to give a concert Wednesday night at the LBJ Library at the University of Texas.

Mexican president to choose successor for next 6-year term

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Miguel de la Madrid will reveal the name of his successor any day now. It is done in Mexico by choosing the candidate of the governing party, which has never lost a presidential race.

The election is scheduled for next July. Whoever de la Madrid chooses to represent the Institutional Revolutionary Party in what is popularly called "el destape" (the unveiling), is sure to be sworn in for a six-year term on Dec. 1, 1988.

So powerful is the party's grassroots control that it has won every contest for president, senator or state governor since its founding in 1929.

There is a difference this year, but only a slight one.

Previous incumbents have announced the names of those who will follow with no prior indication of who would be anointed, but de la Madrid will choose from among six men who have presented their views publicly.

They appeared over a two-week period, in alphabetical order, at breakfast meetings of the party leadership that were broadcast nationally.

Potential presidents in previous years avoided admitting even privately that they might be chosen.

De la Madrid's innovation is widely interpreted as an attempt to counter growing disenchantment with the current political system. In Mexico, where small steps sometimes are called milestones, his action has prompted both applause and denunciation.

One thing on which critics and supporters agree is that many Mexicans are unhappy with the system and its secrecy. That has been made clear by declining voter participation, especially in state and local elections.

All six potential candidates are Cabinet members, in keeping with the party's tradition of choosing the next president from the incumbent government.

They are Ramon Aguirre, mayor of Mexico City; Sergio Garcia Ramirez, the attorney general; Manuel Bartlett, interior secretary; Alfredo del Mazo, secretary of energy and mines; Miguel Gonzalez Avelar, public education secretary, and Carlos Salinas de Gortari, secretary of budget and planning.

Bartlett, del Mazo and Salinas de Gortari are considered the front-runners.

A top official of the party, which is known as the PRI for its initials in Spanish, was asked in a

private conversation recently about the party of choosing a candidate in open competition. His response was a picture of armed forces shooting it out on the convention floor.

Pressure to liberalize the system began in 1985. A small but influential party that calls itself the Democratic Current demanded more open selection of candidates.

De la Madrid made clear in his state of the union message Sept. 1 that he believes future administrations must continue policies he will lead Mexico out of a 5-year-old economic crisis. That reasoning is expected to play an important part in his choice.

Minority parties have been unable to mobilize political capital of the poverty caused by the economic crisis. The PRI pork-barrel system of patronage runs from governors' mansions to sweepers and dog catchers.

Conservatives of the National Action Party, PAN, have a power base in relatively affluent northern Mexico but little strength elsewhere. Party officials accuse the PRI of vote-rigging, kept PAN from making headway even in gubernatorial and local elections during the past years.

Police Beat

The following were reported to the University Police Department from Aug. 14 through Thursday:

MISDEMEANOR THEFT:
• An officer reported that he saw someone removing several small trees from a grounds maintenance nursery area.

• A shampoo machine was reported stolen from a room in Married Student Housing.

BURGLARY OF A BUILDING:

• University Police received a report that someone entered the YMCA building and took cash and valuables.

BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE:

• An officer saw someone removing gasoline from six cars in a campus parking lot.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF:

• A student reported that a fire extinguisher was discharged into a soft drink machine in the Harrington Classroom Building.

• An officer noticed that five iron lawn chairs were thrown from the second floor of Rudder Tower.

• While investigating the sound of a loud explosion, officers found what appeared to be a smokeless tobacco can wrapped in tape on the Quadrangle.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT:

• A student reported that she

saw a man wearing a red, long-sleeved shirt peering through a hole in a women's room.

PLACES WEAPONS PROHIBITED:

• An officer found a shotgun lying in plain view on the floor of a 1975 Chevrolet.

HARRASSMENT:

• Officers received reports that three people in Heaton Hall had been subjected to annoying and harassing phone calls at work.

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED:

• An officer saw a student driving his moped in an unsafe fashion. The officer reported that the student appeared to be intoxicated.

TERRORISTIC THREAT:

• A woman in the Heaton Hall Public Health Building reported that she received a call from a man who said he would burn the building to the ground.

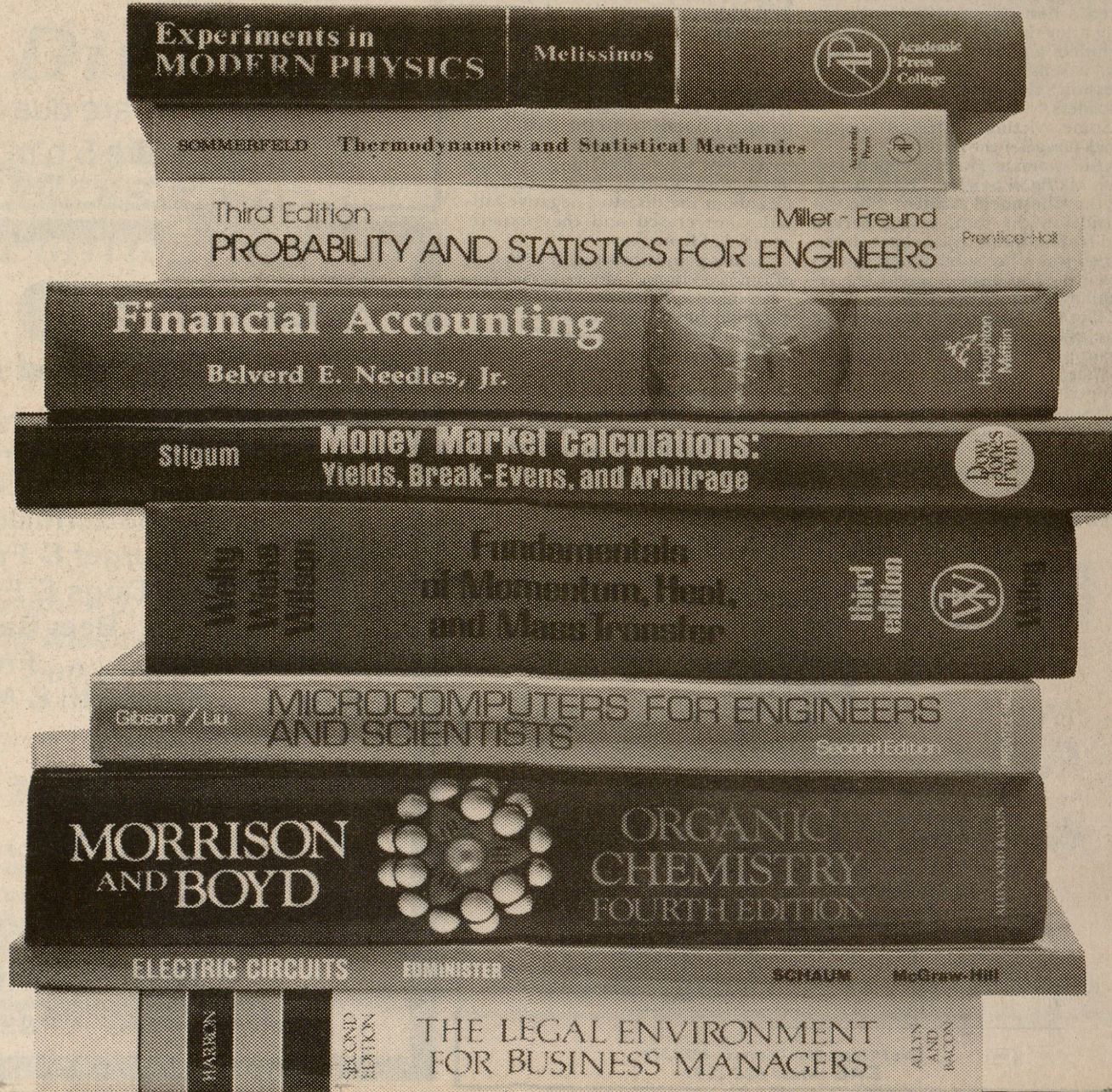
ATTEMPTED ROBBERY:

• A man reported that he was approached by a man who demanded his money bag. He said that he hit the man in the face and escaped with no further incident.

ASSAULT:

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