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## City commissioners discuss cable TV costs

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Topics ranging from cable television to landfill equipment to workers' compensation highlighted Tuesday's meeting of the Pampa City Commission.

Because of new regulations from the Federal Communication Commission, the city might be playing a larger role in determining the cost for cable television.

In fact, the city is about to file the necessary paper work which would require Pampa's cable company, Sammons Communication, to show proof before any increase in rates would be allowed.

"What we're running into is that we're currently not having a major problem with Sammons or that they are over charging; the problem is that after Nov. 15, it's pretty much whatever they feel like they want to charge, they could. If they go way up in their rates ... (and) if we had waited until that point to file with the FCC, we'd be literally months behind the game," said Bill Hildebrandt, Pampa's director of community services.

His remarks came during Tuesday afternoon's work session which precedes the regular meeting of the City Commission and were part of a report given to the commission by Hildebrandt and Mayor Richard Peet.

Hildebrandt and Peet recently returned from separate conferences held for city officials interested in learning how new regulations might affect cities.

While cities can now regulate the cost for the basic level of cable, Hildebrandt said they can not affect the price of high level option plans subscribers receive. However, the city and specifically customers can now voice complaints to the FCC, which would force cable companies to substantiate any increase.

"It turns out the franchising authority, which is us (the city), or any citizen can complain directly to the FCC," Hildebrandt said. "The only requirement is that they send notice of the complaint to the cable operator."

In other business, the commissioners listened to Rick Stone, Pampa's sanitation superintendent, present a plan for the purchase of a new compactor for the city's landfill. Currently, the landfill is operating with one compactor

which is getting old and often breaks down. The machine, which resembles a bulldozer, is used at the landfill for covering waste dumped there day to day.

Because machines like this, as well as parts and supplies, are hard to find, Stone said he has spent a great deal of time finding the newer compactor.

The compactor, which is located in Amarillo, would cost the city \$38,500, a good price, according to Stone.

While the commission seemed to agree that it was needed, there was no ideas as to where to get the money. However, the commission agreed to look into the matter and consider it at the next meeting of the group.

In still another presentation during the work session, Lynn Thornton, an administrative assistant for the city, presented a plan which would reduce the city's liability and resolve budget difficulties having to do with workers' compensation insurance.

By the city's becoming self-insured, large lump sum settlements have been almost eliminated, which has helped reduce the cost of fully insured plans, according to the city. The resolution in support of the measure passed unani-

mously during the regular session of the City Commission.

Other items discussed by the commission during its regular session meeting include the passage of ordinance No. 1233, which levied the 1993-1994 ad valorem taxes; ordinance No. 1234, which was the 1993-1994 city budget, and ordinance No. 1236, which repealed Article II of Chapter 16 of the Code of Ordinances, an ordinance concerning security systems installed within houses in the city.

In addition, the commission approved the 1993 tax roll as well as August's lists of disbursements.

Finally, the commission and mayor also approved solid waste contracts with the cities of White Deer and McLean and authorized the city manager to execute a contract for the demolition of certain deserted houses within the city.

Commissioners appointed Nancy Hahn to the M.K. Brown Auditorium Advisory Board, John Kendall and Lois Strate to the Planning and Zoning Commission and Faustina Curry to the Parks and Recreation Advisory

### Harvest time



(Staff photos by Darlene Holmes)

A field of grain sorghum awaits harvesting on a farm east of Pampa this morning. The late spring and early summer rains, with fairly warm and dry weather in August and September, have aided the fields to be ready for harvesting in early fall. Some farmers have already begun harvesting the crop in the Texas Panhandle area, with other fields nearly ready for the combines.



### Dallas man calls for new school finance plan

A Dallas businessman was in Pampa today stumping for a new school finance program.

Tom Pauken, founder of Texans Against Robin Hood Taxes, was in Pampa today with his 10-point plan for school finance that he presented to the state's Republican Committee last weekend in Austin.

The plan, as outlined by Pauken, includes recognizing that money is not the problem, stopping bureaucratic excesses, convening a special legislative session next spring, repealing the existing so-called Robin Hood plan, passing a constitutional amendment to end lawsuit challenges, adopting a no-frills state education budget, dedicating all lottery proceeds to education, allowing school choice, reordering spending priorities rather than raising taxes and simplify funding formulas.

Pauken said he thought his plan would meet court guidelines in funding education in the State of Texas.

The state's education system has come under fire by the Texas Supreme Court to equalize funding among school districts across the state. Challenges to the latest law passed by the state legislature go to trial Oct. 4, in Austin.

A funding system enacted by the Legislature, dubbed the Robin Hood plan because it required wealthy school districts to share with poorer school districts, was struck down by the court. The Legislature passed a second system, dubbed Son of Robin Hood, which is being challenged in court next week.

Pauken said he expects the plan going on trial next week to be voided by the courts by the end of the year.

Pauken said he objected to the state funding administrative expenses and extracurricular activities of schools.

He said funding formulas should be simplified and a basic program should be funded by the state. Addi-

tional funding would be left to the individual school districts using property tax money.



Tom Pauken

## Bosnia's parliament torpedoes peace plan, wants territory back

By TONY SMITH  
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SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) - Bosnia's parliament effectively torpedoed a peace plan today, voting overwhelmingly to accept it only if territories taken by force are returned.

Bosnian Serbs, who control about 70 percent of the republic after 18 months of warfare, have refused to make any more territorial concessions to the Muslim-led government. They say imposition of such conditions amounts to rejection of the accord.

Sixty-one deputies voted for conditional acceptance of the plan, four voted to accept it without conditions and seven voted against it, said Senada Kreso, an Information Ministry official.

The parliament has about 80 deputies, and it was unclear how many were absent or abstained.

A peace accord "as it is, was rejected," said Ejup Ganic, a member of the collective presidency.

The parliament's effort to impose conditions almost certainly will mean continuation of the war that has left up to 200,000 people dead or missing.

But key figures in Bosnia's Muslim-led government believed that accepting the plan as is, after they've lost all but about 10 percent of Bosnia's territory to rival

Serbs and Croats, would be tantamount to signing a death warrant for the multi-ethnic state they have fought to preserve.

"Territories taken by force, especially where genocide occurred ... must be returned to their rightful owners. Otherwise, we are living in a jungle. It will be a new stone age," said Foreign Minister Haris Silajdzic said.

He accused the international community of "complicity" for refusing to lift an arms embargo against the outgunned Muslims. "We could call it a historic mistake of the international community," he said.

The Muslim-led government, as well as Serbs and Croats still loyal to it, want to maintain a unitary, multi-ethnic state.

Serb and Croat rebels want territory they hold to merge with Serbia and Croatia.

The peace plan, the result of months of work by international mediators, would give the government about 31 percent of Bosnia. Serbs would get 52 percent and Croats 17 percent.

Bosnia's parliament rejected an earlier version of this plan on Aug. 27-28, saying then as now that it rewarded Serb aggression.

Another issue was access to the sea for a future Muslim-dominated state.

Some progress on that was made

last week during meetings aboard a British warship in the Adriatic Sea. But the parliament apparently still cannot swallow the overall plan.

The warring sides have agreed to at least a dozen Bosnia-wide cease-fires, but most have not held long. The latest took effect Sept. 18 and has mostly held, except for fighting between Croat and Muslim-led government forces in Mostar and central Bosnia.

Kemal Muftic, a Bosnian presidential spokesman, told reporters Tuesday that signing the peace plan "would mean signing the eradication of the Bosnian state forever, and getting nothing in return."

Parliament debated into the night Tuesday, but adjourned without a vote. It reconvened in closed session this morning.

Earlier Tuesday, a predominantly Muslim convention of 350 political figures, intellectuals and religious leaders endorsed the plan to partition Bosnia - provided that territory seized by Bosnian Serbs is returned.

President Alija Izetbegovic called the convention to help him decide on the peace plan worked out in months of talks.

Conditions attached to the plan include return of all territory captured by force that was Muslim-dominated before the war, particularly in eastern Bosnia.

### Escaped woman captured, back in jail

By RANDAL K. McGAVOCK  
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A 30-year-old Pampa woman who escaped from the Pampa Police Department's holding facility in July is once again in custody.

Gussie D. Cox was arrested by an officer from the Pampa Police Department and a deputy from the Gray County Sheriff's Department after leading another police officer on a foot chase.

Patrolman Alvin Johnson, who was off duty at the time, spotted Cox when she entered a local hardware store. Cox recognized Johnson as a member of the police department, according to Pampa Police Chief Charles Flemings.

Immediately after being spotted, she ran from the building followed closely by Johnson, who instructed the clerk in the store to call for back-up.

Since he was off duty at the time, Johnson was unarmed and was not carrying handcuffs.

The chase led to the intersection of Ford and Russell, where Johnson caught Cox, at which time the back-up units arrived.

Since her escape, police officers have been close to arresting Cox on several occasions, Flemings said.

"We've had information that she would be at her residence or something of that nature, and by the time we'd get down there she would be gone," Flemings said. "I thought it

was an excellent job on Alvin's part to recognize her and chase her down at that time. That shows that our officers are paying attention to their work, even off duty."

Flemings went on to say that Johnson will be receiving a commendation for his work in catching Cox.

Following her arrest, Cox was taken to Coronado Hospital's emergency room to be treated after she reported being ill. Then she was booked into the Gray County Jail.

Justice of the Peace Margie Prestidge arraigned her this morning on charges of escape, violation of probation, evading arrest, resisting arrest and theft (Class B).

Her bond was set at \$12,000 and she remains in custody at the jail.

### European travel group to be at Lake McClellan

The Texas Old Route 66 Association will host almost 200 Europeans Thursday at Lake McClellan.

About 180 European motorists on a Route 66 tour will arrive at the lake from Oklahoma Thursday afternoon, according to Delbert Trew, a member of the Texas Old Route 66 Association.

"Special entertainment will begin about 6 p.m. on the shores of the lake and will include the Selby Family of Pampa with bluegrass music, and a group from Alanreed with the music of Bob Wills," Trew said.

Festivities will center around a soundstage, Trew said. Two authentic chuckwagons will be on display.

The Lake McClellan Improvement Inc. board of directors will provide the tour party with a supper of hamburgers, buffalo burgers, chips and soft drinks.

"We anticipate that the travelers will begin arriving at the lake about 3 p.m. or 4 p.m. after first stopping off at the Devils Rope Museum and

Texas Route 66 Museum in McLean," Trew said.

Some travelers will stay overnight in Groom but plan on returning to the lake for the evening's activities, he said.

The tour group, composed of a European car club, will be driving a variety of foreign and antique automobiles, Trew said, including a 1929 Fiat, a 1957 Borgard, a 1961 Jaguar, a 1944 Volkswagen, a 1959 Austin Healey, a 1924 Vauxhall and a 1966 Peugeot.

The car club will leave Friday, headed west along the old Route 66 highway toward their final destination, the Santa Monica pier in Los Angeles.

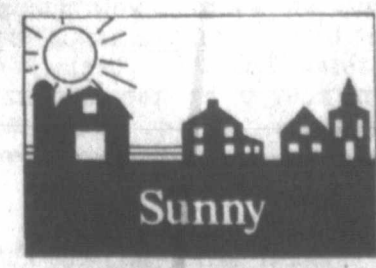
The European automobile club - the CAAR Travel Group - makes tours worldwide, according to organizers. This is their fifth such journey to the United States.

Area residents are invited to attend the festivities at the lake to welcome the European travelers to the Texas Panhandle.

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AP photo

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton holds up a pamphlet while testifying Tuesday on Capitol Hill regarding health care reform.

## Hillary Clinton takes personal approach in giving testimony

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton tempered a hard sell to Congress with a personal touch on behalf of massive health reforms, dramatizing her own commitment and recalling childhood days when her family went without health insurance.

"I take this very personally," Mrs. Clinton said Tuesday when a congresswoman expressed concern about coverage for mammograms and Pap smears.

The first lady resumes her marathon of appearances today with testimony before Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's Senate Labor and Human Resources panel and the House Education and Labor Committee chaired by Rep. William Ford, D-Mich.

She sat alone at the witness table Tuesday before the 38-member House Ways and Means Committee and the 44-member House Energy and Commerce Committee, fielding questions for more than four hours without glancing at notes or conferring with aides.

"Each of us brings our own personal perspective to this issue," said Mrs. Clinton, only the third first lady to testify before Congress.

When Rep. Marjorie Margolies-Mezvinsky, D-Pa., questioned whether the Clinton plan would pay for mammograms and Pap smears, Mrs. Clinton said they would be fully covered.

And "every single American woman when she reaches 50 ... will have (mammograms) absolutely free," she said.

"I want to assure every woman: My mother-in-law has had a struggle with breast cancer over the last several years," she said. "I, like most women, have tried to do what I should with respect to mammograms and I paid the full cost because they were not a covered service in the past."

She admitted that "10 to 12 percent of Americans ... will pay more for about the same kind of benefits" under Clinton's plan, but said most people would improve their lot.

When Rep. James C. Greenwood, R-Pa., said he fears the plan would hurt small businesses and cost jobs, she replied, "If we did not believe this was a net job increaser, we would not be here."

Mrs. Clinton stressed "how sensitive we are to the small business side of this. We come from a state, Arkansas, where small business is the business economy."

"I come from a family where my father was a small businessman all of his life, and we never had health insurance, ever," she said. "We were just very lucky that no one ever got

seriously ill during those growing up years."

She seemed not only to have memorized the Clinton plan, but she also knew the backgrounds of the 70-odd lawmakers who grilled her on the Ways and Means and Commerce committees. She noted in passing that one of her interlocutors, Rep. Bill Brewster, D-Okla., was once a pharmacist, and Rep. J. Roy Rowland, D-Ga., a medical doctor.

She skirted the policy wonk jargon and suggested that Clinton's health plan would give Americans care as good as that available at the Mayo Clinic. She insisted it would mean less bureaucracy, not more.

When Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., who wants the government to pay all medical bills, asked how Clinton proposed to compel a \$22,000-a-year independent contractor to buy a \$4,000 health insurance policy, she said, "We do not want to create some large bureaucracy to go chasing Americans who have not paid their health insurance premiums."

Roman Catholic hospitals could form health plans that would refuse on grounds of conscience to provide abortions, she said.

Rep. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., asked if Clinton would consider taxing caffeine, cholesterol, salt, sugar and alcohol if he didn't pull in enough revenue from taxing tobacco.

"Well, Mr. Bunning," she rejoined, "there is no free lunch in this health care plan. ... Everybody is going to be paying something."

And "if there is a way that you can ever come up with to tax substances like the ones you've just named, we'll be glad to look at it," she added in jest.

To Rep. Gary Franks, R-Conn., who urged her to cut costs before expanding benefits, she replied that was "a kind of a 'chicken-and-egg' issue. ... Until we get everybody into the health care system, we cannot control costs and we certainly cannot control cost-shifting."

She gave completely different opening statements to each committee. She flattered Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., the commerce chairman, by recalling his father had introduced the first national health insurance bill in Congress 50 years ago.

And many members shamelessly flattered her back.

Rep. Lynn Shenk, D-Calif., told Mrs. Clinton, "I'm going to take the liberty of giving you a message from my mother. ... She wanted me to tell you that not since Eleanor Roosevelt had she so admired an American woman in public life."

"I hope my mother is watching," said Mrs. Clinton, whose morning appearance was carried live on the Cable News Network and C-SPAN.

## White House unveiling new trade strategy

By DAVE SKIDMORE  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Closer coordination of federal export assistance programs and relaxation of Cold War controls on sales of high-technology equipment are the key planks of a new Clinton administration trade strategy.

As a candidate last year, President Clinton promised a new national policy to help U.S. manufacturers compete for business overseas. Today, before lunching with corporate executives at the White House, Clinton is scheduled to unveil a National Export Strategy aimed at raising U.S. exports from \$450 billion a year now to \$1 trillion by the end of the decade.

The strategy seeks to pare the convoluted licensing rules once aimed at stopping the spread of technology to the former Soviet Union and other communist countries but now blamed for unnecessarily crimping sales and job growth at American computer and telecommunications companies.

It also would force the 19 government entities now encouraging exports to work together, according to an administration official who spoke Tuesday on condition of anonymity. And, starting with fiscal 1995, it would create a unified multiagency trade-promotion budget out of the \$4.3 billion in separate programs scattered throughout the federal government.

Currently, about 80 percent of export promotion spending is devoted to agricultural products even

though they represent only about 10 percent of the nation's export total.

The administration official said the unified budget would not necessarily redirect money from promoting agricultural sales to fostering the sale of manufactured goods.

But, the official said, "we're going to take all of the resources and look at them strategically and say, 'How does America get the most bang for the buck? How do we create the most jobs?'"

The strategy, developed over the past six months by the multiagency Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee, also recommends the creation of "one-stop shops" around the country where employees of different agencies — for instance, the Commerce Department, the Export-Import Bank and the Small Business Administration — would work together to assist U.S. companies.

As a pilot project, the first four will be opened in Baltimore, Chicago, Los Angeles and Miami.

Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, previewing the strategy in a recent speech, promised "a concerted effort to end the absurd duplication of effort our current trade promotion effort involves."

In one of its most controversial suggestions, the new strategy calls for the creation of a program tying U.S. foreign aid to purchases of U.S. products, the administration official said. The United States has long criticized Japan, France, Germany and other countries for tying their foreign aid to an agreement by the recipient nation that the aid be used to purchase the products and services of the

donor nation.

By creating its own tied-aid program, the United States would have a bargaining chip to seek the reduction or elimination of competitors' programs.

In a speech to the World Economic Development Congress, Brown said one of the highlights of the strategy will be relaxation of Cold War export restrictions.

"While export controls are necessary for national security, the U.S. system is overly restrictive and inefficient," he said. "We expect to develop an export control discipline that ensures that national economic interests receive greater weight."

A study financed by the Institute for International Economics, a Washington-based research organization, estimated that various internal export deterrents cost the United States \$25 billion to \$40 billion in sales abroad, with about two-thirds to three-quarters of the loss coming from the Cold War licensing rules.

That's about double the size of the \$9 billion to \$18 billion in exports blocked by Japanese protectionist policies, said J. David Richardson, the Syracuse University professor who wrote the study.

He said many of the U.S. rules are ineffective because they only succeed in hurting the sales of goods readily available from foreign manufacturers.

"We may be our own worst enemy," Richardson said.

## Loans to help Mexico improve border environment

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The World Bank and the Mexican government have signed an agreement that would provide up to \$1.8 billion in World Bank loans for environmental cleanup in Mexico, with much of the focus on its border with the United States.

With commitments by the Mexican government and private interests for matching funds of \$2.2 billion, the program could total \$4 billion.

Attention to the polluted border region has been heightened by debate over the North American Free Trade Agreement, which is in jeopardy in Congress. Increased trade between the two nations would put additional pressure on the already burdened border infrastructure.

In addition, U.S. environmental groups have charged that lowering

trade barriers would only increase border pollution problems as more U.S. factories move their operations to Mexico to take advantage of lax enforcement.

The United States, the largest contributor to the World Bank, had been pushing the organization to increase environmental assistance to Mexico to meet objections from NAFTA critics.

The \$1.8 billion in loans, subject to approval by the World Bank's board, would be for a three-year period beginning next year. The agreement was signed in Washington by World Bank President Lewis Preston and Mexican Finance Minister Pedro Aspe.

The loans would be for everything from improvements in water, wastewater and sewerage systems to the protection of natural resources and pollution reduction.

The first loan of \$350 million, to be matched by \$350 million from

the Mexican government, would concentrate on water pollution problems along the 2,000-mile border.

"This is an important day," said Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, who was at the signing ceremony.

"This is the first of what I expect will be a long series of actions to deal with the critical subject of strengthening environmental protections both in Mexico generally and along the border in particular."

The region is near to Bentsen's heart, as he reminded Texas reporters in a briefing later in the day.

"I used to swim in that Rio Grande and I can remember a time when we had not forgotten about the environment ... and what's happened in the way of pollution in that Rio Grande from both sides," said Bentsen, who was raised along the river.

The World Bank program is a supplement to the environmental

improvement funding the United States and Mexico are in the midst of negotiating as part of NAFTA.

Details on the border environmental financing have yet to be finalized, Bentsen told reporters at a briefing to promote the trade pact, which faces stiff opposition in Congress.

The two countries are discussing a program that would kick in about \$2 billion in government money over a decade to leverage up to \$8 billion in funds for border environmental improvements.

Bentsen, who in recent days also has met with reporters from New Jersey and Missouri to tout NAFTA's benefits, stressed that Texas stands to gain economically from additional trade with Mexico. Last year, he noted, Texas exported \$18.8 billion in goods to Mexico — more than any other state. "It is the first market for our exports," he said.

## 'New Yorker' writer, humorist Peter De Vries dies at 83

WESTPORT, Conn. (AP) — *New Yorker* writer Peter De Vries, who parodied everything from feminism to religion and everyone from fellow suburbanites to fellow authors, died Tuesday. He was 83.

De Vries, who published 26 novels, was once described by British author Kingsley Amis as the "funniest serious writer to be found either side of the Atlantic."

One of his best known books, *The Tunnel of Love*, was published in 1954. It told the story of Augie Poole, an unsuccessful cartoonist

who cultivated all the vices of a great artist in the hope that some of the talent would also rub off.

De Vries later collaborated on a hit Broadway version of the book and it was also made into a movie.

Although De Vries targeted human foibles, he always insisted he was a humorist, not a satirist, said his daughter, Jan De Vries.

"He said, 'The difference is, satirists shoot to kill; the humorist allows his prey to escape — possibly to be hunted another day,'" she said.

De Vries, who attended church several times a week as a child, passed up the ministry to be a writer, much to his parents' dismay.

When he published a poem in *Esquire* magazine early in his career, they promised not to tell anyone.

"They thought it was something to be furtive about," his daughter said.

He was hired as associate editor of *Poetry* magazine in 1939, and he published his first novel, *But Who Wakes the Bugler?*, the

following year.

At James Thurber's suggestion, he moved to New York and began writing for the *New Yorker* in 1944. He retired in 1986 when his health began to fail.

Other survivors include two sons, Jon and Derek.

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## Student wounds himself in shooting

DALLAS (AP) — A student at Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas was in serious condition Tuesday after he accidentally shot himself in the stomach with a gun he brought to school.

Damon Wright, 18, was recovering from surgery and in serious condition with a gunshot wound to the

abdomen, said Esther Bauer, a spokeswoman at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Wright, a senior who wasn't known as a problem student, shot himself at the school's auditorium while waiting to have his picture taken for the yearbook, said principal Eduardo Torres.

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### Waste burners facing fines

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Environmental Protection Agency is seeking \$19.8 million in fines against facilities that burn hazardous waste, alleging they allowed leaks, excessive emissions and other violations, officials said Tuesday.

"If they can't do it properly, they shouldn't be burning hazardous waste," said EPA Administrator Carol Browner, who has set an overall goal of reducing the amount of hazardous waste the nation produces.

The fines, ranging from \$4,300 to more than \$3 million, were levied against 28 boilers and industrial furnaces, along with two commercial incinerators. While incinerators accept hazardous waste and burn it as a means of disposal, the boilers and industrial furnaces use the waste as part of their fuel source for industrial processes.

The 30 facilities are located in 17 states, where EPA filed administrative court actions for the fines. They were targeted following a stepped-up enforcement action by EPA in February, said Browner.

"We are using every tool we have to make sure that hazardous waste is incinerated properly," she said in a telephone interview. "When we suspect something, we are going to take action."

But a spokesman for Greenpeace, Rick Hind, said the penalties amount to a "slap on the wrist" when EPA

should be revoking the permits of some of the facilities.

He called incinerators the "drunk drivers of polluters."

"They shouldn't be just fined," Hind said. "They should be pulled off the road."

Among the facilities targeted, EPA is seeking:

— \$3.36 million from River Cement Co. of Festus, Mo., which EPA cited for several violations including failure to have equipment to contain hazardous waste emissions, which may have allowed releases of toxic air and water contaminants.

— \$1.5 million from S.C. Johnson & Sons in Sturtevant, Wis., for failing to test for hazardous waste components before burning waste and other violations.

— \$915,125 against Rhone-Poulenc Inc., for boiler violations that EPA said placed the surrounding community of Institute, W.Va., at risk of breathing cancer-causing materials.

— \$1.2 million from Lafarge Corp., in Fredonia, Kan., a cement manufacturer cited by EPA for emissions violations that may have put people in the area at risk.

Browner in May announced tougher regulation of toxic waste incinerators and furnaces and said EPA would withhold new permits for such facilities and review those that were operating with temporary permits.

### Officials: 1,500 Cuban prisoners to be sent home

By CAROLYN SKORNECK  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — An estimated 1,500 Cuban inmates in federal prisons will be repatriated, Justice Department officials said Tuesday, adding they had taken steps to guard against rioting by prisoners angered by the move.

All 4,500 Cuban inmates being held in federal prison were briefly segregated from the general prison population Tuesday while those who would be sent back to Cuba were told of plans to repatriate them, officials said.

The only inmates to be sent home under the U.S.-Cuba agreement would be those who arrived on the 1980 Mariel boatlift and later committed serious crimes in America, said Justice Department spokesman Carl Stern.

The estimated 1,500 prisoners who will be returned to Cuba will remain in segregation while the rest will be returned to their cells, officials said.

The special precautions were taken to prevent uprisings that have occurred in the past among Cubans opposed to returning to their homeland run by Fidel Castro, according to Justice Department spokesman Carl Stern.

"We didn't want them reacting to prison gossip," Stern said in explanation of the pre-dawn action taken at 37 institutions nationwide.

The prisoners were taken from their cells and told what would happen, after which those who are not to be repatriated to Cuba were sent back to their cells, Stern said.

The largest single gathering of Cuban inmates are the 200 at Leavenworth, Kan., followed by 100 at Lompoc, Calif., Stern said.

The Cubans to be sent home are those who

have completed their U.S. prison sentences. They are still incarcerated because they have been declared deportable, he said.

The security arrangements Tuesday morning were discussed by Bureau of Prisons and Immigration and Naturalization Service representatives, along with Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell, Stern said.

The repatriation program began in 1984 through an agreement between the U.S. and Cuban governments.

"We have an understanding with the Cuban government to continue that effort," Stern said, adding that he did not know exactly when that understanding was reached.

After the 1984 agreement, a list of 2,746 potential repatriation candidates was drawn up, but only 1,116 were eventually returned to Cuba following appeals to the Cuban Review Panel made up of BOP and INS representatives, he said.

Similar appeals could be made by the 1,500 on the current list.

"Just because individuals are in the group that could be sent back does not mean that they will be," he said.

Stern predicted it would take at least six weeks to two months before the first prisoners are sent home, as the Cuban government still must verify that those named are Cubans and arrangements must be made to fly them to the Mari Airport.

Cuban inmates have rioted at three federal prisons after learning of U.S. plans to repatriate Cubans.

From Nov. 21 to Dec. 4, 1987, Cuban detainees from the 1980 Mariel boatlift rioted and took over the Federal Detention Center in Oakdale, La., and the Atlanta U.S. Penitentiary after the first repatriations were announced.

The Oakdale inmates surrendered after eight days. But in Atlanta, an 11-day standoff during which one inmate was killed ended when inmates negotiated a settlement and freed 89 hostages.

Two years ago, Cuban inmates at the federal prison in Talladega, Ala., seized and threatened to kill 10 hostages on Aug. 21, 1991 in an attempt to avoid deportation.

Special FBI SWAT teams stormed the prison on Aug. 30, 1991 and released the nine remaining hostages safely.

"We took the necessary security precautions to avoid what happened in 1987 and make sure that everyone was well-informed," said Lula Rodriguez, an aide to Attorney General Janet Reno.

A statement composed by high-level Justice Department officials said the new repatriations resulted from ongoing discussions between the United States and Cuba and represented an interim measure in the implementation of the 1984 agreement.

The serious crimes that would qualify Mariel boatlift detainees for repatriation include murder, rape, violent assault and drug trafficking, said the statement, which was not formally issued by the department.

Not included on the list of about 1,500 to be returned are about 400 Mariel Cubans still serving criminal sentences in numerous federal prisons and about 2,300 in state prisons serving state sentences.

Some could become subject to repatriation after they have completed their sentences if they are ordered excluded by an immigration judge, the department said.



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## Senate keeps Medicaid-paid abortion ban

By ALAN FRAM  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate refused Tuesday to lift the 17-year-old ban on federally financed abortions for poor women, rebuffing abortion-rights supporters who had hoped that 1993 would be their year.

By a surprisingly decisive 59-40 roll call, senators defeated an effort to jettison the restrictions and instead narrowly eased them. The move to kill the limitations had the backing of President Clinton.

Currently, only poor women whose lives are threatened can use Medicaid to pay for an abortion.

But the provision approved Tuesday would widen the exemption to allow use of the funds when pregnancies result from rape or incest — a change that abortion-rights supporters had sought for a decade.

The vote sealed the issue for the year, because the House had cast a 255-178 tally last June for an identical provision.

The roll call also raised questions about whether Congress will be willing to follow Clinton's plan to include abortion among the procedures that would be covered under his proposed revamping of the nation's health-care system.

But abortion-rights senators conceded nothing, predicting that ultimately lawmakers would vote to include abortion coverage in whatever new health plan emerges from Congress.

"It was the first vote," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., who led the fight to remove the restrictions. "There will be more, and I predict that one day we will win."

Nonetheless, the vote was a blow to abortion-rights supporters, who had been buoyed last fall when voters sent Sen. Clinton to the White House and four new Democratic women to the Senate.

All support the unfettered use of federal Medicaid funds for abortions. And all five Democratic women senators took to the floor to argue that it was time to resume providing federal aid to the poor for a procedure that is readily attainable — and legal — for women who can afford it.

"You are targeting them," Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., said of poor women who cannot afford abortions without Medicaid. "You are selecting them. You are making them less than a citizen."

But senators ended up siding with anti-abortion arguments that lifting the restrictions would clear the way for an additional 400,000 abortions annually, at a cost to taxpayers of \$100 million a year.

"Millions of Americans believe the unborn child is a human being," said Sen. Robert Smith, R-N.H., the leader of the anti-abortion forces.

If the restrictions were dropped, he said, "pro-life Americans would be forced to pay for the wholesale destruction of those whom they rationally regard as their innocent fellow human beings."

Despite the vote, there was little doubt that the political ground on the abortion debate has shifted dramatically since Clinton's election.

The bill itself provided stark evidence of that. The two exceptions for victims of rape and incest that abortion-rights supporters grudgingly settled for Tuesday were what they had fought for unsuccessfully for the last decade.

"It was a horrible, bitter disappointment, and a vote to perpetuate discrimination against poor women," said President Kate Michelman of the National Abortion Rights Action League.

"The Congress has spoken and its message is clear. The president must jettison the abortion issue or it will sink health care reform," said Ralph Reed, executive director of the conservative Christian Coalition.

Despite the lopsided margin of the vote, abortion-rights lawmakers insisted that the vote would be different when it comes to including abortion in Clinton's health-care package.

They cited two types of senators who voted "no" Tuesday who would be likely to change their minds on the future votes: those concerned that states would be unable to opt against financing abortions, and those who would be unwilling to block abortions for all women, not just the poor.

"Many senators came up to me and said, 'This is the end of a chapter in my voting career,'" and will now support abortion, Boxer told reporters.

The restrictions on Medicaid financing of abortions have been in effect since 1977 when the so-called Hyde amendment took effect. It is named for its author, Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill.

Just four years earlier, the Supreme Court concluded in *Roe vs. Wade* that the Constitution grants women the right to have an abortion.



(AP photo)

## Gov. Ann Richards talks with reporters Tuesday in Austin after the federal jury found in her favor.

### Jury rules in Richards' favor

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal court jury Tuesday found in favor of Gov. Ann Richards and other defendants in a lawsuit by three former Texas Department of Commerce employees who contended they were fired because they were Republicans.

The three claimed there was a political purge at the agency spearheaded by Richards, a Democrat, after her election in 1990.

But Roy Minton, attorney for Richards and the other four defendants, described it as a case of workers being dismissed — as warranted — in the reorganization of an agency that was "in chaos."

Derek Howard, lawyer for the fired workers, said he was disappointed with the verdict. He said he didn't immediately know whether he would appeal.

"I'm very relieved, and I'm really, really happy that it's over," said Richards, who attended the seven-day trial. "I thought this was really a tough thing to go through."

The jury deliberated for less than five hours.

In his closing argument, Howard had painted the case as a battle for the ex-workers' constitutional right to associate with the political party of their choice without fear of retribution.

"It's thumbs up or thumbs down on our First Amendment," he told the

eight-member jury.

But Minton said Richards believes that taxpayers "deserve to have something for the money that they pay" to run state agencies.

"Sitting on your bottom and expecting to get paid for nothing is not where this country came from," he told jurors.

The former Commerce workers — Jim Mikus, Eddie Aurispa and Ray Barnes — said they were fired in 1991 because of their Republican affiliation to make room for Richards' Democratic supporters.

But the defense said the three workers' positions were eliminated in an agency reorganization, conducted because the agency was mired in allegations of mismanagement and improper spending.

Co-defendants in the trial were Richard Moya, a top aide to Richards; Commerce executive director Cathy Bonner; former Commerce board chairman Alan Kahn of Dallas; and Margaret Donaldson, personnel director.

Tuesday's ruling was the second by a federal court jury against former Commerce Department workers claiming they were fired for political reasons. Another jury in June ruled against six other ex-employees. Richards was not a defendant in the previous case, although she was a witness.

## Menendez brother describes night of killings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Erik Menendez, his voice a whisper and his face contorted in agony, told jurors Tuesday how he shot his parents to death, saying he was convinced his father was about to molest and kill him.

"I just fired as much as I could, every shell I had," he said.

When it was over, he said, he stood at the door of the family room, his gun and his emotions spent.

"I just saw there was a lot of smoke. It was dark. There was light coming from the hallway. It was real eerie. The TV was making illuminating lights. It was horrible."

He said he averted his eyes from the bodies of his mother, Kitty, and his father, entertainment executive Jose Menendez, but heard a noise coming from his mortally wounded mother.

"It scared me. I just wanted to get out of there," he said. His brother reloaded the gun outside and returned to finish her off.

Even then, he said, "I couldn't believe that they were dead."

"They were so powerful and so overwhelming in my life I never thought they would go away," he said.

Erik, 22, and his brother Lyle, 25, admit killing their parents but claim self-defense. The prosecution contends they killed for their parents' fortune.

Under his attorney's questioning, Erik gave graphic descriptions of sexual abuse by his father.

Erik, who said he always felt inferior to his brother, said the encounters began when he was 6 years old and were the only time his father seemed to like him.

"It made me feel like I had a relationship with my dad," he testified. "He seemed to care about me. He seemed to love me and that's all I cared about."

By the time he was 11, he said, the sexual activity escalated and "I didn't like what was going on. I thought it was very dirty but the mood was light and he was talking about how this was normal and this was supposed to be happening."

The night before his parents' slayings, Erik said, he sat up all night holding a shotgun after refusing his father's demands to open the door. His mother, he said, knew about the molestation.

Then on Aug. 20, 1989, he said, his parents forbid both brothers to go out and his father ordered him to his room with the warning, "I'll be up in a minute."

That, he said, was the signal his father was going to demand sex. But this time, he said, his brother interceded telling their father "You're never going to touch him again."

He said his father leaped toward Lyle and said, "It's my family. It's not your little brother. It's my son."

Erik described his father's fury "like a rush of wind, like a hurricane" and said his mother had a look of "stone resolve."

"I thought my dad was going to come up to my room and have sex and I thought they were going to kill us," Erik said.

He said he retreated upstairs and Lyle followed. He said they rushed out to a car where they loaded shotguns, then returned and burst into the family room.

"I just remember firing," Erik said.

Afterward, he said, they sat on a stairway and stared at each other, then collected the shotgun shells. He confirmed his brother's earlier account of their disposal of guns and bloody clothes, their effort to create an alibi and their return to the mansion.

## Army sued over soldier's sexual harassment, suicide

FORT WORTH (AP) — The Army is targeted in a lawsuit by the family of a Texas soldier who committed suicide after complaining of sexual harassment.

The family of Spc. Alexis Martinez Colon is seeking \$320 million in the lawsuit filed Sept. 8 in U.S. District Court in San Francisco.

"We are claiming compensation for the way she died and for the harassment that led to her death," Denver attorney Doris Beskof told the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

Ms. Colon, 25, a Gulf War veteran, accused two staff sergeants in her Fort Hood unit of kissing her on the cheek, running their fingers

through her hair and boasting of sexual exploits early last year.

When she filed a formal complaint and asked for a transfer, the Army referred her to a counselor for therapy. She also was charged with "conduct unbecoming a soldier in the form of sexual harassment," according to Army records.

Several hours later, on April 29, 1992, Ms. Colon wrote a suicide note and shot herself in the heart.

Historically, the military has been exempt from civilian court damage

claims relating to deaths or injuries linked to service-related duties. On those grounds, the Army turned down the family's initial damage claim.

The family's lawsuit states that a month before Ms. Colon's death, commanding officers at Fort Hood issued a written policy against sexual harassment.

The legal brief argues that sexual harassment violates military policy and therefore cannot be compared with injuries incurred in the line of duty.

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# Food

## Spicy, grilled foods help fight off early fall chill

### FOOD



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There is an old Vermont story, told to unnerve newcomers, about the Vermont, who, upon seeing a photograph of a green field intoned: "Musette been taken in July." Why? "No snow on the ground."

This is, of course, hyperbole. But it does serve to underline the fleeting nature of Vermont's summer. In his "Tales of Beyond" (Leviathan Press, 1992) Vermont writer Stephen Morris describes summer as a series of glorious moments "connected by a thread of fear." One day, you're diving happily into the cool depth of your favorite swimming hole and the next, he writes, "you'll be at a barbecue and notice that someone is wearing a down vest." I've already smelled woodsmoke in our neighborhood, and at local gatherings

speculation runs rampant about the date of the first frost. It's about time to cry "uncle," pack the swimsuit away and get the longhorns out of moth balls.

But I hate to give up without a fight. Before I acknowledge summer's demise, I like to have one last fling at the season. A barbecue, with food hot enough to make up for the chill in the air, seems like just the ticket. And the West Indies chicken dish, from my barbecuing Bible "The Thrill of the Grill," by Chris Schlesinger and John Willoughby (William Morrow, 1990), fits the bill. I plan to serve it with grilled bananas, mango chutney, one of Schlesinger's "Last Resorts" and a summery lime sorbet for dessert, and I figure everyone will be too happy celebrating to worry about the first frost. I also plan to insist that everyone wear shorts. Down vests are optional.

#### GRILLED WEST INDIES SPICE-RUBBED CHICKEN BREAST WITH GRILLED BANANA

The spice rub:  
3 tablespoons curry powder  
3 tablespoons ground cumin  
2 tablespoon allspice

3 tablespoons paprika  
2 tablespoons powdered ginger (see note)  
1 tablespoon cayenne pepper (see note)  
2 tablespoons salt  
2 tablespoons freshly cracked black pepper  
4 boneless chicken breasts, skin on  
The bananas:  
1 tablespoon soft butter  
2 tablespoons molasses  
4 firm bananas, skin on, halved lengthwise

Mix the rubbing spices together and rub all over each chicken breast. Place chicken in shallow, non-aluminum pan; cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate 2 hours.

Preheat grill over medium fire, grill chicken breasts, skin-side down, until well-browned and heavy crusted, about 8 minutes. Turn and grill an additional 10 minutes, or until done to your taste. Remove from grill.

Mix butter and molasses together in a small cup or bowl. Set aside. Rub banana halves with oil and place on grill, cut-side down. Grill about 2 minutes, or until cut sides

are slightly golden. Flip and grill for an additional 2 minutes. Remove from grill. Paint butter-molasses mixture over the bananas. Serve the chicken breasts and banana halves together, sprinkled with a little lime juice.

Note: Brian Giard, a student at the New England Culinary Institute in Essex, Vt., suggests making this with fresh, not powdered ginger, and half the amount of cayenne. It still will be quite hot.

Yield: 4 servings.  
\* Recipe for "The Thrill of the Grill," by John Willoughby and Chris Schlesinger (William Morrow, 1990).

#### THE LAST RESORT

1 12-ounce can papaya juice  
2 12-ounce can guava juice  
1 1/4 cups pineapple juice  
1 1/4 cups orange juice  
1 8-ounce can Coco Lopez 1/2 cup grenadine  
1 jigger (2 ounces) golden rum per drink  
1 splash dark rum per drink  
Combine all ingredients except rum in a large container and mix well.  
Fill a 16-ounce glass with ice and add 1 jigger (2 ounces) golden rum.

Fill the glass with drink mixture. Pour contents into blender and blend until completely combined, about 1 minute. Repeat with remaining drink mixture and rum.

Pour blended drinks into serving glasses and float a splash of dark rum on top of each. Serve.

Yield: 8 servings.  
\* Recipe form "the Thrill of the Grill," by John Willoughby and Chris Schlesinger (William Morrow, 1990).

#### FRESH NECTARINE OR MANGO CHUTNEY

2 ripe nectarines or 2 ripe, peeled mangos, pitted and chopped  
1 small red bell pepper, seeded and chopped  
1/2 medium white or red onion, chopped  
2 scallions (green onions), chopped  
1 tablespoon minced, fresh, peeled ginger  
1 jalapeno chilli, minced (with seeds)  
1 clove garlic, minced  
1/4 cup white wine vinegar  
1 tablespoon brown sugar  
2 tablespoons minced fresh mint  
1 tablespoon minced fresh cilantro  
Salt to taste  
Mint and/or cilantro springs for

garnish  
Combine all ingredients in a small glass or ceramic bowl, and let sit at room temperature for 30 minute to 1 hour.

Yield: 4 servings.  
\* recipe from "chicken on the Grill," by David Barich and Thomas Ingalls (HarperPerennial, 1992).

#### LIME SORBET

Juice of 18 fresh limes (about 2 cups)  
2 cups of sugar  
Zest of 4 limes  
1 1/2 cups heavy cream  
1 lime, thinly sliced  
Place all ingredients except lime slices in bowl of food processor fitted with metal blade, or in blender. Process until smooth. Place in ice cream maker and freeze according to manufacturer's instructions. Serve immediately, garnished with fresh lime slices, or store in a 1-quart container and freeze, covered, removing from freezer 20 minutes before garnishing and serving.

Yield: 1 quart.  
\* Recipe form "Ruth & Skitch Henderson's Seasons in the Country," by Ruth and Skitch Henderson (Viking Studio Books, 1990).

## Bean business celebrates birthday

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — In 1912, L.L. Bean set up shop in Freeport and went on to become a world-famous outdoors outfitter. A year later and 15 miles to the south, another bean business was born.

Today, as it celebrates its 80th birthday, the four-story Burnham & Morrill plant sits fortress-like at One Bean Pot Circle on the edge of Casco Bay — the only producer of traditional baked beans distributed nationwide.

If the wind is blowing in the right direction, motorists can savor the aroma of beans as they drive on Interstate 295 alongside the plant.

B&M prides itself on baking its beans for seven hours in open kettles inside the plant's 144 brick ovens, a technique that remains essentially unchanged from that used by the Puritans in colonial times.

Most competitors, the company says, use the less costly method of putting raw beans and sauce in a can, which is then steam cooked. As a result, B&M beans cost up to 50 percent more than rival brands.

"Our products are a premium item. You only need to go to the grocery store to see that ...," insists Kent Rapp, marketing manager. "It's not just beans in salt water. It's a product that is cooked, prepared, nurtured, loved."

This, of course, doesn't amount to a hill of ... well, it doesn't matter to most people, but it means a lot to the people at B&M.

Earlier this year, the Tennessee-based manufacturer of Bush's Best Baked Beans prodded Massachusetts officials to drop a little-known state rule that says only oven-baked beans

can be labeled "baked beans."

B&M has vowed to challenge the rule change.

The company was buoyed recently when Massachusetts designated baked beans in molasses as an official state food. The third-grade class that pushed for the bill got to tour the B&M plant and sample its output.

During the class visit, plant manager Jon Tupper showed how the 400,000 pounds of beans hauled in each week in railroad hopper cars from Michigan are processed.

The youngsters got to watch while plant employees used oversized spoons to hand-stir the contents of huge cast-iron pots, each containing 600 pounds of baked beans.

"We do take offense at people who call their product baked beans, but don't bake them in ovens inside a pot," Tupper said.

B&M says the only other true baked bean that it's aware of is produced by California-based S&W, distributed regionally on the West Coast.

Another big difference is the ingredients. While many popular brands of canned beans use a tomato-based sauce, B&M bakes its beans with molasses and adds sugar, mustard, pork, salt and spices.

To bean counters at Pet Inc., B&M's St. Louis-based parent, B&M's \$36 million in sales make up a mere 2 percent of the giant food corporation's \$1.8 billion in revenues last year.

New England is B&M's regional stronghold, accounting for one-third of the plant's sales, according to Rapp. Some of the beans marketed in the six-

state region carry the Friend's label, acquired by B&M when it was part of the William Underwood Co.

While the Saturday night supper of beans and franks remains a tradition among many New Englanders, consumers in other parts of the country prefer their beans as a side dish, Rapp said.

B&M claims more than half the baked and baked-style bean market in New England and 21 percent of the \$140 million national market. Its share of the broader prepared beans category, valued at \$380 million, is 7 percent, well below that of industry leader Van Camp's.

The B&M plant also bakes a canned broad bean that New Englanders in particular often serve as an accompaniment to baked beans.

B&M's other pockets of strength include the West Coast, the mid-Atlantic states and Florida. Most of the South and the Midwest, by contrast, tend to favor pork and beans, Rapp said.

The company has attempted to position its product as a wholesome "comfort food" that scores high on the nutrition scale. To play up the health benefits, it included a "fiber burst" on the label that highlights beans as a good source of dietary fiber.

B&M has had success with some of new product introductions in recent years, including beans with honey, barbecue beans and vegetarian beans.

He says the company is working on some new products, but for competitive reasons he's reluctant to spill the ... well, to tell all.

## Cookbook offers readers tasty recipes

Imperial Sugar Company of Sugar Land, Texas, is celebrating its 150th anniversary and to commemorate the occasion, it has compiled a cookbook with many fine recipes.

It should not be surprising to anyone to find out that the one thing all the recipes have in common is sugar. Nowhere in this book will you find a recipe which suggests a low-calorie substitute.

However, just because sugar is a predominant ingredient, it doesn't mean this is a cookbook for pie-bakers or pastry chefs, although they might find it helpful. Instead, this cookbook offers a wide variety of food recipes ranging from beverages to breads to soups to, of course, cakes and pies.

In addition, the Imperial Sugar 150th Anniversary Cookbook also offers an interesting history of the company and a helpful measurement conversion table.

One of the best recipes the book has to offer is for peach cobbler (it referred to as Peachy Cobbler in the cookbook).

You might try doubling or even tripling the amounts given especially if you're feeding four or more people.

#### PEACHY COBBLER

2 cups (one 29-ounce can) sliced cling peaches, drained  
3 tablespoons of lemon juice  
1 cup of brown sugar  
1 teaspoon of cinnamon  
3/4 cup of all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup of granulated sugar  
2 teaspoons of baking powder  
1/4 teaspoon of salt  
3/4 cup of milk  
1/3 cup of butter or margarine, melted

Arrange drained, sliced peaches in 9-inch x 9-inch baking pan; pour on lemon juice; spread brown sugar over peaches. Sprinkle on cinnamon.

In mixing bowl combine, flour sugar, baking powder, salt; add milk and beat until smooth. Batter will be very thin. Pour batter over peaches and brown sugar. Drizzle melted butter or margarine over batter. Bake in preheated 350° F. oven about 35 minutes. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Other interesting recipes you might want to try if you get the book include the recipe for Stephen F. Austin Devil's Food Cake, the recipe for Shrimporee Creole or the recipe for Pralines.

The Imperial Sugar 150th Anniversary Cookbook can only be ordered by writing the company. To obtain a copy, send a check or money order for \$4.95 along with a UPC symbol from a bag or carton of Imperial Sugar to: Imperial Sugar 150th Anniversary Cookbook, P.O. Box 560246, Dallas, Texas 75356. The price includes the sales tax, postage and handling.



Pat Flaherty pours a kettle of baked beans into a chute at the Burnham and Morrill bean company.

### Recipes wanted

The Pampa News is interested in receiving and printing its readers favorite recipes.

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# Lifestyles

## Dear Abby: Girl Scouts Behind Bars: Moms find life in prison

### Letting go of grudge ends years of silence

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for writing that booklet titled "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It."

I had a good friend when I was in college, but we had a falling out. I got angry. I was so angry I did not speak to her from 1979 until 1992. Then she came to visit her mother and found a college directory, so she started calling her old college friends who were listed, and I was among them.

I had just read your booklet about how to deal with anger, so instead of continuing to carry a grudge, I decided to speak to her. I followed up our conversation with a cordial letter explaining that I had read something that made me realize how unproductive anger was. She sent me a holiday card in return, telling me how much she had valued my friendship.

Life is really better now that I have gained some insight. (Wow, what joys I missed by not speaking to her!)

Thank you for stretching out your hand in yet another service for mankind.

GRATEFUL  
IN LUMBERTON, N.C.

DEAR GRATEFUL: Thank you for taking the time to write. Finding the courage to admit than an incident was poorly handled - and having the maturity to do something about it - shows how far you have come since the old college days. congratulations. I'm glad to have helped. but you did the work.

DEAR ABBY: I've been reading those letters about inappropriate laughter at funerals, and will tell you what happened to me.

My father died at age 57 in 1985. I loved him with all my heart and was overwhelmed at the wake. I wasn't sure I could bear the pain of seeing him laid out, so I remained downstairs in the lounge while well-meaning friends and relatives tried to coax me into saying my final goodbye to my dad. One hour before they closed the casket, it dawned on me that my father deserved my respect. I slowly entered the room where he was as if my feet were sinking in quicksand. My husband supported me physically and helped me to walk to the casket.

As I stood there, looking down at my father's face, my eyes filled with tears. Just as I was about to break down, my husband leaned over and whispered, "Honey, my fly just burst open!"

I could not contain my laughter. The people behind me saw my shoulders heaving up and down. Little did they know that I was laughing hysterically, although I made no sound. We quickly exited and went back downstairs to the lounge so I could temporarily mend his fly.

While I was kneeling in front of him mending his fly, my Uncle Earnie came around the corner on the way to the men's room. The three of us stared at each other, then my uncle turned and ran out!

Abby, to this day I am convinced that it was my father's doing. What a laugh he must have had on his way to heaven! Thanks, Dad, you came through again.

STILL GIGGLING  
IN HOWELL, N.J.

WORTH QUOTING: "Richard Wagner, a musician who wrote music which is better than its sounds." (Mark Twain)

### Borger craft fair set

The public is invited to attend the 23rd annual Borger Crafts Fair set for Friday through Saturday at the aluminum dome, announced Glenna Gray, chairperson of the event.

Admission is free to the three-day event and times are 1-6 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, and noon - 5 p.m. Sunday.

"This is our annual crafts show sponsored by the Borger Chamber of Commerce, Women's Division," said Gray. "We have over a hundred exhibitors signed up to show their crafts. This is one of the biggest crafts shows in this area. We draw exhibitors and customers from Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico. We try to keep a wide variety of arts and crafts available. All the crafts must be handmade."

Crafts to be exhibited are: jewelry, wood crafts, country crafts, southwest art, clothing, crochet and knit items, dolls, ceramics, wall hangings, baskets, copper and brass items, toys, Christmas items and others.

A food booth will be available with proceeds to go to the Borger High School Choir. There is access for the handicapped. For additional information, contact the Chamber Office at 806-274-2211, Glenna Gray at 273-2443 or Pat Lewis at 273-6690.

### Consumer decision making program set by Lutheran Aid

"Too Good To Be True: How to Avoid Rip Offs" is a new branch program from Aid Association for Lutherans (AAL) that can help people learn to make informed decisions in the American marketplace where "buyer beware" is often the norm.

"Too Good To Be True: How to Avoid Rip Offs" is a 90-minute program to be presented at 1 p.m. Sunday at Zion Lutheran Parish Hall, 1200 Duncan.

The educational program helps alert people to the types of scams and rip offs that exist—things the average consumer might not be aware of. "Too Good To Be True" is intended to empower people to spend their money wisely and to investigate offers that may come their way.

For more information on "Too Good To Be True: How To Avoid Rip Offs," contact Joy Thomas at 665-2060.

AAL provides more than 1.6 million Lutherans in 7,900 branches across the nation with fraternal benefits, AAL and affiliated companies offer members other financial services.

Neighborhood Watch works!

By DEB RIECHMANN  
Associated Press Writer

JESSUP, Md. (AP) — Twice a month, Rochelle Gilliam's 5-year-old daughter rides a bus to Maryland's only women's prison, passing through gates topped with razor-sharp wire. It's not just any visit. It's for her Girl Scout troop meeting.

"She looks forward to coming here, and I look forward to it," said Gilliam, who is serving 10 years for robbery and a probation violation. "My mother tells me that she gets up on Saturday mornings and waits for the bus."

Gilliam, 25, and about 30 other inmates at the Maryland Correctional Institution for Women are members of Girl Scout Troops 2140, 2141 and 2142.

It's the nation's first "Girl Scouts Behind Bars" program. Established last November, the program is designed to ease the children's trauma and give their mothers a chance to establish closer bonds.

"Children on the outside say, 'I'm going with my mother,' and she always has to say, 'I'm going with my grandmother,'" Gilliam said. "I know I miss my own mother, so I understand the hurt she feels."

The program, which has won praise from Attorney

General Janet Reno and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, is intended to help end the cycle of incarceration for generations of the same families.

Some children, especially younger ones, see their mothers arrested and taken away, but they don't know what has happened to them, said Marilyn Moses, program manager for the Justice Department's National Institute of Justice.

"Many children think their mothers are being starved, chained and beaten," she said. "They fantasize because they have no frame of reference. They suffer anxiety, depression."

The institute set up the program with a \$15,000 grant after Baltimore Circuit Judge Carol Smith asked officials to help the children of incarcerated parents.

The program has caught the attention of corrections officials in 10 other states, and a second program is being formed in Ohio, she said.

"We were eager to try it," said Mary Rose Main, national executive director of the Girl Scouts of the USA, which has 2.6 million girls nationwide. "These girls follow in the footsteps of their mothers too frequently and if we can help break this cycle, we would like to."

The mothers meet every other Saturday at 9 a.m. to discuss parenting and communication skills. Vans bringing the children from Baltimore arrive about 10:30 a.m. and the girls spend about 15 minutes one-on-one with their mothers.

The troops then split into three age groups, and the inmates and their daughters meet for two hours to discuss such issues as drug use, sex, health, self-esteem. On alternate weeks, the girls hold their own troop meetings outside the prison and do traditional scouting activities.

"This is an opportunity to become reacquainted and to reconnect," said Melanie Pereira, deputy commissioner with the state corrections department and a former warden at the women's prison.

"It gives them the opportunity to relate and pass on positive values to their children. They want a better world for their children."

Darlene Lawson, 33, who has four children and is serving a life sentence for murder, said she felt proud reciting the Girl Scout pledge after a recent anti-drug skit at the prison.

"We were doing it to represent the Girl Scouts, our children and ourselves," she said. "We didn't care what anyone said about it."

## Basket making: Tradition lives on

By RANDAL K. McGAVOCK  
Staff Writer

Basket weaving is an ancient tradition in nearly every culture the world has seen.

The harvesters of early civilizations gathered their bounty in them while warriors used the woven basket to hold flint-tipped arrows. Later on, baskets were used for everything from storing dry goods to carrying a picnic lunch to decoration.

Today things haven't changed. Artfully wrought baskets are still wanted and to meet that demand, Pampa's Peggiann Combs devotes a good portion of her life.

"Baskets and I have this relationship," she said. "I just loved them from the time I was little. I was always fascinated by how intricately they are woven and the many different weaves that there are."

While Combs has enjoyed the many styles of baskets most of her life, she actually began constructing them for only seven years.

During a trip to the Philippines in the early 1980s, Combs said she was amazed at the types and quality of the baskets many of the Filipinos make their livings from. In some cases, blind men and women, as well as children, would contribute to their families income by weaving, Combs said.

"Of course their baskets were beautiful," she said. "I think they have that sense of feel that we don't have since we rely on our eyes and they don't."

Combs first learned to weave baskets in Michigan when she lived there almost seven years ago.

Today, when she recalls the time she first began, she makes it sound if she was the glad victim of a like habit.

"In Michigan, is where I took most of my lessons for about six months, but I was there (in the classes) three and four days a week because I was addicted right away," Combs said.



Basket making is from beginning to end a hand operation. No machines exist for the creation of baskets, Combs said.

Unlike many habits, however, basket weaving seems to build an inner feeling of success for Combs.

"It's calming, it's kind of peaceful and quiet and it's something that I can create and there's a never, ever a basket I make that doesn't have that great accomplishment feeling," she said.

In the time Combs has been constructing baskets, she estimates she has made more than one thousand.

Throughout her home in Pampa, baskets ranging from the size of a few inches wide to as large as a couple of feet or more in diameter hang everywhere. In them you can find dolls, baked goods, floral decorations and even the raw material to construct other baskets.

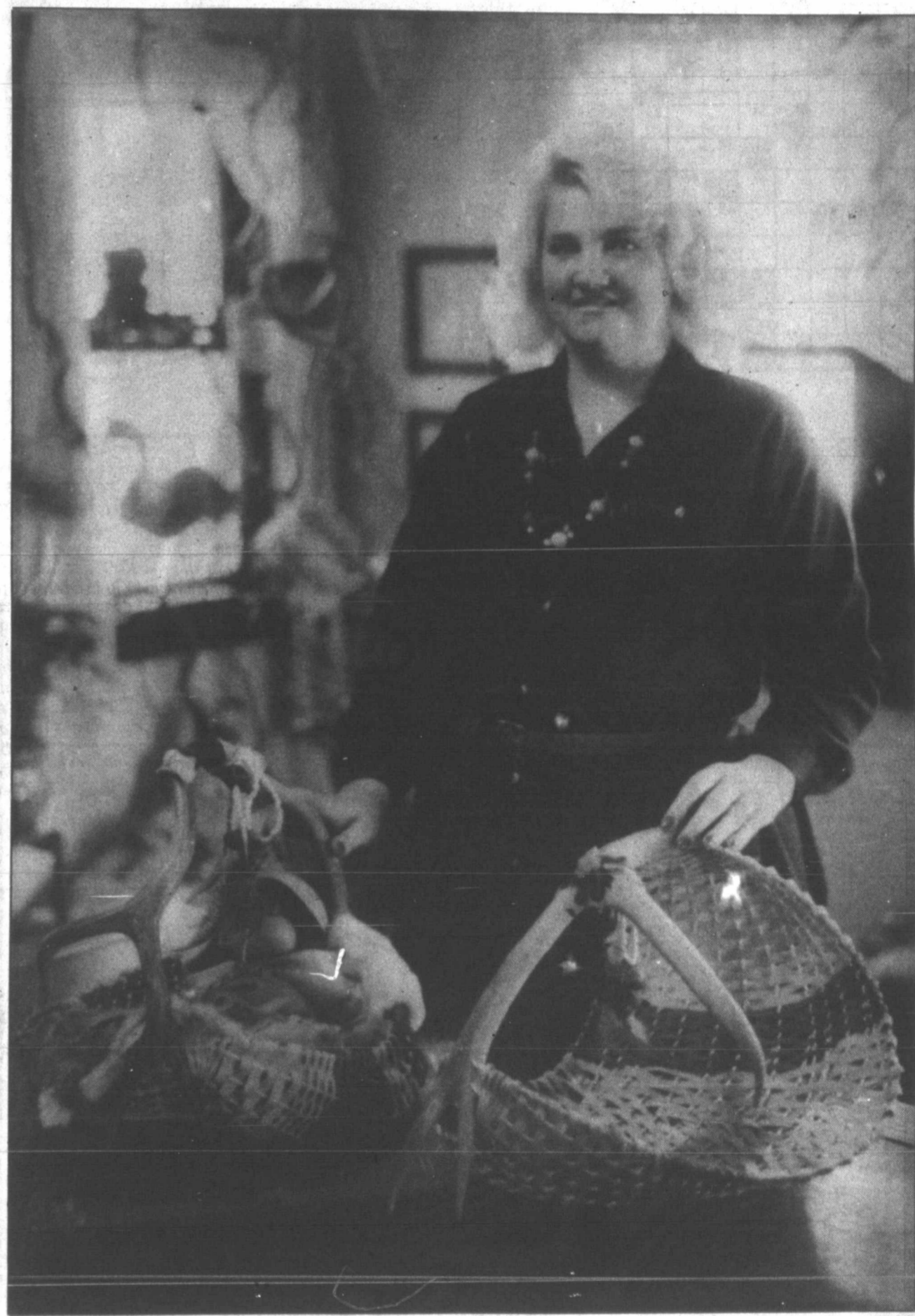
Depending on the basket, its size and type, a weaver like Combs can take from thirty minutes to six or seven hours to build one.

Some of the most complicated designs is the Victorian-styled basket. In addition to being hand-woven by Combs, they are also hand painted by a friend of hers.

Other popular baskets feature simple, sturdy designs while still others are constructed using the antler of a deer, she said.

"I know the most intriguing and the most interesting to me . . . are the antlers," Combs said. "But the ones I get the most 'ohhs' and 'ahhs' out of are the Victorian or the country styles."

Today, Combs sells her baskets to many of the resi-



(Staff photo by Randal McGavock)

### Peggiann Combs

dents of Pampa, but they are not the only ones. Recently, she has sold baskets in many of the area towns. In addition, she has an order for baskets from a relative who owns an interior decorating business in the Seattle, Wash., area.

The biggest difference between the hand-woven basket and those bought in a store is the quality of the workmanship, she said. Often store-bought baskets will have loose ends showing and as a result will be less structurally sound.

In addition to making baskets for fun and profit, Combs is also kept busy teaching basket weaving classes three days a week in her home.

"The main reason I started my classes here, when we first moved to town, was so that I would get to know people," she said.

In the two year since her and her family moved from

Oklahoma, people of all ages have taken advantage of Combs' experience through her creative classes.

"We have men, women (and) children, people of all ages," Combs said. "I think our youngest one was 6-year-old and (then) we have retired people . . . taking the class. It's been really fun."

In addition to fun, she said it's a good way to relax and step back from the stress of everyday life and work.

"It's a nice way to unwind," she said. "I can tell who's had a tense day or even if their work is tense, they weave tighter or they weave looser."

Combs' creations are available in a couple of the shops in Pampa as well as for people recently admitted into the hospital.

In addition, she will be featuring her work at the upcoming Pampa Fine Arts Association's craft show next month.

## Advances in dentistry give patients something to smile about

By GOOD HOUSEKEEPING  
For AP Special Features

The typical "drill and fill" brand of dentistry is being replaced by new procedures that leave the patient something to smile about.

"Dentists are seeing few common problems, such as cavities," Dr. Harold Loc, director of the National Institute of Dental Research in Bethesda, Md., told Sue Berkman in an article in *Good Housekeeping*, and people with serious dental problems can benefit from new technology.

"Technology has touched off a revolution in methods of diagnosis, treatment and prevention of periodontal disease," said Dr. Michael Bral, chairman of the Department of Periodontics at New York University College of Dentistry in New York City.

Lasers, which cause minimal bleeding and post-operative pain, are now used for soft tissue surgeries and biopsies and may eventually be used for reducing hypersensitivity to hot and cold and as part of root canal surgery.

Dentists now can more easily spot decay and early bone loss and fit intricate crowns, bridges and implants with the help of a tiny video camera, similar in size and shape to a dental mirror. The camera scans the inside of a patient's mouth and sends magnified images to a computer screen.

To prepare crowns or bridges, a computerized system is starting to replace the traditional method of making rubber impressions and plaster molds of the filed-down tooth on which a dental crown or bridge is attached. The whole process, from image to carving out the finished crown or bridge, is done in a single visit.

For those still plagued by cavities, sealants — plastic

coatings now used to protect chewing surfaces on children's teeth — soon will be used to protect the most decay-prone spots on adult teeth — the roots that become exposed as gums recede.

Products such as toothpaste and chewing gum will eventually contain a substance that not only prevents the advance of tooth decay but actually repairs early cavities. These products are still at least five years from introduction.

While 75 percent of adults over age 35 now have some form of periodontal (gum) disease, the future looks brighter thanks to treatments just coming into use. Tissue grafts can replace receded gum tissue and ceramic materials can correct deep recesses in gums. Bone grafts replace bone that has worn away and provide a "scaffolding" around which new bone may grow and form a more solid attachment for teeth.

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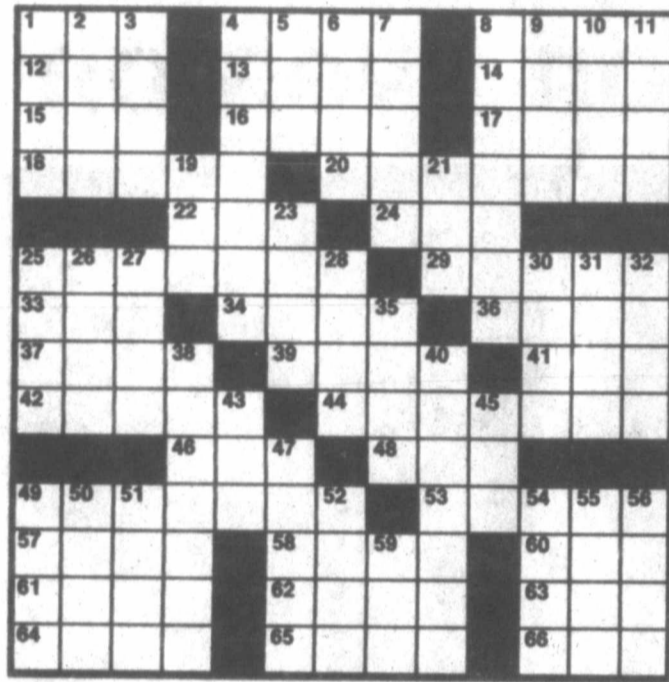
## NEA Crossword Puzzle

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- 4 Nobleman
- 8 Do
- 12 housework
- 13 Onset base
- 14 Downpour
- 14 Do — others
- 15 Everyone
- 16 Rams' mates
- 17 Son of Adam
- 18 Harness straps
- 20 Bird
- 22 Anglo-Saxon letter
- 24 Yale student
- 25 Countless
- 29 Carried by wind
- 33 Animal's coat
- 34 Unsophisticated
- 36 Silkworm
- 37 Elevator name
- 39 1944 invasion date

**DOWN**

- 1 Period of time
- 2 Eye
- 3 Easily molded
- 4 Citrus fruit
- 5 — china
- 6 Car assemblers' assn.
- 7 Capital of Ukraine
- 8 Easily molded
- 9 Two-toed sloth
- 10 Mix
- 11 Quality of sound
- 19 Mesh
- 21 Law deg.
- 23 Chief
- 25 Flying saucers (abbr.)
- 26 Speechless
- 27 Grand —
- 28 Nest of pheasants
- 30 City in Russia
- 31 Metal strand
- 32 Scolds
- 35 Diminish
- 38 Saw-toothed
- 40 Jewish language
- 43 Wild sheep
- 45 Tunisian ruler
- 47 City in Utah
- 49 — Major
- 50 Handle roughly
- 51 Hat part
- 52 Finnish first name
- 54 Old musical instrument
- 55 In a frenzied state
- 56 Local movie theater (sl.)
- 59 Mrs. in Madrid



Answer to Previous Puzzle

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### WALNUT COVE



By Mark Cullum

### ARLO & JANIS



By Jimmy Johnson

### EEK & MEEK



By Howie Schneider

### B.C.



By Johnny Hart

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Today you might be strongly tempted to do something that opposes your better judgment. If you ignore your own counsel, be prepared to pay the consequences of your folly. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You'll have adequate drive and ambition today, yet you might attempt to take on things that exceed your limitations. This could cause problems in all of your endeavors.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) In order to express your independence today, you might deliberately do things that buck the will of the majority. This won't add luster to your image, it could make you look selfish instead.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Limit family problems to their participants today instead of discussing them with outsiders. If you permit others to intervene, you might create something you'll regret.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Be perceptive in gauging your audience today, so that you don't introduce into a conversation a topic about which you feel strongly, to someone who holds an equally strong opposing view.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) Strive to be more careful than usual with your prize possessions today. If you leave something of value lying about it might tempt someone with sticky fingers to take it.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) You'll function best today if you're permitted to establish your own agenda. Try to steer clear of individuals who make demands on your time and attempt to dictate your activities.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) Disruptive developments could be made harder today if your attitude is negative. Reasonable solutions aren't likely if you tend to think things can't be worked out.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) Don't get involved in petty politics with someone in your peer group today. This person is more adroit in this area than you are and could end up making you look bad.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) Try not to let your ego or temper cause you to challenge authority figures today, especially persons who have some influence over your career. This is a match you can't win.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) Getting in the last word shouldn't be too important today if it jeopardizes a valued relationship. This could be a win that turns out to be a big loss.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you're not on guard today there is a possibility you might get maneuvered in a position where you're held accountable for another's mistakes and debts.

### MARVIN



By Tom Armstrong

### MARMADUKE



By Brad Anderson

### KIT N' CARLYLE



By Larry Wright

### ALLEY OOP



By Dave Graue



### BEATTIE BLVD.



By Bruce Beattie

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS



By Bill Keane

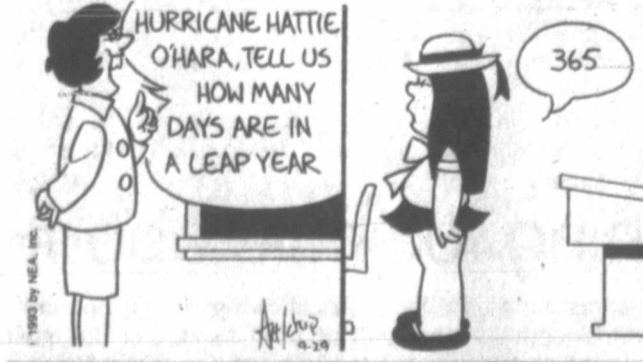
### WINTHROP



By Dick Cavalli



### THE BORN LOSER



By Art and Chip Sansom



### FRANK AND ERNEST



By Bob Thaves

### PEANUTS



By Charles M. Schulz

### GARFIELD



By Jim Davis

# Sports

## Notebook

**PITTSBURGH (AP)** — The Philadelphia Phillies, a throwback to baseball's grittier days, won the National League East, their first division title since 1983.

Philadelphia completed a remarkable worst-to-first turnaround — a year ago, they were sixth, 26 1/2 games behind the division-champion Pirates — by clinching 10 years to the day they last won in 1983.

The Phillies, who also won in 1976, 1977, 1978, 1980 and 1983, are the third straight NL East champion to clinch in Pittsburgh. The Pirates clinched at home in 1991 and 1992.

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — Kansas City Royals manager Hal McRae agreed to a one-year contract extension for 1994.

McRae, who spent 15 of 17 major-league seasons with Kansas City, became manager in May 1991 when John Wathan was fired.

After the Royals struggled through a second straight dismal start this season, punctuated by a post-game tirade in which McRae threw several objects, they settled down and contended for the AL West title. The team lost seven of its first eight games and was 7-12 at the time of McRae's tantrum. The Royals are 81-77, an improvement from last year's 72-90.

**HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)** — Gov. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. signed into law a measure to allow construction of a football stadium if the New England Patriots relocate.

Connecticut lawmakers have to wait on current owners, NFL and Massachusetts Legislature to see if they can have a professional team.

The NFL and Massachusetts lawmakers want the Patriots to remain, and hope to receive legislative approval to build a new stadium in Boston. Gov. William Weld has proposed construction of a \$700 million megaplex in Boston, including a convention center.

**PHOENIX (AP)** — A.C. Green, a durable power forward with Championship experience, signed with Phoenix, helping the Suns offset the loss of Richard Dumas, in drug rehabilitation.

Green joins the Western Conference champions after eight years with the Lakers. He signed a five-year contract, averaging \$3.02 million a year.

The Suns opened a salary slot for Green by waiving Tom Chambers after the playoffs. Green could become an unrestricted free agent after this season, but Phoenix would have the inside track to keep him.

Green averaged 12.8 points and 8.7 rebounds last season, but stepped up by averaging 14.6 rebounds in the first round of the playoffs against Phoenix. He has not missed a game since Nov. 16, 1986, appearing in 567 consecutive regular-season contests.

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Golden State Warriors guard Sarunas Marciulionis tore a knee ligament playing basketball at a local college and likely will miss the season.

The 29-year-old Lithuanian was playing at St. Mary's College when he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee. Marciulionis, who missed 52 games last season with leg injuries, averaged 18.9 points per game in 1991-92. He fractured his right fibula and dislocated his right ankle while running in Lithuania during last off-season.

**LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)** — Jamal Mashburn, a former basketball All-American at Kentucky, is donating \$500,000 to the school's scholarship fund.

Mashburn played three seasons at Kentucky, leading the Wildcats to the Final Four last April. He skipped his senior season and was selected fourth overall by Dallas.

He has yet to sign with the club. Last June he signed a 5-year, \$5 million deal with Fila, an Italian shoe and sportswear company.

The program, called "Kentucky Excel," will identify qualified Fayette County students after their eighth-grade year, and match them with UK athletes and alumni in mentor relationships.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Olden Polynice of the Detroit Pistons was arrested after his girlfriend told police he pointed a loaded gun at her.

Polynice was arrested at his Brentwood home for investigation of assault with a deadly weapon and released on \$20,000 bail. He was scheduled for arraignment Oct. 18. Last year Polynice averaged 6.2 rebounds and 7.3 points per game.

**BOULDER, Colo. (AP)** — Colorado coach Bill McCartney outlined a new team policy on fighting that won't be retroactive to last Saturday's bench-clearing brawl against Miami.

Colorado was trailing badly just before halftime when the brawl erupted. Seven Miami players and five from Colorado were ejected.

The guidelines include a one-game suspension for any player leaving the bench to participate in a fight. McCartney didn't suspend anyone for Colorado's next game, against Missouri Oct. 9.

**BASEL, Switzerland (AP)** — Ivan Lendl lost 7-5, 7-6 (7-4) in the first round to Jan Siemierink at the Swiss Indoors.

No. 3 Alexander Volkov of Russia was upset 6-2, 7-6 (7-5) by Germany's David Prinosil; No. 5 Marc Rosset of Switzerland, routed Andrei Cherkasov of Russia 6-0, 6-2; No. 6 Arnaud Boetsch of France ousted Jonathan Stark 7-6 (7-4), 6-3, and No. 7 Amos Mansdorf of Israel beat German Arne Thoms 6-3, 6-2.

**LEIPZIG, Germany (AP)** — Defending champion Steffi Graf routed 14-year-old compatriot Syna Schmidle 6-1, 6-0 to reach the second round at the Volkswagen Card Cup.

Schmidle won the first game against the world's top-ranked player. But Graf rolled to victory in 45 minutes against the wildcard, 512th in the world.

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)** — Fifth-seeded Brad Gilbert and eighth-seeded Jason Stoltenberg were eliminated from the Salem Open. Gilbert lost to 58th-ranked Jamie Yzaga of Peru 1-6, 5-7 in 38 minutes.

## Sexton looking good at UCO

### Ex-Harvester starts for nationally-ranked Broncos

Former Pampa High football standout Phil Sexton is making a name for himself with the nationally-ranked University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond.

Sexton, a 1992 PHS graduate, was in the starting lineup at defensive end when the Broncos defeated Langston University last weekend.

Sexton has been a key reserve in the UCO linebacking corps before moving up to the first team. He's seen plenty of action and has five tackles through the first three games.

The Broncos are off to a 4-0 start and are ranked No. 11 in the NCAA Division II poll.

Sexton was a key player for Pampa's 1991 state quarterfinalist team, coached by Dennis Cavalier. Playing defensive end, Sexton helped lead the Harvesters to an 11-3 record, 8-2 during the regular season. Sexton was part of a history making season for the Pampa football program. After winning the district championship, the Harvesters advanced further into

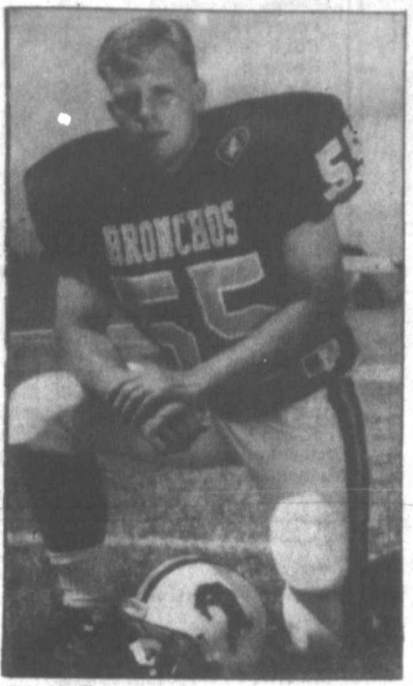
the playoffs than any football team in school history. They defeated Snyder, 31-15, Andrews, 27-16, and Boswell, 28-13, in the playoffs before losing to Sweetwater, 19-12, in the fourth round.

"Phil was a coach's dream," Cavalier said. "He played on both sides of the ball and about five different positions when he was at Pampa. He was an outstanding player and a great leader."

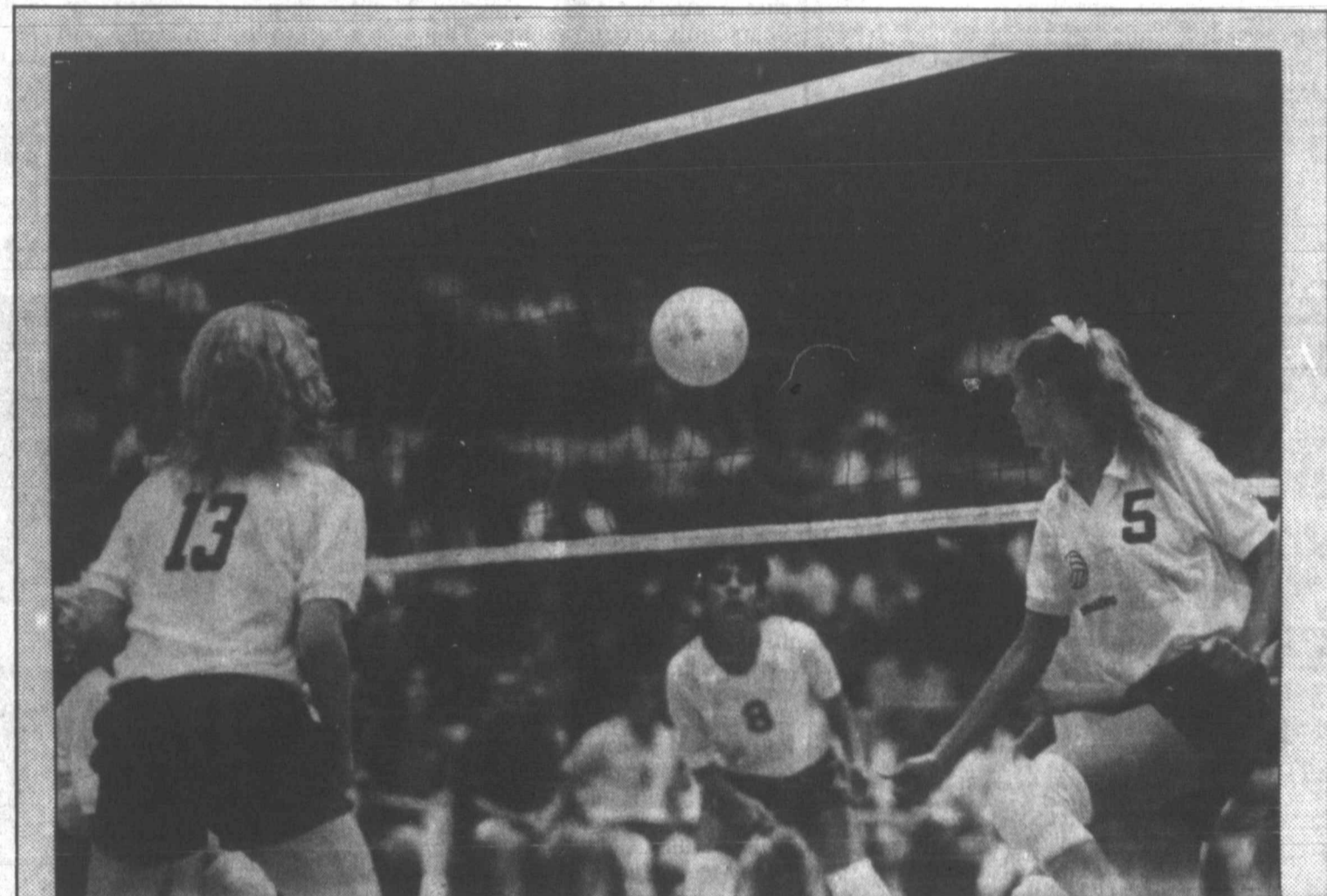
Sexton earned many post-season honors after his

senior season. He was named first-team defense on the The Association Press Sports Editors Class 4A all-state team and second-team defense on the Texas Sports Writer's Association Class 4A all-state team. He also made District 1-4A's first team at defensive end. He was a 3-year starter for the Harvesters.

Sexton, a History Education major, is the son of Chuck Sexton and Donna Porter.



Phil Sexton



Pampa's Michelle Abbott goes after the ball as Serenity King watches the play during the Harvesters' 15-13, 15-9 win at Borger last night.

## Lady Harvesters off to 2-0 start in District 1-4A volleyball race

Pampa volleyball may be this year's Team To Watch. The Harvesters beat Borger last night in two games, putting them atop district standings with a 2-0 mark.

"I've been talking about just playing fundamental volleyball," Pampa head coach Brad Borden said. "We went out and executed our game plan really well."

Borden noted that the Harvesters committed 34 team kills and only nine hitting errors.

"That's an exceptional team

hitting for a game," he said. Game one began with a 4-0 Pampa lead, which swelled to a 5-2 lead and a 5-5 tie. The match was tied also at six, seven, 11 and 13 points, until Pampa struck the final blow to end the game at 15-13.

The second game saw the Harvesters trail 3-0 before they overtook the Bulldogs, 6-4. Play stuck at a 6-6 tie until a consistent Pampa offense and a number of kills to move the score to 11-6. Sophomore Serenity King,

junior Tammy Chesher and senior Shelly Young killed and killed again for the 15-9 win.

Young led the team in kills with nine, followed closely by Chesher's eight. Young also was tops in the digs category, notching 13 of them, compared to King's 11.

"We were able to hit smart and we had great defense," Borden said.

The junior varsity lost to the Bulldogs in three games, setting its district record at 1-1.

Starting outside linebacker Craig Swann suffered a knee injury and Mumphrey was rushed into the game. He sacked TCU quarterback Max Knake for the first time this season, knocked down a two-point conversion attempt and had 12 solo tackles and three assists.

"This was the most I've played in three years," Mumphrey said. "I felt ready, like I belong. I've been patient and I think I proved myself against TCU."

Mumphrey was the special teams player of the year in his freshman season. He was in a car accident his sophomore year and missed the final four games.

He played in eight games as a junior. Joe did it all against Tech, including a heads-up play that enabled the Bears to keep possession of the ball in the final six minutes. On a third and nine, Joe kept the drive going by noticing that a Tech defender was holding fullback Bradford Lewis. Joe threw a pass at Bradford's feet and Tech got a penalty and Baylor ran out the clock.

"There may be a better quarterback in America, but none is any smarter and none is more poised than J.J. Joe," said Baylor coach Chuck Reedy.

Joe is a fifth year senior who has a knack for making the right play at the right time.

"Right now, everything I see on the field I've seen before," said Joe. "There's nothing a defense can throw at me I can't recognize."

## Baylor receiving corps making big plays

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WACO (AP) — Baylor offensive coordinator Jack Crowe didn't give his receiving corps a ringing endorsement at the start of the season.

That's because his top returning receiver was Marvin Callies, who caught three passes last season. The other starter was John Stanley, who went to Kilgore Junior College and then walked on at Baylor. There was promise with junior college transfer Ben Bronson and freshman Pearce Pegross, but nobody was sure how they would perform.

"We didn't know if we wanted to throw to them," Crowe said.

"Deep down we knew the coaching staff wasn't taking us seriously," Stanley said. "We knew we had to prove something to the coaches, the players and the fans."

The receivers have turned that sentiment around very quickly. Callies caught a game-winning 65-yard touchdown pass in a 42-39 opening victory over Fresno State and leads the team with nine catches for 249 yards. Stanley is second with six catches for 190 yards.

Bronson came back from a bruised shoulder and made his most significant showing against Texas Tech. He finished with three receptions for 104 yards and touchdown catches of 36 and

44 yards in the 28-26 victory. Baylor's receivers have been dependable if not flashy. The Bears have only three touchdown passes, but the receivers have come through in key situations. Pegross caught a 43-yarder to set up Baylor's winning touchdown run against Utah State. Stanley also had a key 10-yard reception in that drive.

"All our receivers can make big plays," Baylor coach Chuck Reedy said. "Ben showed that against Texas Tech, and all our receivers have contributed at some point this season. They've really turned out to be a strength for us."

Stanley, who played at Gladewater, received recruiting interest from Baylor, Texas Tech, TCU and Rice but wasn't offered a scholarship. He went to Kilgore, where he was named All-Conference as a sophomore after catching 27 passes for 570 yards and seven touchdowns.

Stanley decided to attend Baylor because he thought it needed receivers. The Bears lost All-SWC receiver Melvin Bonner and split end Reggie Miller to graduation. Stanley made an immediate impact in spring football and received a scholarship during the summer.

Callies wasn't a receiver when he came to Baylor. He started out as a highly recruited quarterback from Boling and signed with Nebraska. Callies transferred to Baylor in 1990

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## Olajuwon makes change in basketball nationality

HOUSTON (AP) — Agents for Hakeem Olajuwon have completed the last forms they hope will make the Houston Rockets center eligible to play for the United States at the 1996 Olympics.

Although the Nigerian native became a U.S. citizen April 2, rules require Olajuwon and other athletes to submit proof of new citizenship in addition to a written statement changing his "basketball nationality." There is a three-year waiting period before the player becomes eligible.

Because the papers were not filed until now, the three-year waiting period will not be up when the 1996 Games are held in Atlanta.

But Olajuwon could be made an exception and the rules could be waived.

## Bucks set homecoming

Friday night is Homecoming for White Deer High School. Festivities will include a pinning ceremony at 2:45 p.m. in the high school auditorium and the Homecoming queen coronation at 6:55 p.m. in Buck Stadium. The football game is set to begin at 7:30 p.m. versus Kress.





# 'Daredevils' carried the air mail 75 years ago

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BELLEFONTE, Pa. (AP) — Now, it seems so effortless — you drop a letter in a mailbox, someone picks it up and, days later, it arrives hundreds of miles away.

But 75 years ago, when air mail service began, there was nothing easy about it. And the air mail pilots of that era risked their lives with every flight.

"They were daredevils. That's the best way to put it," said Bob Outlaw of Chicago, a member of the American Air Mail Society, a group of history buffs, stamp collectors and aviators. "It borders on craziness."

Forty-three pilots and mechanics in the air mail service were killed between 1918 and 1927. There also were 6,500 forced landings due to weather and mechanical trouble in the service's first five years.

"We're really indebted to these pioneers leading the way," said Greg Frey, a spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service in Philadelphia. "When you look back to that period, that was uncharted territory. There were no rules. No regulation. No real guidelines. No real airports."

The U.S. Postal Service now ships more than 3.1 billion pieces of mail by air each year, a big change from the days when 200-pound sacks rode in one cockpit while the pilot worked in another.

Regularly scheduled air mail service was established May 15,



Bob Armstrong of Cumberland, Md., looks over a 1930 Pitcairn air mail plane at the William T. Piper Airport in Lock Haven, Pa., recently. The plane was part of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of regularly scheduled air mail flights between New York City and Chicago, which included stops in Lock Haven.

1918, connecting New York, Philadelphia and Washington. Army pilots flew the route until Aug. 10, 1918, when civilian pilots took over.

When "pathfinder" flights between New York and Chicago began on Sept. 5, 1918, fog, snow, ice and mountains did their worst to keep the aerial couriers from their appointed rounds.

"At the time they could only

land in the day. You were limited by how far the plane could go and how much daylight you had," Outlaw said. "And weather was No. 1. You'll see a postmark from a specific day, but many times the letter didn't get out until three days later because of the weather."

The first pilot killed, Carl B. Smith, died Dec. 16, 1918, in an accident attributed to inexperience.

The second, Frank McCusker, jumped from his plane at 200 feet after it caught fire May 25, 1919.

"They had to be daredevils, you understand," said Charlie Gates, a ground crew member at the Bellefonte field. In an interview before his death in 1985 at age 90, he told the *Centre Daily Times* newspaper, "They literally had to fly by the seat of their pants in those

days. On a clear night they'd look down and follow the fence posts."

Walter "Max" Miller of Bellefonte (who died in a 1920 air mail accident over New Jersey) blazed the trail to Chicago ... sort of.

There were refueling stops every 200 miles; the first was in Lock Haven, Pa. On a 745-mile test flight that should have taken 11 hours, Miller got lost 45 miles shy of Lock Haven, at Danville, and had to land to ask for directions.

The mail made it only to Cleveland before night fell, then finally to Chicago the next day.

The trip didn't go much quicker once regularly scheduled service was launched Dec. 18, 1918, via the new government field at Bellefonte.

"On Dec. 18, Leon Smith piloted the first leg of the New York-Chicago trip. ... (After developing engine trouble, he) turned back to Belmont Park, changed planes, got lost and landed at State College, Pa. The mail missed the connecting flight at Bellefonte and was sent to Chicago by train," according to an American Air Mail Society history of the event.

Despite the trouble in the early flights, the mail had to go through. A post office telegram on the death of pilot Charles Ames on Oct. 1, 1925, first gave details of where and when his plane was found (6 miles northeast of Bellefonte on the side of Nittany Mountain), then added:

"The mail has been brought in. It was not damaged and is being forwarded to Chicago."

## Cult member granted custody of disabled son

WACO (AP) — A state district judge Tuesday allowed a woman who left the Branch Davidian compound during a standoff to take custody of her disabled 11-year-old son.

Sheila Martin was given temporary custody of her son, James, who suffers from cerebral palsy. He had been in foster care.

"I'm very happy," said Ms. Martin, whose husband died in the April 19th blaze that destroyed the sect's home. "He's just the same sweet, loving boy. He smiles a lot and that makes everybody happy."

Judge Bill Logue also allowed the state to continue overseeing six other children of cult members.

Should state officials decide Ms. Martin provides adequate care for James over the next month, she could receive temporary custody of two other children. They now live with their grandparents in New Jersey.

State child welfare authorities will keep legal custody of James Martin and six other Branch Davidian children — at least for now — to monitor how they adjust to their new homes.

The Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services has worked with 21 children from the Waco religious group since doomsday prophet David Koresh released them seven months ago.

They were the only children to leave the group before an April 19 fire that killed 81 church members and destroyed their compound near Waco.

## Poor tank design blamed for deadly Brenham blast

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal officials Tuesday blamed "dumb design" for the explosion of an underground storage tank that caused an earthquake-sized blast near Brenham, Texas, last year, killing three people.

During a public hearing of the National Transportation Safety Board, senior investigator Charles Batten said a poorly designed safety system failed to warn that the underground storage tank was overfilled.

The system was "filled with opportunities for failure," he said. Safety board member John Lauber said, "Whoever designed this system should have flunked Engineering 101. It's a dumb design."

The NTSB staff also said operating errors contributed to the accident on April 7, 1992.

Batten said that two warning-system valves that were supposed to be in an open position had been closed manually, presumably by an employee at the facility.

Batten said investigators believe the valves were closed for maintenance a month before the explosion and apparently no one checked to see if they were in the correct open position prior to the blast.

The findings Tuesday are preliminary. The five-member board planned to conclude its hearing before voting on the explosion's causes and possible recommendations for improving safety at underground storage facilities.

Tuesday's hearing marks the first

time the board has looked into such facilities.

The board has no regulatory authority but can recommend changes to federal and state officials.

Last year's explosion called attention to the lack of regulation of underground storage domes. The domes are created by flushing water down a well to melt away salt and then taking the solution out to create a cavern.

Last year's blast occurred after the dome run by Seminole Pipeline Co. overfilled with liquefied petroleum gas. The blast was believed to be triggered when leaking fumes were ignited by a passing car.

The blast had the force of a moderate-sized earthquake, flattening many homes and rattling buildings as far away as 100 miles. The explosion sent a gigantic ball of fire rolling through the area and caused more than \$6 million in property damage.

Among the three dead were Derrick Meinen, 5, who was thrown 200 feet from his parents' trailer house located a few hundred yards from the blast site.

Seminole, based in Tulsa, Okla., has paid millions of dollars in settlements to some residents.

The company has asked the Texas Railroad Commission for permission to reopen the storage facility. The company said it has added backup safety systems to shut down operations in case of similar overfilling.

## State fair to open on Friday

DALLAS (AP) — It's almost time again for the biggest "Howdy" in Texas.

The State Fair of Texas opens Friday for a 24-day run.

The 52-foot-tall cowboy known as "Big Tex" was erected Monday at Fair Park. Big Tex is the largest greeter of millions of folks attending the expo, using a booming voice to welcome the crowds.

"Every year recently, we have had at least 3 million people; 3.4 million attended last year," Kay Ellis, a fair spokeswoman, said Tuesday. "So we are saying we expect to be someplace in the neighborhood of 3 million again for this year's run."

The fair, dubbed the "Big Tex Roundup," will feature exhibits on space exploration, dinosaurs and the environment.

It's the fifth straight year that the fair has been 24 days long, said Nancy Wiley, another spokeswoman for the event.

The first state fair in 1886 was nine days long, she said. It expanded to 24 days in 1984 and then to 31 days for the 1986 sesquicentennial before dropping back to a more traditional 17-day format the following year.

"By 1989, we felt we really needed another weekend to spread the attendance because the crowds were challenging us to handle them from a traffic and parking standpoint and some long lines," Ms. Wiley said.

This year, an exhibit entitled "Corvette Collection: The First 40 Years" celebrates four decades of the racy vehicles.

The Lights Fantastic Parade is at 7:15 p.m. throughout the run of the fair.

The annual Texas-Oklahoma football game is Oct. 9 at the Cotton Bowl. The rock opera *Tommy* plays at Fair Park Music Hall Oct. 12-23.

More than 60 rides, including the 212-foot-high Texas Star ferris wheel, will be part of the midway.

General admission is \$8, with special \$4 tickets for children under 48 inches and senior citizens. Seniors get in free to the fair on Thursdays.

Exhibits are open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

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340	Style Craft; Occasional Swivel Club Chair Upholstered In A Teal Mini Dot Cover (1 in stock)	\$389	\$219	\$129
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