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extensive therapy.
"Today he's attending college.
"If we had not been able to
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"And I feel that this is critical
enough to the people involved
that we need to take some
action now."



Joel Salcido / El Paso Times

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The new buyers, who worked
with the previous owners in
developing a project for the
site, plan to invest more than
\$34 million in the property.
The plans include a skating
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Conference examines women's leadership

By Joe Olivera
El Paso Times

Hispanic women should un-
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Schools pioneer dies at 87

Myrtle Cooper led Socorro district

By Ed Ivey
El Paso Times

Myrtle Cooper, a prominent
El Paso resident for whom a
Lower Valley elementary school
was named, was killed in a
three-vehicle accident Thursday
near Horizon City.

Cooper, 87, apparently drove
her 1988
Chrysler past
a stop sign on
Pine Springs
at Loop 375
and into the
path of two
pickup trucks
traveling in
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Cooper

Ortega said. The accident hap-
pened at about 9 a.m.

Cooper was airlifted by mili-
tary helicopter to Thomason
Hospital, where she was pro-
nounced dead at about 10:30
a.m. The pickup drivers were
injured slightly and were not
charged, Ortega said.

In 1987, Myrtle Cooper Ele-
mentary School at 1515 Rebecca
was dedicated by the Socorro
Independent School District.

Cooper was the district's first
superintendent when it was
created in 1961 from part of
the old county school system.

She retired in 1962, capping a
career in education that started
in 1927 in an El Dorado,
Okla., schoolhouse.

Cooper came to El Paso in
1929 and taught for four years
in the Ysleta district before
leaving temporarily during the
1930s.

By 1939, she was back teach-
ing in the county schoolhouse in
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Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission, which she heads.

Earlier she said she was deeply pained by the gulf war.

"I think temporarily it seemed that violence and war had won a victory. But I don't believe that is the case in the long run," King said.

"I think it also says to the

consequences for taking unpopular stands."

In the same speech, she praised the late Lee Atwater, who has been criticized for his activities when he headed the Republican National Committee during President Bush's election campaign.

Atwater died March 29 of a brain tumor, and the confer-

well.

"I believe Lee Atwater made peace before he died with those whom he felt he had injured during his political life," King said.

"He also made peace with his God. He was serious about learning to embrace non-violence as a way of life," she said.

Coretta Scott King: "It seemed that violence and war had won a victory."

In other comments about the holiday in memory of her husband, King noted that only Arizona and New Hampshire have not established paid state holidays honoring him.

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pal in 1943. Cooper developed homemaking and technical programs in the school.

In a 1987 interview, she insisted that computers will

never replace the basics.

"I feel we have neglected some of the basic things children need — reading, writing and arithmetic," she said.

One of Cooper's longtime colleagues and friends, Flossie Martin, called Cooper's death "simply a tragic loss."

"The whole county is affected

by her loss. They loved her very well," Martin said.

"She was the jolliest, happiest person you ever saw."

Cooper remained active her whole life and said in 1987 that she golfed regularly and walked 2½ miles a day.

"What I do mostly is play," she said then.

Cooper was preceded in death by her husband, Forrest W. Cooper, a former assistant superintendent of the Ysleta Independent School District.

She is survived by a son and a sister, Martin said.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Kaster-Maxon and Futrell Funeral Home;

ProNaF

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buyers in 120 days and be clear of tenant problems. Only then will the developers pay the purchase price in cash.

While the mayor said the eight tenants resisting a move from the site will not stand in the way, the tenants said they won't be pushed out easily.

"We won't leave until we're guaranteed a place in the new mall," said one of them, Alberto Perez.

"The new owners are willing to let us have a shop but only if the city will negotiate with them," he said.

From the beginning, the

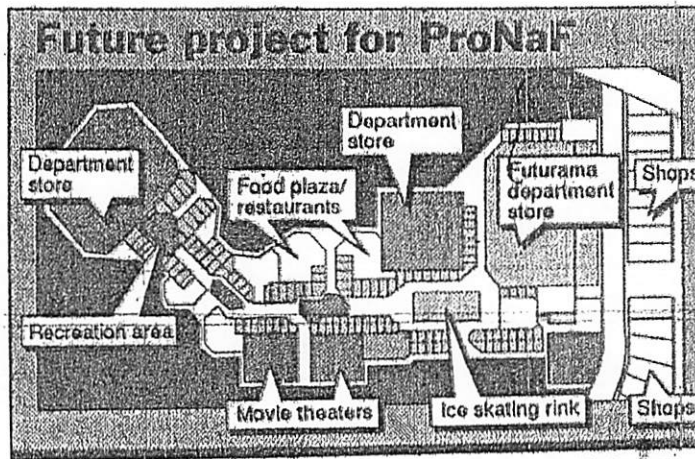
merchants have contended that the city owes them a place to continue their livelihood because of the time they were there, from 10 to 25 years, and because they had first option to buy the land.

Their bid was rejected during the first sale because they did not have the financial backing.

Emilio Tazzer, president of the city's ProNaF trust, said the city originally agreed to give the protesting merchants 29,160 square feet of land in the Nervion area near the ProNaF just to get them to leave the premises.

They rejected the offer, claiming the land was out of the commercial area.

The ProNaF was built by the federal government in 1964 as



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a showcase for arts and crafts and cultural traditions.

It was given to the city in

trust in 1986, to be sold and the money used in city improvements.

Kidney

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"God has endowed knowledge to man and man has developed the technology to transplant organs from one body to another. That's religion, too — that someone's life can be saved."

Without donors, Lazarin said, a victim is dependent on the frequent dialysis treatments. "The dialysis machine takes my blood and passes it through an

artificial kidney. The machine then takes the cleansed blood and puts it back into my body. I suffer nausea and I can't do any strenuous activity. I can't even move too far from the dialysis machine."

Her kidney disease and medical treatment have left Lazarin small for her age. She uses a wheelchair because her kidney problems limit her

body's ability to retain calcium, a mineral necessary for bone development.

She will undergo a hip replacement operation soon and her body continues to deteriorate.

Lazarin said that without a new kidney she will spend the rest of her life in a wheelchair.

Her grandmother, Gloria

Ramos, joined in the plea: "I just wish people would witness a dialysis treatment. They would know what we're talking about. It's important to inform people about the need for them to donate organs."

"They need to do living wills and they need to tell their relatives that if they should die suddenly, their organs can be donated."

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