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Pampa expects chief by mid-May

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With any luck at all, Pampa should have a permanent police chief by mid-May.

With the deadline for applications 24 hours away, City Manager Bob Hart and Personnel Director Phyllis Jeffers have reviewed close to 80 resumes for the job vacated by J.J. Ryzman in January. Applications were still coming in Monday afternoon.

"The overall quality has been very, very good," Hart said Monday. "There's been some excellent applications."

Ryzman left to accept the police chief's position in Corsicana. Hart named Lt. Jesse Wallace interim chief until the position

could be filled permanently.

City commissioners chose to have Hart and Jeffers conduct the search for Ryzman's permanent replacement, rather than hire an outside executive search firm to do the job.

Hart said applications are being screened as they come in, and by Monday afternoon, he and Jeffers had narrowed the list to seven. The seven include at least one officer from the local department, the city manager said.

In a January interview, Hart said he is looking for a chief who will serve the public and who possesses a strong knowledge of current trends in police work. He also said the new chief should be committed to education, physical fitness and training

for police officers, crime prevention in the community and understanding the role of the police department in city government.

"I want somebody that believes that police work is a service occupation and that believes in a lot of interaction between the officers and the public," Hart said at the time.

Monday, he said those goals have not changed.

The bulk of the applications received, 80 to 90 percent, are from out-of-state, Hart said. He added that five applications have been received from the Pampa department, and a few have come from other towns in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles.

Jeffers said Monday that most of the

Texas applications are not from the immediate area.

"The ones in-state have been from downstate," she said.

Jeffers said the applicants run the gamut in ages — from "32 to 62" — but the average age seems to be around 40. Most have master's degrees and several have doctorates, she said.

Hart said most of the applicants currently work for other police departments, although some are with sheriff departments or state prison or law enforcement agencies. He said one Mississippi applicant works for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and is in charge of security for an Indian tribe.

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Hart

Ouch! Tax time again

From Staff and Wire Reports

If you've waited until this close to the deadline to file your federal tax return, you may get your refund just in time for the Fourth of July.

With the midnight Wednesday deadline approaching, the Internal Revenue Service reports its 10 service centers are operating full time processing tax returns. Backlogs of unprocessed returns are relatively low and "we expect no problems in dealing with the last-minute filers," IRS spokesman Larry Batdorf said Monday.

But because of the crush — the IRS expects 23 million returns will be filed between last Friday and the deadline — you can no longer count on getting a refund in four or five weeks. Now, says Batdorf, it may take as long as 10 weeks.

In Pampa, Postmaster Richard Wilson said any returns mailed by midnight Wednesday are guaranteed an April 15 postmark, provided they are mailed in the slot designated for a Pampa postmark.

"If they just drop it in the (regular) out-of-town, we're likely to overlook it," Wilson said. He ex-

plained that out-of-town mail, unless placed in the special Pampa postmark slot, is postmarked in Amarillo and may not be stamped until Thursday if mailed Wednesday night.

Wilson said he expects 20 to 30 returns to be mailed on the Wednesday deadline. He said scales, charts, stamp vending machines and a dollar bill changer will all be available to the public in the post office lobby overnight Wednesday.

Area tax preparers gave this tax season mixed reviews. At H & R Block, 612 W. Francis, office manager Mary Jane Mynear said she hasn't been especially busy, but added that she anticipates a number of people filing for extensions.

"I figure everybody is owing," she said.

Ronda Norris, a secretary at Brooks Wilson and Co. in the NBC

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Veteran teacher shown the door Lefors trustees uphold non-renewal for Stroud

By CATHY SPAULDING
Staff Writer

LEFORS — It took the testimony of just two men, not community sentiment, to convince the Lefors school board Monday to reconfirm its decision to get rid of industrial arts and math teacher Merray Stroud.

More than 80 Lefors teachers, patrons, students and other residents crowded the Lefors school library and spilled into the school corridor Monday when trustees held a public hearing on Stroud's appeal of his recent contract non-renewal.

The trustees voted 6-0 to stick to their March decision not to rehire Stroud, 54. Newly elected Trustee Virginia Archer abstained from the vote, declaring "there has been a lot of misunderstanding and lack of communication."

Stroud, who has 15 days to appeal the decision to the Texas commissioner of education, had



Stroud

no comment on the vote. He did not indicate whether he would continue his appeal.

Trustees voted in March not to renew Stroud's contract because they felt Stroud lacked five credit hours required by the school's professional growth policy. The

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Sampling goodies



(Staff Photo by Paul Pinkham)

Eight-year-old Ryan Frogge, son of Tony and Cindy Frogge, 1921 Dogwood, sneaks a taste of a chocolate bar left by the Easter Bunny on the lawn of First Presbyterian Church, Gray and Montagu, Sunday, during an early Easter egg hunt.

Nuclear dump compared to an Edsel

By LARRY HOLLIS
News Editor

A nuclear waste dump in Deaf Smith County would be "one of the world's largest, colossal Edsels," an opponent of the Department of Energy project said this morning.

Discussing opposition to the repository at a breakfast meeting sponsored by the Energy and Environment Committee of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce were Angela Lamb, Amarillo District supervisor of the Texas Department of Agriculture, and George Drain, president of Serious Texans Against Nuclear Dumping (STAND).

Drain said there are serious flaws and lack of planning in the proposed nuclear waste repository project. He said the project needs much more study, review and design to make certain "we're not building one of the world's largest, colossal Edsels."

Lamb, noting the TDA became involved when farmers and ranchers protested, said the proposal should "be of concern to all people of Texas."

Claiming nuclear waste is "the most dangerous product known to man," Lamb said DOE personnel have often shown "sloppy planning." The agency's past record with nuclear energy projects and materials poses

"a frightening nightmare" for Panhandle area residents, she said.

Lamb said DOE studies on the Deaf Smith site failed to include data on the area's high wind velocity, missed the Santa Rosa Aquifer through which the waste disposal tunnels would be drilled and ignored contacting more than 20 grain elevator operators in the area.

Drain said he became concerned when he became aware that the DOE was "an agency run amuck" displaying its arrogance by showing little regard for the people.

"The DOE has very serious problems," Drain said, citing instances of contamination and health hazards involving DOE-controlled projects that the agency has kept quiet.

The federal agency's past record "has been abominable," Drain claimed, noting that Congress has become disillusioned with the agency and enacted severe budget cutbacks in its operations.

The DOE has censored its own staff reports and hampered communication about flaws and problems in its studies and projects, spreading "half truths and misinformation," he said.

In his discussion and in a videotape of a stance television program, Drain pointed out instances in which the DOE reportedly misin-

formed the public:

■ Even a minor leakage of radioactive materials could create a serious problem in the surrounding area.

■ DOE-distributed film clips of nuclear waste container cask tests fail to indicate that the casks are outdated and that test accidents did in fact result in damages causing potentially dangerous leaks in the containers.

■ The casks used in the tests are not actually the ones that will be used in the disposal project. Those containers are still yet to be designed and tested.

■ There are too many chances for rail and traffic accidents often passed over lightly in the DOE studies.

■ An accident with radioactive materials could tie up medical facilities and equipment beyond the capacity of most local hospitals to handle.

■ There are not enough trained personnel to handle a serious accident involving nuclear waste spillage.

"We are in jeopardy," Drain stated, later adding that opponents to the project are concerned "because we get half truths and deceptive claims" posing "some very major concerns."

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Canadian teacher appeals board action

CANADIAN — High school drama teacher Tal Lostracco is appealing a recent decision by Canadian school trustees not to renew his contract for the 1987-88 school year.

A hearing on Lostracco's appeal is scheduled for 6 p.m. April 27 at Canadian's Baker Elementary School cafeteria.

Trustees voted in March not to rehire Lostracco, 28, when they discovered he lacked 27 hours toward his teaching certificate. But public outcry pressured the board to rehire

the award-winning teacher March 16.

But, after the Texas Education Agency threatened school accreditation, the board voted March 26 not to renew Lostracco's contract.

Lostracco was hired in 1984 on an emergency teaching permit, which could not be renewed after three years.

The drama teacher, who has had his students to post-district one-act play competition for three years, said he is working up a

plan in which he earns credit hours during the summer. But he said he doubts he'll get 26 hours.

"I think I can get 18 hours," Lostracco said Thursday.

Lostracco declined to say how he plans to make up the required hours because "I'm trying to get our play through regionals."

The play, *What I Did Last Summer*, will compete in regional competition April 24.

Texas/Regional

Bill to ban paddling students bruised by panel

AUSTIN (AP) — A bill to outlaw corporal punishment got a legislative slap when it failed to win committee approval for Senate floor debate.

Monday's 4-3 vote was not enough to get the bill out of the Senate Education Committee and sent Sen. Craig Washington, D-Houston, out of the meeting in a huff.

"I'm going to let the teachers and the PTA get on (them)," Washington said when asked if he would try to get the two additional favorable votes needed to pass his bill out of committee.

Paddling students as a discipline me-

asure is prohibited in nine states, and many cities across the country, according to People Opposed To Paddling Students, Inc., a Houston-based group. Some states allow individual school districts to set corporal punishment policy.

The National Parent Teachers Association, the American Medical Association and the American Bar Association all have adopted national stands against corporal punishment in schools.

In 1977, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled paddling was not cruel and unusual

punishment, but said excessive force could not be used on students.

"We of course disagree with that decision," testified Gara La Marche, Texas Civil Liberties Union director. "We cannot beat prisoners of the TDC and we don't think children should be treated worse than prisoners of the TDC."

Many Texas school districts allow paddling only if a parent grants permission, while some school districts prohibit paddling altogether.

"The school district should try to find some alternative means of disciplining

children than using violence. We believe the violent nature of disciplining children contributes to a violent society," said Sandy Kibby, Texas PTA Legislative chairwoman.

But Sen. Chet Edwards, D-Duncanville, who voted against the bill, said the paddle can help maintain discipline in classrooms and keeps the undisciplined from disrupting education.

"No one from my district has asked me to vote for the bill," Edwards said.

Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, also said he hasn't heard an outcry from parents, but voted in favor of the bill. "I

have mixed emotions about it... I don't believe in letting districts have authority where obviously authority has been abused." Parker said he has heard reports of children being badly bruised from paddling.

Much of the opposition to the bill stems the belief the issue is a local one.

"Any bill that takes away the authority of local school boards to determine its own policies we're against," said James Crow, Texas Association of School Boards governmental relations director.

Present pleases governor

AUSTIN (AP) — It's not the typical birthday present for a 70-year-old, but Gov. Bill Clements says it was just what he wanted.

The House on Monday—Clements' birthday—voted preliminary approval for a "budget execution" bill setting up a system for emergency budget action when the Legislature is not in session.

The plan that was advanced to a final House vote is not the precise one Clements wanted, but he said he was pleased.

"The best birthday present I could have," he called it.

Clements and some lawmakers have complained that the state's hands are tied when budget problems crop up when the Legislature is out of town. Under the plan tentatively approved 76-68 by the House, the governor could submit a proposed solution to the Legislative Budget Board, which is made up of 10 lawmakers.

The board could accept, reject or modify the governor's plan. The governor could then veto whatever the board came up with, and then call lawmakers into special session.

"Budget execution authority will greatly assist our efforts to resolve cash flow problems," Clements said.

Final House approval would send the bill to the Senate, where a similar plan failed to win approval earlier this year.

House Appropriations Chairman Jim Rudd, who won House approval for his version of budget execution, disagreed.

"I think it's dead. I don't think the Senate will address it at all," he said.

The initial version of the House bill, sponsored by Rep. Charles Evans, R-Hurst, would have set up a new six-member board, including the governor, to handle budget emergencies when lawmakers are out of town.

Parental consent provision dropped from abortion bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Senators shopping for support for their abortion bill have dropped a provision requiring pregnant minors to get parental consent for abortions.

The bill, as amended Monday, would ban abortions after the fetus has reached "viability," something that would be determined by the attending physician.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, a co-sponsor, said the viability issue is controversy enough for the abortion bill.

"We realized that the issue of parental consent and the issue of viability are two weighty matters which should be considered separately, each on its own merits," she said.

Co-sponsor Sen. Ted Lyon, D-Mesquite, said the parental consent provision was removed because "I'm a political realist and I realize that with that provision in the bill I do not believe I have a chance of passing that out of this committee."

A separate bill on parental consent might be filed, but Ms. Zaffirini, D-Laredo, said, "I doubt the possibility of its passage during this session."

But she is convinced the viability bill can win legislative approval.

"If a person aborts a fetus that could live outside the womb, that is murder, plain and simple... I do not believe that many intelligent, responsible people could agree to abortions under such conditions," she said.

The Senate and House committees on state affairs held separate hearings Monday on similar abortion bills. Neither committee took any action.

House sponsor Mike Millsap, D-Fort Worth, changed his bill Monday to require minors to get permission from only one parent, instead of both. But he said the parental permission section is a vital part of his bill.

"To deny a parent the right to give consent to surgery on their minor daughter that could scar them physically or emotionally for the rest of their lives is simply destructive of the family unit. It goes against every principle regarding the sanctity of the family. No one should have the right to do this to my daughter or to the daughters of any Texan," Millsap said.

The bill was attacked by Sarah Weddington, an Austin lawyer who successfully argued the Roe vs. Wade case that led to the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision striking down state laws against abortion.

Ms. Weddington pointed out that state statistics show that in 1986 there were only six abortions in Texas involving women beyond the 24th week of pregnancy. She told the House panel that some of those probably resulted from late-pregnancy tests that showed severe problems with the fetus.

Texas is one of nine states that allows abortions at any stage of pregnancy.

Dr. Dave Kittrell of San Antonio, representing the Texas Association of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, testified the bill would be "a direct assault on and insult to the good physicians of Texas."

"It makes no provision for gross birth defects and the abnormal fetus," he said.



Kemp, left, listens as Boulter talks to press.

Kemp names Beau Boulter his state campaign chairman

DALLAS (AP) — Republican presidential hopeful Jack Kemp said he plans to campaign heavily in Texas to counter the home-state strength of Vice President George Bush.

"I think Texas — where it is Vice President Bush's home state — there's going to be a lot of support for Jack Kemp," said the congressman from New York State Monday. "I'm going to be in Texas a lot."

"I have never felt uncomfortable in playing in someone else's ball park," Kemp told a group of reporters. "The rules are the same."

Kemp, a former pro football quarterback, said that by the time next year's Super Tuesday presidential primary rolls around on March 8, "I think it could very well be different in Texas."

Kemp, 51, who announced his candidacy April 6, was in Dallas as part of an 18-state tour to garner support for his campaign and to introduce U.S. Rep. Beau Boulter, R-Amarillo, as his state campaign chairman. Boulter also sits on Kemp's national steering committee.

Kemp said it was important to continue the "Reagan revolution" by protecting what he called family values, strengthening the economy with

free enterprise and supporting the Strategic Defense Initiative, or SDI.

"I'm in this for one reason — keep the cause alive," he said.

Kemp said that he supported a repeal of the windfall profits tax and the fuel use act and deregulating the natural gas industry as ways to help the ailing domestic energy industry. However, he does not support an oil import fee.

He criticized a recent proposal by Bush to step up research in synthetic fuels as being too costly to taxpayers.

Kemp also disagreed with President's Reagan's recent decision to place stiff tariffs on various Japanese goods in retaliation for trade agreement violations. "There is no doubt in my mind that retaliation leads to trade wars," said Kemp, adding that incentives to free trade are more effective to bring U.S. trading partners into line.

Meanwhile, Kemp aide David Hoppe said Monday Kemp will give up his position as chairman of the House Republican leadership conference, the GOP's formal organization within the House, to devote more time to campaigning. Kemp has held the position since 1981.

Committee considers proposed lottery bills

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas could reap more than \$600 million from a lottery, but would have to spend at least \$20 million to set it up, state officials told a House committee.

The House Committee on Urban Affairs held a hearing Monday on bills that would allow voters to decide if the state should have a lottery and how it should be run.

John Moore, a member of state Comptroller Bob Bullock's staff, gave committee members two sets of figures and reminded them the amount of revenue made from the lottery is contingent on many variables.

"Any one variable, inconsequential as it might seem, could affect hundreds of millions of dollars of revenues," Moore said.

Moore's economic analysis staff estimated the state could net \$658 million during 1988-89, if the lottery is operating 90 days after getting voter approval, he said. If the state waits another month, it would probably only net about \$620 million, Moore said.

"Both of these projections assume the amendment authorizing the lottery is

approved by the voters at the Aug. 8 uniform election day," he said, adding that the projections also assume licensing agents, committing money and letting printing contracts begins the next morning.

"Lottery revenue projections can vary widely because of the timing of startup, because of delays in gaining space for a lottery headquarters or because of changes you might make in the legislation you have before you," Moore said.

Rep. Ron Wilson and Rep. Larry Evans told committee members about \$20 million would have to be spent to activate the lottery. But the Democrats from Houston said the state would make up the expenditure in little time.

Chief Deputy Comptroller Jack Roberts testified the states with the most successful run them like a business.

"A state lottery is completely different from anything else that government does. In fact, it really isn't government at all but a complex billion-dollar business that happens to be run for the benefit of the state," Roberts said.

Senators debate Clements prairie chickens

AUSTIN (AP) — Senators took exception to being called "prairie chickens" by Gov. Bill Clements, although one said there are worse things.

"I would a lot rather be a prairie chicken than an ostrich with his head in the sand," Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, said Monday.

In an interview with the Associated Press last Friday the Republican governor said liberal Democratic senators remind him of prairie chickens thumping the ground during breeding season.

Clements accused the senators of trying to turn the debate over state finances into a par-

tisan brawl because of their opposition to Clements' no-new tax stance.

Sen. Hugh Parmer, D-Fort Worth, made a personal privilege speech saying Clements "used this attack to once again put himself forward as the great defender of the people against taxes."

Parmer said Clements' efforts to hold 1988-89 spending to current spending levels is faulty because \$36.9 billion for the last two years is not the same as for the next two years.

Parmer said there have been inflation increases, population growth and extra state spending for 1988-89 caused by the prison overcrowding litigation and other court mat-

ters.

"I want to suggest to the governor that this is not all partisanship because there are Republican members of the Senate as well as Democrats that can do simple addition and subtraction that tells them the governor's proposed bottom line wrecks havoc among the children of this state, the college students, the poor, the elderly and the middle class families that are trying to make ends meet, Parker said.

"Prairie chickens are tenacious. They are not afraid to stand up and fight for what they believe. They are protective of their domain," said Montford.

Minyard to buy 24 Safeway stores

DALLAS (AP) — Minyard Food Stores Inc. has joined other grocery store chains in purchasing 24 grocery stores in Dallas, Tarrant and outlying counties from Safeway Stores Inc.

Safeway recently announced plans to close its 141-store North Texas division based here but said it had commitments from other food retailers to buy more than half the stores.

Minyard executives would not specify the exact locations of the stores until deals are finalized,

but Liz Minyard, vice chairman of the Coppell-based chain, said that 12 units are in Dallas County, nine in Tarrant County and three in outlying counties.

In a full-page newspaper ad Monday, Safeway lists 41 stores and its Garland distribution center in a campaign to seek buyers.

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Texaco not guaranteed quick relief in bankruptcy

NEW YORK (AP)—Texaco Inc. joins Manville Corp. and A.H. Robins Co. in seeking the haven of bankruptcy court not because it is broke, but because it wants protection from a potentially huge liability that could cripple its future.

As Manville has shown, however, reorganizing under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy laws does not necessarily provide quick or easy relief.

Texaco is solvent, just as Manville and Robins were when they filed. But Texaco petitioned for Chapter 11 protection Sunday because it faces a judgment of \$11.1 billion that a Texas court awarded smaller Pennzoil Co.

The judgment stemmed from Texaco's alleged interference in Pennzoil's proposed 1984 merger with Getty Oil Co., which Texaco acquired instead for \$10.1 billion.

Texaco is appealing, but in the meantime is required by Texas law to post a bond equal to the damage amount. Texaco contends the bond would bankrupt the company and says the mere prospect of having to pay the bond already has strained the company's relationship with its suppliers and lenders.

Although it has \$9 billion in cash or assets readily convertible to cash, Texaco decided the only way to protect its business was to freeze Pennzoil's claim, and the claims of all its creditors, by filing for Chapter 11 protection.

Under Chapter 11, a company is free to operate but is protected from creditors' lawsuits while it works out a reorganization plan to pay its debts.

Most companies seek bankruptcy court

protection because they are running out of money. But on Aug. 26, 1982, Manville took the novel step of filing for Chapter 11 even though it was healthy.

Denver-based Manville sought protection because it faced thousands of lawsuits alleging death or disease among workers who were exposed to Manville's asbestos products.

The company believed it could use Chapter 11 to efficiently and quickly work out a plan to settle the claims in one forum.

But nearly five years later, Manville remains in Chapter 11.

Manville's effort to fashion a strategy for paying asbestos victims has been tortuous and filled with disputes between Manville, its commercial creditors and representatives for the claimants.

Manville now has a plan with which it hopes to emerge from Chapter 11 within a year. But analysts say it will be a costly burden for Manville for years to come.

The plan also is costly for Manville's stockholders, who will see their ownership of the company nearly erased. Their combined equity is to be slashed to only 6 percent as much of Manville's common stock is paid to present and future asbestos victims, commercial creditors and holders of its preferred stock.

Despite Manville's problems, Robins took a similar step Aug. 21, 1985.

The Richmond, Va.-based pharmaceutical concern sought bankruptcy court to settle a flood of litigation relating to alleged health problems caused by its Dalkon Shield intrauterine birth-control device.

Twenty months later Robins has yet to submit its reorganization plan to the court, partly because of delays caused by an unsuccessful takeover bid by American Home Products Corp.

Dean Gandy, a Dallas lawyer and former bankruptcy judge, said the Manville and Robins cases are not comparable to Texaco's in many respects.

In Manville and Robins, the potential liability involved thousands of current and future claims, compared with just one—Pennzoil's—in Texaco's case, he noted.

The amount of Pennzoil's claim also is clearly identifiable, while Manville, Robins and their respective creditors and claimants have wrestled to devise an equitable payment for each of the claimants.

Yet despite the clear-cut nature of Texaco's potential liability, it by no means faces an easy solution in bankruptcy court, Gandy said.

First, Pennzoil is likely to argue that Texaco is much too wealthy to be invoking the court's help and ask that Texaco's petition be thrown out, he said.

Failing that, Pennzoil might again seek help from Texas courts to begin seizing Texaco assets to enforce its judgment, he said, noting that bankruptcy courts "bend over backwards" not to interfere in state law.

Pennzoil might contend that even though its claim is unsecured—not backed by Texaco assets—and thus subordinate to Texaco's secured creditors, the claim still should receive a high priority when Texaco devises its reorganization plan.



Judge Howard Schwartzberg

FAA investigating four near-collisions

WASHINGTON (AP)—Four incidents during a 10-hour period in which commercial jetliners came within 500 feet of small, private planes are under investigation, Federal Aviation Administration officials say.

There were no injuries in any of the near-collisions, all of which occurred last Friday, but in two cases the pilots of the jetliners reported they had to take evasive action.

The four incidents involved a United Airlines Boeing 737 near Burbank, Calif., a Trans World Airlines Lockheed L-1011 near Newark, N.J., a Northwest Airlines DC-9 near Saginaw, Mich., and an American Airlines Boeing 727 over Chicago, the FAA confirmed Monday.

The agency has been under criticism because of an increasing number of such incidents. Last year, there were 340 near-collision reports involving commercial aircraft, most of them filed by pilots, or an aver-

age of just under one per day.

FAA spokesman Fred Farrar said in two of the Friday cases, air traffic controllers had provided the jetliner pilots with advanced traffic advisories and in another case the smaller plane was not on radar.

It could not be determined how many passengers were in the jetliners.

But some aviation safety experts said the total of four such incidents in one day is unusual. "How unusual, I don't know," Farrar said.

Here are the incidents as described by the FAA:

—12:42 p.m. EDT: A Northwest Airlines DC-9, Flight 203 from Philadelphia to Saginaw, Mich., after a stopover in Detroit, was flying at 9,000 feet 22 miles southeast of Saginaw and came upon a single-engine Piper PA-28 Cherokee which passed just 500 feet ahead at the same altitude.

—12:25 p.m. CDT: An American Airlines Boeing 727, making an approach to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, suddenly noticed an unknown aircraft passing 500 feet below and 100 feet away. No flight number was available.

—5:43 p.m. EDT: A Trans World Airlines L-1011, Flight 32 from Philadelphia to Newark, N.J., was flying into Newark International Airport when it banked sharply and began to climb, allowing an unidentified aircraft to pass underneath. The pilot reported the two planes closed to within 200 feet horizontally and 50 feet vertically of each other at 7,000 feet.

—7:25 p.m. PDT: United Airlines Flight 268, a Boeing 737 bound from Burbank, Calif., to Chicago, was three miles southwest of Burbank when it came within 300 feet to 500 feet of an unknown plane at the same altitude.

Congressional cost-cutting hurts poor, elderly

WASHINGTON (AP)—Cost-cutting steps enacted by Congress in the past six years have substantially increased out-of-pocket medical expenses for the nation's poor and elderly, a new study concludes.

The report by the General Accounting Office finds that senior citizens in the Medicare program are paying about a third more than they used to, while poor people covered by Medicaid increasingly must contribute towards health care.

The changes are the result of five spending and tax bills passed during the Reagan administration, according to GAO, the non-partisan investigative arm of Congress.

The Medicare increase came to about \$162 per enrollee in additional out-of-pocket expenses—a

34 percent increase from 1980 to 1985, according to statistics in the GAO report.

Changes in out-of-pocket payments under Medicaid were unavailable because of program differences from state to state, GAO said. But the agency said 26 states have increased cost-sharing requirements for participants as a result of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982.

Rep. Edward Roybal, D-Calif., who requested the report, called it "a convincing argument for congressional and administrative action to prevent further Medicare and Medicaid beneficiary out-of-pocket cost increases" and avoid program cuts.

Roybal, chairman of the House Select Committee on Aging and a member of the House Appropria-

tions Committee, said Medicaid currently reaches only half the nation's poor. And he said senior citizens already spend 16 percent of their income on out-of-pocket health care costs.

All five spending bills of the last few years encouraged states to curb soaring Medicare costs, GAO said.

The new laws led to a 49 percent increase in out-of-pocket payments for Part A Medicare services, including hospital, skilled nursing and home care, from 1980 to 1985, adjusted for inflation, the report said. The dollar increase

came to \$41 per enrollee over the five-year period.

For Part B services, including doctors' fees, lab work and outpatient hospital visits, the tab rose 31 percent, adjusted for inflation, the study said. The five-year dollar increase was \$121 per enrollee, the study said.

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Lifestyles

Double-duty furniture fascinates consumers

By BARBARA MAYER
AP Newsfeatures

There's something about a secret compartment that many people find fascinating.

How else can one explain the popularity of a feature that is, at best, inconvenient and, in countless stories and novels, downright disastrous?

Besides the secret compartment desk, history is full of examples of furniture that has a hidden meaning, such as seating with built-in cupboards, tables that have their own attached seating and beds that disappear into closets when not in use.

And now a new exhibition of furniture with double meanings shows that the historic fascination is far from over. The showing of one-of-a-kind pieces at a branch of the Workbench furniture chain in New York will travel to branches in Columbus, Ohio, Chicago and Boston this spring and summer.

Twelve furniture-makers have contributed about a dozen and a half examples of furniture that can be used or viewed in more than one way.

Not all the individuals with work in the show have been concerned with everyday practicality. Some examples of their ideas include a coffin-shaped cabinet

its maker, Stephen Whittlesey, calls a "Mummy's Cupboard" and a "Musical Chair" that comes with its own drumsticks by Jeff Behnke. (Perforations render the seat musical when struck with the rubber-tipped sticks.)

On the other hand, a mahogany arm chair by Arthur Shaffer flips up to become a library ladder and could be useful in the right spot. A low valet seat by Alphonse Mattia is a good height for putting on one's shoes and has a series of small drawers that could hold for the night all the odds and ends many men seem to carry around in their pockets.

Other ideas are useful or not depending on your circumstances. For example, Jay Stanger's "3D Painting Dining Table" looks like a colorful abstract painting, but folds down so that the underside becomes a wall-mounted table. It could be the answer to a studio apartment dweller's dreams as a practical way of fitting in a table and a picture at the same time.

If it were mounted in a rambling farmhouse, the invention might occasion quite a few raised eyebrows. But James Schriber's contemporary version of the 19th-century settle table that is a bench with storage drawers and a table would be a nice addition to that farmhouse.

The variety of examples of furniture with more than one role shows the idea still has the power to intrigue — and to solve some problems.

If that were not made clear in the exhibition, a trip around the rest of the store (or through any contemporary furniture store nowadays) would show that more prosaic dual purpose furniture is plentiful.

According to Workbench's executives, sleep sofas, recliners, modular seating, desk-dining tables and wall systems with a choice of units to serve a variety of storage needs are more popular today than ever because they solve some problems of small space living.

Bernice Wollman, vice president, said similar tests of durability and quality should be evaluated when shopping both for one-of-a-kind pieces that will serve a functional use in the home and for mass-produced multi-use furniture.

Wall systems, for example, require the most careful evaluation since these storage pieces usually need to support a substantial amount of weight. Poor quality can pose a special problem if the furniture is not adequate to the task.

Wollman says that whether the

wall system is assembled at the factory or sold in a kit for home assembly, consumers should examine the places where side panels join top and bottom.

A tight fitting back panel, cross bracing, corner blocks and internal framing are signs of strong and stable furniture. The best KD systems incorporate carefully engineered locking hardware preferably of metal, while in standard furniture traditional doweled or tenoned joints of wood reinforced with glue are good.

A storage system is only as good as its shelves. Moveable shelves are more flexible but shelves that are structurally locked into the side panels are stronger than the removable type.

The rule of thumb is that the longer the shelf the less weight it can bear per running foot. Consequently, when heavy load-bearing is required, as in bookshelves, choose narrow units that have stationary shelves. To be sure of strength, opt for a system built with thicker boards.

Wollman said that despite obvious differences between art furniture and utilitarian furniture, there were similarities. "Makers of both types are concerned with function, and pragmatic solutions to home furnishings needs."

Baby of the Year



Kristi Renee Broadbent, daughter of Alan and Jackie Broadbent of Pampa, won Baby of the Year in the 3-year-old division of the Girl of the Year Pageant, held recently in Borger. Grandparents are Dwight and Nancy Chase, and Bill and Delores Broadbent, all of Pampa.

Ranch home becomes Caribbean hideaway

The typical suburban ranch-style home can be transformed from boring to beautiful with a little imagination.

People are snapping up older homes, including ranches, and redoing the interiors to suit current lifestyles. They find it's often cheaper than building a new house, and they get exactly what they want because they plan the alterations themselves.

To show how much potential there is in these older homes, the interior designers at Armstrong, the flooring company, turned the core of a one-story ranch into a

suite of rooms with the flavor of the Caribbean. They bumped out a kitchen wall, entirely removed the wall between the kitchen and living room, and added on a sun room.

In the new suite you can almost hear the sound of a steel band and taste rum punch, so accurately do the colors and decorating touches evoke the Caribbean. The walls and kitchen cabinets are gleaming white, the cabinet interiors a surprising soft blue. Blue also is the cabana fabric that covers the cushions of the wicker chaise lounges. The Sola-

rian no-wax flooring is sand-colored.

A triangular island overlooked by a large skylight occupies the strategic middle of the kitchen. It's only a step or two from it to the refrigerator, wall ovens (microwave and conventional) and pantry.

The island itself contains a range, dishwasher, ample storage in swing-out doors and drawers and a large surface for preparing meals. One side of the island accommodates two pull-up stools for informal dining conve-

niently facing a TV built into the wall opposite.

Two white-painted ceiling fans in the kitchen circulate the air.

The various parts of the suite flow freely into one another, and the no-wax flooring flows along as well to help unify the decor. It's crucial in open-plan layouts to carry elements of the decorating scheme throughout the entire area.

The formal living room-turned-informal family room is the place to gather on chilly evenings. It's filled with comfortable chaises nestled near a fireplace.

The daytime place to be is the sun room, whose ceiling is a ribbed glass roof. The glass is tinted to reduce the glare, and the amount of sunlight entering can be regulated by opening or closing a retractable shade.

A wide ledge built into the arch between the sun room and kitchen serves as a table for four for dining, and after dinner becomes a game table. The stock wooden moldings that form the arch make an essential contribution to the suite's Caribbean atmosphere. The same moldings top louvered doors in the suite.

To complete the subtropical atmosphere, the suite is filled with an abundance of foliage, including graceful palm plants. For the occupants of this newly remodeled ranch-style home, it's almost like being on a perpetual Caribbean holiday.

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Ranch becomes Caribbean in this interior makeover. This view is from sun room through arch into kitchen. Note ledge spanning arch which doubles as dining, game table. Access to kitchen is through louvered doors at left side of arch.

Son's daily food, fitness visits driving mom out of home, mind

DEAR ABBY: Our son, 26 years old, married three years, is attending college full time. The college is located near our home. He and his wife live in a small but very nice mobile home. She works. Now the problem: Our son comes to our house every day for lunch, which I have to make. Then he goes back to school for classes, and returns here to lift weights and exercise in our basement. (He hasn't space for his exercise gear in his mobile home.) He plays loud rock music (nerve-racking to me) while exercising.

He is a sensitive and well-meaning person, and he would be hurt if he knew how much I resent this daily intrusion on my privacy.

Abby, each day I fix his lunch, give him a hug, then go "somewhere" just to get away from all that racket. I feel as though I'm being driven out of my own home. My husband says if we say anything to him, he'll be hurt, but close friends say I'm foolish for putting up with it. What do you say?

IMPOSED UPON
DEAR IMPOSED: I say tell your son you love him, but his daily routine — lunching and exercising to loud music in your home — is more than you can handle. The alternative is to keep quiet and let your resentment grow and fester, which in



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

my view would be a sorry choice.

DEAR ABBY: While standing on a corner in downtown St. Paul one afternoon, I saw a man in a brown car. He was the best-looking man I have ever seen. I don't know what came over me, but I smiled at him, and when he smiled back at me I thought I was going to faint! I got on the bus thinking I would never see this man again, but I was wrong. I saw him five days later in a shopping mall. This time he was not alone and neither was I. We looked at each other. He didn't smile this time, but I know he remembered me.

I cannot get this man's face out of my mind. He is the image of the man I have always dreamed I would

marry.

Abby, do you believe in love at first sight?
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DEAR HAUNTED: No. But I believe in physical attraction at first sight. You were bowled over by the appearance of this man because he fit the physical description of your preconceived dream man. If to you "physical attraction" means "falling in love," then you have indeed fallen in love.

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in response to "Hurting in Hartford" who thought she had to have sex with a guy in order to have a lasting relationship. Actually it's just the opposite. If a girl is easy, they'll hang around for a while, but when they want a really solid relationship with marriage in mind, they prefer a girl who's hard (or impossible) to get.

I wish there were more girls who weren't so sex-happy. I'm a 19-year-old male virgin. I'm not ugly and I'm not dumb. There may not be many of us late-teen virgins around, but right now I am in a relationship with one. I agree with you, Abby. That 17-year-old girl should stick to her guns.

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Sports Scene

Wheeler's Hartman headed for North Texas State

By JIMMY PATTERSON
Sports Writer

WHEELER — Marlo Hartman, a standout post player for the Wheeler Mustangettes girls' basketball team, announced Monday she has been offered a scholarship to North Texas State University in Denton, Tex.

"I can't say I'm going to start as a freshman, but I think if I work on it, I might be able to start some games," Hartman said. Hartman's coach at Wheeler, Jan Newland, agrees.

Her statistics would support that theory, also. In the 1986-87 season, the 6-1 post averaged 24 points and 12 rebounds per game. She shot 57 percent from the field and an incredible 70 percent from the free throw line.

On the way to the runner-up title following a loss to the south in the championship game, Hartman played with her usual consistency.

Her parents, too, have supported her in her decision. "They're for it all the way, Hartman said. "They've always been great about letting me make up my own mind."



Marlo Hartman

Bosworth decides to skip football draft

By OWEN CANFIELD
AP Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — While it may have appeared that Brian Bosworth's decision to forego the National Football League draft was made long ago, the Oklahoma linebacker's father says that is not the case.

"We don't have anything, and it has to be in writing," said Joel Bussert, director of player personnel for the NFL.



(AP Laserphoto)

Astros' catcher Alan Ashby supports Tracy Woodson after an inside pitch.

Dodgers hand Astros season's first loss

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A few days ago, Mark Cresse, the Los Angeles Dodgers bullpen coach had some instructional advice for rookie Tracy Woodson.

Three weeks while Madlock's out, but if I keep hitting the ball, maybe they'll find somewhere to play me," said Woodson, who led the Dodgers with a .364 spring batting average but has collected only five hits in his first 21 big-league at-bats.

"Two days ago I hit a ball off the wall in left-center field, and Mark told me, 'When you hit your first home run, hit the ball into the bullpen so I can get it back for you,'" Woodson said.

Right-hander Brian Holton, another Los Angeles rookie, equalled his longest career outing with five innings of four-hit ball for his fourth victory in 18 career starts.

By not notifying the NFL in writing by the Monday deadline, Bosworth automatically became ineligible for the regular April 28 draft. The two-time All-American can participate in next summer's supplemental draft or can return to Oklahoma.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who pick first, will take Miami quarterback Vinny Testaverde. The Heisman Trophy winner has already signed a contract with the Buccaneers.

Clemens becomes baseball's newest millionaire

By DAVE O'HARA
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — The kids at Spring Woods High School in Houston have lost their favorite batting practice pitcher.

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plus \$120,000 in incentive money, in pitching the Red Sox to their first pennant in 11 years.

Mantle to undergo tests

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Mickey Mantle is to undergo tests to determine the condition of the Hall of Famer's heart following his hospitalization for treatment of chest pains.

headquarters in Atlanta. The former New York Yankees' great released a brief statement through hospital officials.



Roger Clemens

Clemens, the American League's 1986 Most Valuable Player and Cy Young Award winner, signed a two-year contract worth more than \$2 million with the Red Sox on Monday.

"I might get my lumps here and there in my first couple of outings, but I still think I'm ready to pitch," he said.

The Hendricks brothers demanded a \$2.4 million two-year contract — \$1 million in 1987, \$1.4 million in 1988.

Mantle, who is in the intermediate coronary care unit at Irving Community Hospital, was in fair condition late Monday, said hospital spokeswoman Sharon Peters.

In December, Mantle ended his association with Del Webb's Claridge Hotel Casino at Atlantic City, N.J., where he was director of sports promotions, primarily handling public relations work and playing golf with casino customers.

Roger Clemens, who spent his month-long salary holiday throwing batting practice to the high school players, is back in good standing with the Boston Red Sox.

"I'm extremely happy and I'm ready to go out there and do the things I've always wanted — and that's winning," the 24-year-old right-hander said.

Clemens shocked the baseball world on March 6 when he walked out of the Boston training camp at Winter Haven, Fla., 24 hours before he was scheduled to start in the exhibition season opener.

Negotiations stalled after the Red Sox stuck to their offer of a \$500,000 base salary, although adjusting and increasing the incentive money.

Ms. Peters said Mantle, 55, was scheduled today for cardiac catheterization, a diagnostic procedure which allows doctors to examine heart chambers for any abnormalities that might exist.

At that time, hotel officials said Mantle needed more time to pursue his other business interests.

After a 29-day boycott of the Florida exhibition season in a bitter salary dispute, Clemens conceded he faced a struggle in starting the season.

In keeping with club policy, the Red Sox refused to disclose terms. However, the two-year contract reportedly was worth about \$2 million. And Gorman conceded the pact contained incentive clauses which would add bonus money.

Clemens and the Red Sox reached agreement on a contract for 1987 and 1988.

Then, in the final week of spring training, baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth intervened. He acted as a mediator in getting Sullivan, Clemens and the Hendricks together for meetings at Scottsdale, Ariz.

Softball tournament planned

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