

Voters get one more chance in South Africa's problem-plagued areas

DURBAN, South Africa (AP) - Helicopters delivered ballots and trucks took voters to the polls today in black-dominated rural areas, where the election was extended another day to give some South Africans a last chance to vote.

African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, expected to become the country's first black president, said this morning that he was "confident that we will be able to pronounce these elections as having been free and fair."

"The will is there to address these irregularities and I think that is more important than concentrating on the mistakes that have been made," Mandela said in interviews with foreign media, including The Associated Press.

While the rest of the country finished its three-day election Thursday, people in areas encompassing the former black homelands of Transkei, Ciskei, KwaZulu, Venda, Lebowa and Gazankulu were given a fourth day.

Military helicopters reached remote villages in KwaZulu, where some polling stations have never opened. At Nongoma, the home of Zulu King Goodwill Zwelithini, trucks were sent into the mountains to collect voters.

"This is a vast area. People are poor and they haven't

been able to reach us," said election official Carl Holdt. Tribal feuding hampered the distribution of ballots in some regions, but elsewhere chiefs and community leaders were sending runners to guide the election officials, Holdt said.

"It's like the birth of a baby - problems, anxiety and joy," said a local magistrate, Linda Khaba. Elsewhere, weary election workers cleaned up voting stations and prepared for counting the millions of ballots, scheduled to begin early Saturday. Final results were expected by Sunday. The ANC was favored to win easily.

"I'm very happy that it's finally happened," said a satisfied Dirk Bakker, 33, helping fellow election workers close the City Hall polling station in this city 300 miles southeast of Johannesburg. "It looks like a miracle."

Despite predictions of election violence and several fatal bombings early in the week that were blamed on white extremists, most balloting occurred in an atmosphere of calm.

Police moved to avert any further trouble from far-right whites by declaring 15 towns west and southwest of

Johannesburg unrest areas. That gives police expanded powers to detain people and break up public gatherings in the towns, all pro-apartheid strongholds.

"We did this to prevent conflict and violence in the area," said Police Capt. Koos Degenaar. More than 30 white extremists have been arrested in connection with the bombings that killed 21 people and injured scores in the Johannesburg area.

The chaos that troubled voting in much of the country Tuesday and Wednesday had subsided by Thursday. Much of the disorder appeared to be due to the large and enthusiastic turnout of blacks, who were voting for the first time in their lives.

In Soweto, the huge black township outside Johannesburg, lines to vote on Wednesday were up to 4,000 people long, but only a few hundred showed up Thursday.

Decision ends Naval Academy cheating scandal

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) - The Naval Academy's biggest cheating scandal ended with the expulsion of 24 midshipmen out of 71 the Pentagon says cheated on a 1992 electrical engineering examination.

Rear Adm. Thomas C. Lynch, academy superintendent, said Thursday "human frailty" was the only reason he could cite for the mass cheating that sullied the school's reputation and cast doubt on its honor code.

A Pentagon panel recommended that 29 midshipmen be dismissed and the rest be allowed to graduate after disciplinary action.

Navy Secretary John Dalton decided Thursday to expel 24 members of the class due to graduate next month. Frank B. Kelso, who just retired as chief of naval operations, had reinstated three midshipmen and Dalton spared two more.

None of the midshipmen was identified.

Many of those who were involved but were not kicked out thought they were seeing an old examination and did not know until they took the test that it was the real one, Lynch said.

The academy instituted new mentoring programs linking each midshipman with a faculty or staff member or military officer, which Lynch predicted would help forestall any major recurrence.

To repair the academy's standing, the Clinton administration chose a four-star admiral now commanding U.S. forces in the Pacific to serve his second stint as head of the troubled academy.

Adm. Charles R. Larson will replace Lynch, who came under congressional criticism for his academy stewardship because of an earlier cheating scandal and concern over sexual harassment of female students.

Larson was superintendent of the academy from 1983 to 1986.

Granberry pleads guilty to perjury

WACO (AP) - Former Texas parole board chairman James Granberry, who has been linked to five-time killer Kenneth McDuff since 1989, has admitted lying about his role as a parole consultant.

On Thursday, Granberry pleaded guilty to felony perjury for statements he made to a federal magistrate.

McDuff was paroled twice from prison, with Granberry voting for his release in 1989. His most recent release was in 1990, and his subsequent killing rampage resulted in public outcry and an investigation into the parole system.

"The reason our office became aware of probation consulting questions is that we were looking for McDuff and we began to hear about these people," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Johnston.

When McDuff was arrested in 1992, a parole consultant's business card was in his car, Johnston said. And though it wasn't Granberry's, Johnston said it made investigators take another look at parole consultants.

Granberry, a former Lubbock mayor, admitted he lied to a federal magistrate about how many inmates he represented after he resigned from the board in May 1991. As part of the plea, Granberry, 61, agreed to help state and federal investigators.

Last week, former Texas parole board member Frank Eikenburg was arrested on charges he gave out confidential information on inmates. Eikenburg of Plano is charged with felony misuse of official information.

Granberry's attorney, Randy Gilbert of Tyler, confirmed that his client testified before the Anderson County grand jury that indicted Eikenburg.

Johnston said the probe is continuing. Several former parole board members have been consulting. Johnston said, but declined to speculate on whether other present or former board members will be charged.

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U.S. market watchdogs to work with Chinese

BEIJING (AP) — The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission signed an agreement Thursday with its Chinese counterpart to cooperate in protecting investors when Chinese companies list on American stock exchanges.

Five large Chinese state companies are preparing to list shares on the New York Stock Exchange later this year, possibly beginning in June, said Liu Hongru, chairman of the China Securities Regulatory Commission.

Liu and Arthur Levitt, chairman of the U.S. body, signed a memorandum of understanding that calls for cooperation in market supervision, including exchanging information in cases of suspected fraud.

The U.S. side also agreed to help train Chinese securities regulators and offer advice as China moves to improve its infant markets and regulatory system.

"We are not intending to direct them or tell them how to do it. We're just a resource for them to call upon," Levitt told reporters later.

"They're at the very earliest stage. Their system at this point is primitive," he said. "Their resources in terms of trained people is extremely limited."

Chinese securities officials have said as much.

Liu told a separate news conference, "We lack experience in direct overseas listings. We are in no haste."

Six Chinese companies have listed on the Hong Kong stock exchange over the past year, and 20 others are preparing to follow suit. The process has been hampered by the vast discrepancies between China's accounting methods, borrowed from the former Soviet Union, and international standards.

The Chinese, for example, did not reflect the lost value of unsaleable inventory or unusable equipment in their balance sheets. They have been

forced to redefine from the past generalization that everything belonged "to the whole people."

Levitt, however, expressed optimism about China's move on the U.S. stock market, which will provide Chinese companies with vast new avenues to raise money for expansion.

"The Chinese realize that the very worst experience would be for a Chinese company to come to the

marketplace and have difficulties causing substantial losses to American investors," he said. "They have wisely chosen only their largest, most profitable and best-managed companies."

The companies seeking listings are China Eastern Airlines, China Southern Airlines, the Huaneng International Power Co., Huaneng Dezhou Power Co. and Tianjin Steel Pipe Factory.

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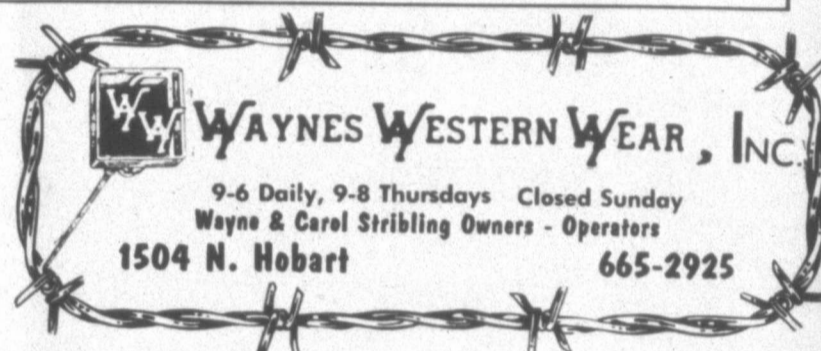
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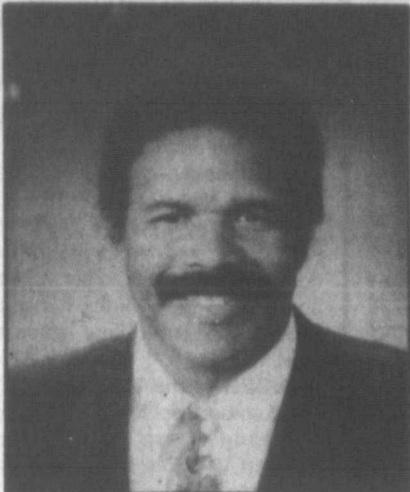
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Religion



**Joe Jackson
Pro sports star
brings ministry,
anti-drug talk
to schools, church**

Former professional football player Joe Jackson will bring his ministry and anti-drug message to Pampa schools and the New Life Assembly of God Church next week.

Jackson will open his three days in Pampa with an address at Pampa High School on Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McNeeley Fieldhouse. He will also meet with Pampa Middle School students that day and give another address at that school.

On Thursday, Jackson will participate in a special church service at New Life Assembly of God at 7 p.m.

He will conclude his activities in Pampa with a concert Friday night at 7 p.m. at the church.

Both events at the church are open to the public.

"Peer pressure is no excuse for your failure and compromise. You must stay focused and remember that every choice you make results in a consequence — whether good or bad," Jackson said in a brochure describing his ministry.

Jackson, a graduate of New Mexico State University, began his inspirational singing career and religious ministry in 1980 after retiring from eight seasons with the Minnesota Vikings and the New York Jets.

Since then, he has performed with many artists including the Imperials and most recently with Andrae Crouch. Morada records is currently promoting Jackson's album, *Special Way*.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Jackson said he became a Christian during his freshman year at New Mexico State in 1969. He belonged to many Christian organizations there including Campus Crusade for Christ and Fellowship for Christian Athletes.

He has worked with the Billy Graham organization in Nashville and Tampa Bay. He has also spoken to many civic groups, churches, schools, hospitals, youth gatherings and prisons.

Bill Gaither said "Jackson is a communicator with a powerful voice and a bona fide artist."

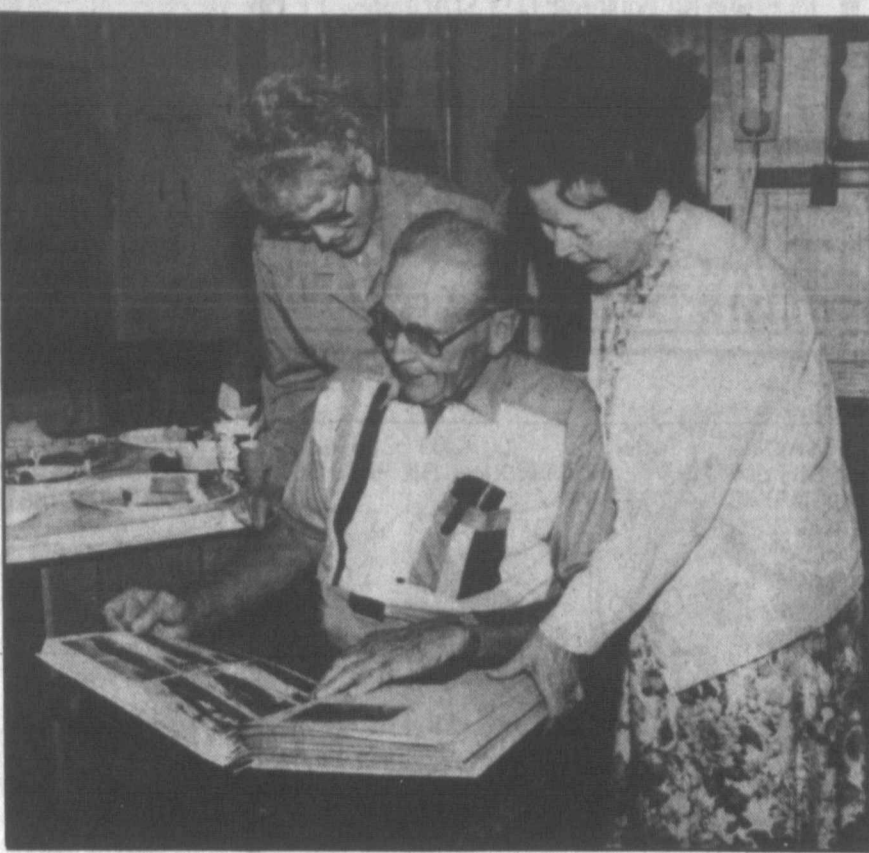
"Seems to have a magnet with kids ... extremely versatile as a singer ..." is how religious figure Marilyn Shandof described Jackson.

Jackson has sung and taken his message from coast to coast since 1980.

Other stars he has performed with include Debby Boone, Amy Grant, Russ Taff and The Archers.

Jackson is also Pro Director of Athletes International Ministries in Phoenix, a international outreach to professional athletes and coaches.

His trip to Pampa is sponsored by the New Life Assembly of God church.



Wanda Johnson and Beadie Baird look over Kenneth Ward's shoulder at an album showing the construction of churches that were built. The group is going to build a church at Laredo in late July. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Several Pampa couples from First Baptist Church are to join a group of other Baptists known as Texas Church Builders to build a church in Laredo. The six day construction period is set for late July.

Participating are from Pampa are Kenneth and Viola Ward, James and Beadie Baird, Scottie and Sue Scothorn, Bob and Wanda Johnson, Dale and June Butler, Neal and Betty Stovall, Raymond and Dorothy Barrett, Earl and Norma Tarbet. From Miami are Charles and Jeanne Bailey. From Skellytown are Laverne and Wayne Pogue.

Texas Church Builders have built 37 church since 1979 under the directions of former Pampa pastor the Rev. T.O. Uphaw. About 150 people participate in the church construction program each year, Mr. Baird said.

Church builders include the entire family in the building efforts. Each family pays their own expenses.

Coverage not equal with interest, prof says

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

The facts don't seem to fit. They appear incompatible. As measured by attendance and money, Americans show much greater interest in religion than sports, but it receives far less attention from the news media.

"It's a strange disparity considering the importance religion has in American life," said noted sociologist Robert N. Bellah of the University of California in Berkeley, Calif.

He said the media seem to assume that religion, except in cases of scandal, is largely a private matter. "This is a very bizarre idea, but it's part of the ideology," he said, noting religion's persistent social impact.

Nevertheless, newly gathered comparative statistics in the 1990's on two key yardsticks of human interest — financial and personal involvement — show religion ahead of sports.

Yet religion gets only a tiny frac-

tion of media notice compared to the huge volume of attention lavished on sports.

The latest comparative figures collected on religion and sports finds that money contributed to religion totaled \$56.7 billion in 1992, according to the American Association of Fund-Raising Counsel. That is about 14 times the \$4

billion spent on the three biggest sports — major league baseball, football and basketball.

The major sports leagues don't disclose gate receipts, but totals were obtained through league public relations sources who asked not to be named. Financial World magazine reported similar figures for 1992.



Following two years of instruction in the basic teachings of Christianity, Ann Elizabeth Loyd and Mandy Thomas will make a public confession of faith and be confirmed this Sunday at Zion Lutheran Church. Pictured with them is the Rev. Art Hill. (Staff photo by Darlene Holmes)

Day of prayer set

Pampa's observance of the National Day of Prayer is set for 12:20-12:40 p.m. May 5 at City Hall, 200 W. Foster.

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Religion roundup

MOUNTAIN CITY, Tenn. (AP) — Two years before Tennessee became a state, Roan Creek Church of Christ formed in the mountains of what would become Johnson County.

Since it was founded 200 years ago, the church has changed names three times and it was sold at auction during the Civil War. A small-pox outbreak in 1910 closed it for two months.

Records show that in its history the church excluded people for such sins as bigamy, adultery, drunkenness, cursing, quarreling, dancing, whiskey making and consorting with the Methodists.

The church, which has nearly 800 members, is celebrating its bicentennial this month.

"We're thrilled and excited about our past," says the Rev. Don Bowery of what is now First Baptist Church.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A group of religious leaders are trying to inject some spiritual fervor into the environmental movement.

Paul Gorman, executive director of the National Religious Partnership for the Environment, said recently that the religious faithful are the key to guiding the sometimes too-political environmental movement.

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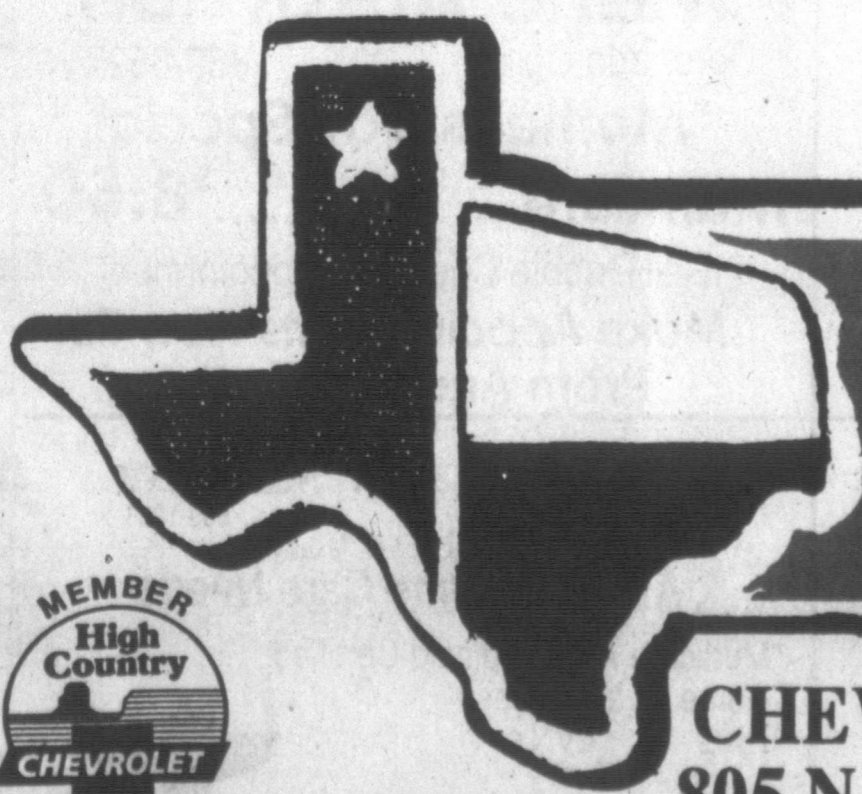
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