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# The Pampa News

Pampa, Texas

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## Good Evening!

### LOCAL

**PAMPA** — A book drop has been added to the services of Lovett Memorial Library, announced Dan Snider, library director.

Provided courtesy of the Pampa Friends of the Library, the box allows book borrowers to drop off books without entering the building or during hours when the library is closed. It is located in front of the library on the north side of the building.

The box is emptied twice each day by library staff members. Any items may be returned to the box. Returned materials dropped off at night will be checked in the next day, Snider said. Overdue items will be assessed their normal late penalty, he said.

Addition of the book drop has generated many positive comments, Snider said.

Patrons through the years asked about a book drop, Snider said, but library staff members explained book drops invite trash deposits. Design of the new book drop precludes cans and bottles being dropped inside. Returned books and audio visual materials fall gently onto a spring loaded platform with a minimum of damage, he said.

The drop features the universal library logo and directions for use.

For more information about the Lovett Memorial Library, call Snider at 669-5780 or Ed Marshall, president of Friends of the Library, 665-7376.

**PAMPA** — Mike Porter will be the featured speaker at Friday's noon meeting of the Downtown Kiwanis Club.

Porter will be discussing a variety of subjects including this weekend's opening of the Freedom Museum USA and the Pampa Army Air Field reunion. In addition, he will be talking about the induction of the four individuals into the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Fame on Friday night.

Anyone interested in hearing Porter speak is welcome to attend the meeting, which is held in the basement of the First United Methodist Church, located at the intersection of Ballard Street and Foster Avenue.

**PAMPA** — Firefighters from the Pampa Fire Department will begin their 5th Annual Fill the Boot campaign beginning Friday morning and continuing until Labor Day.

The firefighters will be collecting money at various points around Pampa that will be donated to help fight muscular dystrophy, a chronic disease that incapacitates thousands of people a year.

### STATE

By The Associated Press

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 1, 26, 29, 30, 31, and 43.

There were 155 tickets sold with five of the six numbers, with each ticket worth \$1,994. There were 10,080 tickets with four of six numbers, with each winning \$111. And there were 185,392 tickets sold with three of six numbers, with each worth an automatic \$3.

Lottery officials estimate the jackpot for Saturday night's game will be \$28 million.

### NATION

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Jean Hanson, the Treasury Department general counsel, resigned today, the latest casualty of the Whitewater affair.

Hanson's resignation, announced by Treasury officials, came just a day after President Clinton accepted the resignation of Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman, who had been accused of misleading Congress with his Whitewater testimony.

The resignation is effective after Senate confirmation of her successor.

Hanson's resignation letter was addressed to Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, who said he had recommended to Clinton that she be succeeded by Edward S. Knight, Bentsen's executive secretary and senior adviser.

Hansen, whose veracity was questioned by lawmakers, was accused of failing to assist Altman in correcting his testimony.

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## Pampa area pioneer Emmett LeFors dies

TULSA, Okla. — Emmett LeFors, a former cattleman and a member of one of the area's pioneer families, died early this morning at his home in Tulsa, Okla., following a brief illness.

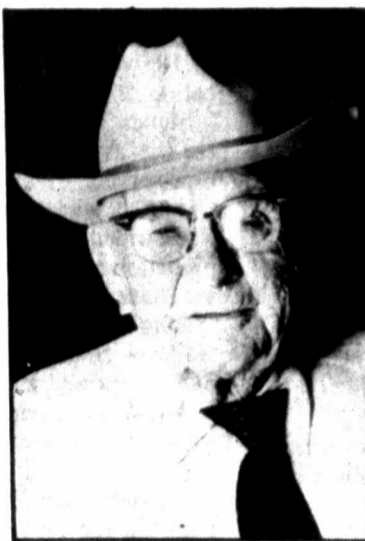
He was 104 years old.

The only son of Emma and Perry LeFors, Mr. LeFors was born on Sept. 27, 1889 into a family that included six sisters.

"By the time I got big enough to ride horseback and see cattle, I was a cattleman," he said at his 100th birthday in 1989. "I had my own horse when I was pertin' near six years old. My father got me up early as he could so I could help him."

A cattleman for more than 70 years, Mr. LeFors experienced his first cattle drive when he was 15 years old.

"My father felt that 2,500 head was a practical number to drive," Mr. LeFors said during his centennial birthday. During the drives, they would gather the herd up in the spring and



Emmett LeFors

would arrive in Dodge City, Kan., the next fall. "We'd graze them all the way," he explained.

Growing up on the old SRE ranch located on Sweetwater Creek, seven miles northeast of Wheeler, and on the West Cantonment Creek, Mr. LeFors attended schools in Miami,

Pampa High School, Spalding Commercial College and Central Business College.

Duty to the family business would soon call Mr. LeFors, however. He inherited the family ranch when he was 19 years old, following the deaths of his father and four sisters of typhoid fever.

In 1913, following a failed attempt at farming, Mr. LeFors sold the family farm to the Marrs family who, in turn, sold the property to the Franklins, whose descendants still own the property.

Not to be deterred, he continued to work on ranches throughout the Wheeler and Mobeetie areas.

In the early 1950s, Mr. LeFors went into the feed lot business where he prospered.

In 1935, Mr. LeFors married Musette Sewell, a native of the Plainview area. She preceded him in death on May 3, 1971 after 36 years of marriage.

His second marriage, to Fay Martin in 1975, lasted less than

a year when she died following a brief illness.

When Mr. LeFors was 100, he formally retired from the family business and moved to Tulsa to live with relatives, although he occasionally returned to his Pampa home, often celebrating his birthday with friends and family at the home he built in Pampa in 1952.

Along with his father, Mr. LeFors was one of the individuals that helped shape the Texas Panhandle area and make it a leader in ranching as it has been. Many of his contemporaries included M.K. Brown and Frank Paul, an area banker.

Mr. LeFors' father, Perry LeFors, first brought the family to the Texas Panhandle via freight wagon from Dodge City, Kan., to the Diamond F Ranch's headquarters in May 1884. At the time, his father was a foreman. He would later become manager of the ranch which consisted of more than a million acres.

Perry LeFors would go on to make his presence felt in the Panhandle area as he helped establish Gray County in 1902, making the city named after him the county seat.

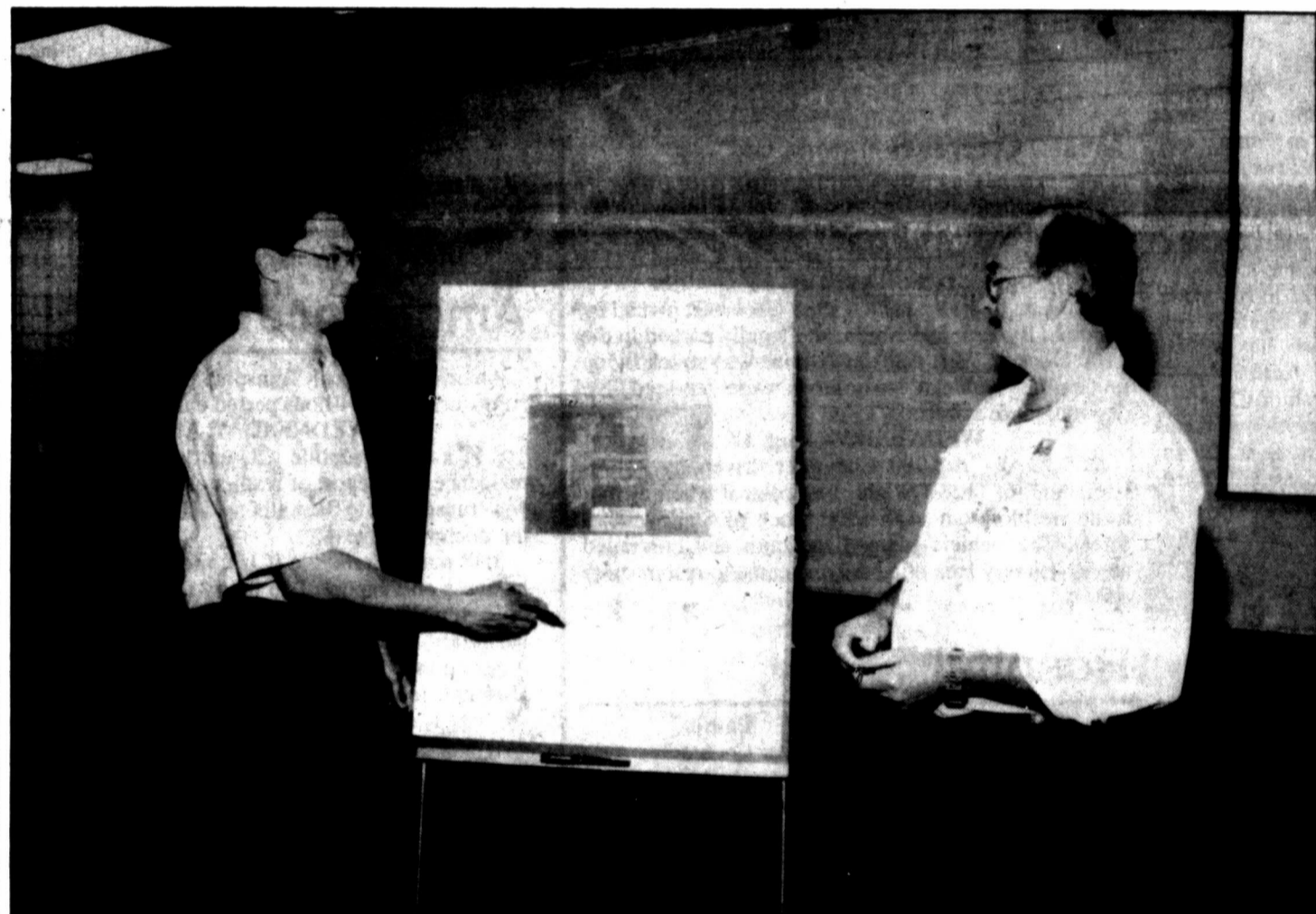
A statue of Perry LeFors has been placed on Hobart Street east of Coronado Inn to commemorate his influence of the development of the Pampa area. The town LeFors was named after the pioneer.

An active civic leader and member of the community all of his life, Mr. LeFors was a Mason in McLean and Pampa for more than 75 years.

In addition, Mr. LeFors is a member of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

Beginning at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Mr. LeFors' body will lie in state at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors in Pampa until the services are held. As of noon, a service time was pending. Arrangements are with Stanley Funeral Home in Tulsa.

## 'Maximize production'



Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group's Pampa Plant employees met this morning in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center for the Pampa '99 Action Conference, with the title of "Maximize Production and Carbon Efficiency." Discussing some of the goals are Darren Collins, left, operations, and Ron E. McCain, maintenance. The goal of the conference focused on developing strategy and setting milestones to ensure the Pampa Plant's costs to produce acetic acid remains competitive in the market. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

## Moderates chastened by CBO meeting

By JILL LAWRENCE  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Moderate senators seeking a practical middle ground on health-care reform met today with a budget expert and said afterward they were discouraged about their prospects.

The bipartisan group heard from Robert Reischauer, head of the Congressional Budget Office, in what was to be a final numbers check before presenting a blueprint to the Senate Democratic and Republican leaders.

Senators of both parties emerged chastened, talking of unanswerable questions and cures that are worse than the problems of the current system.

"It was a dash of the cold water of reality," said Sen. David Boren, D-Okla. "The more we listen, the more we find insolvable problems," said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

Domenici said Congress would be better off doing "a very slim bill this year" on insurance reform and resuming the broader debate next year. But Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., a leader of the group, said he would continue to seek more comprehensive reform this year.

"I certainly don't want to throw in the towel yet," Chafee said.

The Senate is formally considering Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell's 1,443-page bill, designed to make a basic insurance package available to nearly all Americans.

Today lawmakers passed a package of rural health-care amendments on a vote of 94-4, continuing a string of bipartisan votes that belie major differences between the two parties on central issues that have not yet come up.

The Democratic sponsors of today's amendments said they would aid rural health facilities; set up incentives for doctors and other medical personnel to practice in rural areas; and help rural providers form their own health-care networks.

The debate then moved on to a Republican amendment seeking to guarantee open meetings of the various government boards in the Mitchell bill.

The moderates were trying to draft a plan less ambitious and less generous than the Mitchell bill, but perhaps more likely, to attract enough votes for passage.

Mitchell and Senate Republican leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., had separate meetings Wednesday with 16 members of the self-described "mainstream" group.

Dole was noncommittal after his 20-minute session. Mitchell, D-Maine, allowed that "I will consider any sugges-

tion that they make with an open mind."

Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., said both men assured the participants that they were not "on a fool's errand" and their work would be taken seriously.

The insurance-coverage goal in the moderate option is in the same ballpark as the 95 percent envisioned in the Mitchell plan, according to Conrad.

But he said the blueprint is "substantially scaled down" in terms of costs, regulations, bureaucracy and complexity. Prescription drug coverage for the elderly and a new home health care program were believed to be among the benefits on the cutting room floor.

On the Senate floor, for the time being at least, a bipartisan script was playing out despite harsh political rhetoric.

The first Democratic amendment — speeding up preventive and prenatal care requirements for women and children — passed Tuesday with votes to spare. The first Republican amendment — removing a \$10,000 fine for employers whose health plans didn't match the benefits package required by the bill — did even better. It was approved 100-0 on Wednesday.

"A good sign," beamed Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., chairman of the Finance Committee, praising senators for their cooperative spirit.

## Bush upset at Richards labeling him as a 'jerk'

By MICHAEL HOLMES  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican candidate George W. Bush says Gov. Ann Richards should stay on the high road and stop calling him names.

A Richards aide said the governor's reference to Bush as a "jerk" reflected her anger over his criticism of the state of public schools.

"With her derogatory name-calling and repeated disparaging remarks about my background, Ann Richards seems to be asking how dare anyone run against her," Bush said Wednesday.

In a written statement issued by his campaign, Bush said the governor's race should focus on meaningful debate — not personalities.

"The people of Texas — not a political candidate — have the right to judge between candidates based on their differences on philosophy and the issues. Neither Ann Richards nor anyone else who holds public office is automatically entitled to re-election. That's up to the people of Texas," he said.

Bush bristled at remarks Richards made Tuesday evening to supporters in East Texas. After praising Texarkana teacher of the year Debbie Coleman, Richards said:

"You just work like a dog, do well, the test scores are up, the kids are looking better, the dropout rate is down. And all of a sudden, you've got some jerk who's running for public office telling everybody it's all a sham and it isn't real and he doesn't give you credit for doing your job."

Richards' spokesman, Chuck McDonald, said the governor is upset over Bush's contention that student achievement scores and school-rating systems were juggled in an election-year effort to make education look better when the progress is due to hard work by children and teachers.

"George Bush has denigrated the work done by Texas teachers and Texas students. And Ann Richards has had enough of it. Those are fighting words," McDonald said.

"He's trashing what's been done in our schools. She's the governor of Texas, those are her school children, those are her teachers, and we're not going to stand back and let him say such things," McDonald said.

Bush said he favors freeing teachers, administrators and students from a "centralized state bureaucracy to allow them to teach what works in their classrooms." He said Richards has allowed the Texas Education Agency "to pile on red tape, paperwork and regulations."

# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**NALL, Jane** — 10:30 a.m. First United Methodist Church, Wellington.  
**TRUSTY, Maude M.** — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.  
**UNRUH, Ella** — 10 a.m., Central United Methodist Church, Dalhart.  
**YORK, Ura Mae** — 11 a.m., Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors Ivy Chapel, Amarillo.

## Obituaries

**EMMETT LEFORS**  
**TULSA, Okla.** — Emmett Lefors, 104, a well-known cattleman and Panhandle area pioneer, died Thursday, Aug. 18, 1994. Services are pending with Stanley Funeral Director of Tulsa, Okla.  
 Prior to services, the body will lie in state at Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors in Pampa beginning at 1 p.m. Sunday.  
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**JANE NALL**  
**WELLINGTON** — Jane Nall, 62, died Friday, 12, 1994. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Steve Ulrey, pastor, and Danny Jones of Vancouver, British Columbia, officiating. Burial will be in North Fairview Cemetery by Adams Funeral Home.

Mrs. Nall was born in Motley County. She graduated from Flomot High School and attended Tarleton State. She married Richard Nall in 1950 at Clovis, N.M. they lived in Flomot until moving to Wellington in 1960.

Mrs. Nall served as an executive officer and cashier at Community Bank. She was an active supporter of the 4-H program in Collingsworth County and was a member of the First United Methodist church, where she sang in the choir.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Leigh Blakemore of Shamrock; two sons, Ricky Nall of Nacogdoches and Jim Bob Nall of Shamrock; a brother, M.C. "Salty" Jones of Flomot; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorial be to a favorite charity.

**EDNA HUNTER SANDERS**  
**CROWELL** — Edna Hunter Sanders, 95, died Sunday, Aug. 14, 1994. Services were Tuesday in Crowell, where she had lived most of her life.  
 Mrs. Sanders was a leader in the Methodist Church and in many other areas of the community. She taught piano for 50 years.  
 Survivors include a daughter, Reed Echols of Pampa; a son, Hardy Sanders of Fort Worth; 14 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

**MAUDE M. TRUSTY**  
**LEFORS** — Maude M. Trusty, 82, died Wednesday, Aug. 17, 1994. Services will be at 2 p.m. on Friday at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Wyatt Fenno, minister of the Church of Christ in Minco, Okla., and the Rev. Kenneth Metzger, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Trusty was born on Jan. 31, 1912 in Mobeetie. She moved to Lefors in 1941 from Kingsmill. She married Joseph Claude Trusty on Feb. 1, 1929 in Cheyenne, Okla. He preceded her in death in 1977. She was a member of the Lefors Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, James and Valta Trusty of Pampa; three sisters, Bess Keeton of Pampa, Evelyn Riley of McLean and Clara Ridgeway of Mobeetie; two brothers, Ariza Corcoran of Mobeetie and William Corcoran of Pampa; a grandson, Phillip Trusty of Dallas; and several nieces and nephews.

The family will be at 1927 Holly in Pampa.

**ELLA UNRUH**  
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## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 17**  
 Laquita Christine Belflower, 520 Rider, reported criminal trespassing.  
 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of North Zimmers Street.  
 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Hazel Street.  
 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of Beryl Street.  
 Michael Eugene Reddell, 801 E. Francis, reported a burglary of a habitation.  
 John Lee Herring, 505 N. Naida, reported a hit and run.  
 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of N. Russell Street.

**THURSDAY, Aug. 18**  
 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of W. Craven Avenue.

**Arrest**  
**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 17**  
 Richard R. Botello, 21, 1136 Crane, was arrested in the 100 block of Randy Matson Avenue on an outstanding warrant. He was later released from custody after posting bond.

## Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 17**  
 The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported someone driving while intoxicated four miles west of Pampa on Gray 3.

Glen Bell, 2728 Navajo, reported a theft of under \$750.

Cathy Shook, Lefors, reported an alcohol offense.  
 Gail Foreman, Lefors, reported an alcohol offense.

**Arrests**  
**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 17**  
 Mona Frazier Nunamaker, 28, 525 N. Christy, was arrested by the Pampa Police Department on a charge of driving while intoxicated. She was later released after posting bond.  
 Lonnie Wayne Kirklun, 32, 926 E. Campbell, was arrested by the Pampa Police Department on a charge of terroristic threat and evading arrest. He was later released after posting bond.  
 John David Richards, 32, Youngtown, Okla., was arrested on a violation of his probation.  
 Asa Dewayne Boaz, 30, 425 Wynne, was arrested on a violation of his probation.  
 Cynthia Rose Stubbs, 29, Lefors, was arrested on two counts of theft by check and on two outstanding warrants.

## Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**TUESDAY, Aug. 16**  
 9:30 a.m. to 8:15 p.m. — A 1988 Chevrolet owned by Linda L. Bynum, 505 Naida, and legally parked in the 1900 block of West Buckler Avenue was struck by an unidentified vehicle. No injuries were reported. No citations were issued.

**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 17**  
 4:55 p.m. — A 1980 Chevrolet driven by Arturo Arellano, 36, 1128 Dwight, lost control when a right front tire blow out in the 600 block of Starkweather Street. The vehicle jumped the curb and continued across a grassy area of a park and came to rest in some shrubs.

## Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL	Pampa
<b>Admissions</b>	Lester Cochran
<b>Pampa</b>	Charity Lee Humphrey
Melanie Edgett	Jimmie Lee Tucker
Krista Dearman	<b>Allison</b>
Maria Totten	Heather Nicole Shields
<b>Panhandle</b>	and baby boy
Lloyd Stamps	<b>McLean</b>
<b>White Deer</b>	Robert W. Cooper
Eva Mae Walker	<b>Panhandle</b>
<b>Births</b>	Silva Escamilla and baby boy
To Ms. Melanie Edgett of Pampa, a boy.	<b>SHAMROCK HOSPITAL</b>
To Ms. Kristan Dearman of Pampa, a girl.	<b>Admissions</b>
To Ms. Maria Totten of Pampa, a boy.	No admissions were reported.
<b>Dismissals</b>	<b>Dismissals</b>
No dismissals were reported.	

## Calendar of events

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK**  
 A blood pressure check is offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. Blood sugar tests are offered the first Friday of each month. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 17**  
 3:48 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to 1106 W. Alcock on a medical assistance call.

## Correction

The M.K. Brown Auditorium Advisory Board will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. today in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.

## Emergency numbers

**Energas**.....665-5777  
**SPS**.....669-7432  
**Water**.....669-5830

## Court report

### COUNTY COURT

**Marriage licenses issued**  
 William Edward Merrick and Susan Maxine Nunn  
 Salvador Rodriguez and Veronica Raquel Cortez  
 Kevin Kyle Doan and Delena Joyce Odum  
 Douglas Sean Ray and Mary Alice Price

**Criminal**  
 An order was entered to revoke the probation and order the arrest of Steven J. Guzman because he failed to report to the probation office and is delinquent in his fine, court costs and probation fees.

An order was entered to amend the probation of Billy Brian Jernigan. His fine was increased by \$100, his jail time increased to 40 days, and \$135 court costs is assessed in Cause No. 22346. An order was entered to dismiss charges of driving while license suspended against Billy Brian Jernigan because he was convicted in another case.  
 Zwalyn Marcell Brown pleaded no contest to resisting arrest. He was assessed \$100 fine, one year probation and \$135 court costs.

An order was entered to dismiss a charge of criminal trespass against Carlos Cervantes Cruz because the evidence is insufficient.

An order was entered to dismiss a charge of criminal trespass against Charity Michelle Dewitt because the evidence is insufficient.

David Charles Dunn pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of speeding (appeal from Justice of the Peace Court 1). He was assessed one month deferred adjudication probation, \$73 fine, \$115 court costs.

Steven Wilson Rivera pleaded guilty to evading arrest. He was assessed \$150 fine, 20 days in jail with credit for time served.

### DISTRICT COURT

An order was entered dismissing a motion to revoke the probation of Kim Wilson Schulz because all court assessed fees have been paid in full.

John Douglas Butler pleaded guilty to theft of livestock. He was assessed 10 years probation, \$1,500 fine and \$4,200 restitution.

An order was entered to dismiss a charge of burglary of a habitation against Kenneth Louis Hutto because the case has been refilled.

Kenneth Louis Hutto pleaded guilty unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He was assessed 90 days boot camp, seven years in Texas Department of Criminal Justice with 51 days credit for time served and \$860 restitution.

An order was entered to dismiss a charge of forgery against Stacie Bradstreet because the evidence is insufficient.

Harry Anthony DeHosse pleaded guilty to a charge of theft \$750-\$20,000. He was assessed five years probation and a \$2,500 fine.

An order was entered to dismiss a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle against David Lozon because he was convicted in another case.

David Lozon pleaded guilty to burglary of a building. He was assessed 10 years in Texas Department of Criminal Justice and \$3,395 restitution, with 72 days credit for time served.

An order was entered continuing Tandra Rachelle Jackson on deferred adjudication probation.

An order was entered dismissing a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and burglary of a habitation because the evidence is insufficient.

An order was entered continuing Michelle Angel Stillwell on probation and adding a condition. She must remain in a substance abuse felony treatment center for up to one year; her probation is extended one year; she must pay her court-appointed attorney \$225.

Mark Dequett Reynolds pleaded no contest to theft \$750-\$20,000. He was assessed two years deferred adju-

diation probation, \$809 restitution and ordered to pay his court-appointed attorney \$450.

### Civil

Midstates Resources Corp. vs. Roger C. Atwood d/b/a R&R Roustabout, suit on note  
 Estate of Nancy Ann Frasier, deceased, Shirley J. Lehnick, Merle Frasier, probate appeal

Marvin C. Webster, et ux, Colette J. Webster vs. Parker Parsley Gas Processing Co., suit on contract  
 City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14, Gray County vs. Isais G. Silva, et al

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14 vs. Valorie L. Hood  
 City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14, Gray County vs. Boyd-Hughes Inc., a defunct Texas corporation

Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14, Gray County vs. Clois Lyon  
 City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14, Gray County vs. Lee D. Scott

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14, Gray County vs. Rosie Shaw et al

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14, Gray County vs. Arthur L. Sims et al

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14, Gray County vs. Gary Smiley et al

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14, Gray County vs. Leona Sturgill et al

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14, Gray County vs. Marvin Clay Wells et al

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14 vs. E.B. Whitten et al

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14, Gray County vs. Thomas Henry Crouch

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14 vs. Terry Braddock

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14, Gray County vs. Abel Botello et al

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14 vs. Tammie Winegeart Bennett

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14, Gray County vs. Dana L. Barclay

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14, Gray County vs. W.L. Winkleblack

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14, Gray County vs. David W. Wood

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14, Gray County vs. Mattie A. Bain

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14, Gray County vs. Mandy Lee Sinches

City of Pampa, Pampa Independent School District, County Education District 14, Gray County vs. Patricia West Zimmerman

### Divorces

Mark William Patterson and Tammy L. Wallace Patterson  
 Lisa Kay Pitt and Eddie Joe Pitt

## Ambulance

American Medical Transport reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**WEDNESDAY, Aug. 17**  
 8:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a Pampa residence on a report of respiratory distress. One patient was transported to St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo on the doctor's request.

3:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a Pampa business on a report of an injury following an explosion of a tire. One patient was transported to Coronado Hospital.

6:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital Intensive Care Unit to transport a cardiac

patient to High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

7:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home on a report of chest pains. One patient was transported to Coronado Hospital.

8:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home on a report of chest pains. One patient was transported to Coronado Hospital.

9:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital to transport a pediatric patient to North West Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

9:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Coronado Hospital to transport a patient to a local nursing home.

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## Weather focus

**LOCAL FORECAST**  
 Tonight, partly cloudy and mild with a low in the mid 60s and a 20 percent chance of rain. Friday, mostly sunny and hot with a high in the upper 90s and south winds from 5-10 mph. Wednesday's high was 102; this morning's low was 70.

**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
 West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows 65-70. Friday, partly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs from low and mid 90s northeast to near 100 south. Friday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in mid 60s. South Plains:

Tonight, fair. Lows around 70. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs near 100. Friday night, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows 65-70.

North Texas - Tonight, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms west and central. Lows 71 to 76. Friday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in mid 90s east to around 100 central and west. Friday night, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms northern half. Lows in low and mid 70s.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70

# Federal judges: Three Texas congressional districts improperly drawn

By TERRI LANGFORD  
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — A three-judge federal panel has sent Texas back to the drawing board after finding three congressional districts were illegally designed to benefit minorities.

The 100-page decision Wednesday says two Houston-area districts, the 18th and 29 and the 30th District in Dallas, were drawn improperly, solely along racial lines.

The ruling stems from a lawsuit filed by six Republicans who claimed 24 of the state's 30 districts were products of racial gerrymandering or intentional racial discrimination and should be redrawn.

"We're tickled to death. We've said all along that these districts drawn for racial sake were unconstitutional," Paul Hurd, attorney for the six Republican plaintiffs, said.

"The people of Texas deserve fair and constitutional lines," said plaintiff Edward Blum.

The court said the other 21 districts challenged in the lawsuit are "disfigured less to favor or disadvantage one race or ethnic group than to promote the re-election of incumbents; they are not unconstitutionally segregated."

"They were conceived for the purpose of providing 'safe' seats in Congress for two African-American and an Hispanic representative," the court said.

"They were scientifically designed to muster a minimum percentage of the favored minority or ethnic group; minority numbers are virtually all that mattered in the shape of those districts. Those districts consequently bear the odious imprint of racial apartheid, and districts that intermesh with them are necessarily racially tainted."

Any appeal by the state would be filed directly with the U.S. Supreme Court.

Of the six who questioned the districts, four are white. One plaintiff is Hispanic and one is Asian.

A week of testimony before the three-judge panel, all Reagan-Bush appointees, ended July 1.

It was not immediately clear if the Texas Legislature would be forced into special session before the November elections to draw new boundaries based on the ruling by U.S. District Judges David Hittner and Melissa Harmon and 5th U.S. Circuit of Appeals Judge Edith Jones.

Congress requires that such state redistricting cases be heard by a three-judge federal panel composed of an appeals court judge and two district judges.

Bill Cryer, a spokesman for Gov. Ann Richards, said the decision was still being reviewed.

"It's 100 pages long. We don't know what our options are right now," Cryer said. "Certainly we're disappointed in it."

The judges gave both sides until Aug. 26 to submit plans for new district lines.

"I think we clearly had racially based gerrymandering in those districts, which also had the side effect of helping incumbent Democrats in adjacent districts," said Texas GOP Chairman Tom Pauken. "The court did the right thing."

Penda Hair, lead counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, which represented residents of Districts 18 and 30, said the court's ruling subjects districts drawn under the Voting Rights Act to special conditions.

"They are saying that if you draw remedial districts, those districts have to be pretty even in a state where most other districts are ugly," Hair said. "I believe that it is wrong and I believe it will be overturned by the Supreme Court."

Both Republicans and Democrats had considered the outcome of the trial crucial to the future of state politics.

The six Republicans, calling themselves the Coalition for a Color Blind Texas, filed the lawsuit in January.

Democrats, minority groups and the Texas attorney general's office rejected the allegations, saying politics, not race, were behind the district boundaries set in 1991.

Rep. Gene Green, a Democrat, is running for a second term in Houston's 29th District. It's one of three new congressional districts in Texas thanks to the state's population growth based on the 1990 census.

The 29th was meticulously designed to almost guarantee Houston's expanding Hispanic population a representative of their own. But Green, who is white, won the seat.

In Dallas, a similar district was created and Eddie Bernice Johnson, a black Democrat, won.

The 18th District, in Houston, has existed for decades and was first represented by Barbara Jordan, then Mickey Leland. After Leland was killed in a plane crash in Africa, Craig Washington won the seat. He was ousted in this year's primary, however, and former Houston city council member Sheila Jackson Lee is the Democratic nominee. Jordan, Leland, Washington and Lee are black.

"I think today is a great tragedy for the state of Texas," Lee said. "The districts that we speak of were districts created to correct longstanding discrimination in this state."

## Shuttle flight aborted by shutdown on launch pad

By MARCIA DUNN  
AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour's flight was aborted a perilous 1.9 seconds before launch today after the main engines roared to life, then abruptly shut down.

NASA's countdown clock got all the way to zero when the launch was halted because a fuel pump apparently overheated. NASA said a computer automatically began shutting off the engines 1.9 seconds before the solid rocket boosters were to have ignited and the shuttle taken off.

The six astronauts were strapped into their seats aboard the 2,000-ton shuttle for about an hour after the launch was aborted. It took ground crews that long to make sure everything at the pad was safe.

When the men finally emerged, their faces revealed various degrees of relief and disappointment. One gave a ground crew member a friendly pat on the arm.

"Sorry we didn't do it today," a voice from launch control told commander Michael Baker before he crawled out. "We'll give it another try another day."

At a briefing, Baker said he and his crew knew they weren't going anywhere when they saw red lights flash in the cockpit and felt the engines turn off.

"The crew's doing fine. I think everything went well," Baker said. "The systems did their job."

It was the fifth engine shutdown at the pad in 13 years of shuttle flights and the third since April 1993. But none had been so close to launch.

For astronaut Daniel Bursch, it was a repeat of last August. He was aboard Discovery when that shuttle's main engines shut down three seconds before liftoff.

It was to have been the first space flight for two members of the all-man, all-American crew. A third astronaut — planetary scientist Thomas Jones, who flew on a similar Earth-monitoring mission in April — would have set a U.S. record for the shortest time between space flights. That chance was dashed.

Officials said the problem was with a high-pressure fuel pump on main engine No. 3 that apparently overheated.

Everything had been going well with the countdown this morning, and the weather was perfect.

The three engines ignited on cue 6 1/2 seconds before the scheduled sunrise liftoff, but on-board computers stopped them and the space shuttle remained bolted to the launch pad. The pump that overheated was new and there was no immediate explanation of why it malfunctioned, NASA said.

The familiar cloud of steam engulfed the shuttle as the engines fired. Then the huge cloud slowly drifted upward and dissipated.

If an engine had failed soon after liftoff, Baker would have had no choice but to attempt a dangerous emergency landing back at Kennedy Space Center. Such an emergency landing, which would require the twin boosters to burn out and then jettison, has never been attempted. During the early ascent, there is no emergency escape system for the crew.

The flight was expected to be delayed about a month. That in turn could push back the launch of Discovery, which had been planned for Sept. 9; NASA will have to decide which one goes first.

Endeavour was supposed to carry the world's most advanced civilian space radar on an encore of an earth-monitoring mission. It would have been the fifth shuttle flight this year and the 64th overall.



Sierra Brooks subdivision residents Trudy LaRue, left, and Lisa Honjas watch a wildfire as it approaches their homes near Loyalton, Calif., just prior to their evacuation Wednesday afternoon. (AP photo)

## Arsonist sought in wildfire

By SCOTT LINDLAW  
Associated Press Writer

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (AP) — More voracious than fleeing residents ever imagined, the arsonist's fire that rampaged through 76 square miles of rugged canyonland twisted metal like putty, charred wood to dust and gnawed 37 houses nearly to the bone.

"We were going to bring bags to pick up assorted things. I didn't realize it was this bad," Hugh Rodman said Wednesday, staring at the heap of ash that had been his home. "I loved it and it was the perfect place for me to live."

Neighbor Steve Lund sifted through smoldering cinders and found a saber that was a family keepsake, but heat had rendered the most familiar objects nearly unrecognizable — a blackened washer and dryer, the smoldering hulk of a car. Chimneys stood like tombstones. Miles of surrounding hillsides were haze-covered, blackened ruin.

At Bure Sinclair's place, a fireplace and chimney stood as lone sentry.

"I had a good library and I had Louis L'Amour's complete, everything the guy made, and I lost the whole damn thing," he said. "It was unbelievable how high the flames got. They got up as high as 60 or 70 feet."

Flames continued to lick at steep canyons full of century-old brush thickets, but authorities said the immediate danger to houses and ranches had

passed in San Luis Obispo County, about 135 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

Firefighters had the blaze 85 percent surrounded and expected full containment by Monday, said Glenda Powell, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Forestry.

"The weather is favorable this morning for fire fighting. There's fog, the temperatures have dropped and the humidity is way up," said Tom Wright, a spokesman for the state Department of Forestry.

Things were different a few days ago.

"We didn't have 5 seconds. It looked like a volcano," said Lund, a Vietnam veteran who compared his flight Monday to combat. "That last little bit was right up there with getting out of a burning helicopter."

Gov. Pete Wilson told homeowners the state was offering a \$50,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of the arsonist who started the blaze near a campground Sunday.

Farther north, near the Nevada border, erratic winds swept an 8,500-acre fire up to a 150-house subdivision in Loyalton, forcing residents to flee.

A terrified deer scampered through flames as they ran down a canyon, engulfed a meadow and raced into the subdivision. The flames licked at back porches before 700 firefighters and several helicopters drove them back and saved the houses.

## Official seeks to bar credit checks by insurers

HOUSTON (AP) — The Texas Department of Insurance says auto insurance companies and other firms have used credit reports to deny consumers coverage, and officials want the practice stopped.

"I've never seen evidence that credit history for auto insurance is a risk-related thing," J. Robert Hunter, the state insurance commissioner, said Tuesday.

"You don't go out and have an accident if you're having financial trouble."

Hunter wants to bar insurance companies from checking a potential customer's credit history before selling coverage.

He hopes to propose a rule in the next few weeks requiring that insurers' underwriting guidelines be related to risk. Insurers will be required to offer proof of the connection.

"It would eliminate anything that would be seat-of-the-pants, gut-feeling type of guidelines," he said.

## Nuclear waste dump plan brings dueling debates

AUSTIN (AP) — State officials say they are trying to educate the public about a proposed radioactive waste dump in West Texas.

Opponents of the facility that is proposed for Hudspeth County say the state is trying to brainwash the public.

The two sides clashed Wednesday in conferences held across the hall from each other in the same hotel.

After opponents of the dump finished their conference, several dressed in black sheets and held fake scythes as those attending the state-sponsored conference on radiation went to their meeting.

In the opponents' camp, Hugh Kaufman of the Environmental Protection Agency said the proposal to import radioactive waste from Vermont and Maine could turn Texas "into the largest nuclear dump site in the history of the planet."

Kaufman, an assistant to the director of EPA's Hazardous Site Control Division, accused Gov. Ann Richards of lying when she said she signed legislation approving a disposal compact in order to keep Texas from having to take radioactive waste from larger states.

"The governor lied," Kaufman said. "You can't trust anything any politician tells you, whether they're Democrats or Republicans."

He said the way the compact between Texas, Maine and Vermont is being formed could allow other states to send their radioactive waste to Texas.

He said any money Texas would receive to accept the waste is "chump change" in comparison with the potential problems of the waste.

"It's time to put a mark in the sand

and say Texas will not be No. 1 in the nuclear waste industry, and it's time for the taxpayers of Texas to exercise their rights and be heard," he said.

But Lawrence Jacobi Jr., general manager of the Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Authority, defended the proposed compact and dump site.

"We have had the finest engineers and scientists in the state working on that site. I wouldn't do anything that was harmful to the environment. They are just flat wrong about all of the things they've said," Jacobi said.

He said other states won't be able to join the compact because it limits the amount of radioactive waste that can be accepted.

"The purpose of the interstate compact was to limit the amount of waste that would actually come to

Insurance Co., the third-largest auto insurer in Texas.

A track record of financial problems could lead to denial by the company, he said.

But Lapinski declined to release information supporting the company's view, saying it's proprietary. Allstate uses credit reports for auto and homeowners insurance in Texas.

Officials of State Farm Insurance Cos., the largest insurer in Texas, said they haven't used credit reports for auto insurance in many years.

Regulators said they have asked companies to provide supporting data but were told the information belonged to the companies.

"The lack of data, to me, is data," said Powers, of the insurance department. "The fact that companies aren't coming up with any data to support data is certainly leading me to believe this data doesn't support risk."

Texas, and to limit it to two very small states," he said.

Sherry Meddick of Greenpeace and other opponents said the dump site was an example of environmental racism in that the facility was placed in a low-income, minority area that lacks the political muscle to fight it.

"If this waste is so safe, Texas citizens know that Maine and Vermont shouldn't mind keeping it. And if it's not safe, then the nuclear industry has no business shipping it across the nation to a small town in West Texas that doesn't produce it and doesn't want it," she said.

Jacobi said the site was selected because it was the most environmentally sound. The groundwater is deep underground, the ground is stable, and the climate, dry, he said.

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Opinion

Blowing smoke at responsibility

Are you trying to quit smoking, as millions of other Americans already have? Don't bother. You can't help yourself.

That's the implied message from a government advisory panel that decided that the nicotine in tobacco smoke is "addictive." The panel's decision is considered an important first step toward declaring cigarettes a type of drug and bringing them under the control of the Food and Drug Administration.

Everybody knows that smoking is a bad health choice. Over a long period it can damage lungs and lead to cancer and other ailments. It's also a habit that is difficult, although not impossible, to kick. Millions of Americans have given up smoking in the last 30 years, and millions more would like to quit, but have not yet succeeded.

The report goes beyond these accepted facts about smoking to assert something new: that a cigarette is a drug that poses the same sort of danger to health as heroin or cocaine, and therefore should be regulated by the government.

Using this faulty logic to extend the government's regulatory web to cigarettes would be a mistake. It would unnecessarily limit personal freedom, while undermining personal responsibility. Despite the panel's finding, most people understand that smoking a cigarette is far less consequential act than snorting cocaine or shooting heroin.

Granted, smoking affects health and can be hard to give up. But the same can be said for drinking strong coffee, imbibing in those caffeine-containing soft drinks or eating three eggs and three strips of greasy bacon every morning.

Should the federal government also regulate our diets and our coffee pots and our soda pops?

Ironically, the assertion that smoking is addictive could set back efforts to help people who want to quit by encouraging a fatalistic attitude toward smoking. Why try to quit when the government says it's just about impossible anyway?

The argument against the regulation of smoking ultimately rests on a belief in individual responsibility.

People who smoke know the consequences of their actions and, with appropriate help, can stop if they want to. If people choose to smoke, the government should not interfere, but neither should it shield them from the consequences by subsidizing in any way the costs they incur from their own choices.

If the FDA decides to regulate cigarettes, another area of personal freedom will have been swallowed up by expanding government. And if the FDA latches on to regulating cigarettes, what next? Caffeine?

A sensible surprise in crime bill

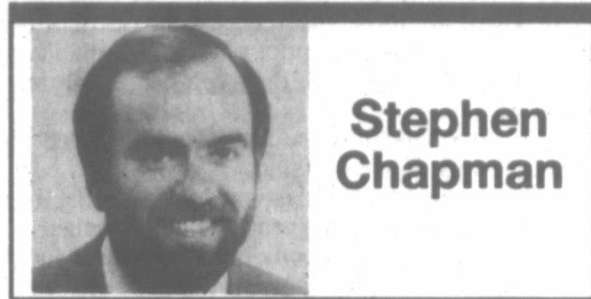
Nicole Richardson was a 17-year-old high school student when she fell for a guy on the wrong career track — peddling small amounts of cocaine and LSD. She didn't sell drugs herself, but when a customer working secretly with the Drug Enforcement Administration phoned to ask where to find her boyfriend so he could pay for a purchase, she told him. Big mistake. That got her arrested and convicted of conspiracy to distribute LSD.

As a peripheral figure in a minor drug deal, and one with no criminal record, you would expect her to have gotten off pretty easy. You would not expect what she got: 10 years in federal prison with no chance of parole. (Her boyfriend, who was able to implicate others, was sentenced to only five.) Given that sentence, it will cost the government some \$200,000 to punish Nicole Richardson for a cameo role in a \$5,000 transaction.

Even the judge who had to hand down the mandatory sentence called it a "miscarriage of justice." But there is a ray of hope for all the petty drug offenders locked up for long periods in federal penitentiaries — and for the taxpayers who have to finance their food and lodging.

It appears in the crime bill approved by a House-Senate conference committee this month. The package is mostly an exercise in posturing, replete with measures, such as longer sentences and broader use of the death penalty, that sound fearsome but won't actually do much to reduce mayhem. But in a passing moment of sobriety, the members approved one sensible change, even though it may be portrayed as a favor to criminals. It's not a revolution in drug policy, but it's a start.

The measure, known as a "safety valve," applies to offenders convicted of drug offenses that carry stiff mandatory minimum sentences. Under current



Stephen Chapman

federal law, someone convicted of trafficking in just 17 ounces of cocaine is required to serve at least a five-year term — with no parole, which has been abolished in the federal system. Even small involvement can lead to big penalties.

This has two main effects, neither of them good. The first is ridiculously excessive punishments for small-time offenders — most of whom, it turns out, have never been in trouble before. A host of federal judges, including some appointed by Ronald Reagan, have denounced the severity of the mandatory minimums. Some have simply refused to impose them. Others have resigned from the bench or declined to handle drug cases rather than be accomplices to injustice.

The second result is a flood of inmates who pose little threat to their fellow citizens. Drug offenders now constitute 61 percent of the federal prison population, up from 25 percent in 1980. Partly because of the boom in admissions for drug crimes, federal prisons are badly overstaffed, with 38 percent more inmates than they were designed to hold.

The safety valve aims at reducing the pressure a bit. It waives the mandatory minimum in cases involving low-level drug violators who have cooperated with authorities, have no more than a mini-

mal criminal record, didn't use violence or a gun and didn't harm anyone. Their punishment would be determined by federal sentencing guidelines, which are less draconian.

That the conference committee would approve such a change is the least of the surprises. Even more notable is that the change applies not only to future cases but to past ones — which means that people now serving long terms in federal institutions will be eligible to have their sentences reduced. The U.S. Sentencing Commission says that about 1,600 inmates will be affected, in addition to nearly 3,700 new defendants every year.

But the most unexpected fact may be that the safety valve is largely a creation of Republicans who pride themselves as being tough on crime. The idea originated in the Senate with South Carolina's Strom Thurmond, who has never been mistaken for a member of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The House crime bill's main sponsor, New York Democrat Charles Schumer, lobbied for the safety valve — and for making it retroactive — only after winning the support of two key Republicans, Henry Hyde of Illinois and Bill McCollum of Florida. Julie Stewart, the head of Families Against Mandatory Minimums, says Hyde and McCollum gave vital cover to those members who were willing to be reasonable but feared looking soft. Not all Republicans agree — Texas Sen. Phil Gramm vows to get it repealed eventually — but apparently enough to assure enactment.

And where does that leave Nicole Richardson, who probably shouldn't have gone to jail at all? She can hope to get her 10-year sentence cut to 70 months. With the best of luck, she'll be in prison for three more years. As I said, it's a start.

Today in history

By The Associated Press  
Today is Thursday, August 18, the 230th day of 1994. There are 135 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On August 18, 1587, Virginia Dare became the first child of English parents to be born on American soil, on what is now Roanoke Island, N.C.

On this date:  
In 1227, the Mongol conqueror Genghis Khan died.

In 1846, U.S. forces led by Gen. Stephen W. Kearney captured Santa Fe, N.M.

In 1894, 100 years ago, Congress established the Bureau of Immigration.

In 1914, President Wilson issued his Proclamation of Neutrality, aimed at keeping the United States out of World War I.

In 1938, President Roosevelt dedicated the Thousand Islands Bridge connecting the United States and Canada.

In 1954, Assistant Secretary of Labor James E. Wilkins became the first black to attend a presidential cabinet meeting when he sat in for Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell.



A better way to health care reform

What this country needs is a cheap heart attack. Right now the only cheap heart attack is the kind that kills you stone dead instantly — out of the reach of emergency medical crews. If they get you to the hospital before rigor mortis sets in, they can run up bills of several thousands of dollars just monkeying around with your corpse, trying to revive it.

A survivable heart attack is anything but cheap. It can cost up to \$100,000 or more, depending on what kind it is, where you have it, and, frankly, who you are. I'm sure Michael Eisner, Walt Disney's chief executive officer, had a very expensive heart attack indeed. A lot of people forget that free enterprise means charging what the market will bear.

Obviously, the key problem in America's health care system is high costs. None of the plans floating around in Congress, least of all the president's, really address this issue in an honest manner.

And it's a tough issue. In a word, it's overhead. Surgery was pretty cheap about the time of the Civil War. That's because a hospital was just an old building with cots and a hard wooden table, and the medical staff consisted of a doctor with a saw, a knife, a whetstone, and a bottle of whiskey. Not much overhead. Not a very high survival rate either.

Today's hospital is stuffed full of high-tech equip-

ment and educated people who wash their hands before they put them inside your body. I have yet to meet an uneducated person who wants to work cheap if they can avoid it, much less an educated one. So you buy a building, buy all this equipment and supplies, and hire all these educated people and what you get is overhead. That, to keep it simple, is the cost of keeping the hospital open and staffed and ready.

So when Mr. Patient comes rolling in, yelling, "It hurts. Fix it, please," he has to pay not only for his own fixing but for his share of the overhead. This leads to talking point number one: the only people who can really lower costs are the people in the health care business. They know what those costs are.

It's not an insurance problem. Health insurance premiums are high because hospital costs are high. If a way can be found to lower hospital costs, then premium costs will go down.

So genuine health care reform should involve long conversations with people in the hospital business and focus on ways, if any, to lower costs and what incentives to lower cost might be provided. I don't know what they are and neither does anybody else who isn't in that business. I do know, from talking to people in that business, that part of the overhead costs are imposed by government regulations. Maybe that's a starter.

Talking point number two is to remember that health care is not something we use everyday. In fact, ideally, we won't use it at all. If, by being sensible and lucky, can avoid sickness and trauma, then we won't need health care services. But, if we are sensible, we do want insurance in case our luck turns bad as, in most cases, it will eventually.

Consumers, employers and insurance companies as users and payers are in one camp while hospitals, pharmaceuticals, equipment manufacturers and doctors as providers and collectors are in another camp.

If the two camps got together and brain-stormed, I'd bet on them coming up with more sensible answers than the government. The sticking point is that you can't lower what the people in one camp pay without lowering what the people in the second camp receive.

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TOTEM POLE

Weight: A feminist or a math issue?

If one more person asks me, "Why won't you have a dessert? You're such a little slip of a thing, you SURELY can't be worried about one little old piece of cheesecake!" I swear I'll ...!

Truth to tell, I will probably do what I always do: I will show admirable restraint. I will not say, "The reason I am a 'little slip of a thing' is because I don't have 3,000 pounds worth of 'just a little dessert' packed onto my hips like you do because I didn't eat it like you did."

But I digress. Truth to tell, I'm not just a "little slip of a thing," even though I've never given Oprah a run for her money. Walking down the hall in corsetry pants, my thighs can play Sousa marches with the rest of them.

I was a fat baby and by sixth grade I was starring in family photos my family loves to get out now and use on potential boyfriends: "See anyone you recognize here? Yeah, that's HER all right, hah, hee, hah, hee!" (Several of my family members are toothless and laugh like donkeys.)

In high-school home economics I learned about how many servings of essential food groups I would have to eat to sustain life over the coming decades, but it was in the lunchroom that I gleaned my real nutrition information: If I eat as many servings as the National Dairy Council says I need, the council won't have to look for a great-looking Bossy to put on their posters. I can pose for them myself. I also figured out that as I got older and my



Sarah Overstreet

metabolism decelerated (some might argue that "choked" would be a more appropriate verb choice here), the more important exercise became. And while we're on the subject of metabolism, I'll have to note that of the people I've met who gripe about having a "slow metabolism," a great percentage do their griping standing at a vending machine punching the button that will send a package of cream-filled Ding Dongs plummeting to them.

When I finally figured out how this weight business works and got a handle on how to manage it, I was a little chagrined when the book *Fat Is a Feminist Issue* came out urging women to forego worrying about weight gain because it was merely a tool of the oinking, oppressive male establishment.

Shortly thereafter my good feminist friend, an accountant who later became an attorney, scolded me for worrying that I'd either have to lose the extra cargo I'd put on or buy a bigger size jean. "Why

don't you just go out and buy the bigger size and quit worrying about it?" she asked.

I acknowledged that fat must be a feminist issue so far as it relates to men with enormous beer bellies feeling like they should still be able to attract Playboy centerfolds, and that women pay a much higher price in the business world for being overweight than men do.

"But if I don't reverse the process," I said, "I'll have to buy a new pair about every three months. Let's see, in only two years I could be up to a size 24. Do you think that's a good idea?"

She admitted she didn't, and I appealed to her keen mathematics and accounting skills. "Fat is more a math issue than a feminist issue," I argued. "When you look at your bank account at the end of the month, would you expect there to be less there than you put in? So if you eat a certain amount of food in a month, why would you expect there to be less stored in your body than you've burned off?"

"And by the way, if worrying about fat is so anti-feminist, why is it Gloria Steinem still weighs 105 pounds?"

If Glo were 500 pounds, I wouldn't like her any less. I have friends in all sizes and I like them equally as well no matter what their shapes ... just as long as they don't sit across the table from me shoveling fries and Kentucky Fried Extra Crispy into their mouths, telling me, "Oh, you're such a little slip of a thing! I wish I'd inherited your genes!"

## Crime bill converts come from Black Caucus

By CONNIE CASS  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The three black Democrats' opposition to Clinton's anti-crime bill is visceral — they abhor the death penalty. But each has agreed to help revive the bill on the House floor.

The trio, Reps. Cleo Fields of Louisiana, Charles Rangel of New York and John Lewis of Georgia, are Clinton's first converts among House members who used a procedural vote last week to block consideration of the bill. It will take five more turnabouts to bring the bill to the House floor.

"I cannot in my conscience vote for a crime bill that has 60 different death penalties," Fields said Wednesday. "But I will give the Congress and the American people the opportunity to debate the crime bill."

Lewis and Rangel, who called the death penalty "barbaric" and "racist," also said they would oppose the bill itself.

A handful of other black Democrats stood firm against any support for the measure. The division among the Congressional Black Caucus reflects the complexity of the \$33 billion anti-crime package, which blends conservative and liberal programs.

Democratic leaders are weighing changes in the bill they hope will lure moderates of both parties

without alienating the measure's current supporters, who are mostly Democrats.

White House Chief of Staff Leon Panetta was heading to Capitol Hill again today, pressing for votes on the crime bill and health care reform. President Clinton planned to lobby lawmakers on behalf of the crime bill by telephone and in Oval Office meetings.

"The president will do what he needs to do today" to pass the crime bill, White House Press Secretary Dee Myers said.

Republican leaders continued to push for substantial cuts in the bill's crime prevention spending, on things such as youth programs, and tougher sentences for armed felons and others.

"There are some serious negotiations about how to pass a crime bill that is less expensive, tougher on crime and more effectively targeted," House Republican Whip Newt Gingrich of Georgia said today on ABC.

A CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll found that despite the House's derailing of the anti-crime package last week, public approval of Clinton's handling of the crime problem has jumped — from 29 percent in July to 46 percent in the survey conducted Monday and Tuesday. The new poll has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

A possible formula for rounding up support was beginning to emerge. Democratic leaders were considering:

— Reducing the bill's \$7 billion for counseling and other crime prevention programs by about 5 percent across-the-board, and transferring it to law enforcement initiatives, perhaps to the measure's new Police Corps college scholarships or to prison construction.

— Giving Congress power to review any future additions to the 19 assault-style weapons the measure would prohibit. The ban would expire after five years instead of the decade the legislation now provides.

— Strengthening a provision requiring convicted sexual offenders to report their addresses to authorities by letting the police notify neighborhoods of such a resident.

— Eliminating the measure's \$10 million for a crime research center at Lamar University in the district of House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jack Brooks, D-Texas.

Some of the changes proposed, such as cutting funds for crime prevention programs and weakening the ban on assault-style weapons, chip away at the provisions that many in the 38-member Black Caucus like most.

That put pressure on the 10 Democrats in the caucus who helped block the bill to relent before things get worse.

"There are people concerned about not losing prevention resources," said Lewis, one of several caucus members who met with Clinton on the bill Wednesday.



Cubans lower a raft from their home in Colimar as they make their way to the coastline in order to flee Cuba early today. (Canadian Press Photo by Jose Goltia)

## Florida governor requests federal action on 'critical' Cuban refugee situation

By JOHN PACENTI  
Associated Press Writer

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — As hundreds gathered on Cuban shores 90 miles south, Gov. Lawton Chiles asked the U.S. government to help Florida handle the largest migration from the island since the 1980 Mariel boatlift.

The Coast Guard picked up 537 Cubans on Wednesday, the highest single-day total since Mariel brought 125,000 people to Florida in five months.

"Five hundred a day is more than a trickle. I'm insisting the federal government prepare to invoke the emergency plan. The situation is critical," Chiles said at a news conference.

On Tuesday the number was 339; on Monday it was 282. So far this year, 6,872 Cubans have arrived, compared with 3,656 in 1993.

"It's tough. It's a lot worse," Paco Novales, a volunteer at the Cuban Transit Center on Stock Island off Key West, said early today. The center, which temporarily houses refugees, has seen the number of Cubans it helps each day rise from between 15 and 30 to more than 200.

Clinton administration officials said the refugee situation is "manageable" and there is no need to change policy.

"It's too soon to say whether it's a trend or simply a temporary elevation in refugees. We do have a contingency plan to deal with that," said press secretary Dee Dee Myers.

But Chiles, who flew here late Wednesday, also asked the federal government to increase the number of Navy ships in the Atlantic Ocean between the United States and Cuba. He said the situation "is fast becoming a tidal storm of immigration to Florida's shores."

Daisy Armas, of Big Pine Key,

was waiting outside the Transit Center this morning for her husband who left Cuba just days ago.

"I know in Cuba right now it's super bad," Armas said. "There are a lot of people coming over because there's no food. They'd rather die in the water than die in Cuba."

She said her husband was one of the Mariel boatlift refugees, and he returned to Cuba a few months ago to find his brother and bring him to the United States. He was put in jail, but was on his way back home today, she said.

Ninety miles south, Cuban journalists who spoke to The Associated Press by phone said refugees were setting off openly from beaches and harbors around Havana with no apparent interference from police.

Unidentified U.S. officials told The New York Times and The Miami Herald that Fidel Castro has quietly begun allowing refugees to leave.

"Our impression is that border guards are not enforcing Cuban law as energetically as they were before," a U.S. official said in today's Herald. "People are able to build rafts and leave in boats without interference."

An unnamed senior State Department official told the Times Castro was still stopping large boats but was letting people on rafts go.

"This is a policy decision he took a week and a half ago," the official said.

Rafael Dausa, director of political affairs at the Cuban Interest Section in Washington, told the Times that Cuba hadn't changed its policy on departures.

But he said Cuba would stop trying to halt refugees if the United States didn't take measures to stop the flow. Among other measures, Cuban officials want the United States to lift its economic embargo of Cuba.

## Study: Chlorinated water poses slight cancer risk

By LAURAN NEERGAARD  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — A new Finnish study says the byproducts found in some chlorinated drinking water may nudge up the risk of bladder and kidney cancer.

The risk is minuscule compared with that from smoking, high-fat diets and the other usual causes of cancer, but it should be of enough concern for the government to act, U.S. scientists said.

"From a public health standpoint it makes sense to do everything to lower these contaminants to the greatest extent possible," said Dr. Kenneth Cantor of the

National Cancer Institute.

"The risk is very tiny ... but it's a topic that ought to receive continued attention," said Dr. Clark Heath of the American Cancer Society.

Almost all Americans drink chlorinated water.

Chlorine is a vital disinfectant for water, killing bacteria that cause a host of deadly diseases. Up to 9 million people die every year from drinking contaminated water in parts of the world that don't disinfect it.

But during chlorination, the chemical reacts with other compounds to form byproducts that some studies have found slightly increase the risk of certain cancers.

Most byproducts are formed in

surface water, which has more contaminants to interact with the chlorine, than in purer groundwater. So scientists are trying to determine whether people who drink chlorinated surface water are at risk and, if so, how much of these byproducts can be safely consumed.

The Finnish study, published in today's *American Journal of Public Health*, is the latest to indicate a link.

Finnish men who for several decades drank water laden with chlorine byproducts, particularly one called MX, were 1.2 times more likely to get bladder cancer than neighbors consuming few byproducts, reported Dr. Meri Koivusalo of the Finnish Cancer Registry. They were 1.2 to 1.4 times

more likely to get kidney cancer.

The study, like most on the subject, didn't consider whether smoking or poor diet, the main cancer risks, played a role. Thus, it "should be interpreted with caution," Koivusalo wrote.

Still, enough evidence exists for the government to minimize exposure, Cantor wrote in an editorial accompanying the study.

The Environmental Protection Agency in June proposed rules that would force some public water systems to reduce disinfection byproducts. That might be done by filtering or treating surface water with carbon to reduce the organic matter before chlorine is added, Cantor said.

## Report: Trade deficit shrinks to \$9.37 billion in June

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit narrowed slightly to \$9.37 billion in June, the first decline in three months, the government said today. Still, the annual merchandise trade gap appeared headed toward the second highest on record.

The Commerce Department reported the deficit in both goods and services was 1.6 percent less than the revised \$9.52 billion a month earlier, when the gap shot up 11.6 percent. The original May estimate was \$9.17 billion.

Many analysts had expected the imbalance to shrink about 2 percent.

Exports rose 3.6 percent, or \$2 billion, to a record \$58.17 billion, led by sales of aircraft and telecommunications and computer equipment.

Imports grew 2.8 percent, or \$1.86 billion, to a \$67.54 billion. Nearly half of the increase was attributed to crude oil shipments.

The deficit is the difference between imports and exports.

Commerce Secretary Ron Brown said the report was further evidence of a continuing, sustainable economic expansion.

"Strong growth of imports of capital goods suggest that the capacity is

expanding, and the continuing increases in exports in spite of sluggish growth abroad suggests that U.S. competitiveness is strong," he said.

Despite the monthly decline, analysts predict the deficit will continue to worsen this year as a strengthening U.S. economy feeds American appetites for both domestic and foreign products at the same time weak economies overseas curb foreign demand for U.S. goods and services.

So far this year, the United States is running an annual deficit in merchandise of \$141.2 billion, the worst showing since an all-time record of

\$152.1 billion in 1987.

Starting this year, the government has been including both merchandise and services, such as tourism and royalty payments, in its monthly trade reports.

Services posted a \$4.8 billion surplus in June, while goods registered a \$14.6 billion deficit. Although the United States historically runs surpluses in the services category, they are not big enough to erase the merchandise imbalance.

Both increased volume and rising prices helped boost America's foreign oil bill by \$666 million.

## Woman wins hot coffee lawsuit

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A jury awarded \$2.9 million in damages to a woman who suffered third-degree burns after spilling a cup of McDonald's coffee.

Stella Liebeck, 81, said in her lawsuit that McDonald's serves coffee that is too hot.

Her lawyer, Reed Morgan, said there have been several lawsuits over the temperature of McDonald's coffee, which is 180 to 190 degrees when served. But he believed that Liebeck's case, decided by a state District Court jury on Wednesday, was the first to reach a verdict.

Liebeck testified she was riding in

a car in February 1992 when she put the cup of coffee between her legs while she removed the cap. The coffee spilled and she suffered severe burns on her legs, groin and buttocks.

Morgan said the woman's medical bills totaled close to \$10,000. Juror Richard Anglada said the jury was trying to deliver a message to the fast-food industry.

"The coffee's too hot out there," she said. "This (just) happened to be McDonald's."

Tracy McGee, McDonald's attorney, said the company would appeal. Of the total award, \$2.7 million was in punitive damages.



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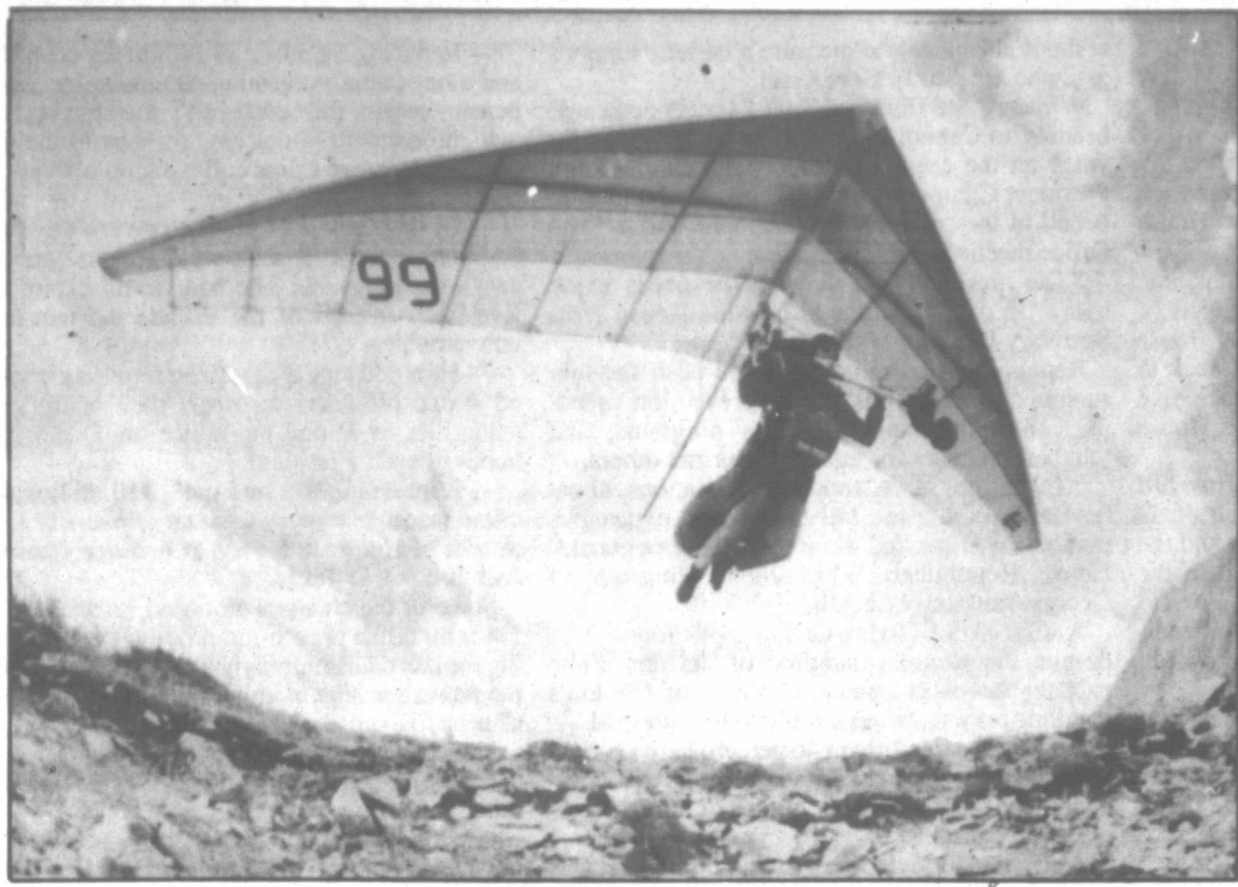
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Terry Gerson of San Diego, Calif., takes off from the 12,500 foot level of Mount Princeton north of Salida, Colo., on Tuesday. More than 50 competitors from across the country and around the world are taking part in the Mount Princeton U.S. Nationals of Hang Gliding, which continues through Sunday. (AP photo)

## House clears Clinton's defense bill

By JOHN DIAMOND  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House passed a \$263.8 billion defense budget Wednesday giving President Clinton with almost everything he requested, plus a larger pay raise for the military.

With a 280-137 vote, the House sent the authorization bill to the Senate for final passage and shipment to the White House for Clinton's signature.

The measure slightly increases Clinton's defense budget request for next year and represents an increase of \$2.8 billion over this year's defense budget. Adjusted for inflation, that translates into a defense spending cut of just under 1 percent, the 10th consecutive real decline in defense spending.

In all, the government will be spending 18 percent of its total budget on defense under the legislation.

Conservative Democrats and Republicans characterized the bill as a bare-bones budget, with barely enough money to meet the nation's military needs.

"The defense budget is headed toward post-World War II record lows," said Rep. Floyd Spence, R-S.C., ranking Republican on the House Armed Services Committee. "The services are being asked to do more with less and are therefore overextended."

Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., went so far as to say the measure was

heading the United States toward "unilateral disarmament."

Liberals on the House Armed Services Committee, including the chairman, Rep. Ronald Dellums, D-Calif., said the measure only begins to make defense cuts warranted by the demise of the Soviet Union.

"The Cold War is over, the Berlin Wall is down," Dellums said. "It is very difficult for some of us to march into the future boldly."

Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., called the measure, "an almost obscene holdover that's bankrupting this country."

The rhetoric masks a political deadlock on Capitol Hill: Liberal Democrats are unwilling to sacrifice domestic programs to the Pentagon while Republicans and moderate Democrats are unwilling to raise taxes or increase the deficit for the sake of the defense budget.

Included in the defense bill for fiscal 1995, which begins Oct. 1, is authorization for another aircraft carrier, three guided-missile destroyers and six C-17 airlifters. It authorizes development funds for a new attack submarine, the F-22 fighter, a Marine Corps V-22 tilt-rotor troop carrier, and a new reconnaissance helicopter for the Army.

In the only significant cut from Clinton's weapons procurement request, the House-passed bill terminates the troubled Tri-Service Standoff Attack Missile, or TSSAM, saving \$298 million.

The bill stops short of ordering Clinton to unilaterally defy the international arms embargo over Bosnia while encouraging him to do so. But in another foreign policy area, it eliminates Clinton's request for \$300 million in Pentagon funds for United Nations peacekeeping operations.

Where Clinton asked for a 1.6 percent military pay raise, the bill passed by the House provides for 2.6 percent. That move will cost taxpayers an additional \$465 million and will add \$168 to the annual pay of a typical Army sergeant, compared to the Clinton raise, and \$664 to a typical colonel's annual pay. The measure also moves up the date of a cost-of-living increase for military retirees to conform to a similar increase for civilian retirees.

In the most significant departure from the Clinton proposal, the House-passed bill rejects the administration's bomber force strategy. The bill includes \$136 million to bar retirement of any B-52H, B-1B, or F-111 aircraft, to modify air-launched cruise missiles for conventional weapons, and to accelerate development of precision munitions.

The measure also authorizes \$25 million for a study of future bomber needs and \$100 million for the Pentagon, at its discretion, to keep specialized bomber subcontractors going. Lawmakers who support that provision say it will make it easier for the Pentagon to order more B-2 Stealth bombers in later years.

## FCC rewrites wireless services plan

By JEANNINE AVERSA  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission on Wednesday revised its rules Wednesday to give minorities and women a better chance to bid for a new crop of wireless communications licenses, including two-way paging and messaging services.

The agency also announced that it will hold its second airwaves auction on Oct. 26, when regional licenses for these services will be on the block.

The new plan is designed to make it easier for minorities and women to acquire new wireless communications licenses. It responds to complaints that the original rules were not adequate.

Under the plan, minority and female-owned companies will be entitled to a 40 percent bidding credit, rather than the existing 25 percent. That means a company would only have to pay 60 percent of the winning bid to the government, said Don Gips, deputy chief of the FCC's Plans and Policy Office.

The bidding credit will be available for 10 of the 30 regional licenses, he said.

Prompting the change is the fact that none of 10 nationwide wireless licenses auctioned last month ended

up in the hands of a minority- or female-owned company.

Federal regulators also changed the definition of "small business," significantly expanding the number of companies eligible to pay winning bids in installments.

Now businesses with \$40 million in annual revenue qualify, Gips said. Under the original plan, companies with a net worth of less than \$6 million and earning less than \$2 million in profits qualified.

The FCC also decided to consider reserving a block of licenses to be bid on only by minorities and women. If adopted, this would be the agency's most significant change in the FCC's policy to award the advanced paging and messaging licenses, which are called narrow band personal communications services.

In this block, licenses would be available to operate in metropolitan

markets and in cities. These licenses will be auctioned after the regional ones.

Under the proposal, a total of 1,200 licenses would be put in an "entrepreneur's block." This way, groups historically lacking access to high amounts of money would bid only against each other and not, for example, against capital-rich telecommunications giants.

Some critics called the entrepreneur's block a good idea.

"That could work," said Pluria Marshall, chairman of the National Black Media Coalition.

Marshall's group had asked the FCC to set aside 10 percent of the licenses to be bid on by minorities and females.

The FCC already has created an entrepreneur's block for auctioning the next generation of mobile telephone licenses at the end of the year.

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## Lawyer for 'The Jackal' implicated in terror gang

By TERRIL JONES  
Associated Press Writer

PARIS (AP) — Files of the defunct East German secret police say a lawyer for master terrorist Carlos the Jackal also belonged to his terror gang, news reports said Wednesday.

Stasi documents say lawyer Jacques Verges was an "operational member" of Carlos' gang and was sent money to help two other members escape from a French jail in 1982, the French daily *Le Monde* reported.

*Le Monde* said the files were sent in July to French Judge Jean-Louis Bruguiere, who on Tuesday arraigned Carlos for a 1982 bomb attack in Paris that killed one person and injured 63.

Verges dismissed the accusation as a "disinformation campaign" and said it would not affect his defense of Carlos, who was captured this week in Sudan after 20 years on the run.

"You know, in the East all lawyers are considered accomplices of the people they defend," Verges told reporters outside his office.

Carlos, a 44-year-old Venezuelan whose real name is Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, had been sought by France since he allegedly shot and killed two French counterintelligence agents and an informer in Paris in 1975.

He has been linked to several spectacular hostage-taking incidents, hijackings, bombings and assassinations that by his own count have killed 83 people.

Once his case goes to trial, Carlos will defend his "political combat" but deny responsibility for any deaths, Verges said.

He will "make a declaration taking clear responsibility for the political and military combat he has carried out without entering into details," Verges said. He said Carlos also won't reveal information that would embarrass the countries that sheltered him for two decades.

Another lawyer for Carlos, Mourad Oussedik, said Wednesday that Carlos has given him the go-ahead to sue the French counterintelligence agency DST for kidnap-



Defense lawyer Jacques Verges addresses reporters after visiting accused terrorist Carlos the Jackal in prison in Paris on Wednesday. (AP photo)

ping him from Sudan.

Oussedik said Carlos was jumped, drugged and spirited to a plane where French agents were waiting.

Oussedik also said two warrants for Carlos' arrest were either outdated or valid only in France.

French authorities concede the warrants were invalid, but refuse to say how Carlos was brought to France or provide other details of his capture.

"I think, without bragging, that we did a good job," Interior Minister Charles Pasqua was quoted as saying in an interview in *Paris-Match* magazine.

Pasqua said even Carlos offered accolades, exclaiming, "Hats off!" when he was caught.

Oussedik said Carlos is being held without access to radio, television or newspapers, and that when he moves around the prison, all doors are closed and extra guards are on duty.

All the same, Oussedik said his client was at ease in prison, and that they had discussed films, politics, the economy and literature.

"He is relaxed. He has calmed down," Oussedik said. "He has no apprehensions, no tension. He is very mentally balanced, very structured."

## Germany ups demands for Russia to end nuclear smuggling

BONN, Germany (AP) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl demanded guarantees from Russia on Wednesday that it would increase its efforts to stop the theft of plutonium, despite Moscow's claims that none is missing.

German police have seized four caches of weapons-grade nuclear material since May. The seizures led the Clinton administration to demand Tuesday that Russia tighten control of nuclear weapons components so the material doesn't fall into the hands of terrorists.

German officials have said they believe the material originated at Russian warhead factories or nuclear labs. Stern, a German news magazine, reported that some underpaid workers at Russian facilities were eager to steal uranium and sell it to anyone. The report came from a Russian journalist who posed as a middleman.

However, a well-placed German official disputed assertions that the material comes from Russian military nuclear plants. The U.S. State Department on Wednesday also said that was unlikely.

Russia has said the threat is exaggerated and no plutonium is missing. Some Russians claim Western officials are running a smear campaign as

a way of pressing for Russia's nuclear materials to be put under international control.

"This is pure provocation," Yevgeny Mikerin, Russian deputy nuclear power minister, told the newspaper *Literaturnaya Gazeta* on Wednesday.

In a television interview, Kohl asked President Boris Yeltsin to take stronger measures to ensure that radioactive materials are not spirited out of Russian facilities.

"Now we have to tell our Russian friends 'you must guarantee that these possibilities for theft are reduced as much as possible,'" Kohl said in an interview on SAT-1 television. "We are not talking about car theft here. We're talking about dangers that are far different."

Kohl's spokesman, Norbert Schaefer, said Yeltsin has written Kohl a letter promising to cooperate with German authorities in investigating the source of the seized plutonium.

The well-placed German official has seen the analyses of the confiscated material and said a minuscule amount of plutonium 239 seized Friday in Bremen could have come from anywhere in eastern Europe. The sample contained 50 millionths of a gram of plutonium and could have

come from a smoke detector, he said.

But the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the make-up of the larger amounts of plutonium that have been seized indicate Russian origin.

That material, said the source, probably did not come from Russia's warhead stockpiles or factories, as some German officials have claimed. He said it probably was produced in a normal breeder reactor or as a byproduct of nuclear fuel reprocessing.

Stern interviewed a Russian journalist, Kyrril Belyaninov, who said he spent six months posing as a middleman shopping for weapons-grade plutonium.

Belyaninov said at one facility outside Moscow he asked a worker, "Can you steal something for us?" The worker disappeared and came back with low-grade uranium tablets that he offered to trade for 20 bottles of vodka, Belyaninov told Stern.

Kohl's top intelligence aide, Bernd Schmidbauer, told legislators Wednesday that one of the accused smugglers claimed to have been offered \$100 million by an unidentified country to come up with enough nuclear material for a bomb, ZDF television reported, quoting legislators.

## Caruso leaving 'NYPD Blue'

NEW YORK (AP) — Jimmy Smits, an Emmy Award-winning actor on NBC's *L.A. Law*, is joining the cast of ABC's *NYPD Blue* and David Caruso is leaving.

Caruso, the red-haired New Yorker who had threatened to quit the series in a salary dispute earlier this month, will leave the critically acclaimed police drama in the fourth episode, series creator and executive producer Steven Bochco said Wednesday.

ABC Entertainment spokeswoman Janice Gretemeyer said the network could not comment on Caruso's departure. Smits will start work on the series in mid-September, and his

first appearance is slated for November, she said.

The season premiere of *NYPD Blue* is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 11.

Bochco said he couldn't discuss how Caruso's character, Detective John Kelly, would be written out of the show or how Smits' character would be written in.

"I can't address any of that because I don't know," Bochco said by telephone from Los Angeles. "We weren't able to deal with any of those questions until we had a deal with Jimmy. Now that we do, we'll take it up."

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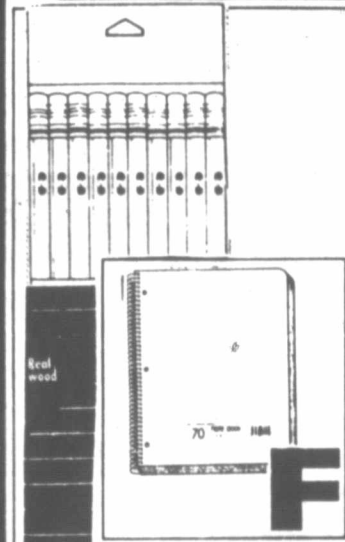
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## Oil prices finish higher on Wednesday

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices finished higher on Wednesday, reversing the previous day's sell-off, after tensions in a Nigerian oil-work strike escalated.

Light sweet crude oil raced upwards in the final minutes of Wednesday's session when Gen. Sani Abacha announced that the Nigerian dictator removed leaders of three major labor groups.

September delivery contracts finished at \$18.11 per barrel, up 38 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Prices had fallen 47 cents on Tuesday.

Abacha said he was firing the leadership councils of the two national oil unions and of the Nigerian Labor

Congress, which represents 5 million industrial workers.

Oil union leaders have said they would organize armed resistance to the government if they were outlawed.

Developments in Nigeria, the world's tenth-largest crude producer, have been gripping the oil market since just before the petroleum workers first walked out on July 4. The workers want Moshood Abiola, the apparent winner of elections last year, installed as president.

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# A lot of hard work has gone toward Lake Meredith Salinity Control Project

By JOHN C. WILLIAMS  
General Manager  
Canadian River Municipal Water Authority

There has been much news lately about funding, or potential lack of it, for our Lake Meredith Salinity Control Project. Now that most of the dust has cleared, a few more things need to be said to be sure that due credit is given for those who have worked to get this project underway and be sure it can keep moving.

This is an election year for some, but this must not be mistaken for an endorsement of any candidate. The work of providing good water for our area is not and must not become a matter of partisan politics. Nonetheless, those who have worked need to be recognized.

As most folks know by now, the Salinity Control Project is needed to control the salt entering Lake Meredith from areas in New Mexico. This will be done by drilling wells into a shallow brine aquifer underlying the area east of Ute Dam, and pumping out salt water to relieve the artesian pressure. The brine will be disposed of by injection into deeper wells so it cannot get back into the river. This should stop most of the 30,000 tons of salt which annually wash down into Lake Meredith, so that water quality will improve.

The project was authorized by Congress late in 1993, with the Bureau of Reclamation authorized to design the facilities and oversee construction at federal expense.

Funding for the actual construction was to come from local sources. The Texas Legislature then provided state funding to match federal expenditures up to \$3 million. Total cost of the project is expected to be as much as \$9 million, depending on how many wells are necessary.

## Guest column

The project was initially planned to be constructed in stages, with one set of wells (a production well and a disposal well) to be drilled and results evaluated before drilling more. This would keep the cost low. Initial funding for the project, obtained by write-in appropriations in the 1994 budget, consisted of \$1.4 million, which was expected to be enough to pay the federal share of the first phase. Therefore, the Bureau of Reclamation did not request additional funding for the 1995 budget year.

It soon became clear that the area underlain by the brine aquifer is larger than originally thought, and that one set of wells will probably be ineffective. Because of this it was decided to push for construction of at least two sets of wells as part of the first phase. Additional federal funds are needed to support this expanded scope of work.

A letter was sent to the chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, of the House Committee on Appropriations, asking for funds to be included in the Bureau of Reclamation funding for 1995, to assure that the

work could proceed without delay. Copies went to each congressman and senator from the area.

Members of the House delegation (Congressmen Larry Combest and Bill Sarpalus) went to work without further urging and were successful in getting \$1 million added to the House version of the Bureau of Reclamation budget for 1995. They deserve a great deal of credit for this, because it is not easy to accomplish without actually being a member of the Subcommittee.

No funds were added to the Senate version of the Bureau's budget. I am satisfied that this is the result of failure to follow up with letters or phone calls to the senators, directly pointing out what we needed them to do. A simple phone call would have assured that the need would not be overlooked, and subsequent events would have been forestalled.

The final report of the conference committee, reconciling the two versions of the appropriations bill, contained no funding for the project. There is really no need to dwell on the events which led to this result, but it would not have happened if members of the Senate had been adequately prompted about our need.

Subsequent actions, led by the diligent efforts of Congressman Larry Combest, aided by the senators, have resulted in assurance that surplus funds available to the Bureau of Reclamation from their 1994 program, left over from other projects, will be used as necessary to carry out the Lake Meredith Salinity Control Project. This assur-

ance should prevent any possible delay.

All members of our congressional delegation, both past and present, have worked constantly to help improve the water supply available to our eleven member cities. Senator Phil Gramm and Congressman Larry Combest were instrumental in the authorization and initial funding, along with then Senator Lloyd Bentsen. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson has assisted recently as well.

The support of Congressman Bill Sarpalus goes even further back, to his service as state senator when he helped amend the state laws so that the Authority could work in New Mexico to carry out the project. He has supported and worked for the project ever since, introducing the House version of legislation which finally resulted in authorization, working toward federal funding, and even returning to Austin to encourage the provision of state funding assistance. He has aided Lake Meredith in many other ways as well, working closely with the recreation activities here.

Any placing of blame for the near failure to obtain 1995 funding is uncalled for. It is simply unbelievable that any of these members of our congressional delegation would fail to help when called upon, or act in any way that would be a detriment to the improvement of our water. Each is in a position to provide assistance at some point in the process, and together they form a very formidable team. We must have a concerted effort, with everyone supporting each other, and we will succeed.

## Grand jury indicts D.A. for bribery

BEAUMONT (AP) - An Athens man who resigned under fire Monday as Henderson County district attorney was indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury in an alleged attempt to dismiss a murder indictment for \$300,000.

Earl Ray Andrews, 54, was arrested Friday and charged with one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud.

The indictment contends that between fall 1993 and Aug. 3, Andrews participated in a bribery scheme in which he agreed to drop a murder charge against Corsicana businessman Jerry Mack Watkins in exchange for \$300,000 in cash.

If convicted, Andrews faces up to five years in federal prison without parole and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Andrews was arrested on Friday after a monthlong investigation by FBI agents and the Texas Department of Public Safety that included surveillance and monitored meetings and telephone conversations.

State Attorney General Dan Morales had been investigating other, unrelated matters, but dropped the state inquiry last month in exchange for Andrews' agreement to resign.

Officials said the investigation of the 54-year-old Andrews began after the murder defendant, Watkins, reported the offer to the FBI and Texas Rangers.

The bound and weighted body of Watkins' wife, Shelley, was found last Sept. 13 in the Trinity River, about 25 miles northeast of Corsicana and about 25 miles northwest of Athens.

## Teenager dies from injuries suffered during flag football at A&M camp

HOUSTON (AP) - A teenager attending Texas A&M University's Fish Camp in East Texas died Wednesday from apparent head injuries suffered during a flag football game, the school said.

Chris B. Hart, 18, of Huntsville, died at Houston's Methodist

Hospital, A&M spokeswoman Mary Jo Powell said. She didn't know the exact cause of death.

Hart was hit in the head with a knee during a flag football game Tuesday at Fish Camp, a freshman orientation program at Lake Methodist Assembly, a church camp near Palestine.

After being treated at a Palestine hospital, the youth was flown by Life-Flight helicopter to Methodist, where he died Wednesday morning.

Ms. Powell said she and other officials believed it was the first death in 40 years of Fish Camp. The camp is

designed to teach incoming freshmen about the university, its programs and traditions.

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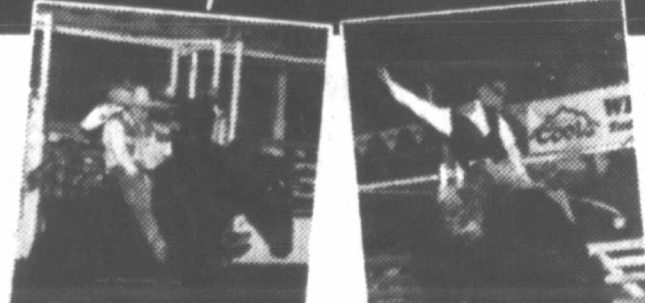


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# Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

**DEAR ABBY:** I have never written to you before, but feel compelled to write after reading the letter in your column from a woman who was stalked on the freeway and tried to find a police station. Abby, having better locator signs may not help.

Many police stations are locked! In addition, if they have windows, they're often shut, with blinds drawn to prevent looking in or out. Speaking from experience, if you're being followed, you will be no safer in front of a barricaded police station, with no hope of getting in, than anywhere else on the street.

In case you're thinking that I live in a high-crime area, this happened in North St. Paul and also in Oakdale, Minn. — two suburbs of St. Paul not commonly known as high-crime areas. (Certainly not the images some would have of Los Angeles or New York City, which come to mind when you think of barricaded police stations.)

The advice I got after my experience was to do just as that woman did — drive to a highly populated and well-lighted area, usually an all-night store.

This just blew me away. Back in the old days, you went to the police for safety; nowadays, you go to an all-night store.

**STALKED IN ST. PAUL**

**DEAR STALKED:** I checked with the North St. Paul chief of police and learned to my dismay that many police stations are not open 24 hours a day. But there is usually an outside telephone located near the front door, which rings another location where a dispatcher is on duty.

If you are being followed, drive directly to a well-lighted area such as an all-night store; do not drive home — it's dangerous to let a stranger know where you live. And if you encounter a policeman on the way, honk and flash your lights to get the officer's attention.

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend asked me to be his guest at the wedding of his friend, the groom. I didn't know either of the people getting married. After the ceremony, the bride stood on a stairway and threw her bridal bouquet out into the room. I was near the front of the group; the bouquet came right at me, so I caught it.

My boyfriend says I shouldn't have caught the bouquet or, at least, I should have given it back to the bride or someone else. I didn't know at the time, but the bridesmaids were standing behind me in the group. My boyfriend says the bride threw the bouquet toward her bridesmaids and intended for one of them to catch it.

Should I have given the bouquet to one of the girls behind me, or should I have given it to the bride? Did I commit a social blunder? What should I have done?

**JACKIE IN LAS VEGAS**

**DEAR JACKIE:** You were not obligated to surrender the bridal bouquet to the bridesmaids, but it would have been gracious had you offered to return the bouquet to the bride after the festivities.

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# Cruising Eastern Canada for colors

By JENNIFER MERIN  
For AP Special Features

QUEBEC CITY, Quebec (AP) — Cruising the waterways of Eastern Canada and the coast of New England puts fall foliage in a different perspective.

"When we stand on deck or enjoy the view through our cabin window, the countryside looks like a field of fire that's floating on the water," Joey Bush of Lincoln, Neb., said.

Bush was aboard the 960-passenger Crystal Harmony a couple of autumns ago, one of a half-dozen ships offering seven- to 10-day cruises in September and October when foliage is at its peak color. The ships sail between New York and Montreal, calling on ports including

Newport, R.I.; Boston; Bar Harbor, Maine; Halifax, Nova Scotia; and Quebec City.

A highlight of the trip is the 1,900 miles on the St. Lawrence River from Montreal and Quebec City to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and down the Atlantic coast. The St. Lawrence isn't one of the longest rivers, but it is of historic importance and, nestled between the Green Mountains and the Laurentians, offers spectacular scenery.

For early explorers and traders, the St. Lawrence was the first major gateway to North America's riches. In 1535, Iroquois Indians led Jacques Cartier up the river to their settlement in what is now Montreal.

During the empire-building wars of the 1700s, British and French

armies battled to control the river. In the 1800s, a series of canals built upstream from Montreal to bypass rapids and shallows allowed small boats to sail from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic.

In 1958, the canals made way for the wider and deeper St. Lawrence Seaway, and seagoing vessels could travel from Duluth, Minn., to the Atlantic. Even when parts are closed down in winter, the seaway handles more traffic per year than the Suez and Panama canals combined.

Come fall, cruise ships on the St. Lawrence sail through a panorama of river banks forested with red and sugar maples in hues ranging from deep gold to orange to bright red to burgundy. The beech, birch and oaks are cloaked in an array of yellows.

Apple and plum orchards likewise offer bursts of gold and saffron.

"I've spent the entire morning speculating on how many shades of red, orange and gold are showing in the maple leaves," said Susan Sullivan of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Sullivan, who said she and her husband usually track fall foliage by car, found the cruise a nice diversion. "For one thing," she said, "we both get to relax and enjoy the scenery. And, for another, seeing the colors of the leaves in contrast to the bright blue of the water is just glorious. We'll never forget this trip."

Most of the ship's port calls are day-long so passengers may explore, either on their own or on organized shore excursions. The optional guided tours include a hike

through the protected wilderness of Acadia National Park in Maine, a sail around Halifax Harbour to the historic lighthouse at Peggy's Cove in Nova Scotia, a drive through the Laurentian Mountains near Montreal and along Newport's Ocean Drive studded with turn-of-the-century mansions.

Other tours walk passengers along Boston's historic Freedom Trail and through the cobblestone streets of old Montreal. Foodies might enjoy a New England lobster cookout and clambake on the beach in Bar Harbor or dinner at Quebec City's castlelike Chateau Frontenac.

Ship personnel also may be enlisted to arrange special activities, such as golfing, kayaking or biking amid the fall foliage.

## From opposite poles of the world



Magdalena Duma, Sidney, Australia, left, and Ville Hanni, 17, and his host father Dan Long.

By MELINDA MARTINEZ  
Lifestyles Editor

Pampa is going to be a cultural experience for two young people literally from opposite ends of the world.

Magdalena Duma, 17, of Sidney, Australia, and Ville Hanni, 16, of Porvoo, Finland, arrived in Pampa recently and are enjoying opportunities that come with living in a different country.

All her life, Duma said she has lived in big cities and she wanted to go to a smaller town to see what it's like to live in a small town.

"I thought if I went to a bigger town it might not be any different than Sidney," she said, even though it might be in a different country.

Duma added that she might get to see more American traditions in a smaller town than she would if she were living in a bigger city.

What has surprised her about the Pampa is that most of the teenagers have their own cars. In Australia,



most of them don't. Also, she said, that the people in Pampa are nice and it is easier to meet people, whom she added, already know who she is.

"Word goes around pretty fast," Duma said. "I guess people know who I am now."

Originally from Wroclaw, Poland, her family immigrated to Germany when she was 12 and later they received a sponsorship to go to Australia.

Being on her own and independent is something this young woman likes.

"I like to travel," she said. "I don't like to stay in one place too long. I want to see other places."

Duma would like to see more of the U.S. and she is looking forward to a cold Christmas since the Christmases in Australia are hot.

Ville Hanni, 16, comes from Porvoo, Finland, which is the same size town as Pampa.

"(It's) Finland's second oldest city," he said.

His reasons for coming to the U.S. are varied.

"I want to learn this language, English, and meet new friends," he said, and added that he also wanted to experience a warmer climate since Finland's is relatively cold.

The differences he has noticed between his town and Pampa include Pampa having a larger school system and that the people here eat out more at McDonald's and Pizza Hut. He also added that people here eat red meat whereas in Finland they eat more white meat and fish.

"We hope to have a lot of fun," said Dan Long, Hanni's host father. This is the first time Dan and his wife Julie and son Luke, 16, have hosted an exchange student.

"We want to share good family values with Ville and show him the best the U.S. has to offer."

Duma and Hanni are the 51st and 52nd American Exchange Service students has hosted in its 43 year history in Pampa.

## One man's story about his struggle to overcome cancer

*Everything to Gain* by Barbara Taylor Bradford

Bradford creates another compelling heroine, a wife and mother who overcomes a tragic loss to find a new world of possibilities. After a random act of violence shatters her life, Mallory Keswick flees to the colonial weekend home in Connecticut she once shared with her husband. To overcome her grief, Mallory starts a modest cafe and discovers her talent as an entrepreneur. But her heart remains dominated by pain and emptiness, until the day a New York journalist wanders into her shop.

*Last Go Round* by Ken Kesey

Summoned up from the mists of Oregon lore, a full-blown rip-snorting tale of the true Old West recounts the "last go round" at the first Pendleton Round-Up in 1911. Battling for the first World Championship Broncbusting title, three good friends — including a popular local black cowboy, "Nigger George" Fletcher; Sundown, a Nez Perce Indian cowboy; and a fresh-faced Tennessee white kid, Jonathan E. Lee Spain — are pitted in the rodeo showdown that was to become a legendary moment.

*Mistress* by Amanda Quick

Amanda Quick's stories are full of wicked humor, daring intrigue, and heart-stopping passion. *Mistress* is no exception. When Iphigina Bright finds her Aunt Zoe under the influence of a sinister blackmailer, she tries to ferret out the villain by posing as his mistress. Descending upon London society in dazzling disguise, she attracts the Earl of Masters himself — arrogant, devastatingly seductive, and anxious to make the beautiful deceiver more than his mistress in name only.

*The Gift* by Danielle Steel

The time is the 1950s and the place is a small midwestern town.

A happy home is shattered by a senseless death, a loving marriage starts to unravel, and a stranger arrives — a young woman who will touch many lives before she moves on. She is just passing through, yet her stopping here has a reason. Here is a haunting and beautiful story about the unpredictability and wonder of life.

*A Whole New Life* by Reynolds Price

In 1984 Reynolds Price was struck with severe cancer of the spine. In this moving memoir he

shares — without self-pity and with the most precise detail — his long struggle to withstand and recover from this disease. But more than just one brave man's story, *A Whole New Life* offers courage and insight to others from a masterful writer at the height of his power.

*The Lessons of Love: Rediscovering Our Passion For Life When It All Seems Too Hard To Take* by Melody Beattie

A successful, best-selling author, Melody Beattie's life was suddenly

turned upside down by the death of her twelve-year-old son. Like many confronted by tragedy, she withdrew from the world into inner despair. This, her latest work, recalls how she was able to get out of this slough and back into the business of living — even more, into living with joy and a life-embracing attitude. Beattie details how joy can be found even in ordinary moments, and how, employing a dozen universal and reflective tales, we can find the magic in our lives even in times of terrible pain.

More new non-fiction: *Magic Eye, A New Way of Looking at the World* by Woodward, *The Agenda* by Dalkey, *In the Kitchen With Rosie* by Ambrose, *D-Day, June 6, 1941* by Kelley, *Leading With My Heart* by Ackerman, *A Natural History of Love*

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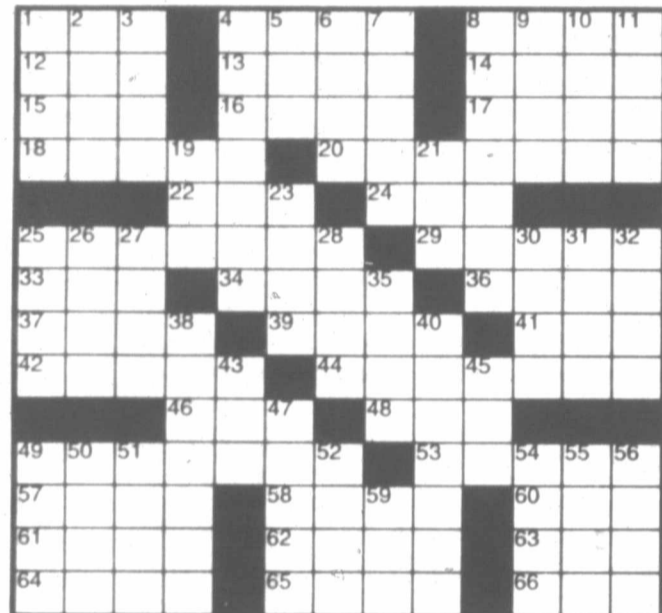
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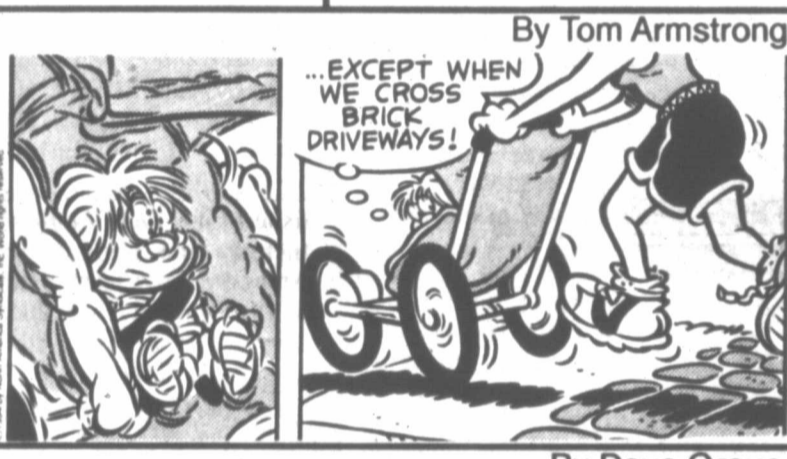
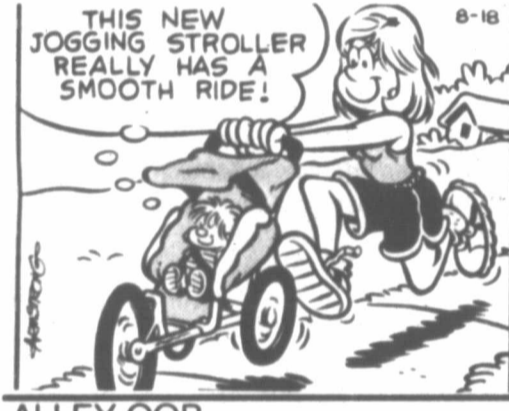
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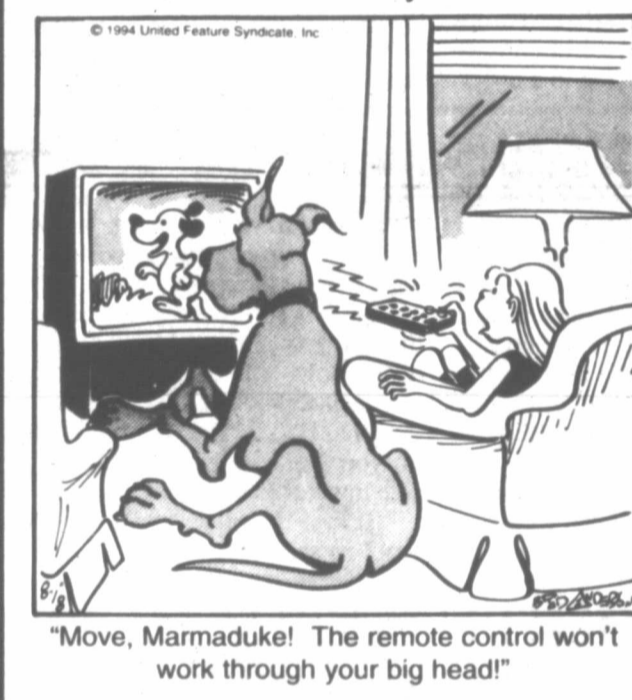
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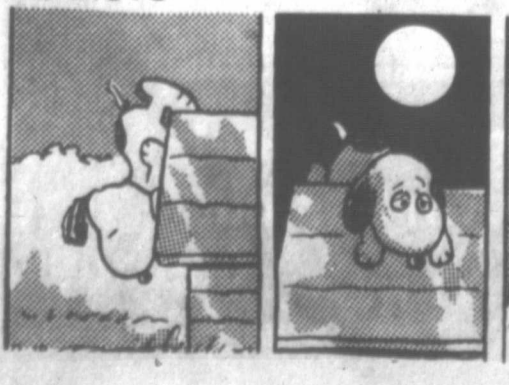
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## VOLLEYBALL

**FORT ELLIOTT** — Fort Elliott opened the volleyball season with a 13-15, 15-5 and 16-14 win over Sanford-Fritch Tuesday night.

Seniors Lindsey Fillingim, Andrea Dukes and Keri Nelson showed their leadership in the match, said Fort Elliott coach Dave Johnson.

Sanford-Fritch won the junior varsity match, 17-15, 15-12.

Fort Elliott plays San Jacinto Saturday in Amarillo.

## BASEBALL

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — A federal jury found former Kansas City Royals player Willie Aikens guilty of selling crack cocaine to an undercover police officer.

Aikens, who played for the Royals from 1980 to 1983, was convicted on four counts of selling crack and one count of involving a gun in a drug transaction.

## KINGDOME

**SEATTLE (AP)** — A construction crane accident at the Kingdome sent two men plunging 250 feet to their deaths and injured a third worker.

Two unidentified painters sandblasting the stadium ceiling fell some 250 feet to the floor when a basket affixed to the top of a crane broke loose, Seattle Fire Department spokeswoman Georgia Taylor said.

## FOOTBALL

**NEW YORK (AP)** — NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue restored Tony Casillas' unrestricted free agent status after meeting with the former Dallas Cowboys defensive lineman and his agent.

Casillas signed a four-year, \$6 million contract with Kansas City in the off-season but did not report, citing concerns about his health.

**DAVIE, Fla. (AP)** — Miami Dolphins linebacker John Offerdahl signed a one-year contract loaded with playing-time incentives. Offerdahl, who sat out the first month of training camp in an attempt to preserve his health, agreed to a base salary of \$162,000.

## BASKETBALL

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Minnesota Timberwolves coach Sidney Lowe and assistant coaches Jim Brewer and Chuck Davison were fired by new owner Glen Taylor. Lowe, the Timberwolves' starting point guard in their debut season, was their third head coach since they joined the NBA in 1989.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The New Jersey Nets have scheduled a press conference for today to announce the signing of Yinka Dare, the team's first-round draft choice, according to a published report.

**CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)** — A jury awarded former Charlotte Hornets coach Dick Harter \$9,628, far less than the \$224,000 he sought in a lawsuit over money lost in endorsements and perks after he was fired in 1990.

## HOCKEY

**TORONTO (AP)** — NHL commissioner Gary Bettman is scheduled to meet today with the NHL Players Association for the first time since threatening the union with \$20 million in roll-backs.

The meeting is the first collective bargaining negotiations between the league and union since March 16.

**BOSTON (AP)** — The Shawmut Center, which is not scheduled to open until Sept. 30, 1995, was awarded the 1996 NHL All-Star game.

**CALGARY (AP)** — The Calgary Flames signed goalie Trevor Kidd to a multi-year contract. Kidd, 22, a free agent who played out his option with the Flames last season, was 13-7-6 with a 3.16 goals-against average.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**LAS VEGAS (AP)** — UNLV has no plans to pay basketball coach Rollie Massimino the remainder of nearly \$2 million secretly promised him in a supplemental contract by former university officials, said UNLV's interim president.

President Kenny Guinn said that since the contract giving Massimino \$375,000 a year above his base salary was never approved by the Board of Regents, the university is not obligated to pay the coach.

## TENNIS

**NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)** — Boris Becker beat Roger Smith 6-3, 6-4 and advanced at the Volvo International before rain suspended play.

No. 10 Ivan Lendl and No. 11 MaliVai Washington were among other second-round winners.

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Top-seeded Goran Ivanisevic, the world's No. 2 player, was beaten 6-3, 3-6, 7-5 by doubles specialist Mark Woodforde in the RCA Championships.

No. 3 Stefan Edberg and No. 14 Richard Krajicek advanced.

**MONTREAL (AP)** — Fourth-seeded Mary Pierce beat Rachel McQuillan 6-3, 6-3 in the second round of the Matinee International.

Top-seeded Steffi Graf won in the lone third-round match.

## SWIMMING AND DIVING

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Jenny Thompson earned her second victory in the National Swimming Championships, in the 100-meter butterfly.

Other winners were Chad Carvin in the 400 freestyle, Seth van Neeerden in the 200 breaststroke and Kelli King-Bednar in the 100 backstroke.

**MOULTRIE, Ga. (AP)** — Angie Trostel of the Cincinnati Stingrays qualified first in the 3-meter springboard semifinals and Bryan Gilooly led the men's platform semifinals in the Senior National Diving Championships.

## TRACK

**ZURICH, Switzerland (AP)** — Derek Mills led a 1-2-3 American sweep in the 400 meters at the Weltklasse Grand Prix track meet.

Michael Johnson won the 200 meters and Derrick Adkins was first in the 400 hurdles. Linford Christie of Britain beat top American sprinters to win the 100-meter dash.

## Expos, Yankees first clubs to make cutbacks

By RONALD BLUM  
AP Sports Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — As the baseball strike completes its first week today, teams are starting to make cutbacks.

The Montreal Expos became the first club to announce layoffs, and the New York Yankees said Wednesday that more than half their staff was sent on vacation.

Thirty-five Expos employees put on vacation this week will be laid off when their vacations end after next week.

"After that, for the duration of the strike they will collect unemployment," Expos spokesman Richard Griffin said by telephone from Montreal. "They're mostly in the departments like the ticket office and accounting, where there's going to be the least activity going on during a strike. They had been warned about the possibility a couple of months ago. They were officially notified last week."

The Yankees sent slightly

more than half of their staff of about 100 on vacation, team spokesman Rob Butcher said.

Butcher said the employees are taking as much time off as they've accumulated. He said the Yankees hadn't decided what to do with employees when vacations end.

The total of canceled games rose to 86 today, matching the 1972 strike for the second-longest walkout behind 1981, when 712 games were wiped out.

Union head Donald Fehr and management negotiator Richard Ravitch said Wednesday no negotiating sessions were scheduled.

"We're maintaining contact with parties at all levels," mediator John Martin said by telephone from his office in Boston. Asked when talks will resume, Martin said: "It's too tough to call."

Rep. James Traficant, an Ohio Democrat, said on the floor of the House of Representatives that negotiators

should be locked in a room with no windows and air conditioning, and should be fed "baked beans, fried cheese, hard-boiled eggs and chocolate kisses."

"In eight hours, they'll be pleading, 'Play Ball!'" Traficant said during his speech.

While players remained at home, with many spending their days on golf courses, the minor leagues provided some unusual replacements.

Mujibur Rahman, a Bangladeshi novelty store owner who gained fame with his appearances on "Late Show with David Letterman," was signed by the Sioux City Explorers of the Northern League and started Wednesday night against the St. Paul Saints. The 39-year-old right-hander, whose store is on the same block as the Ed Sullivan Theater where Letterman tapes his show, made one pitch — which went over the head of St. Paul Saints batter Doug Kimbler and catcher Tom

Cardone — in the Explorers' 8-6, 13-inning win.

"It was the first time I've played baseball," Mujibur said. "I used to play soccer and croquet."

On a more serious note, legislation was introduced in the U.S. Senate to establish a national commission that would regulate baseball. The bill sponsored by Sen. Dennis DeConcini, an Arizona Democrat, would establish a five-member panel that would have one player, one owner and three presidential appointees. The commission would have the power to submit labor disputes to binding arbitration and would be given a \$1.5 million budget.

"Once again, the players and the owners have betrayed the American public and put their own self-interests above those of the fans," DeConcini said. "While developing this commission, I envisioned a panel which could act as an impartial commissioner of the national pastime. Unfortunately, base-

ball does not have a commissioner at this time despite the repeated promises to appoint one."

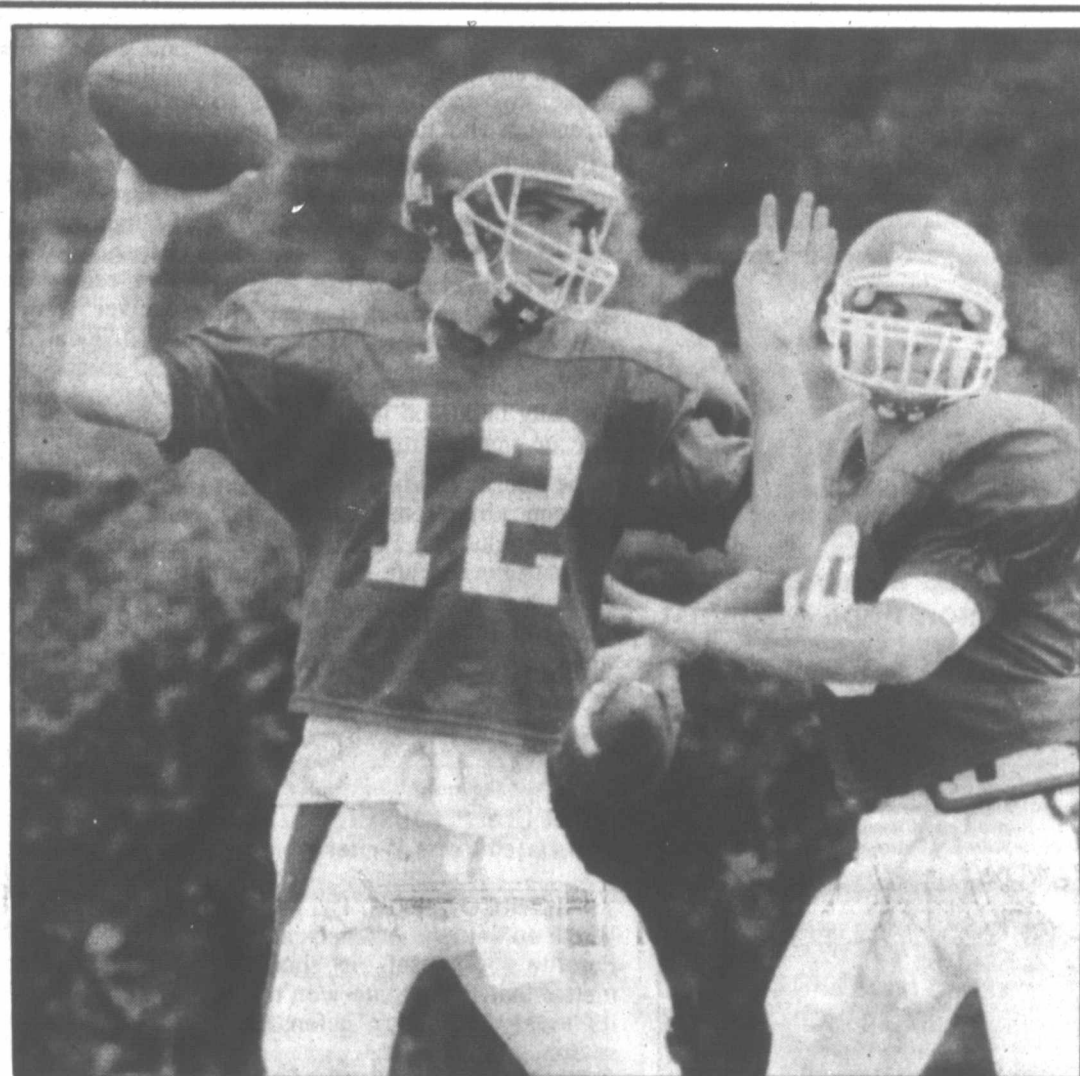
The negotiators, who haven't met formally since last Friday, were content not to schedule a bargaining session.

"Is Dick happy?" Fehr asked reporters during an interview in his office. "This is playing out to his script. He ought to be pleased as Punch."

Fehr says owners are attempting to break the union, giving players no choice but to strike because of a threat to impose a salary cap after the season. He spent Monday and Tuesday speaking to congressmen considering legislation that would remove baseball's antitrust exemption.

Ravitch said the ruling executive council would convene by telephone conference call today. He said numerous suggestions are being made by third parties.

"The list of volunteers is growing at a rapid pace," he said.



University of Houston quarterbacks Chuck Clements (12) and Chad O'Shea loosen up following the Southwest Conference media tour on Wednesday. The Cougars open the season at home Sept. 3 against Kansas. (AP photo)

## Cougars hope to bounce back after nightmarish season in '93

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ  
AP Sports Writer

**HOUSTON (AP)** — If the Houston Cougars can't be good, they at least intend to be proud.

"You can play with honor and live with honor and if the other guy gets more points, then you can still be proud," coach Kim Helton said. "But there is no satisfaction without victory."

The Cougars had only one week of satisfaction last season as they went 1-9-1 during a nightmarish season when multiple injuries forced Helton to make drastic roster moves to fill vacancies.

"If you take the world champions (Dallas Cowboys) and take away their quarterback and running back and they'll struggle," Helton told members of the Southwest Conference press tour Wednesday.

That's exactly what happened to the Cougars last season when quarterback Jimmy Klingler and running back Lamar Smith were part of an injury epidemic that struck the team.

Helton created some tense moments by making running backs out of wide receiver Donald Moffett and Bobby Rodriguez, a 5-foot-11, 232-pound defensive tackle.

"It was a scramble last year because the guy calls the play and suddenly the defensive tackle who is now the fullback, is going to run out in the flat and catch this pass and he's caught two balls in his life," Helton said.

He doesn't have to worry about that this year.

"We're better off in that aspect," Helton said. "We at least have some young talent I think will be able to compete."

Numbers still will be a problem for Helton, who lists 21 freshmen on the team's two-deep roster. Many will have to play and play well for the Cougars to improve on last season's performance.

Eight first-year players among the top two strings are on offense and 13 more are on defense, where graduation left the most holes. The problem is most evident at weakside linebacker where the top three names are freshmen.

As for the experienced players, Helton stressed the importance of quarterback Chuck Clements mastering the new offensive schemes that will combine elements of the run-and-shoot and two-back alignments.

"I think we have some bright people at quarterback," Helton said. "But to evaluate them you have to see them when the bullets are live. I see them getting ready to play but in practice the quarterback doesn't get hit."

Depth will be a problem for the Cougars, who are 15 players under the 85 scholarship players allowed by NCAA rules. That means it will be harder to replace any key players who are lost.

"It's going to take a little time to make us a great football team and it's going to take a lot of hard decisions," Helton said.

Many of the hard decisions already have been made, especially at quarterback.

Chandler Evans, Klingler's backup before Helton arrived, transferred to East Texas State. Kyle Allen moved on to Portland State, leaving behind complaints of not getting to play.

Helton has five new assistant coaches and four holdovers from last season on his staff.

## Pampa meets Estacado in controlled scrimmage

Lubbock Estacado has always been a tough scrimmage opponent and although the Matadors may not be ranked very high in the 1994 pre-season polls, PHS head coach Dennis Cavalier feels his squad will be soundly tested.

"Estacado has been a good scrimmage for us the last four or five years," Cavalier said. "Traditionally, they've been one of the better 4A teams around and they always give us a good measure by which to evaluate ourselves."

Under head coach Louis Kelley, the Matadors have won 11 district championships.

The controlled scrimmage between the two teams takes place at 10 a.m. Saturday in Lubbock. The second and last scrimmage for Pampa will not be against Estacado as was previously published in *The Pampa News*. Instead, the opponent will be Amarillo Tascosa and the scrimmage is set for 6 p.m. Aug. 25 in Pampa.

"In the pre-season publications I've read, Estacado isn't as highly rated as they have been in the past, but I'm certain they will be a test for us," Cavalier said.

Estacado, which had a 6-4 record a year ago, is picked to finish third in District 5-4A this season by the Top O' Texas Football Magazine. The Matadors have plenty of speed, but lack depth this season. Andre Lang, a 6-5, 250-pound defensive end, and Tyson Gatewood, a 185-pound running back, are all-state material.

The Harvesters have had some injury problems since workouts started two weeks ago. Two players, senior Jeff McCormick (two-way end) and junior Ryan Gibson (fullback-defensive end) are sidelined with injuries, Cavalier reported. McCormick has a knee injury which will require surgery and he will probably be lost for season. Gibson has an injured hand and will miss four to six weeks.

"Jeff was a primary player for us last year and played a lot on special teams.

We felt he would be a starter for us this year," Cavalier added.

The Harvesters open the season Sept. 2 against Garden City, Kan. in Harvester Stadium.

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## Texas A&amp;M has one of best recruiting seasons

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ  
AP Sports Writer

**COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP)** — Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum considers it a compliment when other coaches use negative recruiting tactics.

Using that definition, the Aggies got plenty of compliments during the most-recent recruiting season, their first since being placed on NCAA probation for five years in January.

That didn't stop the Aggies from having one of their best recruiting seasons ever, just as no one has been able to keep A&M from winning a record 22 straight Southwest Conference games and the last three league titles.

"After a while (recruits) felt like if the other schools were so concerned about Texas A&M, obviously something must be going on pretty good up there," Slocum said.

He also plans to use the same turn-a-negative-into-a-positive philosophy to deal with the other major changes facing the Aggies this season.

The biggest is that A&M can't claim a fourth straight title because of the NCAA punishment. The Aggies also are banned from television and a bowl game this season because players got paid for work they didn't perform on summer jobs.

On the field, A&M has new offensive and defensive coordinators, five other new assistant coaches, six new offensive starters and eight new starters on defense. Three of the departed players were first-round picks in the NFL draft.

"I think losing the players and coaches has created some excitement on the team," Slocum said. "There are more players who realize they have a chance to play. I know that I'm as motivated as I've ever been."

In recent years, the Aggies have tried to diversify their offense to include more passing. Each year, they've had to fall back on their potent running game to survive.

This year, though, they've brought in Steve Ensminger from Georgia to become the new offensive coordinator in hopes of adding passing zip.

"We'd just like to throw better," Slocum said. "I want us to be more unpredictable on first down."

Quarterback Corey Pullig has had his passing woes, but Slocum expects dramatic improvement in his junior season.

"I thought Corey had a good spring," Slocum said. "You look at Corey two Cotton Bowls ago and last spring he was a lot better."

Although running back Greg Hill left school and became the No. 1 draft pick of the Kansas City Chiefs, the Aggies never seem short on running backs.

## Oilers' Slaughter on the road back from serious knee surgery

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — It only took one day running a few routes for Houston Oilers wide receiver Webster Slaughter to pronounce himself far along the road back from serious knee surgery.

"I believe I will be ready," Slaughter said following Wednesday's drills. "But it's hard to say because I haven't had any contact yet. Just based on what I did, I think I'll be ready. I just wanted to get a feel of where I was at."

Oilers coach Jack Pardee was less sure of Slaughter's prognosis. Trainers wouldn't allow him to test the knee during drills and contact work remains a long way off. Houston opens the season Sept. 4 at Indianapolis.

"Webster was so anxious to chase balls running real patterns rather than just playing catch," Pardee said. "He certainly needs some work. He's got some time to get it before we do some playing."

Slaughter was headed to his best season as a pro last year when he suffered damage to both the anterior cruciate and medial collateral ligaments of his left knee Dec. 19 at Pittsburgh.

The ninth-year pro had snared a career-best 79 catches when he was injured, with nearly three full games remaining.

Slaughter had surgery Dec. 28 and is six weeks ahead

of his rehabilitation schedule. He says he's still only running at about 70 percent.

"There's no doubt this leg is still not as strong as the other one," Slaughter said. "I hope to build on this. Tomorrow, I'll see how it feels and go from there."

His recovery has been so ahead of schedule that coaches have had to hold him back from trying to do too much. He is only seven months into a nine-month rehabilitation schedule.

The Oilers have two more practices at Trinity University before breaking camp after Saturday night's game with Buffalo in the Alamodome.

# Plummer moves across the line in 49ers, Chargers exhibition

By The Associated Press

For San Francisco linebacker Gary Plummer, it's an exhibition game with some real meaning. Also, San Diego running back Natrone Means. For eight seasons, Plummer plugged the middle for the San Diego Chargers. Tonight, he will be on the

other side when his 49ers face the Chargers in an NFL preseason game. "It's going to be exciting, another reason to get fired up about a preseason game," Plummer said. "These are guys who at times you played against in live scrimmage situations, and there's a lot of bantering going on back and forth over the eight years that I was there. So it's a chance for a couple of guys to maybe get back at me." One of those is Means, who remembered when Plummer "used to get on us rookies all the time." "It would be good to come through and give him what you owe him," Means said.

Plummer, who now plays inside linebacker for the 49ers, will catch up with his old teammates at Jack Murphy Stadium in one of two preseason games Thursday night. In the other, the New England Patriots play host to the Washington Redskins in Foxboro.

Means was a rookie last year, gaining 645 yards as Marion Butts' backup. Butts was traded to New England in April.

"Gary's definitely a threat we're going to have to watch out for because he played here for a while and he knows our schemes," Means said of his former teammate. "I'd just like to check him out and see what he gets going."

San Francisco broke camp in Rocklin, Calif., with three offensive linemen and one defensive star nursing injuries that will keep them out of tonight's game.

Starting center Bart Oates (hip strain) and starting right guard Ralph Tamm (strained left arch) will both miss the game, as will reserve guard Derrick Deese (bruised bone). Defensive linemen Dan Stubblefield (lower back strain) also is out.

The Patriots, meanwhile, have made a habit of turning turnovers into touchdowns this exhibition season. They hope to continue that trend against the inexperienced Redskins.

The Patriots have recovered six fumbles and made two interceptions in their two exhibition victories so far, and have not turned the ball over. Five of the takeaways have led to touchdowns, including three in a 21-point third quarter against the New Orleans Saints.

New England coach Bill Parcells said creating turnovers is a key this season for the Patriots.

"When a team starts doing things, it usually builds on itself," he said. "We are emphasizing it."

The Redskins, who have lost their two games by a total of five points, have no returning quarterbacks for the first time in club history. Heath Shuler and Gus Frazier are draft picks and John Friesz was a free-agent signee.

## NFL camps

### Eagles

Philadelphia running back Charlie Garner, the team's second-round draft pick, will be out of action indefinitely with a stress fracture of the first rib.

Garner, who has missed several of the team's practices at training camp, was believed to have a sore shoulder. An MRI test done Wednesday at the University of Pennsylvania hospital revealed the stress fracture.

Garner played his first game for the Eagles last Saturday against the New York Jets and carried just four times before he left the game with shoulder pain. One of those carries was a 23-yard touchdown run. The Eagles are hoping the rookie from Tennessee will be their primary ballcarrier this season.

### Jets

Receiver Rob Moore underwent surgery Wednesday designed to speed up the healing process for his broken left wrist.

Moore was injured last Saturday at Philadelphia and it was reported he would have to wear a cast from 4-6 weeks. But the surgery by hand specialist Dr. George Pianka could make Moore available sooner.

The Jets said they hope Moore will play in four weeks, or the second game of the season, at home against Denver. Moore and coach Pete Carroll have said they are shooting for the Sept. 4 opener at Buffalo.

### Bears

Chicago's depleted receiving corps took yet another hit Wednesday when second-year receiver Terry Obee broke his leg and dislocated his ankle. Obee will need surgery and is out for the season, the Bears said.

Obee, who also returns punts, caught 26 passes for 351 yards last season. He injured his right fibula and ankle during a late Tuesday practice when he tried to dive for a low ball and hit the ground hard.

Obee joined a growing list of injured receivers on the Bears. Curtis Conway missed 10 days with

a hamstring pull, Tim Waddle was out for two weeks because of a knee sprain. And Jeff Graham is out with a groin pull. Waddle is the only one of the four expected to play Monday in Kansas City.

### Cowboys

Dallas made rookie Chris Boniol their top kicker Wednesday by cutting his competitor, Richie Cunningham.

Cunningham was among eight players released as the Cowboys began working more starters and regulars into their training camp rotations. Dallas has 69 players on its roster, and must be down to the NFL maximum 60 by Aug. 23.

The only other somewhat prominent cut was third-year wide receiver Tim Daniel, who started all three preseason games because of injuries to starters Michael Irvin and Alvin Harper.

The other six players released by the Cowboys were safety Alfie Burch, running back Mark Mason, offensive tackles James Parrish and Keith Wagner, defensive tackle Gabriel Oladipo and tight end Greg Schorp. All but Parrish were rookie free agents.

### Dolphins

John Offerdahl, the oft-injured middle linebacker so crucial to Miami's defensive prowess in the past, signed an incentive-laden contract Wednesday.

Offerdahl, 30, participated in just 27 percent of the team's defensive plays last season. He received the NFL minimum salary of \$162,000 and a rising scale of incentive pay based on his playing time.

"I didn't want to make money when I shouldn't," said Offerdahl, a Pro Bowl player until injuries caused him to miss 26 of 50 starts since 1991.

### Broncos

Quarterback Shawn Moore was cut by Denver, leaving Tommy Maddox and Hugh Millen as John Elway's backups.

Moore felt his \$273,000 salary was a reason he lost the battle to Millen, a former Patriots quarterback who signed for the minimum of \$162,000.



Cowboys' linebacker Dixon Edwards wears his shoulder pads as a hat before suiting up for Wednesday's practice. Dallas opens the season Sept. 4 against Pittsburgh. (AP photo)

## Scoreboard

BASEBALL				
<b>Tuesday's games</b>				
<b>Texas-Louisiana League</b>				
<b>At A Glance</b>				
By The Associated Press				
<b>Second Half</b>				
<b>Eastern Division</b>			<b>GB</b>	
W	L	Pct.		
Beaumont	15	12	.556	—
x-Alexandria	14	13	.519	1
Tyler	13	14	.481	2
Mobile	11	16	.407	4
<b>Western Division</b>				
Rio Grande Valley	18	11	.582	—
x-Corpus Christi	15	12	.556	2
Amarillo	12	14	.462	3 1/2
San Antonio	11	15	.423	4 1/2
<b>x-Clinched First Half Division</b>				
<b>Wednesday's Results</b>				
Corpus Christi	5	Rio Grande	2	
Alexandria	10	Mobile	3	
Beaumont	5	Tyler	3	
San Antonio	3	Amarillo	2	
<b>No Games Scheduled Friday's Games</b>				
Corpus Christi at Amarillo				
Rio Grande at San Antonio				
Alexandria at Beaumont				
Mobile at Tyler				
<b>TRANSACTIONS</b>				
<b>Wednesday's Sports Transactions</b>				
By The Associated Press				
<b>BASEBALL</b>				
<b>National League</b>				
MONTREAL EXPOS—Named Bill Gebetti, director of player development, and Neil Huntington assistant director of player development. Fired Kent Qualis, director of minor league operations; and Heim Statista, director of minor league field operations.				
<b>BASKETBALL</b>				
<b>National Basketball Association</b>				
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Fired Sidney Lowe, coach, and Jim Brewer and Chuck Davidson, assistant coaches.				
<b>Continental Basketball Association</b>				
HARTFORD HELLCATS—Named Casey Kahler general manager.				
<b>FOOTBALL</b>				
<b>National Football League</b>				
DALLAS COWBOYS—Waived Tim Daniel, wide receiver; James Parrish, offensive tackle; Greg Schorp, tight end; Alfie Burch, safety; Keith Wagner, tackle; Mark Mason, running back; Gabriel Oladipo, defensive tackle; and Richie Cunningham, placekicker.				
DENVER BRONCOS—Waived Shawn Moore, quarterback, and Todd Jones, offensive lineman.				
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Waived Kurt Warner, quarterback; Charles Atkles, tight end; Aden Walker, running back; Daryl Frazier, wide receiver; and John Fisher, center. Claimed Lance Zeno, center, off waivers from the Atlanta Falcons.				
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Waived Robert Davis, cornerback.				
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed John Kidd, punter. Waived Kent Sullivan, punter.				
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Waived Jerome Davison, fullback, and Rod Moore, wide receiver.				
TAMPA BAY BUCCANNERS—Claimed Scott Sisson, kicker, off waivers from the New England Patriots.				
<b>Arena Football League</b>				
ARIZONA RATTLESN—Activated Brad Lebo, quarterback. Suspended John Beckhead, lineman.				
CHARLOTTE RAGE—Suspended Anthony Howard, wide receiver-linebacker.				
<b>Canadian Football League</b>				
SACRAMENTO GOLD MINERS—Added Jim Kemp, quarterback, to the roster. Transferred David Archer, quarterback, to the reserve list.				
SHERBOURNE PIRATES—Signed Ron Perry and Steve Solari, linebackers; Willie Covington, wide receiver; Ryan Benjamin, running back; and Donald Johnson, offensive lineman. Re-signed Don Chaney, tight end, and Johnny Scott, defensive lineman. Waived Derek Hill, slotback; Lorenza Baker, wide receiver; Derwin Antoine, running back; Danton Berto, linebacker, and Sheldon Haliburton, tight end.				
<b>HOCKEY</b>				
<b>National Hockey League</b>				
BOSTON BRUINS—Signed Evgeni Ryshchikov, goalie, to a three-year contract.				
CALGARY FLAMES—Signed Trevor Kidd, goaltender, to a multiyear contract.				
WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Agreed to terms with Randy Burridge, left wing, and Rob Ponsby, right wing, on one-year contracts.				
<b>Central Hockey League</b>				
WICHITA THUNDER—Waived Steve Chelios, defenseman.				
<b>Collegiate Hockey League</b>				
BRANTFORD SMOKE—Signed Shane MacEachern, center.				
<b>East Coast Hockey League</b>				
NASHVILLE KNIGHTS—Announced that Steve Carroll has joined the public relations department.				
<b>HORSE RACING</b>				
AKSARBEN—Named Greg Hoach racing secretary for the 1995 season.				
<b>LACROSSE</b>				
<b>Major Indoor Lacrosse League</b>				
MILL—Named John Mendicino executive adviser for lacrosse operations for the National Division and Mike French executive adviser for lacrosse operations for the American Division.				
<b>PHILADELPHIA WINGS—Named Tony Reach coach.</b>				
<b>SOCCER</b>				
<b>American Professional Soccer League</b>				
COLORADO FOXES—Signed Noah Espino, forward. Activated Bryan Hayes, forward.				
<b>COLLEGE</b>				
ADELPHI—Named John Calabrese and John Liden assistant lacrosse coaches.				

## Penn State solid on offense

By KELLY P. KISSEL  
Associated Press Writer

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — With so much offense at Joe Paterno's disposal, it shouldn't matter that Penn State won't have its usual dominating defense this season.

The Nittany Lions, who finished third in their inaugural Big Ten season, are settled at quarterback and have quick, experienced receivers and a trio of tailbacks suitable for any occasion.

But the offense's expected efficiency doesn't reduce Paterno's worries. Any mistakes will put pressure on a young defense that lost eight starters from last year. The placekicker and punter are gone, too.

"I am apprehensive," Paterno said. "My concern would be that we don't put them in a bad position, we don't punt the ball poorly and we don't kick the ball around offensively so that the other guy has a 45-, 50- or 55-yard drive a couple of times. That can get to be demoralizing."

Penn State went 10-2 last season, including a 6-2 mark in the Big Ten, and finished No. 8 in the AP poll after beating Tennessee 31-13 in the Citrus Bowl.

Paterno knows it will be tough to match last year's record in the ultra-competitive Big Ten.

"Fourth in this league may be good," he said.

For the first time since Tony Sacca started every game in 1990 and 1991, it appears Penn State will have only one starter at quarterback. Kerry Collins, a senior, won the starting job over sophomore Wally Richardson. Last year, Collins took over from John Sacca three games into the season.

"I feel a lot more confident coming into the season knowing I had a good spring and a good end of last season," Collins said. "I know it's my job. I can relax and just play football."

The battle this year is at tailback, where Ki-Jana Carter, Mike Archie and Stephen Pitts bring different styles to the same position.

"They are all good football players," Paterno said. "Carter is a very explosive kid who can really accelerate. Archie is the smart, good athlete back there that sees things. Pitts is kind of in between them."

Carter started seven of 11 regular-season games last season, missing the last two after injuring his knee. He carried for 1,026 yards, Archie for 766 and Pitts 351.

Bobby Ingram, who set a school record with four touchdown catches in Penn State's conference debut against Minnesota, is back. Paterno said Ingram probably has better hands than O.J. McDuffie, now with the Miami Dolphins, but not McDuffie's speed.

Justin Williams and Freddie Scott are battling for the flanker spot. Kyle Brady, who averaged nearly

11 yards on 26 catches last year, is back for his senior year at tight end.

"If there is a better blocking tight end in the country, I would have to see it," Paterno said.

Five of the departed defensive players started every game last year. Topping the returners is inside linebacker Brian Gekker, who led the team in tackles last year.

"He has got to be one of our leaders," Paterno said. "He is one of the more experienced kids playing there and he is in a position that has got to have leadership to begin with."

Brett Conway, a sophomore, will kick extra points and field goals, replacing Craig Fayak, the school's career scoring leader with 282 points. Joe Jurevics, a wide receiver who punted in high school, could pull double-duty in college, too.

After one swing through the Big Ten following 106 years as an independent, Paterno believes the Nittany Lions have developed a sense of what it takes to win in a conference.

"It's easier to talk to them about what it is going to take to be successful in the Big Ten," Paterno said. "I really felt last year that until we played Ohio State, we didn't realize how tough you had to be each week."

Ohio State beat Penn State 24-6 last year. The Lions' only other loss was to Michigan, 21-13.

## XIT keeps western heritage alive in Dalhart

By JEAN PAGEL  
Associated Press Writer

DALHART (AP) — Intensity bursts out of the gate with every rodeo competitor roping a calf or wrestling a steer against the clock.

Victory can come down to a mere fraction of a second.

Defeat smacks of the soft dirt that catches cowboys who dare to tangle with mean ol' bulls and broncs.

"Some people like to play football. I like to do this," said Richard Chumley, 19, of Stratford. "You ain't got anybody bossing you around."

Chumley rode his paint "Apache" earlier this month in the bull dogging and team roping events at the 58th XIT Rodeo, the world's largest open rodeo. An estimated 1,200 people paid \$100 to compete.

The rodeo anchored a three-day celebration of cowboy life.

That annual tribute — spiced with honky-tonk dances, free watermelon and open-air barbecue

— commemorates those cowboys who worked the 3 million acres of the XIT Ranch last century.

The XIT evolved from a giant swap in 1882, when state officials traded unsettled prairie in the Texas Panhandle for construction of a \$3 million Capitol in Austin. The ranch eventually broke up.

But residents say the rodeo keeps Dalhart's western heritage alive.

Spectators donned jeans, boots and hats to watch the action at Rita Blanca Stadium. Kids wore spurs and sat on grassy slopes.

Calves were bellowing as the August sunshine faded into cool dusk. Fly-troubled horses swished their tails.

Adrenalin surged in the narrow passage behind the bull chutes.

One cowboy slapped his forearms in a militant warm-up ritual. Another thrust a wad of tobacco inside his mouth. A third knelt in prayer.

Rodeo clowns Jon Flack and Kenny Heinz were inside the arena standing hunched, hands on knees,

as each bull exploded out of its gate. The clowns protected the fallen riders; they agitated the bulls.

"Hey," Heinz taunted one. "Sweet Pea, Sweet Pea."

The rodeo drew competitors from across the Southwest. More than \$100,000 in prize money was at stake.

Jeanielynn Treadwell won \$160 for finishing second in ladies' break-away roping. The 19-year-old from Andrews gave credit to her palomino "Gold Man."

Observers say rodeo success takes balance, strength, timing and agility.

"It's kind of dangerous and it's something different that people did in the old days," Ms. Treadwell said. "It takes everything you got: determination, dedication, devotion, family support."

Cowboys stood in clusters or sat up against the pens as the XIT wound down its first night. Chumley recounted his fate the next morning:

"You'll be a little sore, but you've just got to kick it off."

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Lefors has opened bidding for repairs needed at the city office and civic center, located 101 N. Court. Repairs include carpentry/cement experience. Submit your bid at 101 N. Court, during office hours. 9-1, 1:30-5:30.

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The City of Lefors is still accepting bids on the remaining properties. Original Town—W 27 of lot 10, Block 3 N 84 of lots 6-9 and W 15' of lot 5, Block 6 of Lot 9 Blackwell Add-Lots 15-17 of Block 1 Lot 1 of Block 7, Unit 2

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## Australia 'repatriates' old U.S. films

By KIM I. MILLS  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Australia's national film archive has donated more than 1,600 early American films, from Harold Lloyd comedies to industrial movies to newsreels, to the United States for restoration.

Some of the films, which arrived at the Library of Congress in a refrigerated truck Wednesday, are believed to be the only remaining copies.

"I felt like I was opening Aladdin's cave," said Susan Dalton, an archivist with the American Film Institute, which coordinated the transfer. "They have basically given us a big chunk of our history and we love them for it."

The films, dating from before 1900 to the 1950s, were donated by the National Film and Sound Archive of Australia. They were obtained as part of a drive by Australia to preserve its own cinematographic history.

"They went around the country in a van to get all the nitrate film out of the hands of individuals," Dalton said. "They were very successful."

Nitrate-based film, which was manufactured from the late 1880s until 1951, decomposes under the influence of heat, moisture and acids. Some of it was destroyed in an attempt to recover silver from the emulsion. As a result, less than half the films shot before 1951 have survived.

Many of the original titles donated by Australia have not yet been identified, Dalton said.

"When we begin to examine the films, we will undoubtedly discover a wealth of treasures," she said.

Among the earliest "lost" films in the collection are *An Indian Sunbeam* (1912), with Broncho Billy Anderson, the world's first cowboy film star; *Among the Mourners*, a 1914 Keystone comedy starring Charlie Chase; and *Bringin' Home the Bacon* (1924), one of the earliest features starring Jean Arthur.

Unexpected discoveries in the Australian collection are *Once Every Ten Minutes* and *Peculiar Patients' Pranks* (both 1915), apparently the only copies of these early works of comedian Harold Lloyd.

"It's a miracle, really," Dalton said. "These Harold Lloyd films — we had no idea that they existed at all. We just assumed they were gone forever."

The films were sent to Australia for exhibition at the time they were made and it was considered too expensive to ship them back to the United States afterward, Dalton said. More than 98 percent are on nitrate stock and most are "orphan films" no longer in copyright or produced by independent companies that have disappeared.

The Australian archive realized it did not have the money to preserve the films and decided last October to offer them to the United States.

"We are sorry to part with these films but we would not have been able to preserve them for at least 20 years," said Ann Baylis, acting deputy director of the Australian archive.

The films will be divided among the major U.S. film archives for restoration. The archives, which shared the shipping costs from Australia, include: the Library of Congress; the George Eastman House; the Museum of Modern Art; the National Archives; the Human Studies Film Archive, and the UCLA Film and Television Archive.

## Car prices soar for Singapore

SINGAPORE (AP) — Car prices have reached a record high in Singapore, where a family sedan costs more than a Cadillac in the United States.

To prevent traffic congestion, the government of this island city-state allows only about 1,400 cars to be sold each month. Buyers must bid for a "certificate of entitlement" at monthly auctions.

According to September bidding results released Tuesday, the price for a certificate for a luxury car jumped by \$6,000 from the previous month to \$54,000, the Straits Times newspaper said.

Prices for non-luxury cars were lower, but still put Singapore's car costs at extraordinary levels.

For instance, to put a Ford Escort on the road — after paying insurance and a road tax — a buyer would have to pay at least \$64,000. That compares to the U.S. price of \$37,000 for a Cadillac DeVille Concours, the top-of-the-line Cadillac.

Although traffic jams are not unknown in Singapore, the restrictive measures have kept the streets free from the paralyzing traffic in cities like New York, Moscow and Bangkok.

The government says there are about 307,000 cars in Singapore, which has 3 million citizens.

## American youngsters caught in custody dispute fly home

By JAMAL HALABY  
Associated Press Writer

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Two New Jersey children whose father strangled their mother, then fled with them to his native Jordan, flew home Wednesday after their aunt was awarded custody, palace sources said.

The father's relatives in Amman, who had fought to keep the youngsters there, said they were stunned to find them gone and vowed to try to get the children back.

Palace officials escorted 6-year-old Lisa Abequa and her brother, Sami, 3, to the airport for a flight to the United States via Germany, the sources said. Their mother's sister, Nesime Dokur of Paterson, N.J., flew with them.

The sources would not give details of the flight. But the office of Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said the children will spend the night in Frankfurt and complete their trip today on a Continental flight. They were expected to arrive at 2:25 p.m. today at New Jersey's Newark International Airport.

Dokur telephoned Lautenberg when the plane stopped to refuel in Greece.

"I spoke to Miss Dokur who said 'we're free, we're free we're free. Thank you,'" Lautenberg said at a Washington news conference.

An Islamic religious court was to have ruled on the custody of the two children, and it was not clear how they left the country without the hearing.

Mohammed I. Abequa, 46, fled to Jordan with the children after killing his estranged wife, Nihal, 40, at her Parsippany-Troy Hills, N.J., apartment on July 4.

Her body was found stuffed under a bed two days later.

Abequa, a naturalized American citizen, was arrested in Amman on July 20 and later confessed to his crime. He has been charged with first-degree murder and kidnapping.

The United States has asked Jordan to return him to stand trial, but in the absence of an extradition treaty, Jordanian officials said he would be tried in Amman.

After Abequa was arrested, the children were put in the care of their paternal grandmother, Samiha, who had vowed not to let them go back with their aunt without a ruling from an Islamic court.

Lautenberg, who sent an aide to assist Dokur in Jordan, said the children had to live under virtual house arrest in a hot, cramped apartment infested with bugs and rats.

Dokur flew in earlier this month at the invitation of King Hussein to provide evidence that she was financially able to care for her niece and nephew.

Last week, under pressure from the government, the children were put in Hussein's care and a tightly guarded apartment was provided for them and their aunt.

Abequa's sister, Mariam, said the children were taken out of the country without her family's knowledge.

She went with her two brothers and mother to visit the children at their safe house in a posh Amman suburb Wednesday afternoon, but found only two plainclothes policemen in

the flat, she told The Associated Press.

"We asked the policemen where the children were, and they responded that they did not know," she said by telephone. "My mother was extremely upset and broke down — she collapsed."

She said her brothers, Ahmed and Adnan, got into an argument with the policemen, who arrested them.

Hasna Abequa, another sister, said: "We will pursue this matter with the authorities and we will try to resist this decision."

The family's lawyer, Saleh Mughrabi, later said the Abequas planned to file a lawsuit against the government for allowing the children to leave the country without a court ruling.

Earlier Wednesday, about 100 relatives of the Abequas staged a three-hour sit-in outside Prime Minister Abdul-Salam Majali's office demanding that the children stay in Jordan.

The crowd waved banners that read: "Our children are not for bargaining," and "Sami and Lisa are our children."

## Study: Care for Alzheimer's from diagnosis to death costs \$213,000

By LAURAN NEERGAARD  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Caring for each American diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease today will cost more than \$213,000 — on top of other medical expenses — over the remaining few years of their lives.

That's the grim prediction of the first study to nail down the costs of the devastating disease that gradually destroys its victims' brain cells.

"Alzheimer's disease is draining the resources of this country and its citizens at a greater rate than even we thought," said Alzheimer's Association President Edward Truschke.

The study, published in Thursday's *American Journal of Public Health*, said Alzheimer's costs the nation \$82.7 billion a year in medical expenses, the round-the-clock care its victims require and lost productivity.

That makes Alzheimer's the nation's third most expensive disease, after heart disease and cancer, said study co-author Joel Hay, an economist at the University of Southern California.

And Medicaid, the nation's health plan for the poor, spent more on Alzheimer's in 1991 — \$5.7 billion — than the total cost of treating AIDS patients that year — \$4.2 billion, Hay said.

The Alzheimer's Association has long estimated that the disease costs more than \$80 billion a year.

But Hay nailed down the individual expenses that burden Alzheimer's families. He found that in 1991, caring for a single patient for the usual four years between diagnosis and death cost society \$173,932 — on top of any other health problems.

Today, medical inflation has pushed that tab to \$213,732, Hay said.

"The sad thing about Alzheimer's disease is two-thirds of the costs are indirect, so by definition they're not covered by any insurance plan," he said.

But Hay's numbers, "while staggering, probably are conservative," said the Alzheimer's Association's Truschke. Because doctors now diagnose Alzheimer's earlier, some patients live with it for eight to 10 years.

And while Hay counted 1.6 million patients, the association believes the true number is closer to 4 million.

There is no test for Alzheimer's, which is diagnosed by painstakingly ruling out all other diseases. There is no cure and only one drug, Tacrine, is approved to help slow the progress of the disease.

Because little can be done medically, direct medical costs average

only about \$14,140, the study said.

But indirect costs, primarily from round-the-clock care, devastate patients, who spend about \$40,000 a year on a nursing home or \$20,900 a year for in-home care, Hay said.

In-home care is usually provided by an unpaid relative. So while the costs to society are counted at \$20,900 — the average a family would pay for a visiting health aide — the personal costs can be much higher.

"If an \$80,000-a-year lawyer quits her job to take care of her mother with Alzheimer's, the true loss to society is not \$80,000, because she made that choice," Hay said. "But she saw that loss."

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