

Troubled Pan Am Airline lands in bankruptcy court

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NEW YORK (AP) — Pan Am's descent into bankruptcy court was a hard landing for the airline that pioneered international flights, and analysts say whatever emerges from the reorganization will be nothing like the once-glorious carrier.

"They've had to take a number of very large steps backward in the hope that in the very long run they can move forward," said George James, president of Airline Economics Inc., an aviation consulting group. "It'll be an extremely difficult thing for them to accomplish."

In filing for Chapter 11 protection from its creditors Tuesday, Pan Am Corp. cited the bombing of Flight 103 over Scotland in 1988, high fuel prices from the Persian Gulf crisis, and sluggish demand because of the recession.

The airline plans to continue flying while trying to regain its financial health.

It's a long way down for the company founded in 1927 by Juan T. Trippe, a 28-year-old former naval aviator. That year his Pan American Airways inaugurated the world's first scheduled international flight with a mail run between a dirt

runway in Key West, Fla., and Havana, Cuba, using a wood-and-fabric Fokker trimotor airplane.

Within three months Pan Am was flying passengers between Florida and Cuba. Trippe said his goal was to "provide mass air transportation for the average man at fares he can afford to pay."

Some analysts suggested that the best Pan Am can hope for now is to rebuild its business so it becomes an attractive buy for a healthy airline.

Over the long run, Pan Am's problems have been rooted in a weak domestic route system that proved to be a handicap when airlines were deregulated, and analysts say those persistent troubles will be hard to erase.

Chairman Thomas G. Plaskett refused to place odds on Pan Am's survival or say how much investors and creditors may someday recoup. But he said the bankruptcy affords his airline "the opportunity for a new beginning."

Cadillac; now it's an Edsel," said Frank Bertucelli, a passenger service representative at Kennedy Airport.

Protected from creditors, Pan Am hopes to reorganize its business around a marketing deal with United Airlines that will also coordinate their flights as the carriers feed each other passengers; further development of Frankfurt, Germany, as its European hub, and further development of its Latin American operation.

Even as Pan Am took the painful step of the bankruptcy filing, however, the carrier had good news. Hours later, Pan Am said the Transportation Department tentatively approved its sale of prized London routes to UAL Corp., parent of United, for \$290 million.

Pan Am also said it reached an agreement for \$150 million in financing to keep operating until the routes are sold. The money will come from United and Bankers Trust New York Corp.

Pan Am was the second airline in two months to file for Chapter 11 protection in part because of higher fuel prices since Iraq invaded Kuwait on Aug. 2. Houston-based Continental Airlines sought bankruptcy protection on Dec. 3.



A Pan Am employee rides a bicycle across the tarmac at the company's Miami maintenance facility Tuesday morning after the airline announced it had filed for federal bankruptcy protection due to devastating losses and high fuel prices. Pan Am is one of the nation's oldest airlines. (AP Laserphoto)

Report urges government crackdown on fishing in polluted areas

By DIANE DUSTON
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WASHINGTON (AP) — If shellfish makes you sick, it's probably because it came from waters contaminated by human waste.

That was a major conclusion of a report Tuesday from the National Academy of Sciences, which urged the government to crack down on fishing in polluted areas.

A committee from the academy's Institute of Medicine said the best way to assure safety is still by thorough cooking. But it added that

more effort needs to be directed at the source of contamination.

"Various types of inspections are conducted by federal, state and local agencies, as well as some fishery industries, but these are focused too much on the market product and not enough on the detection of contaminants in live seafood and growing waters," the committee said.

"Complete elimination of raw or undertreated human fecal matter from growing waters would reduce health risks to consumers," said the

panel, headed by John Liston, professor emeritus of the Institute for Food Science and Technology at the University of Washington.

Liston said there are several ways people get sick from consuming fish, but eating raw shellfish tops the list, causing half of all fish-related illnesses.

Liston said another high-risk situation is created by sport-fishing or people at subsistence level who fish for daily meals. There's no way currently to prevent them from taking fish from polluted areas or let-

ting seafood get too warm once it's been caught, he said.

Still other problems are caused by natural marine toxins in tropical Pacific and Caribbean waters that can get into finfish such as snapper, grouper and barracuda. This leads to a disease called ciguatera intoxication.

The disease is a serious neurological malady that causes hot foods to taste cold and vice versa, plus tingling and numbness of the tongue and lips and sometimes paralysis and death.

A more widespread, but less

serious, illness called scombroid intoxication comes from eating warm water fish that haven't been chilled immediately after being caught. Symptoms include intestinal problems and itching or other reactions similar to allergies.

The report said the government also should set up an inspection program for imported fish since about 60 percent of the seafood eaten in the United States comes from other countries.

The committee emphasized that seafood-borne illnesses are usually

mild and make up only 3.6 percent of all food-poisoning cases.

Although Americans have increased seafood consumption in recent years as they seek to reduce cholesterol and saturated fat in their diets, the number of reported cases of illnesses caused by fish has not changed, the committee said.

Ellen Haas, executive director of Public Voice for Food and Health Policy, a chief lobbyist for federal seafood inspection legislation, said the report makes the case even more urgent for a federal seafood safety program.

Supreme Court upholds authority to lift controls on some natural gas prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court Tuesday upheld the government's power to lift price controls on some natural gas, a ruling some say could mean higher energy bills for consumers now but major savings in the future.

The justices, voting 8-0, reinstated federal regulations that allow gas producers to raise some prices charged to pipeline companies.

The court overturned a federal appeals court ruling that declared the regulations invalid but allowed them to remain in effect pending

Tuesday's decision.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission adopted the rules in 1986, permitting producers of so-called old gas to raise their prices and to stop selling to pipeline companies unwilling to pay higher prices.

Old gas is defined by a 1978 federal law as natural gas committed to interstate commerce by Nov. 8 of that year, the date the law took effect.

Energy industry experts have

said without the new regulations consumers could be entitled to refunds of more than \$100 million.

But FERC and the gas producers in their appeal to the high court said in the long run lifting price controls will spur new gas production that could save consumers \$25 billion.

While the 1986 FERC regulations raised the maximum permissible price of old gas, little gas has been sold at the ceiling figure because of a depressed market in which supply exceeds demands.

Also, gas producers said that in practice the price of some old gas actually declined and that the average price of gas nationwide dipped after FERC lifted the ceiling.

Changes in gas prices generally are passed through the gas distribution system from producers to pipeline companies to retailers and then to consumers.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in 1989 that FERC exceeded its authority in lifting the price ceiling and adopting other

regulations affecting the industry.

But Justice Byron R. White, writing for the Supreme Court, said Tuesday Congress gave the agency broad power. He rejected the argument that a portion of the 1978 law dealing with new gas suggests Congress intended to limit FERC's powers.

"Congress found the need to encourage new gas production sufficiently pressing to deal with the matter directly but was content to leave old gas pricing within the discretion of the commission to alter

as conditions warranted," White said.

Tuesday's ruling also upheld other aspects of FERC's 1986 regulations, including the commission's decision not to resolve what is known as take-or-pay provisions in gas contracts. Such provisions obligate a pipeline to purchase a specified volume of gas at a specified price.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy did not participate in the case, which is Mobil Oil vs. United Distribution Companies, 89-1452.

Hispanics face great medical problems, researchers find

CHICAGO (AP) — Hispanics, the nation's fastest-growing minority, have some of the most serious medical problems and yet have more trouble than other Americans getting the care they need, researchers reported today.

Poverty, lack of insurance and a scarcity of Hispanics in health professions effectively bar many from good care, doctors said in an issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association devoted entirely to Hispanic health.

The United States has 19.4 million Hispanics. Hispanics will make up nearly 11% of the population by 2010 and will be the nation's largest minority group, according to census projections.

"Rates of diabetes among Hispanics run some three times higher than those among non-Hispanic whites," said an editorial co-written by Surgeon General Antonia C. Novello, the first Hispanic to head the U.S. Public Health Service.

"Hypertension appears to be more prevalent. Hispanic children suffer disproportionately from lead poisoning and measles. Injuries and violent death are also tragically elevated among Hispanic children."

Certain cancers also strike His-

panics at higher rates than non-Hispanic whites, as do tuberculosis, alcoholism, cirrhosis and infection with the AIDS virus, according to the editorial and a report by the AMA.

"The impact of the AIDS epi-

demic in certain Hispanic communities has been alarming," the editorial said. "Although representing only 8% of the total U.S. population, Hispanics constitute approximately 15% of all reported cases of AIDS in the United States."



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Mike Cochran: The best reporter in Texas — love him or hate him

Called "the best reporter in Texas" by the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, award-winning Associated Press correspondent, humorist and author Mike Cochran will be the guest speaker for the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year Banquet Thursday night.

AP Fort Worth correspondent Cochran, whose appearance in Pampa is being sponsored by The Pampa News, has won numerous state and national awards for his reporting.

But in addition to writing for newspapers and the AP news wire service, he also is the author of two books: *Texas vs. Davis*, concerning the Thomas Cullen Davis murder case, and *And Deliver Us From Evil*, a trilogy of murder, ministers and millionaires.

Born in Muskogee, Okla., Cochran grew up in the small West Texas town of Stamford, the elder son of a utility company salesman and a high school English teacher. He calls Texas his home state.

He studied journalism at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and North Texas State University in Denton, where he returned 30 years later as North Texas' 1988 Distinguished Alumnus.

Cochran began his reporting career as a sportswriter for newspapers in Denton and Abilene. He joined The Associated Press in Dallas in 1960 and opened the AP's Fort Worth bureau in 1961.

By the late 1960s, he was traveling throughout Texas on a full-time basis for AP, writing stories chronicling Texas people, places and history. Texas Monthly Press says Cochran is "arguably the most widely read reporter in the state," with his stories earning him a special place in Texas storytelling.

He has put more than half a million miles into his stories, which have included the John F. Kennedy assassination (he found himself serving as pallbearer for Kennedy's assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, and later covering Jack Ruby's trial for the murder of Oswald), space missions, political scandals, the 1985 Mexico City earthquake, the University of Texas tower sniper, the Sharpstown scandal, murders and other crimes, along with an occasional sports story.

"People tell him things after midnight that they wouldn't confess to their priests — and he scribbles them down on a cocktail napkin or a cardboard coaster, damp with the sweat from a frosty beer mug," writes the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

West Texas con artist Billy Sol Estes, of whom Cochran said he's followed in and out of jail so many times that they've become friends, says of Cochran,



Mike Cochran, award-winning AP correspondent, humorist and author, will be the guest speaker for the Citizen of the Year banquet Thursday night.

"You might as well talk to him. If you don't, he'll wait up all night and nab you the first thing in the morning. He's the only man I know who thinks stories are worth risking life and limb for."

Estes told the *Star-Telegram* of a chase through the Franklin Mountains above El Paso during which a friend of Estes' tried to get the dogged reporter off the wheeler-dealer's back.

A colleague once said of Cochran that he had used up at least eight of his nine lives. A major aftershock of the Mexico City earthquake left him trapped in the penthouse of a crippled apartment building. He has survived more car wrecks than a Hollywood stuntman, according to a Texas Monthly Press release.

One of Texas' most celebrated attorneys, Richard "Racehorse" Haynes, claims he owes Cochran more than a dozen punches in the nose. But instead of delivering the punches, Haynes said, "You can love him, you can hate him, but you can't ignore him."

Millionaire Cullen Davis discovered that fact after he was accused of being the gunman in a celebrated murder case. On the night of Aug. 2, 1976, a 12-year-old girl was gunned to death in the basement of a six-million-dollar mansion in Fort Worth. Three other people were shot: one died, one was paralyzed for life and one escaped with a critical chest wound.

Cochran, who covered the case for the next four years, relates the events and the subsequent trials and other revelations in his book, *Texas vs. Davis*, published in 1980. An updated and expanded version of the book will be published this year by Penguin, a division of National American Library.

Writing of Cochran's book, Thomas Thompson, author of *Blood and Money* and *Serpentine*, says, "This is raw and raucous reportage. It's murder, both foul and funny. It's tough, shocking, vulgar. It's millionaires and rogues, hookers and hitmen, liars and loonies. It's Texas — good Lord! — and it's true. Hang on for a wild and all night ride."

In 1989, Texas Monthly Press published Cochran's *And Deliver Us From Evil*, of which Gary Cartwright, author of *Blood Will Tell* and *Dirty Dealing*, says, "Get

this book. It's going to change how the nation looks at Texans and probably how Texans look at Texas. And it's all true, every word of it."

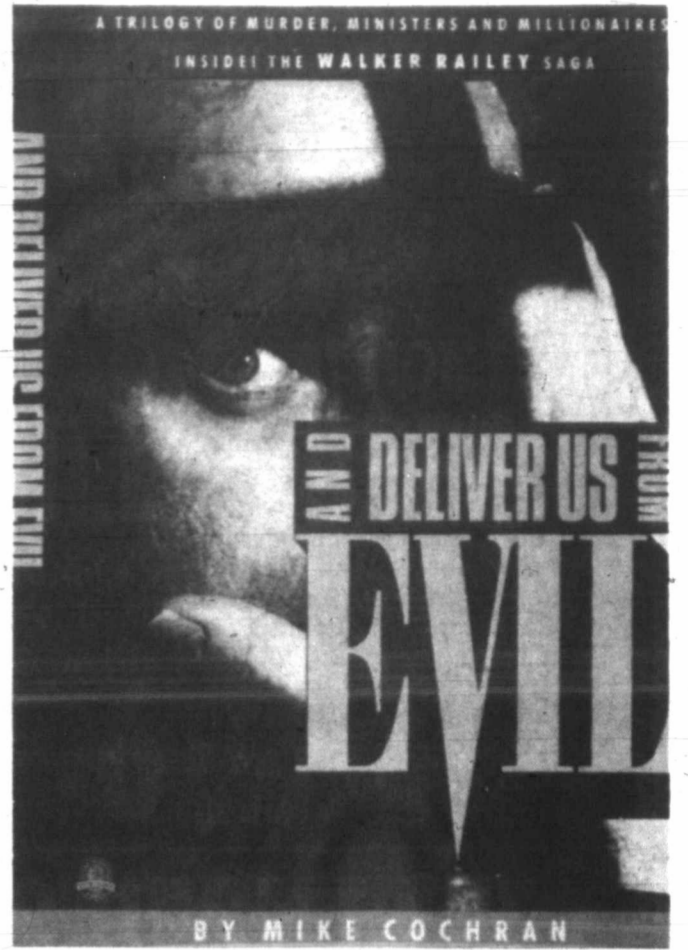
Over the years, Cochran has accumulated numerous awards for his reporting, including a nomination for the Pulitzer Prize for his stories on fugitive Kenneth Miller.

Accused and convicted of attacking a Texas Christian University coed, Miller fled the courtroom. He was tracked down 12 years later by a Texas cop obsessed with the case. Miller's story is recounted in *And Deliver Us From Evil*, along with the Cullen Davis case and defrocked minister Walker Railey's saga after his wife was brutally and mysteriously assaulted, with Railey accused by his wife's family of being the assaulter.

Cochran was named Texas Headliners Star Reporter of the Year in 1983 and 1988 and was awarded the Texas Headliners Individual Achievement Award for best feature in 1987.

He received the Associated Press Managing Editors Top Performance Award in 1987 for best feature writing among AP staffers worldwide. The Texas Associated Press Managing Editors honored him with the award for story of the year in 1974, 1975, 1976 and 1978 and named him staffer of the year in 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1987. He also won an Associated Press Sports Editor story of the year honorable mention in 1985.

Other honors include the Texas Institute of Letters Stanley Walker Award in 1988 for best nonfiction appearing in a newspaper; the C.E. Shuford Outstanding Area Journalist in 1975; the University of North Texas Journalism Hall of Honor in 1988 and its Distinguished Alumnus Award the same year; and the Texas Christian University Ethics in Journalism Award in 1988.



Students recovering after classmate shoots himself to death in front of Richardson High School class

RICHARDSON (AP) — High school students who watched in horror as a schoolmate shot himself to death in front of their class were recovering today from the ordeal with help from educators.

Jeremy Wade Delle, 16, brandished a revolver near his English teacher's desk Tuesday morning, made a brief statement and then shot himself in the head, witnesses said.

"He walked out (of the class) and came back in and said, 'This is what I came back to do,' stuck the gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger," said Jason Fiveash, who witnessed the incident along with about 24 other students.

"A lot of girls started crying, people were screaming," he said. "A couple of people ran out of the room to go get the principal."

Authorities found a suicide note that had been written to one of the youth's friends at Richardson High School, but did not immediately divulge its contents.

Delle, a sophomore, was pronounced dead at the scene about 10 a.m. No one else was wounded, said Susan Dacus Wilson, a spokeswoman

for the Richardson Independent School District.

"I just sat there in disbelief," Fiveash said. "The initial shock is over with, I think, but it's still kind of a frightening experience."

Counselors helped students and faculty cope with the shooting death. Delle had been receiving counseling before his death, officials said.

"He seemed like kind of a bitter person, or maybe that's just to me, but he obviously had some kind of a problem," Fiveash said.

An educator said the death did not indicate a larger problem in the suburban Dallas district.

"One suicide does not make suicide contagion," said Pat Olney of the RISD crisis team. "We've not had any other suicides this year in our district. So I feel like with the support we're giving our students that we won't have anything like that."

Delle had been in the English classroom but then left for a brief period, telling his teacher he needed to retrieve a medical slip from his locker, said Richardson Police Sgt. Ray Pennington.

The youth then returned with the .357-caliber Magnum and shot himself, Pennington said.

The school and the district then enacted crisis emergency plans, which included calling in additional counselors and psychologists, Mrs. Wilson said.

"Support personnel came from throughout the district to the school to provide counseling support, psychological support, those kinds of things ...," Mrs. Wilson said.

She said about 20 district officials went to the school. The students and the teacher who witnessed the shooting received immediate counseling in another part of the building.

"They were talked to as a group and individually to try to help ease the trauma that they are feeling from seeing something like this," Mrs. Wilson said.

Delle had lived in Richardson with his father, Joseph R. Delle. The youth had only been a student in the Richardson school district since October, Mrs. Wilson said.

Pennington said he didn't know where the boy got the gun.

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Patently ridiculous inventions await customers at archives

By ROBERT M. ANDREWS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Homes are aglow with Thomas Edison's electric light bulb. Billions have flown since Wilbur and Orville Wright invented the flying machine. But whatever happened to Charles Hess and his piano that unfolds into a bed?

Maybe Hess should have hired a good salesman.

Come to think of it, Christian Henry Eisenbrandt of Baltimore never struck it rich with his "Life-Preserving Coffin in Doubtful Cases of Actual Death." His casket came equipped with an air vent and pop-open lid, just in case.

These and other strange fruits of Americans' inventive genius are among hundreds of thousands of historic patent drawings and applications dating to 1790 that are stored in the National Archives.

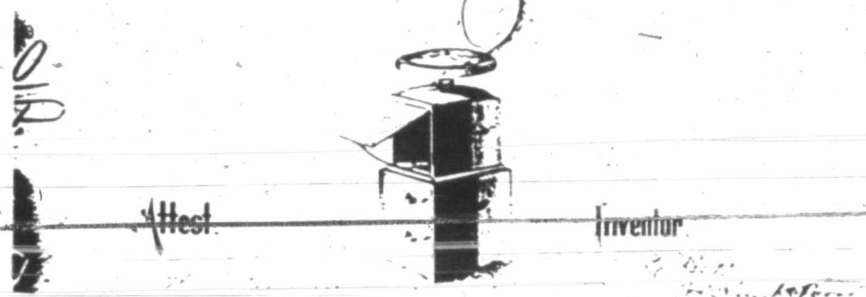
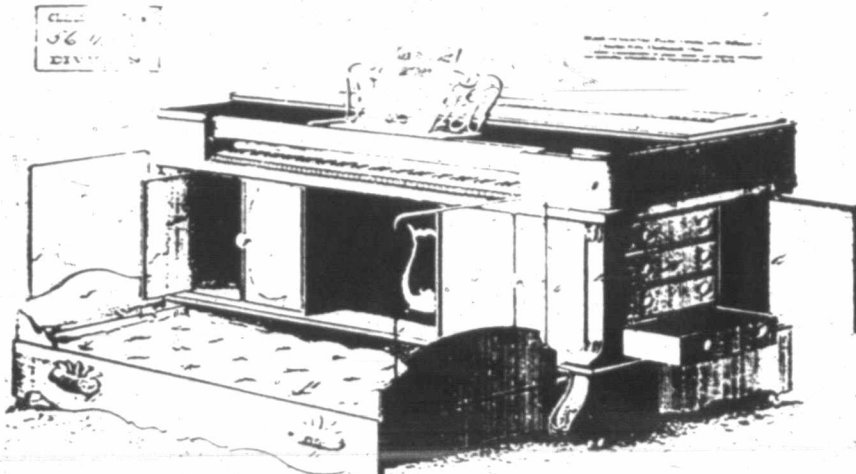
"These drawings are graphic evidence of the American inventive spirit at the dawning of the industrial revolution in the farm, the factory and the home," said National Archives spokeswoman Jill Brett. "They ranged from the sophisticated to the practical to the absurd."

The shelves of two large warehouses in the Washington suburbs contain original patent applications for inventions that changed the world, from Cyrus McCormick's reaper and Edison's "electric lamp" to Eli Whitney's cotton gin and Alexander Graham Bell's telephone.

Abraham Lincoln, while serving as an Illinois congressman in 1849, obtained Patent No. 6,467 for his own invention, "A Device for

Charles Hess.

Convertible bed room piano.



(AP Laserphoto)

Whatever happened to Charles Hess and his piano that unfolds into a bed? This and other strange patent drawings are among thousands dating to 1790 stored in the National Archives.

Buoys Vessels Over Shoals." The system of inflatable bellows attached to ship hulls was inspired by Lincoln's experiences as a young mate aboard cargo vessels that ran aground in the shallows of the Mississippi River.

A disastrous fire at the U.S. Patent Office in 1836 destroyed 10,000 documents and models of some of America's earliest inventions. Lost forever were details of

Abraham Mudge's "smut machine," Ebenezer Beard's beehouse and E.G. Pomeroy's boot crimp.

But 2,000 drawings were restored by an emergency team of clerks and draftsmen. Among those filed in steel drawers at the National Archives are depictions of Samuel Spooner's cotton whipper, Nimrod Willet's dough-making machine, Jonathan Clark's esculent root cutter and other testaments to American triumphs — large and small — in the industrial arts.

Among the more unusual patents were Hezekiah Thistle's saddle for invalids, which looks like a horseborne rocket launcher, and Richard Sealy's steam machine for destroying bedbugs. And, of course, Charles Hess' bedroom piano.

Hess, a Cincinnati inventor, won a patent in 1866 for the piano that unfolded into a trundle bed. It also contained a bureau and chest of drawers. The piano stool opened into a writing desk. Underneath the seat was a mirror and "lady's work box" with pin cushion and needles.

Eisenbrandt's invention, patented in 1843, offered an easy solution to the undertaker's worst mistake. It featured an air vent that would fit over the mouth of the coffin's still-breathing inhabitant.

"Whereas there have been instances of human beings having been buried alive, the inventor of this coffin has contrived an arrangement whereby anyone who may not really have departed this life may, by the slightest motion of either the head or hand acting upon a system of springs and levers, cause the instantaneous opening of the coffin lid," he wrote.

Japanese company agrees to sell Yosemite National Park concession

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's national parks are more certain to remain totally in American hands once again. The Japanese have retreated at Yosemite.

The entertainment company MCA Inc., recently taken over by one of Japan's largest conglomerates, agreed Tuesday to sell its holdings at Yosemite National Park to the private National Park Foundation, the Interior Department announced.

The foundation, which will pay \$49.5 million, promised to transfer all structures at Yosemite, 150 miles east of San Francisco, to the Interior Department when it takes title in 1993.

Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan, who had expressed grave concern about foreign ownership in federal parks and threatened to cancel MCA's Yosemite contract, said he was pleased with the agreement, although MCA would continue to hold title to the Yosemite properties — and reap millions of dollars in profits — until September 1993.

That is when MCA's 30-year concessions contract with the government expires.

Paul Pritchard, president of the National Parks and Conservation Association, called the agreement "one of the biggest gifts given to the American people." He said it was tantamount to MCA selling the Yosemite assets directly to the government, which Lujan originally had sought.

Japan's Matsushita Electrical Industries purchased MCA for nearly \$7 billion on Dec. 29. The sale included the Yosemite Park & Curry Co., an MCA subsidiary that owns hotels, restaurants, gift shops and other facilities at one of the nation's most scenic and popular national parks.

Last week, Lujan accused Matsushita of arrogance in going ahead with the deal before MCA divested the Curry Co., saying a national park is no place for foreign businesses. He said he doesn't drive a Japanese car.

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Bake these twice-baked potatoes in a conventional oven or microwave the first time. Then prepare and stuff the potatoes, seasoned with lemon and dill, the day before serving.

Lemon and dill update classic baked potatoes

By NANCY BYAL
Better Homes and Gardens Magazine
Food Editor

Sometimes it's just a little twist that turns a good recipe into a great one. For twice-baked potatoes, lemon and dill make the classic recipe even better. For make-ahead convenience, prepare and stuff the potatoes the day before serving, cover, and refrigerate. Bake just before serving, allowing an additional 5 minutes baking time.

LEMON DILL POTATOES

- 4 large baking potatoes
- 1/4 cup margarine or butter, melted
- 1-3rd cup dairy sour cream
- 2 tablespoons finely snipped fresh dill, or 1 1/2 teaspoons dried dillweed
- 4 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- Paprika (optional)

Scrub potatoes thoroughly with a brush. Pat dry. Prick potatoes with a fork. Bake in a 425-degree F oven for 40 to 60 minutes or until tender. Or cook, uncovered, in the microwave oven on 100 percent power (high) for 14 to 17 minutes or until almost tender, rearranging once. Let stand for 5 minutes. Cut potatoes in half lengthwise. Gently scoop out each potato half, leaving a thin shell.

Place potato pulp in a large bowl. Add 3 tablespoons of the melted margarine or butter, sour cream, dill or dillweed, lemon juice, garlic salt and pepper. With an electric mixer on low speed, beat until smooth. Pile mixture into potato shells.

Place in a 12 x 7 1/2 x 2-inch baking dish. Brush potatoes with remaining melted margarine or butter. Sprinkle with paprika, if desired. Bake in a 425-degree F oven about 20 minutes or until light brown. Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 183 cal., 3 g pro., 26 g carb., 8 g fat, 4 mg chol., 187 mg sodium, U.S. RDA: 11 percent vit. A, 24 percent vit. C.

Girl Scout cookie sale set

Pampa Girl Scouts will be conducting their annual cookie campaign beginning at 4 p.m. Jan. 16.

Cookie orders will be taken between Jan. 16 and Feb. 4. Each girl who sells one box of cookies will receive a patch especially designed to show her active participation in the first council-wide fund raising project for the year.

Seven varieties of cookies will be sold this year including Trail Mix, Do-Si-does, Tagalongs, Thin Mints, Chalet Cremes, Trefoil, and the number one seller, Samoas. The price is only \$2.50 a box. Money raised in this year's campaign stays in the Quivira Girl Scout Council area for funds

towards girls' individual camper-ship and prize incentives as well as the council's continued support in training, program and activity facilities.

Anyone interested in cookie purchases may contact Jill Duggan at 665-4786 or the Quivira Girl Scout Council office, 669-6862.

Girl Scouting is open to all girls between the ages of 5 to 17 years who subscribe to its ideals as stated in the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Troop leaders and other key volunteers are needed to continue to provide quality time to girls. Call the council office for more information about Girl Scouts.

Ochiltree Heart Association plans annual Chili Cook-off

PERRYTON — The annual Chili Cook-off and Arts and Craft Show, sponsored by the Ochiltree Division of the American Heart Association is scheduled for Feb. 16, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the Expo Center in Perryton. The event will offer fun and excitement for all ages. Chili Cooks and Arts and Crafts presenters are encouraged to sign up early to participate in this event.

This annual event is designed to help raise funds for heart research and education throughout the Pan-

handle region. Dr. Rick Siewert, Ochiltree Division president, said "Events like the Chili Cook-off and Arts and Craft Show give all of us a chance to get involved and to do something about the number one killer in Ochiltree: Heart Disease."

Everyone is welcome and invited to join the fun. Call Peaches Goldsberry (806) 435-4871 for chili cook-off information or Glenda Snow (806) 435-9626 for arts and craft show reservations.

Third annual guide to cooking schools released

NEW YORK (AP) — The third annual edition of "The Guide to Cooking Schools" (Shaw/Guides) contains information on 307 cooking schools and 144 vocational-technical and community-junior college programs.

Listings are arranged geographically. They range from short courses and tours to 2- and 3-year degree

and apprenticeship programs. The 1991 edition has been updated and expanded to include 46 new listings, the publisher says.

Included in the Guide: • Detailed descriptions of 307 cooking schools worldwide including location and facilities, teaching methods, costs, faculty and credentials.

Warm up with hearty soups on cold days

NEW YORK (AP) — Hearty Bean and Sausage Soup can be prepared and served in less than 30 minutes. Use Polish sausage, canned tomatoes and white kidney beans with chicken broth as a base, then add your spices.

HEARTY BEAN AND SAUSAGE SOUP

- 1-3rd cup water
 - 1/4 cup instant minced onion
 - 1 tablespoon instant minced garlic
 - 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 - One 28-ounce can crushed tomatoes in puree
 - One 19-ounce can cannellini (white kidney) beans, drained and rinsed
 - One 13 3/4-ounce can chicken broth
 - 8 ounces kielbasa (Polish sausage), cut in 1/4-inch thick slices
 - 2 bay leaves
 - 1/2 teaspoon caraway seeds
- In a measuring cup combine water, onion and garlic; set aside for 10 minutes to soften. In a large skillet heat oil until hot. Add onion and garlic mixture; cook and stir until tender, about 4 minutes. Add tomatoes, beans, chicken broth, sausage, bay leaves and caraway seeds; simmer, uncovered, to blend flavors, 15 to 20 minutes. Remove bay leaves. Makes 4 servings.

(Recipe from: American Spice Trade Association)

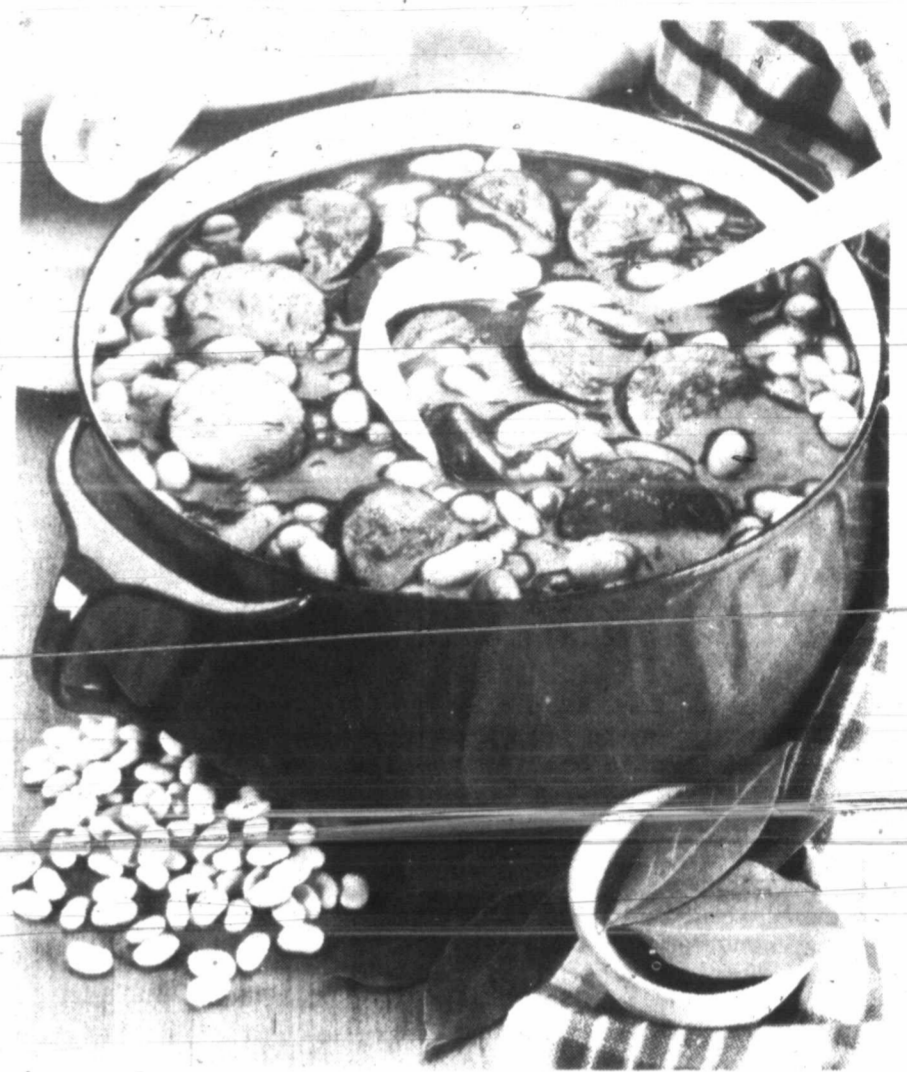
Chicken Potpie Soup is another good soup to serve when temperatures drop. Top with herb-seasoned croutons.

CHICKEN POTPIE SOUP

- 3 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 teaspoon thyme leaves, crushed
- 2 bay leaves
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 8 ounces boned and skinned chicken breasts (cutlets), cut in 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 and 1-3rd cups (4 ounces) sliced fresh mushrooms
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- One 10-ounce package frozen mixed vegetables, thawed
- 1-3rd cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

In a medium saucepan heat chicken broth, milk, thyme and bay leaves until simmering. Remove from heat; let stand for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, in a Dutch oven or deep skillet heat 2 tablespoons butter until melted. Add chicken; cook and stir until chicken is still pink in the center, about 2 minutes. Add mushrooms; cook and stir until tender, 2 to 3 minutes. Add remaining 2 tablespoons butter; heat until melted. Add mixed vegetables; sprinkle with flour; stir until vegetables are coated. Add reserved milk mixture, salt and black pepper; cook and stir until mixture boils for 1 minute. Remove bay leaves; serve with herb-flavored croutons. Makes 4 servings.

(Recipe from: American Spice Trade Association)



Hearty Bean and Sausage Soup is made with canned tomatoes and white kidney beans, flavored with slices of Polish sausage. This soup can be prepared and served in about 30 minutes.

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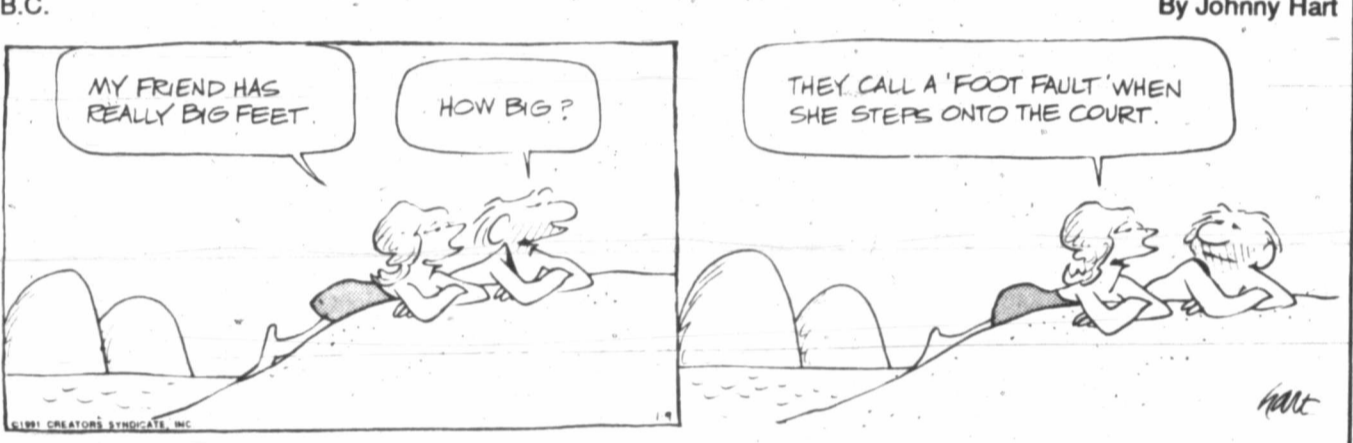
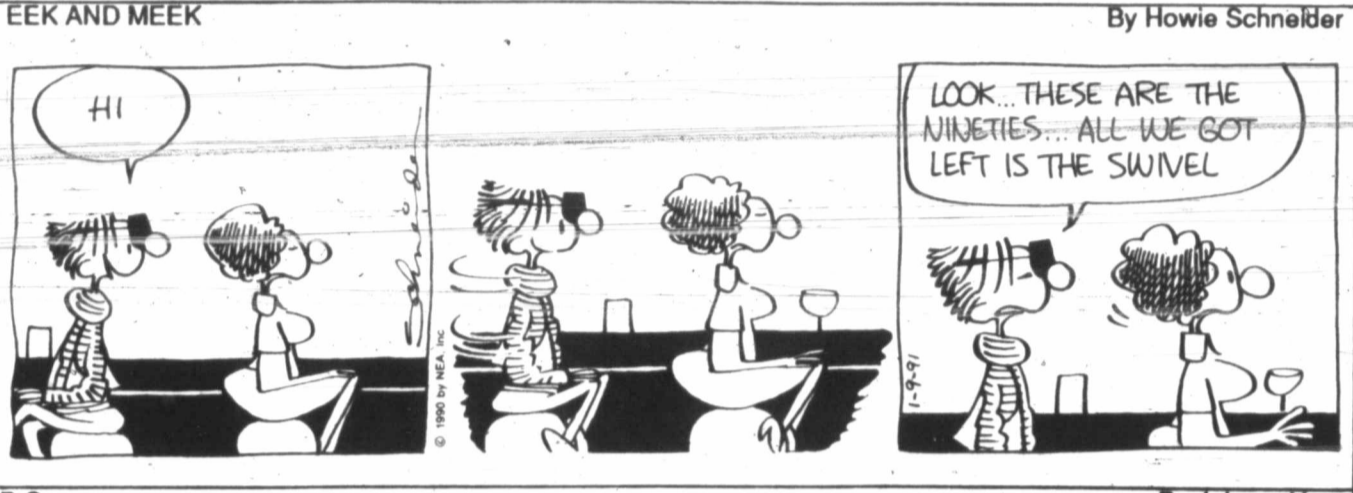
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- Mao — tung
- Made equal score
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- Of medicine
- Skip on water
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DOWN

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- Kind of bread
- This (Sp.)
- So be it!
- Wide shoe size
- Eskimo knife
- Force
- Revise
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- Last mo.
- Mark of a shoe
- Work of art
- Dried up
- Mention
- Teachers' org.
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- Unemployed
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- Of the
- Tennis player — Nastase
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- At home
- Legume
- Temp. unit
- Potato bud
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- Mohammed-an religion
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- Animal welfare org.
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- Singer Marvin
- Large knife
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Astro-Graph

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) People need to let their hair down occasionally and you're no exception. Have fun and enjoy yourself today, but know when to call it quits. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) If I were a betting person, I'd put money down on you to win today in situations that have pronounced competitive elements. The odds favor you, as long as you don't do anything rash.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You're not likely to be reluctant in giving friends advice today, most of your suggestions will have merit. However, when the tables are turned, you're not apt to be receptive to input from others the mark.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Conditions in general are favorable and this could be a profitable day for you, provided you don't plug the leaks up with one hand and pull the corks out with the other.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You might have to contend with a serious development today. You'd be wise to treat it in an optimistic, positive manner without disregarding the gravity of the situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're an effective worker today and the results of your industriousness should reflect it. However, be careful not to take on more than you can manage.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) There is a very thin line today between being constructively assertive or impulsively aggressive. You'll be able to set the mark, provided you do not have to deal with a feisty obstructionist.

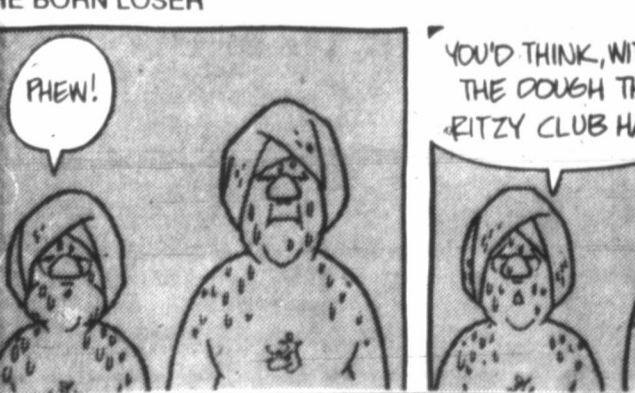
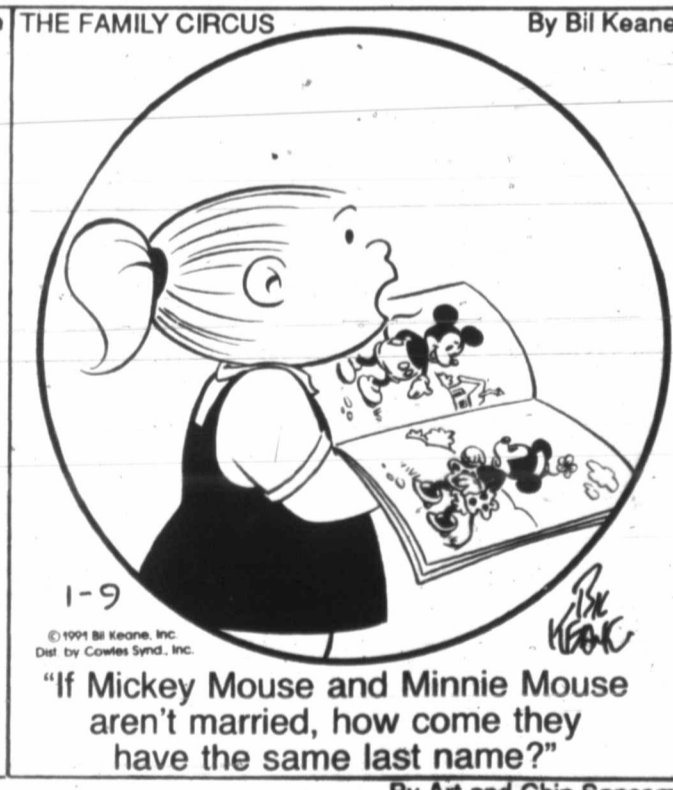
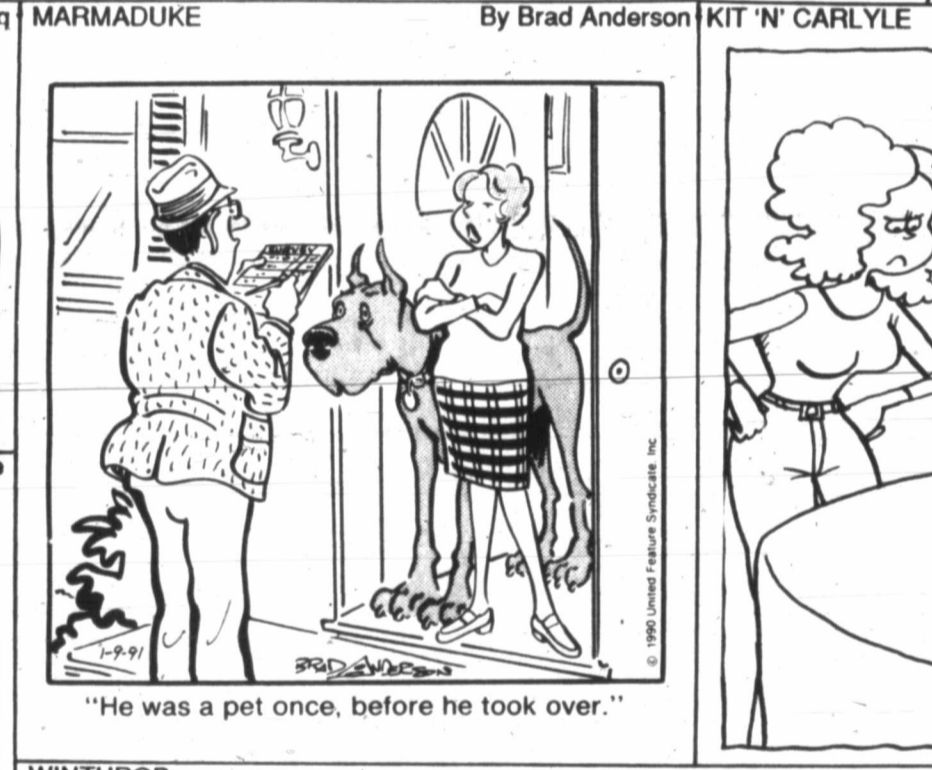
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Much can be accomplished today if you adhere to a sensible agenda and pace yourself wisely. If you rush to finish everything by quitting time, your thumb may get in the way of the hammer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You can perform up to your expectations today if you only have to contend with minimal supervision. If the boss starts peering over your shoulder, your productivity could rapidly decline.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You're under favorable financial aspects today, but there is a warning for you to avoid expensive involvements with extravagant friends. It could lead to your undoing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Significant endeavors will be better accomplished today with as few people as possible. Two is acceptable, three is a nuisance and four is out of the question.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Matters of personal importance will be conducted effectively today, but you might not be as efficient taking on someone else's problems. Give thought before volunteering.



Smuggling season opens for thousands of baby exotic birds

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The contraband is tiny: hand-fed parrots or macaws, stuffed a dozen to a cereal box and worth thousands of dollars if the exotic, baby birds survive the trip across the Rio Grande.

Every year from January through early spring, smugglers bring thousands of birds worth millions of dollars across the Mexican border. Federal officials say the birds may carry diseases that can spread to other birds and humans, or are threatened or endangered species in their native countries.

The birds are plucked from their nests in South and Central America, Southeast Asia, Papua New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand, brought illegally into Mexico, then smuggled into the United States.

One woman taped a bird to the inside of her leg, but it got loose and bit her. When she hollered, Customs got suspicious and they found the bird.

Officials at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimate their agents seize 3,000 illegal birds annually, with as many as 1,000 seized in Texas alone.

Thousands more enter the United States and become part of an underground trade in exotic birds, some of which fetch up to \$15,000 each, officials said.

Jim Stinebaugh, senior resident agent in Texas for the Fish and Wildlife Service, said many of the illegal birds brought into the state come across the Rio Grande, packed 20 to a container the size of a large cereal box or 100 to a crate, and floated across the Rio Grande in an inner tube.

"If they don't get taken care of immediately, there's a high die-off," Stinebaugh said from San Antonio. "But the profit is so high they (smugglers) can afford it."

Stinebaugh estimates 50 percent of the baby birds that are plucked from their nests don't even survive the trip to the border.

"It's a nasty business, but people want parrots and prices are high," he said. "There are lots of good reasons why it should be stopped —

wild birds shouldn't have this happen to them."

Midwinter marks the peak smuggling season because that is when the birds hatch. The younger birds are easier to take from the wild and are less noisy.

Jerome S. Smith, deputy chief of law enforcement for the Fish and Wildlife Service, said the agency estimates smugglers bring \$30 million to \$40 million worth of exotic birds into the country annually.

Those who steal the birds from their nests get just pennies, the "mules" who bring them across the border might get a few dollars, but the person who sets up the deals may make thousands, Smith said.

While the Fish and Wildlife Service's concern is with birds that are illegal for importation because they may be endangered or threatened, the Agriculture Department is worried about smugglers who bring in birds that may have unusual diseases that could spread to poultry or humans.

There has been a marked reduction, however, in outbreaks of Newcastle disease in pet birds in the United States over the past three years, said James W. Glosner, administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

An outbreak of the disease in Southern California in the early 1970s, which spread to commercial poultry flocks, cost taxpayers \$56 million to eradicate and was caused by imported pet birds.

Last year was the first year since 1978 there were no reported cases of Newcastle disease in pet birds.

The most popular birds illegally imported for sale to the public are the hook bill variety, such as the yellow-naped Amazon. The birds are often sold by street vendors, USDA said.

Dr. Robert D. Whiting, chief staff veterinarian for the import-export animals staff at the inspection service, estimated as many as 25,000 illegal birds are smuggled into the country every year.

Smugglers use all kinds of tricks to bring the birds in; some are rolled up in a newspaper and tucked under a smuggler's arm.

Whiting said one woman taped a bird to the inside of her leg, but it got loose and bit her.

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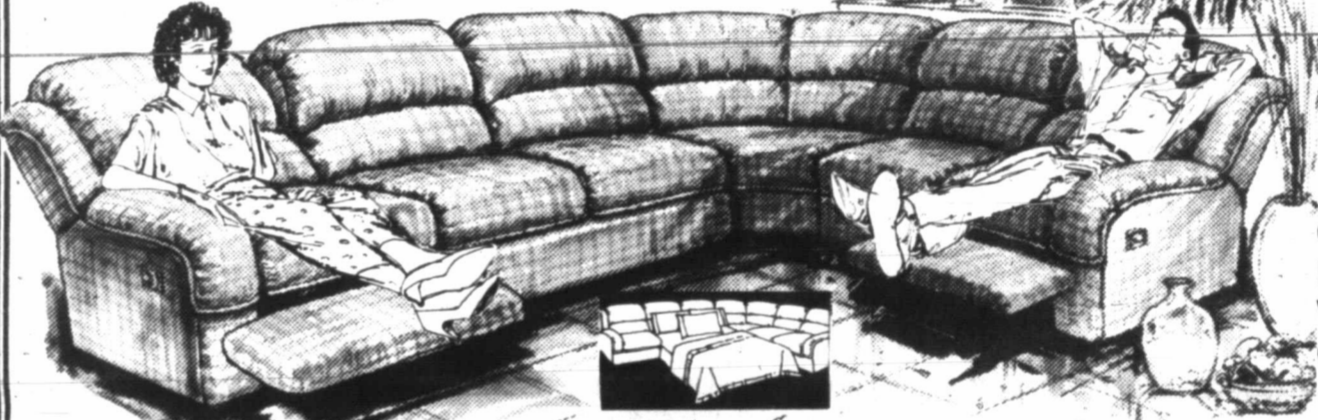
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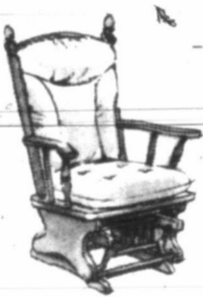
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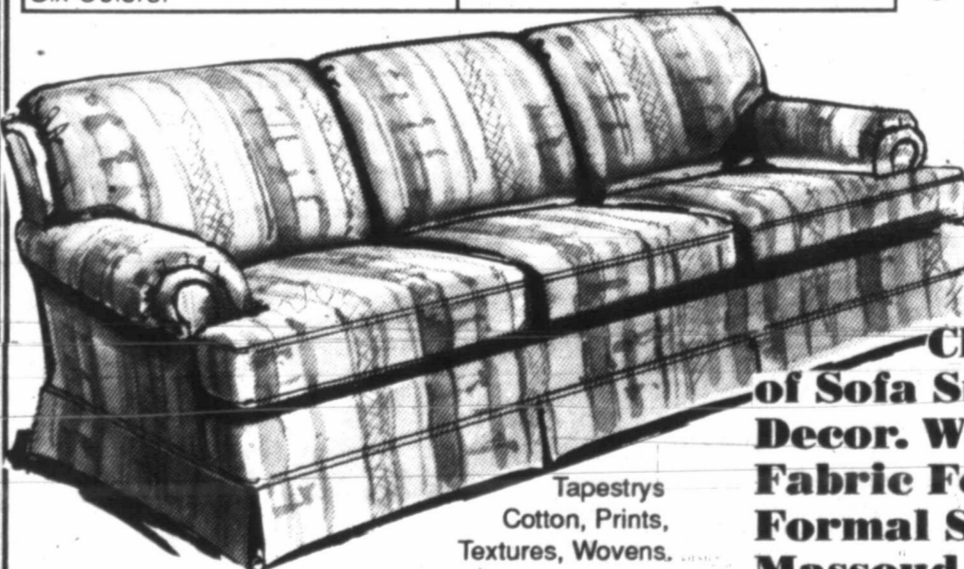


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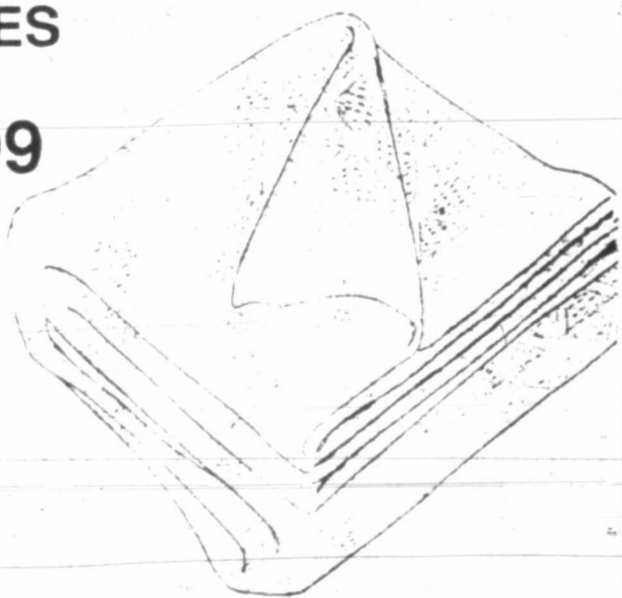
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