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# Group defends U.S. Customs official accused of smuggling food, antiques

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The head of a non-profit community group says a top U.S. Customs official accused of smuggling was actually trying to help the group raise money when he allowed antiques, food and liquor to be brought into the United States from Mexico.

The items were used at a fund-raising dinner for the Mr. Amigo Association, a group that tries to promote goodwill and friendship between the U.S. and Mexico, Ralph Cowen, a former president of the group, said.

Cowen is spearheading an effort to get the smuggling charges against Fernando Macias dropped.

Macias was arrested Friday and released on \$200,000 bond after being charged in a nine-count indictment. Macias, the port director at Brownsville, directs Customs activities for the two bridges linking Brownsville and Mexico.

He faces 43 years in prison and more than \$2 million in fines — plus the loss of his job — if convicted. He also could be suspended before the trial.

"This is not the way you repay somebody for community service," said Cowen, who added he and others active in the community believe Macias is facing a "railroad job."

The indictment accused Macias of allowing saddles, food and liquor to enter the country last

Dec. 7 without adequate inspection or duty payments.

Cowen says Macias was helping the Mr. Amigo Association with a dinner to raise money to bring in a prominent Mexican figure for Brownsville's

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— Rachel Torres, Chamber of Commerce official

annual "Charro Days" festival in February. The Charro Days festivities were threatened by a deficit in the organization.

The dinner, "Taste of La Frontera" on Dec. 7, was a last-ditch attempt to rescue the February event from cancellation.

Macias contacted restaurant owners in the neighboring border city of Matamoros, Mexico, who agreed to contribute food and drinks for the \$15-a-plate fund-raiser, Cowen said. Brownsville restaurants also contributed.

The owner of one Matamoros restaurant donated some antique Mexican saddles, "charro" (cowboy) clothing as decorations for dinner at the city's Friendship Gardens park. The items, Cowen said, were returned to Matamoros that same night after the dinner ended.

Macias is accused in the first three counts of the indictment of allowing the saddles and clothing into the country without proper inspection, payment of bonds and duties.

Cowen said the cooked food the Matamoros restaurants donated for the dinner was distributed by the drivers crossing the bridge, as were nine bottles of liquor for a margarita lounge and that state taxes were paid.

But the quantity of liquor involved also made subject to federal duties, and the food was properly inspected, according to the indictment.

Rachel Torres, office manager with the Brownsville Chamber of Commerce and a president of the Mr. Amigo Association, said Macias' involvement in organizing the dinner helped bring the association out of debt.

"There really wasn't any monetary gain for anybody, except the association," Torres said.

Steve Bosio, executive vice president of the chamber, added, "I feel that it's unbelievable that someone working with a civic group would get into this type of problem with a civic project."

# Houston missionary woman dies in Honduras plane crash

HOUSTON (AP) — The parents of a Houston woman flew to Honduras after being told that their daughter was on a Boeing 727 jet that crashed Saturday.

Mary Carla Weaver, 42, a missionary and member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston, was traveling to Houston to visit her parents when the TAN-SAHSA Boeing 727-200 jet crashed Saturday on approach on the last leg of a flight from San Jose, Costa Rica, with a stop in Managua, Nicaragua.

Of the 146 people on board, 131 died. Weaver was among the crash's fatalities identified by the State Department in Washington.

The U.S. Embassy in Honduras said that 15 Americans were on

board the flight. Officials in Washington withheld two names pending notification of families.

Weaver's parents flew to Tegucigalpa Sunday, the Rev. James Moore, senior minister of St. Luke's said.

**"Of course, they were in shock. They are great people of great faith and they are trying to sort all this out and get information."**

— Rev. James Moore

# Deadly case of meningitis worries town

Doctors try to halt illness that killed boy

ROTAN (AP) — More than 300 children and about 20 adults have received antibiotics to prevent the spread of a rare form of meningitis that suddenly killed a 5-year-old boy this weekend.

No new cases have been reported since the death Sunday of Michael McDonald, Fisher County Hospital nursing director Barbara Patterson said Monday.

But, she said, "We'll watch every sick kid that comes in a closer, for a long time."

Hospitals in several Texas counties rushed antibiotics to Fisher County for the mass inoculation after the boy's illness was discovered. Rotan is northwest of Elene and has a population of about 2,000.

Michael McDonald attended kindergarten classes Friday and became ill later that night. He died Sunday at Cook-Fort Worth Children's Medical Center, where he was transferred after lapsing into a coma at Fisher County Hospital.

Hospital officials decided to give antibiotics to children who might have been in contact with the boy. There were about 20 in the kindergarten class and others ranged in age up to 10.

The antibiotic doses for the adults and other children were started after Michael slipped into a coma and was transferred, Patterson said.

Fisher County Hospital head nurse Lavonia Lee said the deadly disease is highly contagious and usually strikes quickly.

# Study says U.S. children make more, save more

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Juniors and Juniorsettes are making the big bucks, and more of what they're making is getting into their piggybanks.

A study by Texas A&M University shows that children are making more and saving more of what they're making — about 30 percent of their average weekly income.

That income, for children between the ages of 4 and 12, averages about \$4.42 cents a week, Dr. James McNeal, professor of marketing, said.

Of that, children are putting aside about \$1.35, either in their piggybanks or in financial institutions. That savings rate is up from 10 percent in 1984, McNeal said.

The increase in savings is in part a result of parents encouraging their children to be more self-sufficient, he said.

But the overall numbers are attracting the attention of bankers. On a national basis, McNeal estimates that children are making \$8.6 billion, spending slightly over \$6 billion and salting away the rest.

"There are attractive new figures to businesses that produce and sell to children," he said, "but it's the bankers that should be taking notice, and they are."

McNeal said banks in Denver and New York have opened to exclusively serve children. Other banks have introduced special facilities for children, such as their own teller window and savings accounts.

At least one U.S. bank goes to elementary schools to make it easier for children to conduct their banking business.

It's not all simple interest on a passbook savings account, either, McNeal said. Some parents report that their older children — 10 and 12 years old — are investing in securities.

McNeal's study shows that children's income has increased 46 percent during the past 5 years, or about 9 percent annually. Almost 60 percent of their money comes from

allowances. That's up 50 percent from 1984.

The other 40 percent comes from gifts, household chores and odd jobs.

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"Parents appear to be encouraging their children even more to reach consumer maturity as soon as possible by giving them a guaranteed income of sorts with which to practice," McNeal said.

Based on the parents' reports in the study, the savings are primarily intended to be used for major purchases.

Browning flew out of Houston's Intercontinental Airport Sunday afternoon for Tegucigalpa.

Weaver moved to Costa Rica in the early 1980s. She was aboard the TAN-SAHSA flight on a trip to Houston to visit her family.

Before going to Costa Rica, Weaver worked in Houston for Penzoil Co. In her last job, she was in charge of the company's charity program.

In Costa Rica, she started a business, Exitex, that produced low-cost, nutritious meals based on soybeans.

"It's a business venture, and it's ultimately only going to succeed if it's profitable, but I've been able to give some food away and also provide jobs to people who really needed it," Weaver told the *Houston Chronicle* in an 1986 interview.

Ann Nicosia, a friend of Weaver, said Exitex is still operating in San Jose, Costa Rica, and has been doing well enough to expand production.

# Senate works to satisfy court

## Committee recommends \$1 billion for education

AUSTIN (AP) — The chairman of the Senate Education Committee said Monday an appropriation of an additional \$1 billion for public schools in 1990 would represent a "good faith" effort that the Legislature is trying to comply with a recent Texas Supreme Court ruling.

The court ruled 9-0 that Texas' current school finance system is unconstitutional because of large disparities in funding for students in low- and high-wealth districts.

Following that ruling, Gov. Bill Clements announced that a special task force would be appointed to devise a finance plan to meet the constitutional test for an "efficient" finance system.

On Monday, the House Public Education Committee reviewed the court opinion. Senate education chairman Carl Parker made a brief appearance and talked to reporters.

"I think to show good faith... a billion dollars is about the most the system can assimilate right now, and use," Parker said.

Parker, D-Port Arthur, said he would lay out a school finance bill Nov. 14, which would be heard by his Senate committee Nov. 15.

A special legislative session convenes Nov. 14, but Clements said school finance would be considered in another special session next spring.

Austin lawyer Will Davis, chairman of the School Fi-

nance Committee of the State Board of Education, said his committee would meet Nov. 3, and the education board would make its recommendations in January or February.

Davis and Parker mentioned the possibility of the

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Legislature adopting a finance system in which school districts would be guaranteed so much state money that a student if the district achieved a certain local property tax rate set by legislators.

"The answers have been pretty well known as to how to make the system efficient, suitable, equitable," Davis said. "What we've lacked is not the answers, but the political will to do it."

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