

# Democrats find error in accounts

EL PASO (AP) — The former chairman of the El Paso County Democratic Party is at the center of questions of financial irregularities in three party bank accounts. Democratic party precinct chairmen were to gather Tuesday night to discuss whether to pursue criminal or civil action. County Democratic Chairman Danny Mena said a review of the accounts showed \$13,000 in funds is missing. Mena said a full report on the account reviews was to be given at Tuesday's meeting with an explanation of how a missing \$13,000 certificate of deposit was spent. Financial records that were in-

## Missing funds may involve former El Paso chairman

vestigated by certified public accountants hired by the party were from the tenure of former party chairman Carlos Humphreys. Humphreys, a campaign manager for U.S. Rep. Ronald Coleman, D-El Paso, was elected in 1990, but abruptly resigned in early June citing family reasons. Humphreys' attorney said he could not comment on the findings. "I have not been provided an

accounting or an audit," Carl Green said. He added that the records were reviewed in private with party attorneys. Mena was not in his office when called for comment Tuesday by The Associated Press and no one answered the phone at party headquarters. The El Paso Herald-Post, in Monday's editions, quoted party officials who requested anonymity as saying the financial problems

include a variety of bounced checks, creditor complaints about unpaid bills, commingled deposits and missing vouchers. Also in question were checks written for personal expenses on accounts holding party funds. The checks were written for individual candidate debts, bar tabs and other items. The accounts reviewed include an account from a Unity 90 Campaign launched last year, the party's operating account at Texas Commerce Bank and an MBank-El Paso account used for deposit of sustaining membership fees and contributions.

## Turks killed in search for Westerners

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Guerrillas ambushed Turkish troops who were searching for five tourists kidnapped by Kurdish rebels while on a field trip in search of Noah's Ark. Anatolia news agency reported Tuesday. Two soldiers were killed. Officials said a wide-scale military operation to find and rescue the five abducted Westerners had so far failed. The five were identified as Ronald Wyatt, 57, of Nashville, Tenn.; Marvin T. Wilson, 49, of Garland, Texas; Richard M. Rives of North Carolina; Briton Gareth Thomas, and Australian Allen Roberts. They were ordered from their minibus and led away at gunpoint by Kurdish rebels in Bingol province last Friday night. Wyatt has searched Turkey for Noah's Ark since 1977, and the vehicle the five men were traveling in was bound for an excavation site.

The Bible says the ark made landfall near Mount Ararat in eastern Turkey after the deluge. Doug Snider, a Nashville associate of Wyatt in his quest, said Wyatt was in Turkey to get excavation permits for live portions of a TV documentary of his expedition. The Turkish driver later told police the kidnappers announced themselves to be guerrillas of the Kurdish Labor Party, or PKK. The PKK has been fighting since 1984 for an independent Marxist state for Kurds in southeastern Turkey, home to about half of Turkey's 12 million Kurdish minority. More than 3,000 people have died in the fighting. Turkish officials say the search is being conducted by 2,500 police commandos and elite police teams in about five provinces. A senior official of the special governorship for the area in Diyarbakir said security forces had made no contact with the abductors so far. He said no Americans or any other Westerners were assisting in the search. A Western force is based at Silopi on the Iraqi border to guard Iraqi Kurds from another crack-down by Baghdad after their failed March uprising. Ten German tourists were abducted a month ago but were released unharmed eight days later.

## Rubber company settles lawsuit, agrees to pay \$1.4 million penalty

ODESSA (AP) — Nearly two years of legal haggling between the Texas Attorney General's office and the Dynagen Inc. rubber plant came to an end Tuesday when company officials agreed to pay \$1.4 million in civil penalties for air pollution violations. David Preister, an assistant attorney general in the environmental protection division, said the settlement is the largest assessed under the Texas Clean Air Act. In addition to the \$1.4 million settlement, the company agreed to spend more than \$12 million to install state-of-the-art equipment to rid the plant of faulty air emissions. "This settlement ought to send a signal to other companies in Texas that if they don't comply with the law, they will be required to pay large civil penalties that will offset any economic gain they will have by failing to comply," Preister said. The attorney general's office filed the lawsuit against Dynagen in December 1989 on behalf of the Texas Air Control Board. The TACB reported more than 70 air emission violations against the company over the past two years after receiving complaints from local citizens. "This conclusion is a tribute to the vigilance and persistence of the citizens of the Odessa neighborhood who would not quit until this plant was

cleaned up or shut down," Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said Tuesday. State District Judge Tryon Lewis of Odessa tentatively approved the settlement Tuesday. Under a Sept. 1 amendment to the 1965 Clean Air Act, proposed court judgments do not become final until they are published in the Texas Register, followed by 30 days for written comments from the public. Tim Gorman, Dynagen's plant manager, said the company was pleased with the settlement. "I think it is a fantastic settlement," Gorman said. "It prevents us from spending the costs of preparing for court. It gets people out of court and back to work at the plant." "And by putting in the new air treatment facilities, such as a thermal oxidizer, it will make Dynagen unquestionably a nationwide leader in our industry in air pollution abatement." According to TACB records, much of Dynagen's air pollution violations consisted of noxious fumes, such as hydrogen sulfide gas, which emanated from unnecessary waste in the plant's solar evaporation ponds. Violations also included hazardous emissions from dryers used at the plant to treat such carcinogens as styrene and butadiene.

## Sailboat capsizes in hurricane Trio survives 11-day ordeal

NEW YORK (AP) — Two men and a pregnant Texas woman who spent 11 days at sea in a rubber raft after their sailboat capsized in the savage winds of Hurricane Bob said on Tuesday that their survival had nothing to do with courage. They survived because they believed they would live and because they were rescued before their bodies had deteriorated beyond repair, they said. It didn't take courage to catch fish with their bare hands, to drink sea water, to mend the holes in their rubber raft or to watch the sharks circling them hour after hour, they insisted. "To me, choice is implied in courage and we weren't there as a matter of choice," said Allison Wilcox, 33, a psychologist from Austin, Texas, who went on the trip because she wanted a long weekend away from her work. Instead she found herself in a harrowing life-or-death ordeal with two men she barely knew — the sailboat's skipper, Marc Dupavillon, 25, of Mauritius, an island in the Indian Ocean, and first mate Eddy Provost, 42, of Pawleys Island, S.C.

The three survivors spoke about their experience at a news conference at Jamaica Hospital in Queens. Sitting in wheelchairs — Dupavillon and Provost with bandages about their feet — they described how they lived for 11 days in a raft equipped with only two paddles and a repair kit. They set sail on Aug. 16 from Little River Inlet, S.C. aboard a brand new 38-foot sloop they were taking up to Newport, R.I., for the boat's owner. There were warnings of a tropical storm of 30 knots but nothing serious enough to postpone their departure, Provost said. Two days later, the storm became so intense, they decided to abandon the sloop for the life raft. Wilcox said she put together an emergency bag with enough food and water to last them five days only to lose it to the sea when the raft rolled over almost as soon as they had boarded it. For the next 11 days, they struggled to survive, each in their own way. Wilcox, who is six months pregnant, said she curled up in a fetal position to try and conserve

her strength so her baby could get as much nourishment as her body could provide. She cried over a picture of her fiance that she had with her, she said. Provost, who described himself as a "survival freak," said he kept himself busy catching fish for the others with his bare hands, mending the raft with a makeshift needle and keeping a diary on a torn piece of canvas. "I was not a human being, I was a human doing," said Provost, who was making the trip in an effort to get his captain's license. His wry sense of humor punctuated his comments about life at sea, especially his description of catching his first fish. "The first one I caught by hand. It just got too close to the surface," he said. "And I grabbed it with one hand and stabbed it with a marlin spike and it bit me in the hand and stabbed me with its own trigger. I kind of laughed because I knew I would get the last bite." Dupavillon said he tried to survive by keeping as quiet as possible.

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The Bolshoi returns to Texas A&M. The U.S. Premiere of Swan Lake.

# Swan Lake

Bolshoi Ballet • Grigorovich Company



The Bolshoi Ballet - Grigorovich Company returns, presenting the U.S. premiere of Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake. The Russian version of Swan Lake, with its breathtaking staging, lavish costumes and revised ending, will be performed from October 16th through October 20th on the Rudder Auditorium stage. There will be five 7:00pm performances plus 1:30pm matinees on Saturday, October 19th and Sunday, October 20th. Last year's appearances by the Bolshoi Ballet - Grigorovich Company at Texas A&M were complete sell-outs. These will be the only performances in Texas, so you must hurry. Ticket sales begin August 31st. Individual tickets are \$20 to \$50 and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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