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Colombia... Rocket hits U.S. Embassy; end to extraditions urged

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A homemade rocket hit the U.S. Embassy but did not explode, and six bombs went off in the capital and the cocaine trafficking center of Cali, authorities said.

one of the Cali bombings on Sunday and another guard was hurt in a blast in Bogota, police said. Newspapers on Sunday quoted the governing party's top presidential contender as urging that no more drug traffickers be extradited to the United States, and one paper that has crusaded against the cocaine cartels, said one of its reporters was slain by thugs.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Peter Samson said by telephone that shortly before 9 p.m. "a homemade rocket propelled by a homemade launcher" struck a corner of the building, causing no injuries. Embassy officials said the rocket did not explode and only chipped away parts of some

bricks. Police were investigating. Also Sunday night, three bombs exploded in the northern part of the capital, heavily damaging three banks and 30 other businesses and shattering windows over a large area. One security guard was injured, police said.

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Ask Us

Q—Does the City of Snyder own Towle Park? If not, who does, and who pays for its upkeep?

A—Towle Park is owned and operated by Scurry County.

In Brief

Hostages

McKEE, Ky. (AP) — A teen-age boy armed with a shotgun and two other guns took 11 classmates hostage today and fired at least two shots in a classroom at a high school in southeastern Kentucky, police said.

Nearly 500 other students inside Jackson County High School were evacuated after the incident took place around 9:30 a.m. EDT, Kentucky State Police and local law enforcement officials said. Nine of the students were still hostages three hours later.

"A 15- or 16-year-old student took 11 students hostage," Kentucky State Police Trooper G.D. Robinson said as the standoff continued at midday. "He was armed with a shotgun, a .357 Magnum and some type of automatic pistol."

"Since that time... one of the state police hostage negotiators exchanged a police radio for one of the students, so we could talk to him," Robinson said.

Trial begins

MIDLAND (AP) — The way Texan elect their state district judges could be altered radically if some black and Hispanic groups succeed in challenging the system they say discriminates in favor of the Anglo majority.

Local

Homework line

Homework Hotline, which provides help for students of Snyder public schools—grades 4-12 with problems concerning homework, is 573-1987.

Students may call to receive help in mathematics, English, language arts and history from 6:30 p.m. through 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Chamber meets

Snyder Chamber of Commerce board of directors will meet at 4 p.m. Monday for its regular meeting.

The board will hear reports from various committees, including the five-person nominating committee, which will present the slate of new directors for the board to approve for next year.

Also expected to be discussed are the Scurry County Fair, which begins Thursday, and the Snyder Pops event, the 5th of Schola, which is scheduled for Sept. 25 in Jerry P. Worsham Auditorium.

Boosters meet

Snyder High School All-Sports Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the school student center.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Saturday, 86 degrees; low 52 degrees; high Sunday, 85 degrees; low, 55 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Monday, 58 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1989 to date, 10.66 inches.

Area Forecast: Mostly clear Monday night with low in the upper 50s. Tuesday, mostly fair with high in the mid 80s with south wind 10 to 20 mph and gusty in afternoon.

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MARIACHIS—A mariachi band from Del Rio was one of the features of Sunday's Diez y Seis parade in Snyder and played afterwards in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church area off 13th St. in northeastern Snyder. (SDN Staff Photo)

Deputies arrest three locals in three-county drug 'sweep'

Acting in conjunction with officers in two other counties, deputies here arrested three men on drug-related charges Saturday night and Sunday and said

three more would probably be picked up early this week.

A spokesman for the Scurry County Sheriff's Office said Monday that all of the warrants, bas-

ed on seven sealed indictments of six defendants issued by a county grand jury earlier this month, were for delivery of cocaine or amphetamines, which are commonly called "speed."

The defendants were identified as Steve Dillard, 27, of 1912 Towle Park Rd., Bruce Wortham, 31, of 4400 Ave. U, No. 5B-7, and Thomas Boley, 28, of 111 Hickory St., with each of them being held on a \$15,000 bond.

A sheriff's deputy said the arrests were in conjunction with the apprehension of 18 drug suspects in Scurry, Nolan and Mitchell counties beginning at 9 p.m. Saturday—the result of an undercover investigation that began last November in Nolan County.

He said a female "free-lance" informant, although a certified (see DRUG, page 8)

Commissioner's court...

Recorder request fails in absence of motion

A request by City Manager John Gayle that the county share half the purchase expense of a new telephone recording device to eventually be used with the 911 emergency system fell for lack of a motion at Scurry County Commissioners Court Monday morning.

Gayle, along with Police Sergeant Jerry Parker, made the proposal with emphasis on the fact that their current recording device, Dictaphone 4,000, is 15 years old.

Area Sales Manager at Dictaphone, Patricia Cruz, advised Gayle in an Aug. 16 letter that equipment should be replaced at the 15-year mark.

It was noted that it would cost \$4,500 to replace the recording head and to purchase 30 new reels of tape for the series 4,000 Dictaphone. A series 9,000 Dictaphone would cost approximate-

ly \$29,000, including a 27 percent discount from the Houston-Galveston Council of Governments. The price without discount would have been \$38,400.

Gayle had earlier made a proposal before the city council to purchase the machine. He expects an answer from them at the Oct. 2 city council meeting.

Commissioner Tommy Pate said, "I don't see how we can handle anything like this." He also pointed out that there was definitely no money budgeted for such a purchase.

"I can't see going to this expense before we even have 911," Commissioner C.D. Gray, Jr. said, also noting that he never anticipated such an expense to be associated with 911.

In other business, commissioners approved minutes of the Sept. 11 meeting and approved bills payable.

Jr. High open house slated Monday night

Parents and other interested members of the community have an opportunity to study the school environment up close Monday and Tuesday during open house.

Snyder Junior High School will hold open house on Monday; Snyder High School on Tuesday. Both begin at 7 p.m.

Elementary schools will hold open house on Monday, Sept. 25.

Monday, junior high school parents and students are requested to report to the student's homeroom at 7 p.m. Announcements will be made, followed by an abbreviated schedule of classes.

Parents and students will visit

each class, according to the student's schedule.

Tuesday, those attending the high school open house will meet at 7 p.m. in the auditorium for welcome, explanations and entertainment by the school choir.

Student Council representatives will serve as guides and will furnish refreshments in the student center.

From 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., teachers will be in the classrooms to greet students, parents and others.

A Herff Jones representative will be in the lobby of the auditorium to take junior class ring orders.

College board meets at 5:45 p.m. Monday

Western Texas College trustees will meet at 5:45 p.m. Monday to discuss the possible purchase of computer-assisted drafting equipment for the golf and landscape technology department.

Also scheduled for a "pre-bid" discussion are some new bucking horses for the rodeo team.

Dean of Student Services Duane Hood will report on fall enrollment, and Dean of Instruction Bettie McQueen will discuss the establishment of a small business management program, to offer adult vocational and academic business management instruction to current or new local business people.

The appointments of Snyder National Bank president Joe

Jackson and American State Bank president Mike Banta to the WTC Scholarship Foundation will be considered, as will a report on classes that are smaller than the usual standards of 10 students for on-campus classes and 15 for off-campus courses.

Carol Watkins' recent appointment as a licensed vocational nursing instructor will be considered for board affirmation under a "new personnel" agenda item, and a policy concerning recruitment and selection of personnel and an equal opportunity plan will be discussed.

A report on college finances for August will be given, and President Harry Krenek will give his monthly report.

At 7 o'clock...

SISD board ready for lengthy agenda

Snyder school board faces a lengthy agenda Monday evening, to include the discussion of converting to a new computer system, a request for bids for two 72-passenger school buses, the purchase of computers for high school and junior high principals and terminals for high school counselors, and approval of Career Ladder personnel.

The monthly meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the administration office board room.

The board will be discussing the cost of converting to a \$56,000 IBM AS/400 computer system. The method of payment for the system will also be discussed. The board approved purchase of the system during its Aug. 31 meeting.

The purchase of two school buses, an item already included in the budget, can begin if the board elects to request bids at the meeting.

Another purpose of Monday's meeting will be to approve the advancement of some 103 teachers along the Career Ladder. Twenty-eight teachers have met the requirements for Career Ladder Level II, and 74 for Level III.

Also to be considered is the purchase of computers for the high school and junior high principals and terminals for high school counselors. These would be small, desk-type computers.

Another item on the agenda is to approve the district's nomination of three individuals to the Scurry County Appraisal Board.

The board will also consider the following:

—Approve the recommended hiring of 12 teachers.

—Discuss the Texas Association of School Boards asbestos management plan and AHERA-related responsibilities, to include a fee of \$2,370.

—Consider a request by the Scottish Rite Chapter Scurry Masonic Lodge 706 for the use of four school buses for approximately two hours on Sept. 30.

—Consider a parent's request for an in-district student transfer.

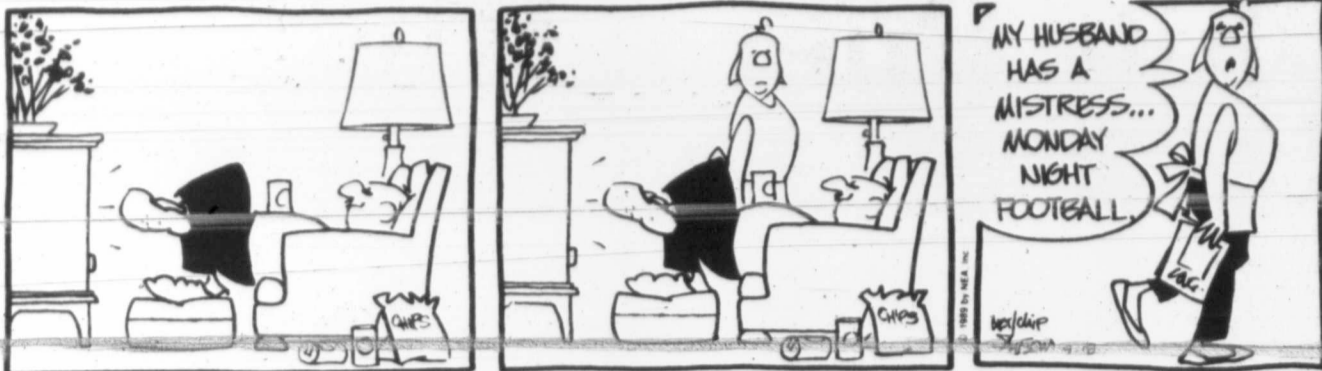
—Consider approval to dismiss classes at 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 25, to convene teachers for grade level and departmental meetings.

—Consider the purchase of a speedrouter for the maintenance department.



THE QUEEN—Diez y Seis Queen Cindy Martinez was on perhaps the most prominent float in the celebration's annual parade Sunday, here going around the downtown square to head north on Ave. R. (SDN Staff Photo)

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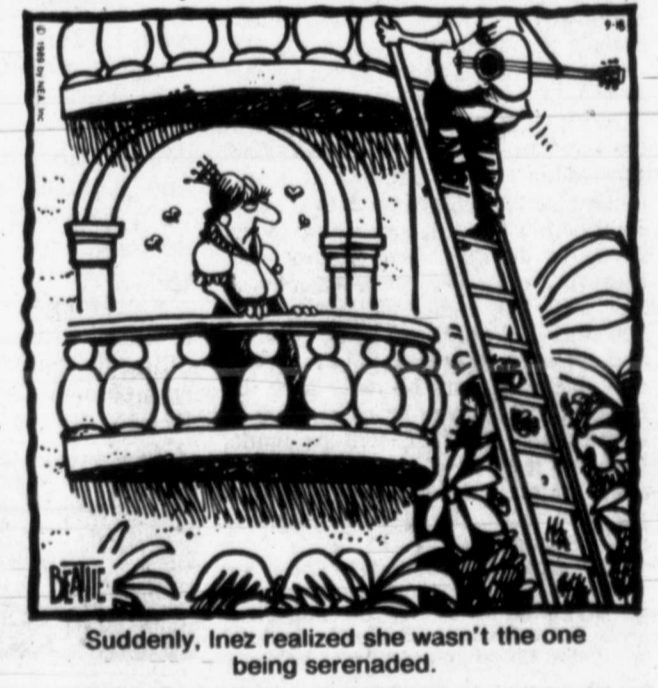
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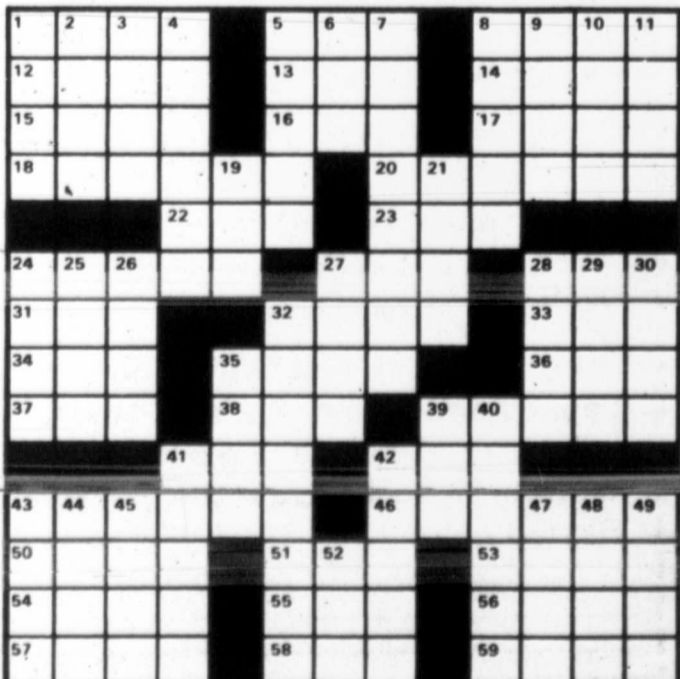
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- 18 Ejection
- 20 Tennis player
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- 23 Man's title
- 24 Escape
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- 34 Mom's mate
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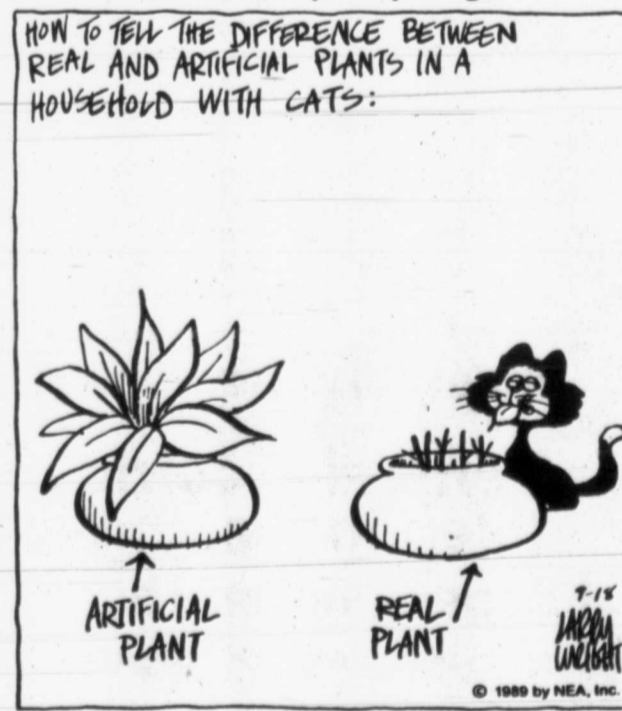
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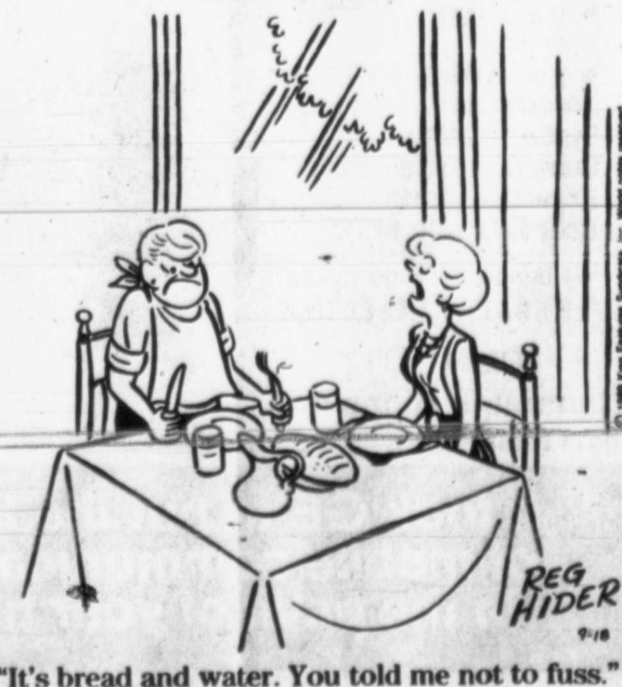
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- 35 Fill
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- 43 Hi or bye
- 44 Spheres
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- 48 Doesn't exist
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Panhandle school takes on math innovation

HEREFORD, Texas (AP) — Walcott Independent School District may be small, but it isn't afraid of a big challenge. The tiny country school, which already has all 68 students in a creative learners program, is trying a new Japanese math teaching program.

Walcott is the state's first public school to try Kumon Mathematek, already in use in a number of private schools and programs in Texas.

It was not the first progressive educational move made at Walcott, where all students from kindergarten through eighth grade, are included in the Talented and Creative Learners program that begins each school day. The Kumon program will be included in this TACL project that also offers computer skills and creative writing.

School officials reached far beyond the open plains of western Deaf Smith County to obtain the

new teaching system, which supplements more traditional math instruction.

Japanese language mixed with the echoes of children's voices and laughter in Walcott's hallways last week, as three Kumon representatives, including Takayoshi Sogo, head of the Kumon's Houston regional office, helped inaugurate the new system.

"The people here are most innovative," Sogo said. "This school seems to be the best organized of all the schools starting (Kumon) this year (in this area)."

Sogo oversees Kumon's southern U.S. region from North Carolina to El Paso. The company's international headquarters is based in Kumamoto City, Japan.

The Walcott experience was educational in more than mathematics.

"We never get to see a horizon

in Japan," Sogo said, expressing awe at the emptiness surrounding this rural school, located 25 miles from the nearest grocery store or gas station.

And curriculum trainer Shigeru Matsumoto gave one class a brief lesson in Japanese. All the kids needed to say was "alligator," he said. In English it means a green, scaly beast. In Japanese, it sounds like the word that means "Thank-you very much."

Matsumoto and Kimiyo Kajiyama worked one-on-one with Walcott teachers Donna Stribling and Cathy Fury.

"It's darned intimidating," said Mrs. Stribling, surrounded by stacks of booklets, charts and materials relating to the new system.

Mrs. Stribling and Ms. Fury — along with Walcott's administration and school board — were drawn to Kumon because of excitement about its educational potential.

They read about the Kumon program in the April issue of Newsweek magazine, which described its success at Sumitron Elementary School in rural Alabama, the first public school in the country to use the program.

When Walcott officials checked with Sumitron, they were told that math test scores there showed marked improvement, and the

Kumon method was so enjoyable that some students had expressed a desire to go to school on Saturday.

"I want to see the kid who wants to go to school on Saturday because math is fun," said Brenda McLaughlin, Walcott school secretary and wife of school superintendent Dr. Bill McLaughlin.

The Walcott Independent School District Board of Directors has expressed full support of the program, approving the cost of approximately \$3,000 per school year.

Kumon is intended as a supplement to, not a replacement for, traditional instruction in mathematics. The system, first developed in Japan in 1954 by Toru Kumon, emphasizes speed and accuracy, with each student progressing at the child's own rate. One of the benefits of the program is that it requires a student to have 100 percent mastery of a mathematical skill before he or she is allowed to progress to the next step.

"How can a child do algebra if he does not understand fractions?" Matsumoto said.

The program removes the pressure of grades. Results in Kumon are not included directly in a student's academic score.

The program also ignores traditional class levels. Kumon

has its own level system, and each child is given a diagnostic test to determine the level at which the child should begin. Since each student works individually, there are no "smart" or "slow" students in any particular grade level.

Each child is allowed to progress as far as he is able. The system is also a reinforcement for the "slow" child. Instead of being discouraged by not being

able to keep up with classmates, emphasis is placed on the individual child's progression and improvement.

"We like to emphasize that practice makes perfect," Matsumoto said.

Bill McLaughlin said he is especially pleased with the individuality of the system.

"The bright child isn't going to be bored because it's open-ended," he said.

Arlington junior makes perfect score on SAT

ARLINGTON (AP) — Don Cruse doesn't quite understand what all the fuss is about.

Since news got out that the Martin High School junior scored a perfect 1,600 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, seldom a day passes without someone asking him what was his secret.

"There really is no secret," Cruse said. "The test includes material that's covered in class. And I have to study just like other students. I'm just not used to all this attention."

But test administrators and Arlington school district officials said the 16-year-old is too modest.

After all, Cruse was one of only 14 students in the nation who achieved a perfect score on the SAT during the 1988-89 school year. And even more astounding is that while most students wait until their senior year to take the college entrance exam, Cruse performed flawlessly on the test as a sophomore.

The SAT is a 2½-hour multiple-choice test that measures verbal and mathematical reasoning. Scores are reported on a scale of 200 to 800 for each of the two portions of the test.

About 1.8 million high school students took the test during the last school year. The national average was 903.

Cruse's class schedule this semester includes Latin II, pre-calculus, physics, English, history and biology. All but Latin II are advanced classes.

He told The Dallas Morning News he was thinking about going to Harvard to be a pre-law major, and he's happy he doesn't have to take the SAT again.

"I can concentrate on some other things now," he said.

Treaty Oak's fate may not be known 'til spring

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' most closely watched tree still is at risk of dying, although some experts say the \$100,000 of donated money spent since June to save the Treaty Oak is doing some good.

But scientists say it may be next spring before the fate of the centuries-old, 60-foot tall tree is known.

Arthur Costonis, a Florida specialist in plant disease, may be the most optimistic member of a task force of about 20 plant scientists recruited to advise Austin about the tree's progress.

"I'm much encouraged by what I saw," he said. "I was impressed that there's leafing throughout the whole crown. My feeling is it's going to make it."

But John Giedraitis, the city forester charged with saving the tree, is more cautious.

"We're hoping the tree lives and we fully expect it to," Giedraitis told the Austin American-Statesman. "But the fifth set of leaves is not showing any decline in Velpar concentration. And the latest tissue samples show there's still a high concentration in the tree. So our activities have not been completely successful."

Several Texas Indian leaders have criticized the time and money that's been spent to save Treaty Oak, saying that the state Indian Commission was allowed to wither away and die last month.

They say the state has not kept its promises to Indians and questioned why there should be concern about the tree, where Stephen F. Austin is said to have signed a treaty with the Indians in the 1820s.

Task force members with the U.S. Forest Service predict Treaty Oak will produce sixth and seventh sets of leaves by the end of the year. The leaf sets are the tree's efforts to rid itself of the poison.

Four die in two-car mishap east of Marshall

MARSHALL (AP) — Four people died when a car being driven by an 80-year-old Tatum man the wrong way on a divided highway collided with another vehicle early Sunday, officials said.

Department of Public Safety trooper Scott McAdams said Francis J. Murray apparently became confused and began driving eastbound in the westbound lane of Interstate 20 after turning off U.S. 59.

McAdams told the Longview News-Journal that neither car was speeding and alcohol was not involved in the Harrison County accident that occurred at 12:42 a.m.

All three women in the car struck by Murray's vehicle were killed. They were identified as Michelle Shea Jackson, 19, of White House; Delana J. Grumbles, 19, of Palestine; Natalie Michelle Williams, 20, of Chandler.

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Grocery store wows Soviet

HOUSTON (AP) — Soviet politician Boris Yeltsin was impressed with NASA's Mission Control operations, but he expressed sheer amazement when the group dropped by an area grocery store.

"We don't have this much meat in the Soviet Union," Yeltsin said, as he looked through the Randall's Supermarket in Clear Lake, near the Johnson Space Center.

Yeltsin talked to shoppers about their purchases and ogled an array of food and household items. Yeltsin said if the Soviet people who frequently must stand in lines for groceries ever saw a U.S. supermarket, "there would be a revolution."

"Even the Politburo doesn't have this choice," Yeltsin said. "Not even Mr. Gorbachev."

Yeltsin, 58, visited Houston Saturday as part of an eight-day tour of the United States that began Sept. 9. He made the trek to Texas at the urging of Soviet cosmonauts who fear he will cut space exploration funds in favor of domestic economic aid.

"In the USSR, I've been in favor of cutting back on the space program because we can't afford it," Yeltsin said through an interpreter.

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