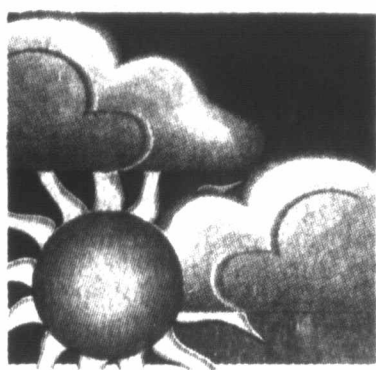


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High today near 40, low tonight near 20. See Page 2 for weather details.

**PAMPA** — A young Boy Scout is hoping people will have some Christmas spirit and return some money he lost to Saturday's wind.

Troop 413 member Jacob Albus, 11, of 315 N. Doyle, had collected money from popcorn deliveries as a fund-raiser. He had \$350 in cash and other funds in checks in an envelope.

Somehow Saturday that manila envelope got out of his father's pickup and the contents went blowing around the UPS station and Horse Alley section off Alcock Street.

His mother, Gina Albus, said they became aware of the loss when Arthur Villarreal knocked on their door and gave them \$57 he had managed to pick up. He said other people were running around picking up the money blowing in the wind.

"I would really, really like to thank this man," Mrs. Albus said. "I can't believe someone would be this honest."

Jacob, his mother and his father, Mike Albus, went out looking for the rest of the money but were unable to find it. The funds are due to be turned in to the Boy Scout office Monday.

Anyone finding money in that area and wishing to return it may bring it by 315 N. Doyle or call 665-4774 to have it picked up.

**PAMPA** — Gerald Kelly will present a program on creating holiday memories that everyone will enjoy during the Pampa Area Cancer Support Group meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, in the hospital cafeteria of Columbia Medical Center.

Kelly, director of supportive care at the Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo, has served the area support group several times in the past.

"He is one of our favorite speakers, and always brings a good message," said Kathy Gist, a representative of the organization.

The group will meet from 7-8 p.m. and then will hold a reception, serving coffee and holiday cookies, after the program. The meeting is open to members, guests, or anyone who is interested.

For more information, call Emily L. Washington, vice moderator, at 669-7619.

**LEFORS** — First Baptist church plans to present a live nativity scene and choir from 7 to 9 p.m., on Tuesday, Dec. 17, and Wednesday, Dec. 18, in front of the church at 315 East 4th Street.

According to Debbie Smith, program organizer, a variety of age groups provide the Christmas music during the event. Following the performance, hot chocolate, coffee and cookies will be served. The public is invited to attend.

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## Pampan urges water safety after death of his daughter

By SHERRY CROMARTIE  
Staff Writer

Since his daughter's death July 28, 1992, Dr. Keith Black of Pampa has been trying to find ways to help educate the public to be more concerned about water sports safety measures.

In 1992, Black's daughter, Michelle Black, and three of her friends left after work in San Antonio for a fun afternoon of tubing and rafting on the Guadalupe-Blanco River in New Braunfels. The Guadalupe between Canyon Dam and New Braunfels is well known for its recreational water sports.

Because of extreme and erratic water current speeds, however, Michelle was suddenly flipped over and disappeared into the river, trapped in the large tree roots and branches. After being air-lifted to a hospital in San Antonio, she was pronounced dead as the result of the drowning accident.

Recent out-of-court settlements between the Black family and the City of New Braunfels and The Rockin' R River Rides, an outfitter for water recreation activities and entertainment, brought out questions on passing safety regulations and posting proper warning signs on the Guadalupe-Blanco River. The Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority was dismissed from the lawsuit.

According to a Nov. 27, 1996, news item in the *San Antonio Express-News*, the family was not awarded any money in the settlement with the city, but the city agrees to implement a number of safety measures, including:

- Setting up a special commission charged with studying laws, regulations, common practices and industry standards relating to recreational use of the river.



(Special photo)

**Michelle Black, who died in July 1992 following a river rafting accident in the Guadalupe-Blanco River that runs through New Braunfels.**

- Approving an ordinance that will require river outfitters to better educate their customers regarding the dangers of tubing the river, including a requirement that outfitters show customers a video regarding the river and provide life preservers when river flow hits a certain point.

- Requiring daily posting of river flows and a notice that will include a general recommendation that people use life preservers.

- Promising to negotiate agreements with the county and other governmental entities to make the practices uniform all along the popular tubing and rafting stretch of the river.

The agreement made by the outfitters is to keep warning signs posted and to offer free life jackets to tubing and rafting customers.

Also, a sign will be posted at the outfitters business site, similar to wording recommended, stating: "The Guadalupe River is a natural river

and there are dangers you can not see from here such as rapids, water falls, wildlife, fallen trees ... and it is recommended you wear a life jacket at all times, especially if water flow is 300 cfs or more. Today's water flow is \_\_\_ [speed per cubic foot daily]."

Dr. Black said the agreement provides signs be placed in proper locations prior to the spring tourist season for rafting activities.

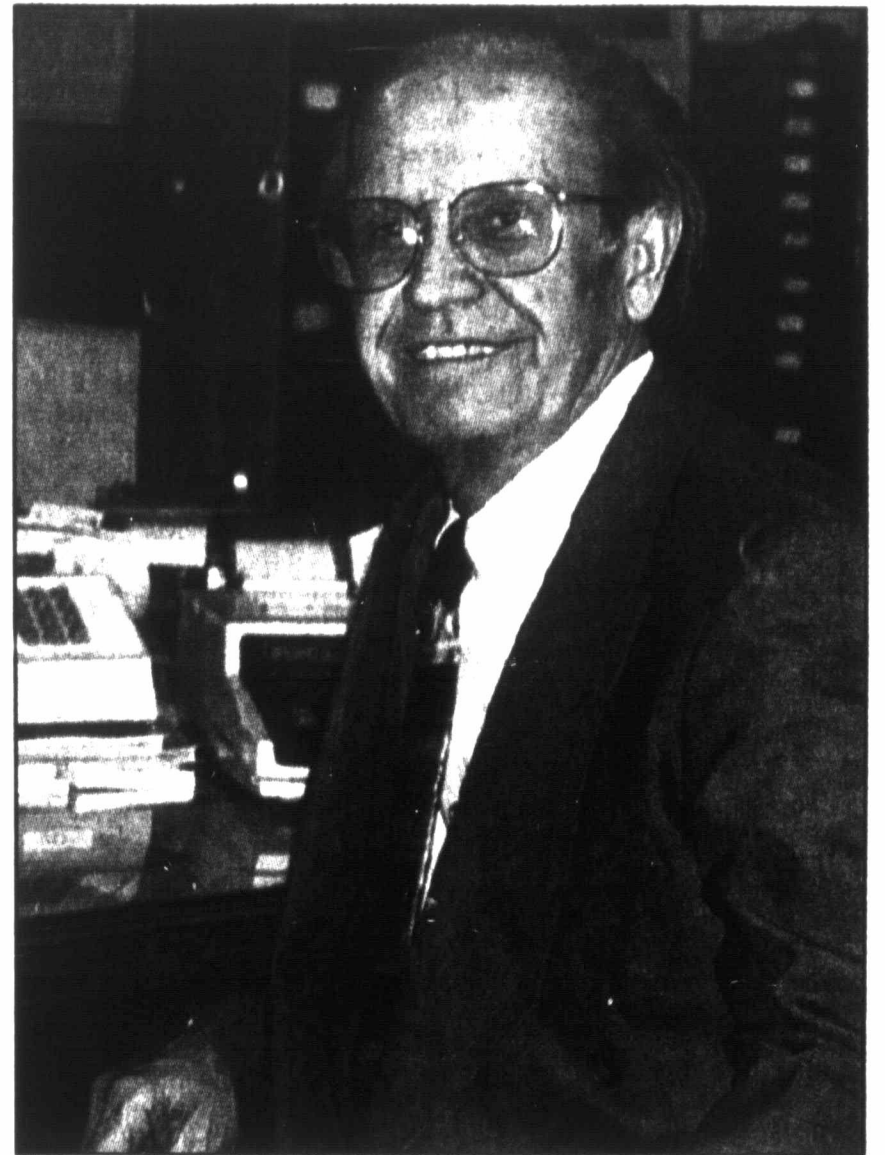
Black said his suit was filed in 1994. "And we have been fighting for these issues ever since, to get something done to preserve the safety of the public."

According to Black, the river areas where water activities are located for visitors in New Braunfels are at low water and safe entry levels, and there are no signs posted to warn of dangers ahead only a few yards away. There were no requirements for life jackets and none were made available. He said tourists and visitors who are not familiar with the river are "just on their own" for safety precaution and preparedness.

He said he and his attorneys hired a safety engineer to do a study of the Guadalupe's flow and speed, and how people function in the water at varying speeds per cubic feet. On normal days, the speed per cubic feet averages 300 cfs to 500 cfs.

According to information Black learned from the engineer's report, swimmers and people using tubes or rubber rafts in water sports on a river of rapids, such as the Guadalupe, have difficulty controlling their maneuvers when the speed of rapids is higher than 500 cfs. When his daughter suffered her fatal injuries the current flow estimates were running at 1,000 cfs, Black said.

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(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromartie)

**Gray County Auditor A.C. Malone is retiring after 28 years as a Gray County employee.**

## A.C. Malone is retiring as Gray County auditor

By SHERRY CROMARTIE  
Staff Writer

After 28 years of service, A.C. Malone is retiring from Gray County employment, having served as county auditor for nearly two decades.

"Mr. Malone is the second county auditor in the history of Gray County, and I'm sure the county will miss him," said County Judge Richard Peet.

Malone will finish out the balance of the year, but after the new year he will be looking into something new. He is not sure what it might be, he said, but he is sure he will stay busy.

"I am retiring from the Gray County auditor's office because I feel it is time to move on ... however, I enjoy people and I like to work, so I am sure I will continue working, serving others some way, in a new profession," Malone said.

Peet said Malone has given him a great deal of support since he took the county judge's seat in January 1995.

"Being new in the position, I found it a great assurance to have someone of A.C.'s quality in the auditor's office, especially at budget time. The auditor plays a major role in the county's operation," he said.

Former Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy said he and Malone worked together for more than 16 years. Malone was appointed to his office following

the resignation of Ray Wilson, when he took the county bench.

"I enjoyed working with him. A.C. was always a gentleman, very helpful, and very knowledgeable. I want to wish him and his wife the very best," Kennedy said.

Malone first went to work in September 1968 as office manager of Highland General Hospital while it was under county management; in January 1978, he was appointed Gray County auditor by District Judge Grainger W. McIlhany.

He says although the job responsibilities are basically the same year after year, there have been a lot of changes in methods of maintaining the county books and reporting county budget activities. Computers, for one thing, are a major improvement in the reporting system, but the computer system requires constant updating and one must be learning more every day to keep up.

Recently, the county implemented a new computer data system in the offices of Malone and the county treasurer, providing better detailed reports for the benefit of county offices and commissioners, he explained.

"I have enjoyed working for the county ... the county has been good to me and I will certainly miss all of my friends in and around the courthouse," he said.

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## Judges name new auditor

District Judges Lee Waters and M. Kent Sims announced Friday that they have appointed Elaine Morris of Pampa as Gray County auditor to succeed retiring auditor, A.C. Malone.

"We want to thank A.C. for his many years of service to the citizens of Gray County and wish him the very best in his retirement," Waters said.

Morris is a certified public accountant and former Hansford County auditor. According to the judges, she is uniquely qualified and highly recommended for the position.

"Gray County is indeed fortunate to have someone with prior experience in both governmental and public auditing and accounting to step into the job," Waters said.

Mrs. Morris is currently the manager of Cost Accounting at IRI International. She was in the

Hansford County office from 1988 to 1995, when her husband, Rick, was transferred to Pampa. Prior to that she was a CPA with Brown, Graham and Co. She attended Texas Tech University for three years and graduated cum laude from Oklahoma Panhandle State University. She has two daughters, Randa, 13, and Whitney, 7.

Waters said Carla Carter will continue to serve as assistant auditor. Mrs. Carter graduated in 1986 from West Texas State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She has been assistant auditor since January 1996.

Waters and Sims indicate they are "looking forward to the opportunities that these two well qualified ladies will have to perform the ever-changing audit functions for Gray County."

Morris will assume her position in January.

## Christmas season babies



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Dr. Ann E. Harral, left; James Devoll, holding his baby Jaycee; and R.N. Dana Lewis help dress Dec. 12 newborns in Christmas stocking attire to go home for the holidays. The idea for "Christmas Stocking stuffers" was brought to the pediatrics wing of Columbia Medical Center last week by volunteers who provided large Santa stockings for each baby. The new babies are Stefany Barboza, born to Sandra and Fermin Barboza; Jaycee Devoll, born to Kathrine and James Devoll; and Jacy Cullers, born to Ginger and David Cullers. Dr. Harral assisted with delivery of the three babies.

# Daily Record

## Services tomorrow

**RODEN, Martha E.** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.  
**TURNER, M. Joy** — 2 p.m., Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, Pampa.  
**WALSER, Hollis** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Llano Cemetery, Amarillo.

## Obituaries

**ALICE COWAN DOLLOFF**  
**AMARILLO** — Alice Cowan Dolloff, 70, mother of Pampa and Shamrock residents, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996. Services were at 2 p.m. Saturday in Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors Bell Avenue Chapel with the Rev. Floyd Haddock, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Amarillo.

Mrs. Dolloff was born at Shamrock. She graduated from Briscoe High School in 1944. She married Lonnie J. Dolloff in 1946 at Seagraves; he died in 1986. She had been an Amarillo resident since 1969. She worked at K mart from 1971 until retiring in 1983. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include three daughters, Dottie Rushing of Shamrock, Jenny Clem of Killen and Tina Martin of Amarillo; two sons, Jerrell Dolloff of Arlington and Steve Dolloff of Dallas; two sisters, Dottie Bell Haralson of Wellington and Sally Smith of Pampa; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 3623 S. Hughes in Amarillo.

**MARTHA E. RODEN**  
**PAMPA** — Martha E. Roden, 66, of Pampa, died Thursday, Dec. 12, 1996. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Fairview Cemetery with Dr. Jim Prock, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Roden was born Aug. 3, 1930, at Shamrock. She had been a Pampa resident since the 1940s. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Fern Roden, on April 10, 1921; and three brothers, Billy Joe Roden on Feb. 8, 1992, Finis Roden on March 18, 1941, and Alfred Roden, on Dec. 10, 1919.

Survivors include a sister, Heloise Fagan of Seal Beach, Calif.; a sister-in-law, Drama Roden of Pampa; three nephews, Joey Roden of Pampa, Jerry Wright of Mesa, Ariz., and Mike Fagan of Downey, Calif.; a niece, Sanda Nickels of Beverly Hills, Calif.; two great-nieces; and three great-nephews.

The family will be at 1105 Cinderella or 2325 Comanche in Pampa.

**M. JOY TURNER**  
**PAMPA** — M. Joy Turner, 67, of Pampa, died Friday, Dec. 13, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ with Glen Walton, minister of Bell Avenue Church of Christ in Amarillo, and Marcus Brechen, minister of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Turner was born June 20, 1929, at Erick, Okla. She married Eugene Turner on Aug. 17, 1947, at Pampa; he died Nov. 14, 1987. She had been a Pampa resident since 1934. She was involved in real estate sales and served on the Pampa Board of Realtors. She was a homemaker and a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robert Allen Turner, in 1969.

Survivors include two daughters, Amy Alexander of Pampa and Donna Hood of Temple, a son, Burt Turner of Pampa; a brother, John T. Hutchens of New Orleans, La.; a sister-in-law, Beula Cox of Pampa; nine grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family will be at 1109 Starkweather and requests memorials be to Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ's music fund or benevolence fund.

**HOLLIS WALSER**  
**HEREFORD** — Hollis Walsler, 81, a former McLean resident, died Friday, Dec. 13, 1996. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Llano Cemetery at Amarillo with the Rev. Robert Field officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Cahilland Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Walsler was born at McLean. He had been a Deaf Smith County resident since 1917, moving from McLean. He was an electrician and a member of the National Electrical Inspectors Association. He was also a member of Sons of the American Revolution and was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, five daughters, Eva Diane Blair of Indio, Calif., Yvonne Rooks of Yankton, S.D., Dorothy Della Moody of Amarillo and Zella May Cates and Hollis Marie Halford, both of Canyon, three sons, David Milton Walsler of Eugene, Ore., B. Jack Walsler of Amarillo and Charles Melton Walsler of Dallas, his 108-year-old father, C.R. Walsler of Hereford, a sister, Leatrus Clark of Hereford, a brother, Guy Walsler of Hereford, 21 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren.

## Ambulance

Rural/Metro reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

**FRIDAY, Dec. 13**

8:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of North Starkweather on a medical assistance call. No patient was transported.

10:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Columbia Medical Center to transfer a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital West in Amarillo.

8:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Hwy. 60 and Hobart Street on a medical assistance call. No patient was transported.

8:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of East Browning on an OB call. One patient was transported to Columbia Medical Center.

## Police report

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

**FRIDAY, Dec. 13**  
 Burglary of a business was reported at 1222 N. Price Rd. Taken were partial rolls of lottery tickets. Criminal mischief was reported in the 2000 block of Charles. Damaged were two tail-lights valued at \$75. Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1100 block of Ripley. Taken were \$300 VCR, \$2000 stereo, and a \$200 telephone.

Sgt. T. Pickering reported a suspect to be in possession of marijuana under two ounces. Criminal mischief was reported at Dunlaps. The front window was kicked out of the store. Damage is reported to be \$400.

Hit and run was reported in the 100 block of East Virginia. Approximately \$500 damage was done to a left rear quarter panel of a parked car.

A 28-year-old female reported an assault. Injuries included minor swelling around the head and neck areas and a stiff back. Victim was treated and released at the Columbia Medical Center.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive. The burglary took place sometime between 11 p.m. Dec. 12 and midnight Dec. 14. Taken were a \$300 GE Washer and a \$150 4 drawer dresser.

**Arrests**  
 Margaret Hernandez, 31, Pampa, was arrested on three Gray County sheriff's warrants. She remains in custody.

Randal Eugene Taylor, 40, 1133 E. Kingsmill, was arrested on a public intoxication charge. He was released on bond.

James S. Burney, 19, 800 W. 23rd St. was charged with possession of marijuana under 2 ounces and three city warrants. He remains in custody.

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 3 p.m. Saturday.

**FRIDAY, Dec. 13**  
 7:25 p.m. — Three units and four personnel responded to 1200 S. Sumner to a service call.

9:29 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a call in the 300 block of East Craven to a downed power line.

**SATURDAY, Dec. 14**  
 12:30 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a medical standby call at 1 Medical Plaza.

## Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

**FRIDAY, Dec. 13**  
 John Franklin Ellis, 18, 201 N. Gillespie, was arrested on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon. He was released on bond.

Patrick Lee Herr, 32, 932 Barnes, was arrested on a failure to identify, possession of a controlled substance and no seat belt. He remains in custody.

## Calendar of events

**T.O.P.S. #149**  
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

**T.O.P.S. #41**  
 Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

**AL-ANON**  
 Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky. For more information, call 669-0407.

**TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING**  
 Tralee Crisis Center, 119 N. Frost, is to offer group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Klempeter, LMFT. For more information, call Ann Hamilton at 669-1131. Space is limited. Call ahead.

**PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR**  
 Preschool story hour will be held at Lovett Memorial Library 10 to 11 a.m. each Tuesday. Children ages three to five are welcome.

**PAMPA RETIRED TEACHERS CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
 The Pampa Retired Teachers Association will have its Christmas Party at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at Lovett Memorial Library. Members are asked to bring wrapped "white elephants." Hostesses will be the association officers.

**VFW CHARITY BINGO**  
 The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

**VFW FOOD DRIVE**  
 The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657 is now collecting canned food items for its yearly Christmas baskets for the needy. The food items can be dropped off at the VFW Post building, 105 S. Cuyler, or at the Veterans Service Office, 123 W. Foster. If anyone knows of a needy veteran family, please let the post have that information as well.

**LULAC MEETING**  
 The Pampa LULAC Chapter will meet Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 7 p.m. at the Lovett Memorial Library auditorium. Topic of the meeting will be community awareness on drugs and teenage gangs. Guest speakers will include PISD Superintendent Dawson Orr, Juvenile Probation Officer Albert Nichols, police officer David Wilks and newly elected Sheriff Don Copeland.

**ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR**  
 Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star, will meet Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Pampa Masonic Hall, 420 W. Kingsmill, for a stated meeting. The Chapter will be draped in memory of Mrs. Billie Macdonald and Mrs. Norma McBee. Everyone is asked to bring food for the Christmas baskets. A celebration of Christmas will be held following the meeting, bring your favorite dish and an exchange gift not to exceed \$5 in value. For information or transportation to the meeting, call 665-2665.

## PISD has Tomorrow Fund contracts for sale

Contracts for the 1997 Texas Tomorrow Fund are now on sale in Pampa Independent School District, Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr announced recently.

"Today, with college tuition and fees rising 16 percent a year, the Texas Tomorrow Fund can give families a head start on dealing with rising college costs and can help all of us secure a better future for our children," Orr said.

The state-sponsored program allows families to lock in the cost of tomorrow's college tuition and required fees at today's prices. The payments

are invested so that their steady growth will cover, for participating students, the future cost of college tuition and required fees at Texas colleges and universities at today's rates. A prepayment plan for private colleges is also included.

Based on current trends, by the time a baby born today reaches 18, the cost of college tuition and fees will quadruple. Contracts are on sale through Feb. 17. The first payment is due May 1.

Parents can pre-pay up to four years of college in a single lump sum or with one of several monthly payment plans as long

as their child hasn't finished high school.

The fund offers a variety of options, including transferring money to out-of-state colleges, junior colleges, four-year universities, private schools and refunds.

Detailed information booklets including payment plans may be checked out at Lovett Memorial Library. A booklet and application may be requested by calling 1-800-445-GRAD or by writing the Texas Tomorrow

Fund at Texas Prepaid Higher Education, Comptroller of Public Accounts, P.O. Box 13407, Austin, TX 78711-3407.

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## Safety

There are rules of safety and specific guidelines set by the Texas Parks and Wildlife for boaters and vehicles on rivers and lakes, but the state has none for other water sports activities, said Black, who declares he will keep a close watch to see how the entities involved in the settlement follow through with the agreed recommendations in the future.

"Our intent in bringing the lawsuit was not for a money settlement; but the settlement is

contingent on whether they [the outfitters] and the City of New Braunfels] post warning signs of dangers for tubing and rafting customers, give safety lectures and make sure customers are offered free life jackets when they rent the river-sports equipment," he explained.

He feels this requirement will set a precedent for other water sports outfitters and tourist recreation businesses in future years.

At the time of her death, Miss Black was a fourth-year student in the School of Optometry of the University of Houston, serving

an internship at San Antonio's Eye Institute. She was a 1985 honor graduate of Pampa High School and graduated from Texas Tech University in 1989. She was the only daughter of Keith Black and Susan Black Collingsworth. Her surviving brothers are Byron, Aaron and Cameron Black.

"We are the first people who have stood up against these entities and the first ones to try to do something to correct these problems for others. As a result of her death, it is deserving of Michelle for others to have the right to be kept safe ...," her father said.

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## Malone

County Clerk Wanda Carter said A.C. moved into the courthouse after leaving the hospital, when she had been in the clerk's office a few years. She took office in the early 1970s.

"I'll miss him after he's been here so long. It's been so

nice working with A.C. because he's very steady and very efficient in his work," Carter said.

"I have worked in the 'numbers' system since that first position, and every two years, since 1978, the district judges in office have reappointed me for each new term period," he said.

Malone's family will take up some important time in his future, also, he said.

His wife, Estelle, is employed at Boatmen's First. Their daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and John Mitchell, and daughters Heather, Lindsey and Kelli Jo Mitchell all live in Pampa. Malone's mother, Bessie Malone, also is a resident of Pampa.

## Weather focus

### LOCAL FORECAST

Partly cloudy this morning with chance of light snow flurries, clearing this afternoon to sunny. High near 40. Northerly winds 15 to 25 mph and gusty; lake wind warning in effect. Tonight, generally clear with a low near 20. Monday, partly cloudy and windy with a high near 50. Saturday morning's low was 35; the high was 52.

### REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas — Panhandle: Today, partly cloudy with flurries possible early. Mostly sunny in the afternoon and colder, with highs from mid 30s to mid 40s. Tonight, mostly clear and cold with lows from mid teens to around 20. Monday, partly cloudy with highs from mid 40s to around 50. South Plains: Today, partly to mostly cloudy. Flurries possible early across southeastern sections. Highs in

mid to upper 30s. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows 15-25. Monday, mostly sunny. Highs around 50.

North Texas — Today, mostly cloudy and cold with a chance of rain. Turning colder east. Highs 40 northwest with falling temperatures east. Tonight, mostly cloudy east with a chance of rain. Decreasing clouds west. Cold with lows 26 northwest to 35 east.

### SOUTH TEXAS

Hill Country and South Central: Today, cloudy, windy and cold with periods of rain likely. Highs in mid 50s with temperatures falling through the day. Tonight, cloudy with a chance of rain, possibly mixed with snow or sleet Hill Country toward morning. Lows in mid 30s, upper 20s Hill Country. Upper Coast: Today, cloudy with occasional thunderstorms, some possibly severe with large hail and damaging wind. Turning colder. Highs in mid 50s inland to upper

60s coast with temperatures falling through the afternoon. Tonight, cloudy with rain likely.

Lows in mid 30s inland to near 50 coast. Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains: Today, showers or thunderstorms likely. Turning cloudy, windy and colder. Morning highs in the 60s with temperatures falling in the afternoon. Tonight, cloudy with a chance of rain. Lows in upper 40s coast to low 40s inland.

### BORDER STATES

New Mexico — Today and tonight, a slight chance of showers or snow showers south, otherwise fair to partly cloudy and cold. Highs 20s to near 40 mountains and north with upper 30s to low 50s lower elevations south. Lows from near -5 to mid teens mountains and north with mid teens to the mid 20s elsewhere.

Oklahoma — Today, partly cloudy. Highs 40 north to 55 southeast. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the 20s.

## City briefs

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**GOLF SALE** - All merchandise mark down for Christmas. Great selections. David's Golf Shop at Hidden Hills. Gift certificates available. Adv.

**FRESH SHELLED Pecans** \$6 lb., will deliver. Boy Scout Troop 404, 669-6917. Adv.

**DR. CHARLES Ashby** has retired as of 11-30-96. If you have any questions regarding medical records, please contact The Medical and Surgical Clinic, 1701 N. Hobart, Pampa, Tx. or call 806-665-8471. Adv.

**KNIGHTS OF Columbus** Deep Fried and Smoked Turkeys for the Christmas Holidays. To order call Jay Zimmer, 665-0750 or Neal Hoelting, 669-9514. Adv.

**A GREAT Gift Idea** - Call Suntrul 3M Auto Tint, complete auto glass repair and replacement. 703 W. Brown, 665-0615. Adv.

**ROLANDA'S HAS** good scents! Adv.

**HOLIDAY SPECIAL** - 12 in. Cheese Tray \$10.95. Easy's Pop Shop. 665-1719. Adv.

**SANTA IS Here** and wants to see you at Coronado Center - Copper Kitchen. Monday-Friday, 2 p.m.-7 p.m. Saturday 12 noon-4 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Pictures \$5. Adv.

**FOR THAT "Special Person"** on your list, come by Krafty Expressions, 10-6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 530 Naida, Betty Renner owner. Adv.

**FASHION NAILS** - Holiday Special, Coronado Center, 665-7855, Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Full set \$26, re-fills \$16, manicure \$12, pedicure \$22. Adv.

**VISIT FROM Santa**, 10 years experience. Call 665-2141. Adv.

**HOME DELIVERY**. All carriers are independent contractors and The Pampa News is not responsible for advance payments of two or more months made to the carrier. Please pay directly to the News Office any payment that exceeds the current collection period.

**HEIRLOOM QUALITY** Christmas Tree Skirts - Creature Comforts, 115 N. West. Adv.

**ESTATE SALE** Sunday 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., 413 Rider. Collectibles, furniture, miscellaneous. Adv.

**SKI WEEKEND** for 4, Taos. Will throw in skis, \$1200. 669-6927. Adv.

**25% STOREWIDE Sale** starts 11-25-96. Gemstone Gallery, 904 S. Nelson at Amarillo Hwy. 665-2108. Adv.

**DEFENSIVE DRIVING**, Marvin Bowman, 669-3871. Ticket dismissal - (USA). Adv.

**PIANO LESSONS** - Cathy Thomas, 665-3507. Adv.

**NFL HEAVYWEIGHT** jackets all your favorite pro and college teams. Best selection and prices around. Free gift wrap. Holmes Sports Center, 304 S. Cuyler. Adv.

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# Consulting contract raises questions about Texas Lottery operations

By MICHAEL HOLMES  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — The \$3 billion Texas Lottery, one of the nation's largest, is at the center of a growing controversy sparked by a \$6,000-a-month consulting contract given to a friend of the game's executive director.

The lottery's biggest private contractor, Rhode Island-based GTECH Corp., says it doesn't know why it hired Mike Moeller, a former state agriculture official now in federal prison.

GTECH operates the lottery's on-line games. Lottery chief Nora Linares has described Moeller as a friend.

Gov. George W. Bush ordered the lottery's governing board to get answers. A federal grand jury has subpoenaed lottery records. The Texas Rangers are safeguarding lottery documents.

Some legislators say the public's faith in the numbers game has been shaken. Describing himself as "deeply concerned," Bush said, "I think the public feels like I feel. They just want to know the truth. What are the facts?"

Ms. Linares says she's done nothing wrong. She has declined requests for interviews, but her lawyer called her the victim of politics and cut-throat competition in the gaming industry.

"The Texas Lottery has an outstanding reputation nationwide, as does Ms. Linares," lawyer Charles Soechting said. "She and it will survive politics and competitive pressures which I attribute to be at the heart of a great deal of this current controversy."

Linares previously was a member of the Texas Democratic Party's executive committee and a former party treasurer. She initially was hired by state Comptroller John Sharp, a top Democratic gubernatorial prospect for 1998. Bush is a Republican, as is state Rep. Tom Craddick, who wants a legislative investigation of the lottery.

Craddick said the inquiry is needed because public confidence is eroding. "I do not believe it is an exaggeration to say that the reputation of the state of Texas is, literally, at stake," he said.

After shunning legalized gambling for decades, Texas voters approved a lottery in 1991. The game began in 1992, quickly growing into a national leader.

No questions have been raised about actual operation of the games, which generated sales of \$3.4 billion in the past year, paid \$1.9 billion in prizes and produced \$1.1 billion in profit for the state treasury.

GTECH runs the lottery's on-line games under a contract with the state. Based in West Greenwich, R.I., GTECH operates lotteries in 29 of the 38 states that have the games and in about 30 nations.

The Texas Lottery is governed by a three-member commission of gubernatorial appointees. Day-to-day operations are headed by Linares, the only executive director the lottery has had.

In recent weeks, a series of news reports focused on lottery dealings that began with a report in *The Dallas Morning News* that GTECH paid Moeller \$30,000 for five months' work under a consulting contract in 1992-93.

At the time, Moeller was under federal indictment accusing him of using tax money to pay for political fund-raising while a top aide to the state agriculture commissioner.

Lottery commissioners say they want to know whether Linares gave preferential treatment to GTECH or other vendors. "Linares has been consistently an advocate for GTECH and its performance," said Commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers, a Bush appointee.

"I would hope it's been based on objective criteria. But that is obviously an issue that this commission has to look at as to whether there would be any other motives and we will be looking at that issue," she said.

Linares said she didn't know of Moeller's GTECH contract until told by a news reporter and then visiting Moeller in prison last month.

Company spokesman Robert Rendine said GTECH doesn't know what work Moeller did. The contract called for him to work in New Mexico.

Rendine said Moeller was hired by J. David Smith, GTECH's former national sales manager, who was convicted recently in federal court in New Jersey of participating in a fraud and kickback scheme.

"It may be that this contract is not illegal," Rendine said, "but in our mind that does not meet the company's test of being appropriate."

It also has been disclosed that Moeller's contract with GTECH listed a New Mexico address belonging to a cousin of Linares; and that Linares took a 1995 trip to Santa Fe, N.M., with Moeller and Lena

Guerrero, then a lobbyist for Atlanta-based Dittler Brothers, the lottery's instant ticket manufacturer.

A federal grand jury in Austin subpoenaed travel records for lottery employees going to Atlanta during July and August, and for the sign-in logs signed by all visitors to lottery headquarters.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Dan Mills wouldn't say what the grand jury is investigating. "We're not allowed to comment, even on the existence of an investigation," he said.

Ms. Miers has asked the Texas Rangers to safeguard lottery documents. She said the subpoenaed visitor logs were jumbled, and that not all subpoenaed records were immediately given to the lottery's general counsel.

Several of the logs showed Moeller visiting lottery headquarters in 1992, with one including the notation "husband" after his name in which Linares was listed as his escort. Linares' lawyer said the logs had been tampered with.

"It's a fake. Plain and simple," he said. "It's obvious that this is an attempt on the part of someone to spread false information."

On Friday, Lottery Commissioner Joe Morin resigned. A group he leads, the Texas Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce, leases office space in an Austin building owned partly by GTECH officials.

"Even though the Lottery Commission attorney has told me that there's no conflict of interest in the current arrangement, the public's perception of a conflict of interest must be considered," Morin told Bush in his resignation letter.

## Jordan's Queen Noor speaks at Texas Tech commencement

LUBBOCK (AP) — King Cotton has moved over for a couple of days as the reigning monarch of Lubbock.

The city rolled out the red carpet Friday for Jordan's Queen Noor, in town to give Saturday's commencement address at Texas Tech University and greet prominent invited Lubbock residents at a \$50-a-ticket reception.

"I've been very moved by the hospitable spirit this evening," she told guests, which included a handful of Jordanian students, at Friday's reception. "It makes it clear that our countries — West Texas and the Hashemite Kingdom (of Jordan) — are so similar."

The American-born, Princeton-educated queen married King Hussein in 1978, but Jordanian professor Mohammed Maqusi, who currently teaches at Tech, said people from his homeland have studied in West Texas for about 30 years.

Jordan's University of Science

and Technology and Texas Tech have shared collaborative grants since 1988, and Maqusi's three-year visiting professorship in electrical engineering stems from that relationship.

"I believe the choice made by Texas Tech to internationalize is a very wise step in the right direction," he said. "The world is really becoming a small globe."

Tech Chancellor John T. Montford announced the establishment of a scholarship in the queen's honor Friday night, dedicated to the education of Jordanian students at the university.

Montford wryly joked about the unusually mild December night: "I must tell you, Your Majesty, that this has been a fairly typical West Texas evening."

The queen, who greeted guests and posed for pictures with excited exchange students for a half hour, presented the school with two ornate, cream-and-gold ceramic vases and a plate.

## Father, son hauling candy found slain in New Mexico

SHIPROCK, N.M. (AP) — A man and his son — driving a truckload of candy from Waco, Texas, to Salt Lake City — were found fatally shot on the Navajo reservation in northwestern New Mexico, the FBI said.

A 14-year-old Navajo boy, whose identity was not released by the FBI, was arrested Saturday morning, FBI Special Agent Doug Beldon said.

"The motive is still under investigation," Beldon said. "I don't think the motive was candy bars."

The bodies of Gary Wayne Adams, 57, and his son, Gary Douglas Adams, 28, both of Jackson, Miss., were discovered Thursday by the Navajo Department of Law Enforcement, Beldon said.

Gary Wayne Adams suffered an apparent gunshot wound to the face, but Beldon said he did not know where Adams' son was shot. James K. Weber, special agent

in charge of the FBI in New Mexico, said the father's body was found near a tractor-trailer rig on U.S. 666 about three miles north of Shiprock.

The son's body was found inside the tractor, and a case of the candy was discovered on the ground near the rear of the trailer, Weber said.

Beldon said the bodies were released to the state Office of the Medical Investigator in Albuquerque, where autopsies will be conducted.

The two truckers had picked up a load of candy Tuesday from a candy factory in Waco, the FBI said.

They drove through Albuquerque and eventually stopped Wednesday night three miles north of Shiprock, agents said.

The tractor-trailer rig is owned by KLLM Transport Services of Jackson, Miss., where officials confirmed the two men were drivers for the company.

## Christmas card recycling



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Clean Pampa Inc. again is sponsoring its Christmas card recycling project, with collected cards to be sent to St. Jude's Children's Ranch at Boulder City, Colo., this year. Showing the box in which cards may be placed at Boatmen's First Pampa Banking Center are, from left, Clean Pampa volunteers Jan Oblak and Wayne Mitchell and Boatmen's representatives Estelle Malone and Peggy Cudney. People are encouraged to bring their Christmas cards to the bank to be placed in the box. The cards will be collected and sent to the children's ranch, where they will be recycled into Christmas cards sold next year as a fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital projects.

## Bands warned about playing time in Texas Stadium

ABILENE (AP) — Hold the horns. Deaden the drums. Smother the cymbals. Your time is up.

High school marching bands should be warned that too much music can cost big bucks at Jerry Jones' Texas Stadium.

Stadium officials sent the Abilene Cooper band a letter last week saying it owed \$1,200 because its halftime marching show went over by two minutes during a quarterfinal playoff game against Flower Mound Marcus.

According to information from Texas Stadium, fines are general-

ly imposed because a longer half-time show often causes the game to run over, which increases operating costs.

During the Cooper game, each band was allotted half of the 24-minute halftime. Marcus used only eight minutes, so Cooper band director Anthony Gibson figured he'd have plenty of time.

His band remained on the field for 14 minutes — two minutes longer than it was allotted — but the game remained on schedule.

A spokesperson for Bruce Hardy, general manager of Texas Stadium, told the *Abilene*

*Reporter-News* that officials have decided not to fine the band this time, but too much marching will bring a penalty in the future.

Gibson said high school bands are accustomed to "borrowing" unused time from the other band performing at halftime. As long as the two performances combined don't exceed halftime, there's normally no problem.

Texas Stadium, however, has its own set of rules.

"When we went over two minutes, I didn't worry because Marcus took four minutes less," he said. "It's my own fault. I was well informed. Live and learn."

## Freighter rams into New Orleans' Riverwalk; 6 killed

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A Liberian freighter lost power and smashed into the packed Riverwalk shopping mall on the Mississippi River on Saturday, as some panicked shoppers leapt into the water and others were trampled in the rush to escape.

The Coast Guard said six people were killed and four were missing. City officials at the scene said as many as 100 were injured.

The impact demolished parts of the multi-tiered wharf, including sections of the adjoining Hilton Hotel, which fell onto the ship.

Gamblers in the Flamingo Casino watched in horror as the freighter approached.

"It just kept coming," said mall worker Chris Storey. "It started to shake and we looked out the store window — glass and water and the ceiling just starting falling in. People started running out in panic and it just went black inside."

Another worker, Frances Williams, said the ship's captain sounded its horn about three minutes before impact, and police were able to evacuate some shoppers.

Rescue workers searched the rubble with heat-sensing equipment. "They're trying to find some people that are possibly trapped in the debris," Coast Guard Petty Officer Tyler Johnson told CNN.

The Liberian-registered Bright Field struck the Riverwalk, a strip of upscale stores and condos overlooking the river, at 2 p.m. The impact sparked a fire as shoppers reported smelling gas.

"The ground started shaking like an earthquake and everyone started running out," said Wood Thomas, who was standing in the mall.

"It was just panic," he said. "People began jumping into the river."

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## Opinion

### Cause for reform within the FDA

There is a certain rough justice in Food and Drug Administration Commissioner David Kessler being brought down by a penny-ante case of fudging on his travel vouchers. Kessler was a stickler about those he regulated obeying every rule to the letter, including paperwork violations that had nothing to do with health and safety. And he was willing to go beyond the law as written to carry out a headline grabbing crusade.

As some news accounts have said, his wife is quite likely ready to leave the hothouse bureaucratic wars of the capital. But the impending investigation by the Congressional Budget Office into Kessler's laxity about travel receipts surely played a role.

So Kessler, politically shrewd as always, resigned before a full-blown scandal could blossom. And one of the more arrogant bureaucrats of recent memory moves into the quasi-private sector.

There were many substantive reasons to wish for Kessler's ouster:

- His crusade against tobacco, for example, however sincerely motivated, was not authorized (and more likely was forbidden) under current federal law.
- He often ignored or hid scientific evidence.
- And he strove for an FDA monopoly on discussion of certain medical and safety issues.

It is ironic that a less substantive scandal (though one indicative of an above-the-law mindset) did him in.

In seeking a successor, we hope President Clinton will take into account a widespread sentiment — hardly confined to the pharmaceutical industry — for reform of the FDA's heavy-handed, sclerotic regulatory procedures. He would be well advised to find somebody from outside either the bureaucracy or the industry who really wants to reinvent this agency.

FDA reformers will probably take up the cause of the piecemeal reforms bandied about during the last Congress.

Perhaps they would do better to seize upon a larger reform: Allow the FDA to remain in charge of determining the safety of new drugs and devices, but leave the question of efficacy — whether they work for certain diseases and conditions or not — to doctors and patients rather than to the FDA priesthood. That would solve a number of problems that are endemic to the FDA itself, not contingent on the personalities in charge.

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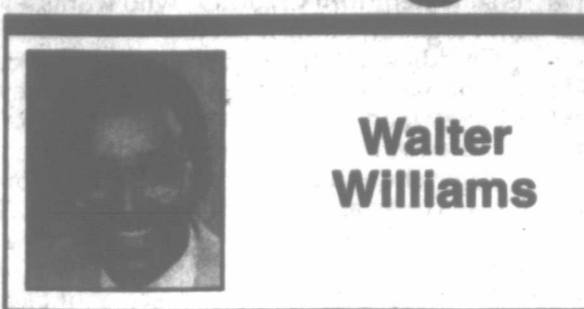


# The dumb leading the dumber

Employers wonder why many college graduates can't write memos, perform simple computations or just plain think. Here's a tiny portion of the answer about what's happening to education from my university.

George Mason University's Center for Service-Learning and Student Leadership sent invitations to its "Hunger Banquet." The event was billed as educating "the GMU community on the dramatic effects of world hunger. The meal dramatizes the unequal distribution of resources that can contribute to world hunger." Furthermore, the evening would contribute to student development of "critical, analytical and imaginative thinking to make wellfounded ethical decisions." Unable to attend, I asked a Ph.D. student to go and give me a report.

After donating either two cans of soup or \$3, each student drew a color-coded ticket that decided his category that evening. Students who drew "First World" tickets, 16 of them, were escorted to their table by a well-dressed host. They ate their four-course meal on a linen-covered table adorned with fresh-cut flowers while being entertained by a flute and oboe duet. They were told they represented wealthy Americans — 15% of the population. Thirty students drew "Second World" tickets. They had hamburgers, sodas and veggies and sat at bare tables and ate with plastic utensils. They were told they were the 25% of our popula-



Walter Williams

tion who were just barely making it. The 140 students drawing "Third World" tickets were handed about three ounces of water and a half a cup of rice that they ate with their hands while seated on the floor. They were the impoverished, representing 60% of Americans.

A speaker from the Coalition for the Homeless said hunger and homelessness were caused by lack of affordable housing, lack of jobs paying living wages and lack of affordable health care. He told the students that we have plenty of resources to combat poverty but choose to spend it on defense. The event was little more than propaganda, indoctrination and lies for young minds already brimming with mush. Even more insidious, it was the kind of event that fosters class envy. To give the bulk of the students water and rice and say they represented 60% of America is hideous.

The facts are: Fourteen percent of Americans are poor, not 60%. Obesity, not emaciation, is more of a nutrition problem for America's poor. America's poor have more meat and housing space than average-income Europeans. In 1993, federal, state and local poverty expenditures were \$324 billion; national defense was \$291 billion. Since 1965, the nation has spent \$5.4 trillion on poverty. That's enough money to buy all manufacturing equipment, every office building, the entire maritime fleet and every airline, railroad and trucking company, TV and radio station, power company, hotel, retail and wholesale store in the nation.

Topping off the evening's propaganda, Canada's socialized medicine was held up as a shining example of what Americans should have. Nary a mention was made of Canadian patients going to U.S. hospitals in droves, women queuing for three months for a pap smear, and any major U.S. city having more MRI and CAT scan machines than all of Canada.

George Mason's Center for Service-Learning and Student Leadership "Hunger Banquet" is simply a small part of widespread indoctrination, propaganda and miseducation at America's universities that misleads and confuses our young people and promotes class envy. It happens for at least two reasons: The '60s flower children are in administrative positions, and members of boards of trustees, whose duties are to direct and oversee, are derelict.



### Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, Dec. 15, the 350th day of 1996. There are 16 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 15, 1791, the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution — the Bill of Rights — went into effect following ratification by Virginia.

On this date:

In 1890, Sioux Indian Chief Sitting Bull and 11 other tribe members were killed in Grand River, S.D., during a fracas with Indian police.

In 1916, the French defeated the Germans in the World War I Battle of Verdun.

In 1938, groundbreaking ceremonies for the Jefferson Memorial took place in Washington.

In 1939, the motion picture *Gone With the Wind* had its world premiere in Atlanta.

In 1944, a single-engine plane carrying band leader Glenn Miller, a U.S. Army major, disappeared over the English Channel while en route to Paris.

In 1944, American forces invaded Mindoro Island in the Philippines.

In 1961, former Nazi official Adolf Eichmann was sentenced to death by an Israeli court.

# It's 'Oliver Twist' all over again

The neighbors said Chicqua Reveale was a good mother. Maybe that's why, after she bathed her three children, she dressed them in warm coats. The day was chilly and overcast. Then she took them to the roof of her 14-story building in New York City and threw them off. She followed them down to the courtyard. Their bodies added to the litter.

Andre, a seven-year-old boy, died when he hit. So did his mother. The boy's twin sister, Andrea, and the baby, Shando, 2, are in critical condition. They may be dead by the time you read this, though they say the youngest has a chance.

Chicqua Reveale took the youngest in her arms and jumped. As she fell, she released the child. Someone who saw it said the child landed on his mother's body and bounced onto a patch of grass. That's why they say this one child has a chance.

The twins were clutching their Buzz Lightyear dolls when they died. That's a character from the movie *Toy Story* who thought he could fly. Perhaps she told the children they could fly if they held onto their dolls. The note the mother left didn't make a lot of sense. A lot in this world doesn't make a lot of sense.

I thought that years ago, when I looked into a baby bed and saw a crying child with her toes eaten off by rats. That was back in the 1950s — when America was prosperous.

The world Charles Dickens wrote about in *Oliver Twist* has come back: the great gap between the wealthy and the poor, the degradation of

### Charley Reese

drugs, the indifference of those obsessed with profits. Maybe it never went away. Maybe I just enjoyed a few years of unawareness.

But it's back now. It's impossible to be unaware anymore. There's a cruel side to communications and literacy. They rob you of the innocence of ignorance.

So now we know about places like Rio de Janeiro. There are thousands of street children, an army of little artful dodgers living hand to mouth on the streets of the great metropolis. Like *Oliver Twist*, they pick pockets or snatch food. Some sniff glue. Some sell their little bodies to men with hot lust and cold hearts.

But for most of the street children there is no happy ending. Dickens loved happy endings. But in Rio, sometimes businessmen get so annoyed, they hire killers to stalk the children and shoot them dead as they sleep on the hard streets. It must be a bad sight the next morning — eight or nine children lying in their own blood.

I would not want to meet a man who would kill children for money or the man who hired him. But I do pray there really is a hell, and that it's very hot. Child labor is back. Child prostitution is back.

Both are the evil offspring of poverty, the kind of poverty that kills by starvation, that turns off the lights in children's minds with severe malnutrition, that forces parents to send some children off or even sell them to feed the others. A kind of triage for parents.

But even here in America the world of *Oliver Twist* has come back. Out in California they call men who cruise for child prostitutes "chicken-hawks." You can find them on the Internet, too, swapping pictures of children back and forth, talking about their lust in the electronic ether and prowling the chat rooms for a lonely boy or girl to seduce. The FBI has nailed 60 such men in a recent operation. Good for them. Well done.

Evil is out there. It's always out there, like a monstrous and immortal predator. The only way to fight the beast is to do good, any good, any time we can. To put the light in the eyes of one child, to bring one smile, to give the gift of hope to one person, wounds the beast.

And, doubters and cynics notwithstanding, if enough people do enough good then, God willing, one day we may rid the world of this beast. Then children can run and play as all children should. They will sleep in soft beds well fed and free from fear. They will know love and joy before they know sex. And a loving mother will not so despair of the life she lives that she climbs to the roof and flees from it with her children.

# America's ARA is gathering steam

### R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr.

Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, the distinguished British journalist, is about to unveil in *London's Sunday Telegraph* an alarming report on indigenous right-wing terrorism in America. Evans-Pritchard is the *Sunday Telegraph's* man in Washington, and serious students of contemporary American events keep bumping into his name. He is among the best journalists at work in America today. Unlike many foreign journalists here, who treat their stint in the New World as a holiday, Evans-Pritchard treats it as a serious anthropological expedition (his father was one of the century's most prominent anthropologists.) Thus, he spends about as much time crisscrossing the country as a national politician on campaign. What he comes up with is an amazing array of sources on the scores of topics he writes about. His sources on indigenous American terrorism are bearing fruit.

In his report to British readers, he will expose something called the Aryan Republican Army. He calls it the "most dangerous right-wing terrorist organization out there." It is what most people think of when they hear the words "right-wing militia." While most of the militias are merely middle-aged fantasists dressed up in camouflage with no place to go, the ARA is infinitely more dangerous and less honorable. They advocate bombing, ambush, murder and robbery to pay for their bloody deeds. Moreover, Evans-Pritchard has uncovered evidence that they have done all of the above.

Membership in the ARA is not large. Perhaps a couple of dozen men are in the group, though it is speculated that there are other such groups around the country. The FBI has captured materials that explain

why the group is small and why it is so difficult to maintain accurate information on it. A "recruitment" video captured by the FBI brags of how the ARA is modeled on the "as yet undefeated" Irish Republican Army. Consequently, the ARA has a "leaderless resistance" cell structure similar to the IRA. Each cell operates autonomously and with little communication with other cells. Operations are compartmentalized; no one knows for sure who is in each cell. Keeping tabs on such shadowy networks is difficult.

Because the only thing that all the cells are really intent on currently is robbery and destruction, their effectiveness is not hindered by their lack of coordination. The ARA wants to destroy things and to encourage chaos. That is the IRA's goal, too. It certainly has no other serious program. In the ARA's recruitment video, men in ski masks move about saluting and brandishing weapons. The video begins by playing Irish nationalist songs. Bosnian Serbs also receive homage. Their "ethnic cleansing" is admirably remarked upon, and they are complimented for handling ethnic differences with the utmost dispatch. One of the curiosities of this right-wing Aryan army is that its two models, the IRA and the Bosnians, are left-wing.

The FBI has also captured from the ARA a copy of the IRA's "Green Book," its manual of terrorism. There, readers are instructed in bombing, sniping and murder. They also learn how to keep each cell

orderly through "court martials and knee-capping traitors." In the video, one Commander Pedro (an Aryan with a name like that?) is seen demonstrating the instruments for knee-capping.

But is all this playacting? According to Evans-Pritchard, the way the FBI came upon the ARA suggests that it is not. The FBI uncovered at least one cell of the ARA while investigating a string of 22 Midwestern robberies. To its surprise, the robbery gang turned out to be composed not of ordinary thugs but of ARA members. The funds from those robberies — just as the funds from similar IRA robberies — will keep the ARA in pipe bombs and rocket launchers for years. And those were only some of the lethal devices that the FBI confiscated while going through two ARA safe houses. The FBI also arrested several ARA members and has two more under investigation. Now comes the most alarming point. Evans-Pritchard believes that there is evidence linking the ARA to the Oklahoma City bombing. Timothy McVeigh, allegedly one of the two bombers of the Murrah Building, was so close to the ARA members turned up by the FBI during its robbery probe that it is reasonable to conclude that he is a member of the ARA and that ARA was involved.

Ominously, Evans-Pritchard's sources in law enforcement and among scholars familiar with right-wing terrorism assert that the ARA is just the beginning. These groups are growing in number. Owing to the random nature of their crimes and to the IRA-like discipline of their units, they might be extirpated only after years of bloodshed.

## Letters to the editor

### Abomination to the Lord

To the editor:

I am writing this in response to C. Calvin Lacy's letter regarding the bashing of "gays" by the Christian community. Bashing, as defined by Funk & Wagnall's Standard Desk Dictionary, is "to strike heavily; smash in, a smashing blow." That sounds more like what happens when a "gay" is confronted by a "red-neck" in a back alley than what I've heard from the Christian community.

Mr. Lacy eloquently quotes the scriptures in referring to the golden rule. I was also reminded of a scripture when I read Mr. Lacy's letter, "Though you were neither hot nor cold but lukewarm I spewed you from my mouth." Christians must speak out against homosexuality and call it exactly what it is, an abomination to the Lord. If Christian people sit back and say nothing, then they have become lukewarm, and I believe they will be dealt with accordingly.

Mr. Lacy wonders what the Good Samaritan would have done if the man in the ditch had been a homosexual. It is my opinion he would have helped him out, tended to his needs and then admonished him for his deviant lifestyle.

Yes, Mr. Lacy, we have all sinned, I know I have, and come short of the glory. Christians must be in a constant state of repentance, but living a lifestyle that is an abomination to the Lord and dying in that lifestyle, I believe, would cause a person more "headaches" than they realize. God hates sin, Mr. Lacy, homosexuality, robbing, stealing, cheating and lying. Let the prayers of righteous men ask God for enough time to convince these people that they are out of touch with the Lord.

In closing, Mr. Lacy, if homosexuals comprise 1 percent of the population, why should 99 percent of the population pay for the bills brought on by a lifestyle that is in complete contrast to what this country is based on? Homosexuals are not a minority group deserving of federal aid, they are nothing more than an abomination to the Lord.

So, Christians, if preaching against homosexuals is bashing, if writing anti-gay letters is bashing, if organizing anti-gay marches and rallies is bashing, if teaching your children that it is wrong to be homosexual is bashing, then I say KEEP ON BASHING.

Buddy Allen  
Pampa

### Thanks for festival support

To the editor:

The Festival of Christmas Trees and Gift Boutique would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the happiest of holidays, and to say "thank you, Pampa" for the support the community has extended over the past 13 years.

We would like to express our thanks to the following: Armstrong Coffee Service, National Bank of Commerce, Medicine Shoppe, Walmart, Women of the Moose, Franks Food, Moose Lodge, Dos Caballeros, FirstBank Southwest, Frito Lay, Albertson's Food, Warner Horton Supply, Boatmen's First Pampa Banking Center, Homeland, Donut Stop, Ruby Sloss, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Terrell, Bartlett's Ace Hardware, Columbia Medical Center, Panhandle Community Services, those who worked in the kitchen, and those who brought in baked goods. Plus all who donated and decorated Christmas trees and gifts.

We are a non-profit organization working for the betterment of our community; all profits go to a special project which is voted on each year. We give the decorated trees to the young and old in our community, who would not of had a tree for Christmas if those who gave their time and money had not cared. Our special projects that we have helped in the past are The Sheltered Workshop, Shepherd's Helping Hands, Good Samaritan Christian Services, Tralee Crisis Center for Women and Genesis House.

During the show this year we had a lot of people ask what we did

with the Christmas trees, or how they could buy one. The Panhandle Community Services has helped us find people who are trying to better themselves, but are in need of someone to help them and encourage them through the hard times. This is what "Caring and Sharing" is all about. We hope and pray that we can make a difference in some child's Christmas.

Jesus is the Reason for the Season  
Forrest Cloyd  
Pampa

### Support the FFA, 4-H kids

To the editor:

It's that time of year again. The FFA and 4-H kids are getting their livestock ready to show in the Top O' Texas and Gray County livestock shows. I would like to remind everyone of the hard work these kids put into their projects. We need to stand behind these kids and show them that we support them.

The Top O' Texas show is January 11-12 and the Gray County livestock show is January 17-18. We would like to invite everyone to come out to the Clyde Carruth Barns and join us in the fun. Come and see these kids in action. Stop by the concession stand for a burger or a hot dog and a Coke. Also on January 18, we would like to invite everyone to the free barbecue at 5 p.m. and the Gray County livestock sale at 6 p.m. The sale is by donation. Come bid on your animal of choice and make a kid's day.

We are asking Gray County to support our kids. Other area counties, smaller than ours, are outdoing Gray County. We have more kids and less money coming in. Please come out and bid. If you can't make it to the sale, then donate some money. It doesn't have to be a large amount. Everything goes to the kids.

Help us make this an enjoyable and memorable year. Come and have fun.

I would also like to thank all to the businesses that have already committed to donating supplies for our concession stand. You're great.

Thanks.  
Celina Freeman  
FFA Mom

### Why increase in gas bill?

To the editor:

Did you check your gas bill this month? Each month we are charged a gas cost amount per M.C.F. For the past eight months, this average charge has been approximately \$1.74 x number of M.C.F. For example, our bill for the month of Oct. 3-Nov. 5, 1996, was .2600 x 7 M.C.F., this equals \$1.82 gas cost amount.

This month it is 1.61 x 16 M.C.F. which equals \$25.76. Overall, this is an increase of approximately 6.2 x the number of M.C.F.

After a trip to the local office to inquire why such an increase the answers given were: "The increase is due to 'the wellheads'" (this is where the gas is shipped in from).

Question: Why this increase?  
Answer: Due to the demand in the "East," followed by "We will have the same type of increase all winter."

Why are the people of this area being penalized for the East Coast? How can our people living on a very limited income afford such an increase? A letter to our Pampa News from the gas company fully explaining this increase will be appreciated.

Second concern: For many months it has been noticed that approximately the same time each morning and each afternoon, our local firemen at the 17th Street address leave the station, sometime in just one truck, sometimes in two trucks, and many times followed by the suburban, going to a local grocery store for their breaks.

Who is protecting the people on the north side of town during this time? Everyone is entitled to their breaks, but aren't we, the taxpayer, paying for the use of this equipment twice a day? No other truck-

ing companies have ever and never will drive their trucks to a local grocery store for their breaks and grocery supplies, so please don't use the reason - "This is maintenance oriented."

Should this matter not be properly investigated?  
Virginia Grayson  
Pampa

### Good job, coach and boys

To the editor:

There are not enough words to say how much we appreciate our coaching staff and our players. You have gone far and above the call of duty and have proven that a small town can do it (win).

Coach Cavalier, you and your staff are the best. You worked with our boys and they listened and respect you for your coaching abilities. Thank you!

Boys, you walk with your heads high and your minds focused on what is ahead of you. You have proof now that you can do what you set your mind to. There are people in this area and across the state that are telling us what fine young men we have. When we went out of town, you boys were always on your best behavior and we appreciate you so much. Good luck in the future. Set your goals and aim for the stars.

Football moms, I'm not going to leave you out. You have done more for the boys than could ever be imagined. Thanks for picking up my slack when I couldn't be there.

By the way boys, thanks for making your mark and letting everyone know where Pampa, Texas is.

Thank You.  
Vance and Lynda Bruce  
Pampa

### What happened to poise?

To the editor:

I have read *The Pampa News* for longer than I care to remember and still do.

When I received the December 5th issue, the picture on the front page headed "Career Day" shocked me.

If the speaker is trying to impersonate a teenager, I'd say she is a little late.

What ever happened to poise, dignity and personal pride of our professional class? Quite an example for a career.

Quentin C. Nolte  
Lubbock

### Letters to editor policy

The Pampa News welcomes and encourages readers to express their opinions on issues of public interest and concern. However, we also reserve the right to accept or reject any letter for publication.

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Letters may be dropped off at the office, 403 W. Atchison, or mailed to The Pampa News, Letters to the Editor, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066.

## Report: Lubbock sheriff's inmate work program mostly benefits the deputies

LUBBOCK (AP) — Andy Gentry got the engine on his 1989 Toyota replaced for \$250 in labor costs. Daniel Sommers had the carburetor of his 1986 Suburban rebuilt for \$18.

Slave wages? No, not quite. Gentry, a Lubbock County sheriff's deputy, and Sommers, a jail sergeant, had the work done through Sheriff Sonny Keesee's "Piddler Program," which allows select jail inmates to work while behind bars in Lubbock County.

The Lubbock *Avalanche-Journal*, via documents obtained through the Texas Open Records Act, reported at least 24 inmates have performed skilled and semi-skilled jobs, mostly for sheriff's employees.

Keesee said that the inmates' services were open to anyone, and said his deputies did nothing wrong by "keeping them (inmates) busy."

The money earned is paid tax free directly to them or their families, Keesee said.

Sheriff's deputies accounted for 30 of the 40 inmate contracts the department made available to the *Avalanche-Journal*. Some contracts had been thrown away,

Keesee added. "We don't keep them (contracts); we don't need to keep them," he said. "In fact, he (Piddler Program coordinator Lt. Doug Barnes) had to dig for the ones we gave you. He couldn't find them."

According to Chilton's Labor Manual, a standard reference used by mechanics to estimate charges for their labor, Gentry saved about \$128 on his carburetor repair, and Sommers saved about \$93 by using an inmate to replace his engine at the county garage.

Keesee has said he began his program in mid-1995 after learning about a similar program used by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Under that program, inmates in state prisons contract with other individuals to make crafts, said Gary Johnson, director of TDCJ's institutional division.

Last month, Johnson said he'd "never heard about anything like" Keesee's program before.

"Our program is conducted

strictly in the institutions and limited to crafts and such," Johnston told the newspaper, which canvassed departments in other major West Texas counties and found no similar programs.

Frank Uriegas, a tile contractor with friends in the county maintenance department, paid three inmates about \$800 to help build a 7-by-33-foot addition to his home, according to contracts.

"It was a hell of a deal," Uriegas said. "These guys did a great job. They were better than a lot of people on the streets that I could have hired."

The program was curtailed in October after Lubbock County's six district judges ordered Keesee to return 14 inmates he had brought back from prison on bench warrants. Those inmates, he said, were selected for their skills.

The judges agreed that bench warrants should be used to bring back witnesses for trial, not to recruit talented workers for the jail.

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# NTSB issues airline fuel tank safety recommendations

EAST HAMPTON, N.Y. (AP) - Government safety officials issued urgent recommendations that the nation's airliners be required to protect fuel tanks from heat sources to prevent the type of explosion that downed TWA Flight 800.

The parts of the TWA jet recovered from the ocean floor and carefully reconstructed "are consistent with an explosion originating within the tank," the National Transportation Safety Board said Friday in a letter to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Investigators have been unable to figure out what sparked the catastrophic explosion aboard the Boeing 747 on July 17, but leading mechanical theories include static electricity, faulty wiring or a spark from the center tank's fuel pump.

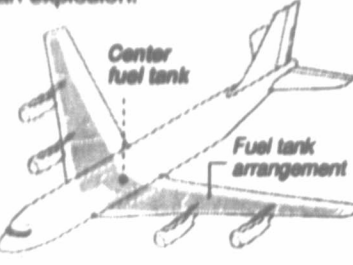
Although no conclusions have been reached in the crash that killed 230 people, "NTSB investigators believe there are potential safety improvements that can be made," the letter said.

The board urgently recommended that the FAA require tanks to be designed so that they will not contain any explosive fuel-air mixtures, and to consider adding insulation between the fuel tanks and heat-generating equipment such as air conditioners and hot air ducts. Also, it said the FAA should require probes in the fuel tanks.

The NTSB said procedures

**Fuel tank safety**

Federal safety officials said Friday that fuel tanks in Boeing 747s should be protected from heat sources that could cause an explosion.



- No explosive fuel air mixtures in tanks.
- Insulation should be added between heat generating equipment, such as air conditioners, and the fuel tanks.
- Modify operational procedures to reduce the possibility of an explosion.
- Refuel the Boeing 747's center fuel tank with cooler fuel from underground tanks, and keep a safe minimum quantity of fuel in the tanks to prevent volatile vapors from accumulating.

Source: Aircraft Maintenance and Repair AP

should be modified to reduce the possibility of an explosion - for example, turning off the air conditioners while planes wait for take-off, filling center tanks with cooler fuel, and keeping enough fuel in the tanks to prevent volatile vapors from accumulating.

NTSB officials haven't ruled

out a bomb or missile as the cause of the crash, but the recommendation seems to indicate that the agency is leaning toward mechanical failure.

James Kallstrom, the head FBI investigator, said in today's editions of The New York Times that he was angry the NTSB was drawing even tentative conclusions about the crash.

"It is not prudent, nor professional, to speculate on what might or might not be the cause of this tremendous tragedy," he said. "And I am amazed that people continue to do that. It is not helpful."

However, NTSB spokesman Peter Goetz said, "We are not even close to issuing a probable cause" of the crash.

An accident investigator, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the latest cause being seriously considered is static electricity that could result as fuel is transferred through the plane's pipelines.

The probe into the deadly explosion has already changed air travel. Because of the possibility of a criminal act, airports imposed new security measures in the summer. Now possible mechanical causes are leading to new safety recommendations.

The NTSB said the military prevents the risk of fuel tank ignition by inserting nitrogen into tanks to create a fuel-air mixture that will not ignite. However, the board conceded that developing

and installing the nitrogen systems on commercial airliners would be expensive and may be impractical.

The FAA and Boeing Co. said it would carefully review the recommendations, which apply to all aircraft with similar fuel tank configurations.

"FAA takes the board's recommendations very seriously, and it will respond to today's proposals in a timely fashion," the agency said, noting that it has "responded positively" to 90 percent of the NTSB's urgent recommendations.

Boeing's "position where safety is concerned is to err on the side of caution. We will take action and support any directives from the FAA," the company said from its headquarters in Seattle.

"Some of the NTSB recommendations may involve issues with far-reaching effects for the entire aviation industry," Boeing added. "It is imperative that each recommendation be thoroughly reviewed, analyzed and evaluated by all interested parties before any changes are implemented so we ensure that appropriate safety measures are initiated."

Also Friday, the FAA announced plans in Washington to require inspections of fuel pump wiring systems in some 747 planes.

Several U.S. companies operate Boeing 747s, including United Airlines, Northwest Airlines and the United Parcel Service.

## Judge: Students can't receive damages in prayer case

HOUSTON (AP) - Four students who sued the Sante Fe school district won't get any money although some former district policies violated constitutional religious rights, a federal judge has ruled.

U.S. District Judge Sam Kent of Galveston also ruled Friday that prayer can remain part of the district's graduation ceremonies and activities before sports events. However, he said that only students may organize and present the prayers, which must be non-sectarian and non-proselytizing.

In addition, student-organized baccalaureates still may be held in the district's high school auditorium, and outside groups may distribute Bibles and other printed materials on public sidewalks outside schools, he said.

Kent's decision follows existing rulings of the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, but it differs in allowing non-sectarian prayer at public school sporting events.

The American Civil Liberties Union sued the district in 1995 on behalf of two families protesting such activities as prayer at public school functions and annual distributions of Gideon Bibles at Santa Fe schools.

Kent ruled in June that such activities violated the law but set a trial to determine if the district should pay the families damages. At the time, Kent said he was disturbed by a 1993 incident in which a teacher humiliated a student by referring to her Mormon religion as a "cult" and making other offensive comments during a class.

On Friday the judge said the teacher's comments and other offenses committed within the district did not meet legal tests for monetary damages.

"None of the plaintiffs established that SFISD had a custom, practice or policy of permitting the acts that they claim harmed them, or that SFISD was consciously indifferent to constitu-

tional violations by its teachers," Kent said.

The Houston Chronicle reported Saturday that Kent denied a request by ACLU attorney Anthony Griffin for \$72,900 in attorneys fees. He said Griffin and the two families who claimed rights violations "continued to pursue this lawsuit for a year and a half after SFISD acceptably modified" its religious activity policies.

District attorney Lisa Brown of Houston said Kent's ruling changes little in the Santa Fe schools.

"When you look at all of the orders that have been entered in this case, including the final judgment, what you see is that all the basic practices the plaintiffs wanted completely abolished still exist," said Brown. "They challenged any type of prayer at football games, any type of prayer at graduation. Those practices still exist in a somewhat modified form."

## New stroke treatment may save thousands of lives

WASHINGTON (AP) - Suddenly, a side of your body goes limp. Or maybe sight dims in one eye. Perhaps you can't speak or understand speech. Maybe there's a severe headache or an unexplained dizziness.

If any of these happen, medical experts say, you've got three hours to get help. Without quick action, a few million brain cells may turn to mush and you could suffer the effects for a lifetime. You could even die - 145,000 Americans did last year.

The disorder is commonly called stroke. Until now, doctors waited for the stroke to run its course, then worked on rehabilitation.

But a new philosophy of care - and development of a new drug to treat the problem - says "brain attacks" should be handled as an emergency with all the urgency and concern of a heart attack.

More than 400 medical professionals, led by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, are drawing up new treatment guidelines that will reduce death and crippling caused by stroke, now the third leading cause of death in the United States.

There is a sense that we are on

the edge of a revolution in the treatment of stroke," said Dr. Zack W. Hall, director of the NINDS, which is one of the National Institutes of Health.

Strokes occur when blood flow to the brain is blocked or reduced. Brain cells are shocked, stunned, starved and eventually killed. Whatever function those cells controlled - such as speech or walking - is gone.

About a third of the 500,000 stroke patients die within a short time. Many of the rest suffer permanent damage - partial paralysis, loss of speech or sight, crippling, even the ability to swallow.

Eighty percent of strokes are ischemic attacks - when an artery to the brain narrows or is

clogged, impeding blood flow to the brain. Less common hemorrhagic strokes occur when a vessel bursts and there is bleeding into the brain or into the space around the brain.

In the past, stroke was treated with a "wait and see" attitude. There was little that could be done, so little was done.

Stroke patients were put to bed and their symptoms were treated while physicians mainly waited for the brain storm to end so rehabilitation could begin.

But all that will change because of a new clot-busting drug called tPA, approved in June.

Studies last year showed tPA will clear vessels and quickly restore blood flow to the brain -

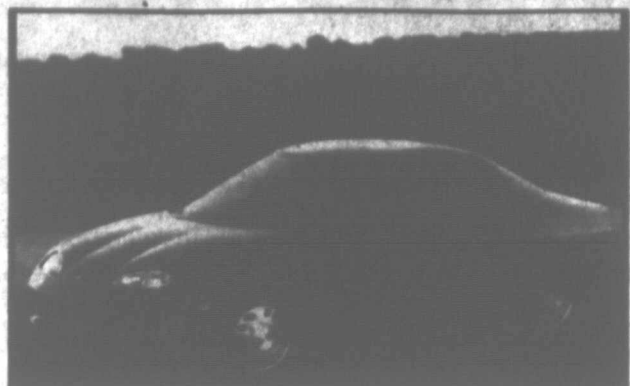
meaning ischemic stroke victims can avoid permanent injury.

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- The EV1, the first electric car to be mass produced in modern times, is being manufactured by ... for leasing in California and Arizona.
- Demonstrations in the Balkan country of (CHOOSE ONE: Serbia, Croatia) threaten the government of President Slobodan Milosevic.
- The United Nations has released a report saying that (CHOOSE ONE: one million, one billion) people are unemployed or underemployed worldwide.
- The Centers for Disease Control says that teenage driving deaths have (CHOOSE ONE: risen, fallen) sharply in the last eight years.
- A subway bombing that killed three people in Paris, France, has been linked to turmoil in the former French colony of ... located in Africa.

**MATCHWORDS** (2 points for each correct match)

1-fatuous	a-extraordinary
2-fastidious	b-absurd
3-fantastic	c-swindle
4-fulminate	d-careful
5-foist	e-harass

**PEOPLE/SPORTS** (5 points for each correct answer)

- Legendary TV newsmen ... was recently honored with the James Smithson Bicentennial Medal in recognition of his contributions to broadcast journalism.
- All indications are that ... a top aide to President Clinton, will take up a teaching position at Columbia University.
- Newly released FBI documents show that former Supreme Court justice ... the first African American on the nation's highest court, sought the help of the FBI in the 1950s in his attempt to blunt communist infiltration of the NAACP.
- Former NFL commissioner ... credited with guiding the NFL to the nation's No. 1 spectator sport, recently died of brain cancer at the age of 70.
- The Ohio State Buckeyes will play the Arizona State Sun Devils in the ... Bowl on New Year's Day.

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## Rwandan refugees begin to return home across bridge from Tanzania

RUSUMO, Rwanda (AP) — Balancing bundles of food and clothing on their heads, Rwandan refugees who previously refused to return home began crossing a narrow concrete bridge over a waterfall Saturday to re-enter Rwanda after 2 1/2 years in Tanzania.

Earlier, Tanzanian soldiers and police had surrounded camps in the northwestern Ngora area and ordered the refugees to move out. Aid workers say they hope all 535,000 Rwandan Hutus remaining in Tanzania would return home.

"I'm very glad to be in Rwanda. This is my home," said Namani Muniyantore, 26, carrying two sacks, one with a live chicken.

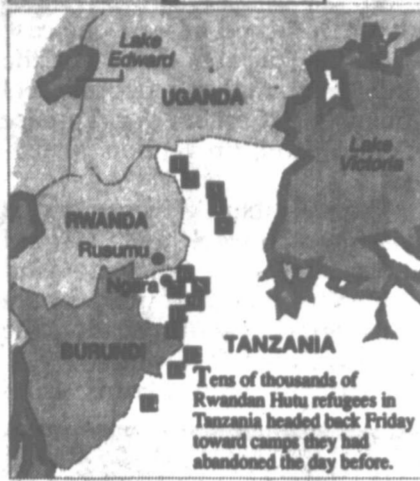
He said it had taken eight hours for him, his wife and two children, to walk 18 miles from Lumasi camp.

The first refugees crossed in small groups — some on foot and some on bicycles. About a mile behind them, a dense 11-mile column of refugees stretched back beyond the horizon.

The flow of people tapered off as night fell. The main group was expected to cross Sunday, aid workers said.

Last week, the Tanzanian government ordered all refugees to return to Rwanda by the end of the month.

But Hutu militants who controlled the camps led the refugees deeper into Tanzania, vowing they would not go home. The militants said Rwanda's new Tutsi-led government would kill returning Hutus in retaliation for the 1994 slaughter of 500,000 minority Tutsis.



Tens of thousands of Rwandan Hutu refugees in Tanzania headed back Friday toward camps they had abandoned the day before.

Refugee camps: Rubwara, Benaco, Keza, Kigonyi, Lukole, Kanembwa, Kyabaha II, Mushuhura, Miguwa, Kyabaha I, Lumasi, Mitaba, Omukani, Kital.

AP/Wm. J. Costello

Tanzanian troops headed them off Friday and forced them to turn around and walk back toward four giant refugee camps — Benaco, Lukole, Mushuhura, and Lumasi.

Tanzanian police and soldiers surrounded Lumasi on Saturday and told the 114,000 Hutu refugees to pack up and go. Within a few hours, the camp was nearly empty and refugees

seemed resigned to return to Rwanda.

Muniyantore said the Hutu militants fled rather than go back to Rwanda.

"The intimidators left the camp and went into the forest," he said. "I have done nothing wrong to my country."

Judith Melby, representative of the U.N. refugee agency, said it appeared that all of the camps were emptying. She said Tanzanian soldiers were lining the road from the border back about 15 miles to the Ngora area.

Most of those returning to Rwanda have homes within 18 miles of the border, so they won't have to walk far, Michele Quintaglio of U.N. World Food Program said.

WFP and other aid agencies have set up stations every three miles, distributing water, medicines and 75 tons of high-protein biscuits.

"We're trying to give supplies without stopping the flow of people," Quintaglio said. "We're telling the people that pre-positioned food and assistance is waiting at their home communes."

Aid workers on the border were helping some of the weaker refugees carry their belongings.

The refugees were moving in an orderly fashion, moving fast across the border. No violence was reported along the way.

More than a million Hutus fled Rwanda in 1994, scattering into nations that surround the tiny country — including Zaire, to the west, and Tanzania, to the east.

Last month, 640,000 Rwandan refugees returned home from Zaire when attacks by Zairian rebels freed them from the control of Hutu militants.

## Two Chinese dissidents sent to labor camp

BEIJING (AP) — Two Chinese democracy campaigners have been sent without trial to labor camps for penning essays critical of the government, a human rights group said Saturday.

Fu Guoyong, who already has served two years in a labor camp for taking part in the huge 1989 pro-democracy demonstrations, was sentenced Nov. 19 to three more years at a work farm, the Hong Kong-based Information Center for Human Rights and the Democratic Movement in China said.

Police in Taiyuan, capital of central Shanxi province, ordered the punishment for an essay the 29-year-old Fu wrote in *Beijing Spring* — a magazine published by exiled dissidents in Canada and the United States. The group did not say when the essay was published.

In the essay, Fu said that "rulers never voluntarily leave the stage of history. The price of struggling for democracy must be paid with blood, even lives," according to the group.

Chen Ping, 45, an editor of the Shanxi-based magazine *Economic Issues*, was sentenced to one year in a labor camp for writing an article with Fu

on constitutional issues, the group said.

The article has not been published, and the Information Center did not have details about its content.

The 45-year-old editor was arrested in August. He previously had been expelled from the Communist Party for taking part in the wave of 1989 demonstrations.

China's small community of outspoken dissidents have been virtually silenced by 18 months of relentless arrests and intimidation by police.

Police increasingly have sent criminal or political suspects to labor camps for terms of up to three years without trial, as they can do by law.

Fu was a member of a group of dissidents in eastern Zhejiang province who compiled letters and petitions demanding democracy, the release of political prisoners and an investigation into the military assault that crushed the 1989 protests in Beijing. He was detained in July.

He was detained for a month last December for gathering signatures on a petition demanding the release of Wei Jingsheng, a veteran dissident serving a 14-year prison term.

## Clinton wants more foster care children adopted

WASHINGTON (AP) — Invoking the Christmas spirit in "this season of hope and light," President Clinton moved Saturday to double the number of children who move from foster care to adoption by loving families.

"I can think of no better way to fulfill the promise of this season than to bring a child to a family and a family to a child," the president said in his weekly radio address.

"No child should be in foster care for one day longer than he or she needs to be," he said.

Clinton said there are now nearly 450,000 children in the nation's foster care system, and of these, some 100,000 will not return to their original homes.

While the goal is finding adoptive parents for all of them, as it stands now fully two-thirds of the

100,000 children will not be placed.

Moving to fulfill a promise made in his re-election campaign, Clinton said his goal is "to make adoption easier and to make moving children out of foster care easier."

"These children wait far too long, three years or more, to find families," he said.

The aim, he said, is to double the number of adoptions among these foster-care children from 27,000 now to at least 54,000 by 2002.

"No child should be trapped in

the limbo of foster care, particularly when there are families with open arms waiting," the president said.

The president signed a directive urging the Departments of Health and Human Services to report back in 60 days on ways to improve coordination among states, federal and local authorities to raise adoption rates.

In addition, he asked for a specific recommendation outlining "sensible financial incentives to help states improve adoption rates."

## Survey: One in 10 adults still believe in Santa

WASHINGTON (AP) — He drops down the chimney in a bright red suit, loads up stockings with gifts and toys, then flies to the next house in a sleigh pulled by gravity-defying reindeer.

At least that's the Santa Claus story believed by children — and nearly one in 10 adults, according to a new survey.

Asked what age they stopped believing in Santa, 9 percent of adults said they still believe in him, according to a U.S. News and World Report poll released Saturday. Four percent said they never believed in him.

Of the 76 percent who said they once believed in Santa, 84 percent

said they decided by age 10 that he didn't exist, the poll found.

The Santa Claus tradition detracts from the religious celebration of Christmas, said 48 percent, while 20 percent said it enhances the holiday.

Ninety percent said celebrating Christmas is important to them, but 69 percent said the holiday has lost meaning for most people.

People who spend Christmas with their families are more like-

ly to be stressed out during the holiday than those who don't, 55 percent compared with 48 percent. Overall, 52 percent agreed that "Christmas can be very stressful for me."

The poll by U.S. News and World Report and Bozell Worldwide surveyed 1,003 adults, with 96 percent saying they celebrated Christmas. The poll was conducted by KRC Research on Nov. 6-10.



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## Holiday tree is a fir for all reasons

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — It just wouldn't be Christmas without ... a pagan candle-lighting?

Civic officials covered all the holiday bases this year with a tree lighting ceremony that took note of Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Diwali and the pre-Christian festival of winter solstice.

"We wanted to incorporate as many faiths as possible," said Rachel Rupert, executive director of the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce.

The lighting ceremony in early December was traditional in many ways.

Busloads of schoolchildren were brought in, many of whom had made luminarias, candles inside decorated paper bags weighted with sand. Some snow was trucked in as well, a rare delight in the persistently mild climate of the San Francisco Bay area.

Mayor Shirley Dean threw the switch illuminating the red, white and blue lights that are the only decorations on the "Holiday Tree," a 60-footer growing behind City Hall.

Then the five holidays were commemorated. Candles were lit for Christ's birth; Hanukkah, the eight-night commemoration of a second-century B.C. Jewish battle victory; Kwanzaa, an American black celebration of community and family begun in the 1960s; Diwali, a centuries-old festival in which Hindus illuminate their homes; and winter solstice, the year's shortest day.

Solstice candle-lighter Pat Cregan said the holiday is celebrated with a fire or candle "as a sign of our faith that in fact the sun will return and that life will return."

The multicultural approach to Christmas is not new.

In New York, the Muslim symbol of the crescent and star and Kwanzaa candles appeared this year as holiday decorations at Grand Central Terminal.

But Berkeley's pagan addition gave pause to some.

"It was different," said Salvation Army Lt. Ivan Wild, who represented the Christian faith at the Berkeley tree-lighting. "I know that they're trying to be politically correct, but I'm more concerned about being biblically correct and being politically polite."

## Propane prices surge nationwide

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Art Schaefer shut the heat off to the upstairs of his Nebraska home. He might have to cut it off to two rooms on the main level.

Propane prices for some 14.3 million households are up about 50 percent across the country.

While heating oil and natural gas prices also are well above last year's level, propane has been in particularly tight supply as a result of an early cold spell, supply disruptions and demand from farmers and grain processors who use the gas to dry corn after a wet harvest.

Schaefer paid \$1.17 a gallon to keep his 500-gallon tank full and heat his two-story home in Garland, a town of 250 people about 20 miles northwest of Lincoln. That compares with about 76 cents a gallon last winter.

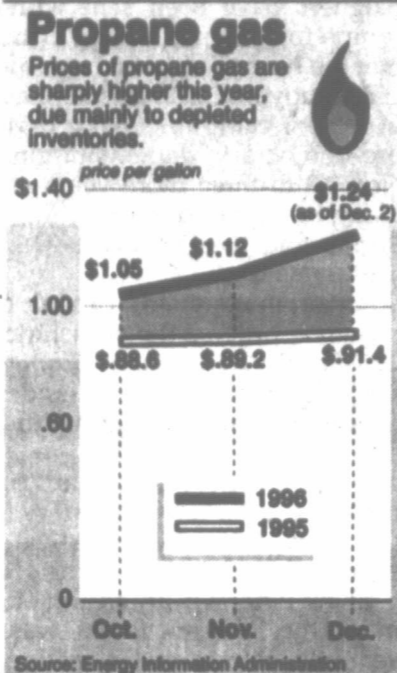
That's a big expense for the 77-year-old, who lives on about \$1,800 a month in railroad retirement funds.

"When they hand you that bill it's enough to make you swear," he said this week.

The Schaefer family could wind up spending \$2,000 this winter on heating costs, twice what they spent last year.

Schaefer and his 74-year-old wife, Margaret, said the increased propane cost will affect the holiday for their 33 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

"It's going to make a difference come Christmas, that's for



Source: Energy Information Administration

sure," Schaefer said. "We're going to cut back on Christmas gifts, absolutely."

Some 60 million people use propane — the byproduct of natural gas and crude oil — in one form or another, including drying crops and heating buildings for livestock.

In Nebraska, some 65,000 homeowners use propane for heat.

Propane prices have spiked higher than at any time since 1989.

In North Dakota propane recently hit \$1.11 a gallon, up from 63 cents a year earlier; in

Kansas it was \$1.05 per gallon, up 45 cents; in Iowa it was \$1.18 a gallon, more than 40 cents over last year.

Democratic Sens. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska and Tom Harkin of neighboring Iowa asked Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary and Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman to look into pricing practices.

Kerrey's agriculture representative in Lincoln, Eugene Glock, received two dozen calls from constituents in a two-day span.

"It's a short-term crisis," Glock said. "It isn't anything that's going to challenge our national security. But for people and even whole communities that rely on propane, it is a crisis."

A number of factors converged to create the high prices, according to the National Propane Gas Association, including a late winter last year that depleted inventories and an early cold spell this year that bit further into the propane stock.

An unusually wet fall in the Midwest ate up propane used to dry the harvest.

In the meantime, supplies are being kept tight by high worldwide demand for propane, while supplies have been reduced by a July explosion at a gas plant that supplies 30 percent of Mexico's propane production. Instead of exporting propane, Mexico is importing it.

## Flu-like bug sending many victims to beds, hospitals

BOSTON (AP) — People with aches, fevers and chills may feel miserable, but they're not alone, as people across the country are crawling beneath the covers to nurse flulike symptoms.

"We are inundated with people with cold symptoms, coughing, wheezing, muscle aches, low-grade fevers, feeling like you-know-what," said Dr. Irving Danesh, an emergency room physician at Lawrence General Hospital north of Boston.

So far this season, 34 states have confirmed at least one case of influenza, and that's not the only bug making people feel lousy, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.

The number of sufferers is soaring each week, and in two of those states — Colorado and Pennsylvania — the outbreaks are considered widespread, the Atlanta-based CDC said.

Peak flu season runs from

December to March, but many doctors said it's unusually early to see so many people feeling so sick.

"I didn't have the energy to go to the store to get chicken soup," said Elise Levin, 40, of Brockton. She missed several days of work this month at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care. "All I did was sleep."

Schools in several states, including Pennsylvania and Ohio, have had to shut their doors for a few days because so many students and teachers were absent.

Doctors and hospitals don't have to report influenza cases to health officials, so it's difficult to pinpoint how many people have been sidelined by the disease, experts said.

But CDC and state health departments do ask some clinics and laboratories to provide influenza test results in order to gauge the virus' severity.

## Six-alarm fire strikes housing complex near UT

AUSTIN (AP) — A six-alarm blaze that raced through condominiums near the University of Texas early Saturday left dozens of students homeless as they were finishing final exams and preparing to leave for the holidays.

No one was believed to have been injured in the fire at the three-story Centennial condos. But flames were still leaping from the complex.

"Because of finals, Christmas holidays and graduation, we're not sure everyone is accounted for,"

said Mike Marks, an Austin Fire Department spokesman.

The 75-unit private housing complex collapsed after the fire broke out shortly after midnight, with the ruins of the building structurally unsound. Firefighters say they have contained the flames.

But property loss was described as extensive. Students who were taking final exams and preparing to go home for the holidays say they lost every-

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# Don't forget to include forgiveness in holidays

DENTON — While celebration and expectation are part of the holiday season, forgiveness often is forgotten in the rush.

Family members see one another and remember old times — the good and the bad — and sometimes grudges replace giving. Instead, the holiday season can be a perfect opportunity to "mend fences" and build stronger relationships, according to family therapist Dr. Bill Anderson, associate professor of family sciences at Texas Woman's University.

"Our society has brainwashed us to think in terms of buy and spend, to expect more and to spend more and to equate money with happiness. Then we tie these ideas in with family — and it doesn't work," says Anderson.

"Christmas and the holidays are a time of giving, regardless of religious orientation. It is a time to take stock of our relationships, particularly in our families — both the family of our origin and our immediate family — and to consider ways that we can give to one another. And we should forgive and ask for forgiveness."

Family, according to Anderson, is a place or an environment where people can have the best (closeness and friendship) or the worst (separation, anger and grudges). He says that families should ask themselves: How can I give to my children, spouse or parents?

"What gets in the way of this process is the fact that we live together; family members know our weaknesses and we know theirs. When we live with people in the same house and share our lives, there is more possibility of hurt than with neighbors or co-workers."

"We have to remember that love is reciprocal; therefore, the higher the expectations we have of our home life, the greater the chance we will be disappointed," he adds.

What steps can families take to forgive and grow, particularly during the holiday season? Anderson suggests focusing more on time together and less on gifts.

"Families today make choices: Is it more important to watch TV or to turn it off and talk with a spouse or the children, for exam-

ple. We can control some of the fast pace of life — talk or go for a walk together. We still have the same amount of time together as we had as families 50 years ago — we just have to make choices to spend more time together."

Anderson says, "During the holiday season, we should ask ourselves: 'What would I like to contribute this Christmas? What would my family members like from me?' Families should focus on people, not consumerism, because society's focus on consumerism has made us a lonely society."

"So ... how can we mend family 'fences' — relationships and connections that have broken down because of unrealistic expectations or hurt feelings? Forgiveness is the key, plus communication."

Here are some tips to help mend those fences:

- Call, write, send a card, visit or make a gift.
- Forgive and ask for forgiveness.

- Look at the positive aspects of a relationship and focus on those.
- If you have seen someone you don't particularly like, make a list of what you don't like about them. Then make a list of their strengths and use those ideas to communicate with them.

- Sometimes you must bundle your hurts and put them away and then look for the good in another person.
- Realize that no one is perfect. Everyone has weaknesses.

- Remember you can only fix yourself, not someone else.
- Also remember that commonalities are important. Look for ways to work together and negotiate, if necessary. Look for similarities, not differences.

"Unresolved differences that you have with other family members are very painful, particularly at this time of the year," says Anderson. "Family systems are not fooled by silence or distance. They remember. There's a void that people still see, and cutting yourself off doesn't work because you and the other person have not resolved your problems."

"So celebrate your family during the holidays, forgive one another and spend time together."

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## Rockettes owner wanting to buy Music Hall

NEW YORK (AP) — The production company that owns the Rockettes and stages the Christmas show at Radio City Music Hall is trying to buy the landmark theater to make sure the show will stay there, the *New York Post* reported Friday.

James McManus, president of Radio City Music Hall Productions Inc., is trying to find backers for the purchase, the newspaper said, citing unidentified sources.

The production company's lease for the 5,800-seat theater expires early next year and it is using the theater under a temporary arrangement, the newspaper said.

The unsettled future of the arrangement makes

booking performers for later in the year difficult, the paper said.

In addition to the traditional Christmas and Easter shows, the Music Hall presents concerts by headliners such as Bette Midler.

A plan to demolish the Music Hall to make room for an office tower was abandoned in 1978 after a public outcry. The city declared the theater a landmark.

The theater is owned by a group headed by Goldman Sachs and Tishman Speyer Properties and valued at more than \$20 million.

The production company had a profit of about \$5 million last year on sales of \$120 million.

## Want to dance? Cost: 50 rat tails

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — At this party, dancers need to bring at least 50 rat tails before they can shake their own.

Admission to the Cabuto town dance is the latest gimmick toward vermin control in the central Philippines.

Cabuto is in Iloilo province, one of the country's biggest rice-growing regions. Rats have destroyed 58,000 acres of rice in Iloilo alone.

Town officials were inspired by the "Miss Rat" contest earlier this year in nearby Monpon, which did much to end that town's problem, provincial agriculturist Apolinario Sotomil said.

Contestants were judged not only for their beauty but also for the number of rats they and their sponsors could kill.

Cabutan officials say they might make rat tails the admission for each of the town's four annual dances, Sotomil said.

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# U.N. Security Council appoints Ghanaian to post of secretary-general

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council agreed Friday to appoint Kofi Annan, the Ghanaian head of U.N. peacekeeping, as the world body's next secretary-general.

Annan, who was backed by the United States, will replace Boutros Boutros-Ghali, who was vetoed by Washington.

"We have reached a consensus that the next secretary-general should be Mr. Kofi Annan," British Ambassador John Weston told reporters after the council met for a fourth series of informal polls. "This is a good result for Africa and the U.N. organization."

The council met again Friday evening, "to formalize the decision that has been reached," said council president Francesco Paolo Fulci of Italy.

The nomination must then be referred to the 185-member General Assembly for ratification. Diplomats said China was

delaying a formal vote, saying it needed time to consult the government in Beijing.

A senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Washington was "very pleased" with the selection of the American-educated Annan.

The United States said it wanted a secretary-general with administrative skills to push through U.N. reforms. Annan, 58, is a 30-year career U.N. civil servant.

Following Weston's announcement, U.N. spokesman Sylvana Foa said Boutros-Ghali "warmly congratulates Kofi Annan" and was pleased that his victory means Africa will hold the top U.N. post for five more years.

Boutros-Ghali stepped aside after the United States vetoed a second term Nov. 19 but officially remained a candidate.

France had been blocking Annan, and Weston indicated it had withdrawn its objection

Friday. The 14 other Security Council members had approved Annan in unofficial voting Thursday.

France is a permanent council member and therefore holds veto power along with the other permanent members: the United States, Britain, China and Russia. Boutros-Ghali's term expires Dec. 31.

Last month, the United States cast the lone veto against Boutros-Ghali, despite strong support from France and the African countries. After the U.S. veto, the council agreed to give preference to African candidates so the continent would hold the post for two terms, as has been customary.

The U.S., in vetoing Boutros-Ghali, said he had not been aggressive enough in pursuing reform at the United Nations. On Thursday, a French diplomat said on condition of anonymity that France did not believe Annan has the "stature" needed to push

through reforms of the world body.

France's favorite, Ivory Coast Foreign Minister Amara Essy, won seven votes Thursday with four opposed, including two permanent members, presumably the United States and Britain.

A candidate must win nine votes — with no veto by a permanent member — to be elected, and Essy has never managed to claim more than seven. The two other candidates — former Niger Prime Minister Hamid Algabid and former Mauritanian Foreign Minister Ahmedou Ould-Abdallah — have received four or five votes.

The French have insisted that the next secretary-general speak French, which along with English

is an official U.N. language. Annan speaks French but comes from English-speaking Ghana. Essy barely speaks English.

Despite widespread respect for Annan, who heads the U.N. peacekeeping department, many diplomats and U.N. officials believe a secretary-general from the ranks of U.N. civil servants would not

have the clout and independence of someone selected from a member government.

This is an important consideration for countries resentful of the domineering position the United States plays in the organization. In the world body's 51-year history, only Javier Perez de Cuellar has risen from U.N. ranks to become secretary-general.

## Sculptor raising hackles among Moscow's artists

By JULIA RUBIN  
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Love it or hate it, the new statue of Peter the Great on a commanding spot along the Moscow River certainly attracts attention. It's, well, tall: as high as a 15-story building.

Never mind that Peter didn't much care for Moscow, or that the tribute to him stands in a landlocked city. The reason this 165-foot statue has set off a small furor is that it's the latest Tsereteli — the Kremlin's preferred sculptor.

Giant projects are turning up all over the city by Zurab Tsereteli, whose ascension to unofficial court sculptor has irritated some Muscovites and enraged Russia's struggling arts community.

The short, round-faced sculptor is the favorite of Moscow's powerful mayor and the even more powerful President Boris Yeltsin.

While the mayor's projects to revitalize the city are popular, critics attack Tsereteli's ties to power and his penchant for the Soviet style: monumental and grandiose.

"Moscow is being recklessly disfigured," fumed Nobel Prize-winning writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who dismissed Tsereteli's work as "massive and third-rate memorials."

A group of sculptors wrote the government last week demanding that others be given work, the daily *Moskovsky Komsomolets* said in an article headlined "Stop Tsereteli."

Sour grapes, says the 62-year-old sculptor. Tsereteli says his countrymen envy his productivity and energy.

"I put up five sculptures in America, and nobody said to me, 'Zurab, why did you put up a sculpture in America?' There they're grateful to me," he said.

In the United States, Tsereteli is best known for his efforts to find a site for a 311-foot high statue of Christopher Columbus — taller than the Statue of Liberty. Four cities rejected it before Columbus, Ohio, signed on, but backers there are still looking for the right site and funding.

The statue remains in storage; the head in Florida and the rest in Russia.

In Moscow, Tsereteli is riding a thunderous wave of rebuilding and redecorating. A leading Soviet sculptor of murals, mosaics and "Monuments to Friendship," he still wins contract after contract.

His work now dominates the city's huge Poklonnaya Gora war memorial, although one grim sculpture about genocide had to be moved away from the entrance because people found it too depressing.

There are new Tseretelis at the zoo and outside the Kremlin walls, and he is providing the doors to the rebuilt Christ the Savior Cathedral.

Yeltsin has awarded Tsereteli and Mayor Yuri Luzhkov with state arts prizes.

Tsereteli even has the government's blessing to build an amusement park west of town, despite objections from people who lost their homes to make way for it.

"It seems strange to turn Moscow into a Tsereteli memorial park," says Yelena Yureneva, an art critic and gallery manager, who thinks Tsereteli's style "generally belongs to the past."

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### Federal panel OKs nicotine inhaler for use

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — A nicotine inhaler that looks like a fat, plastic cigarette won the endorsement of a federal advisory panel Friday as a new way to help people stop smoking.

The Nicotrol inhaler would provide another alternative for people who crave nicotine as they try to stop smoking. Proposed for sale by prescription, the inhaler is made by Pharmacia & Upjohn Inc. and would be marketed by McNeil Consumer Products if it receives final Food and Drug administration approval.

The action came a day after the same committee recommended allowing an antidepressant to be sold as the first non-nicotine drug to help people quit smoking.

Bupropion SR tablets, currently sold as an antidepressant, were found by the FDA's Drug Abuse Advisory Committee on Thursday to be safe and effective for people who want to quit smoking. While the panel voted unanimously to approve the new use of the drug, members could not agree on what it should be called.

Endorsing the inhaler Friday, former Health and Human Services Secretary Louis W. Sullivan called it another tool to help end "the tremendous carnage" that results from tobacco use.

In experimental trials, the inhaler had a 44 percent success rate in helping people quit smoking, said Dr. Erik Lunell of Pharmacia & Upjohn.

There is little likelihood of abuse of the inhaler, said the company's Dr. Karl Olov Fagerstrom, who said it takes 70 to 80 puffs on the inhaler to get as much nicotine as 10 puffs on a cigarette.

The inhalers have already been approved for use in Denmark, Italy, Sweden and the Netherlands. If approved here, they would be sold by prescription.

Bupropion is now sold under the name Wellbutrin for treating depression. The manufacturer, Glaxo Wellcome Inc., wants to market it under a different name for use in quitting smoking because that version would be of a different strength and would need different doctor and patient instructions and warnings.

The committee split, 4-4, on that issue. Some members were concerned that using two names could result in people inadvertently being prescribed both drugs, increasing their risk of overdose.

The FDA is not required to accept the recommendations of advisory committees but usually does.

Dr. Andy Johnston, who organized research trials on the drug, said that about 10 percent of the people who try to stop smoking each year succeed.

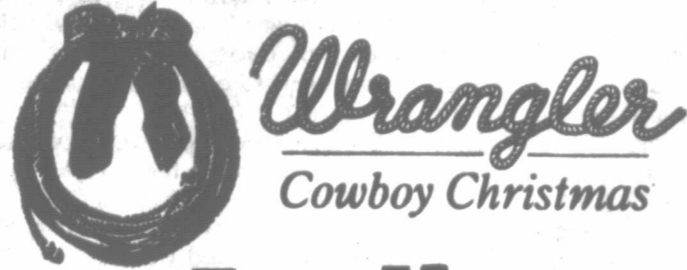
In clinical trials, the success rate ranged from 38 percent to 48 percent of people using bupropion, he said. The rate climbed to 58 percent when bupropion was used in conjunction with devices such as patches that replace the nicotine missed by the smoker.

Patches and other devices that provide nicotine to help smokers gradually reduce their need are now the only chemical products available to help people stop smoking.

Johnston said the exact way bupropion works is not fully known but it appears to reduce the desire for tobacco, sometimes even making cigarettes taste bad to smokers.

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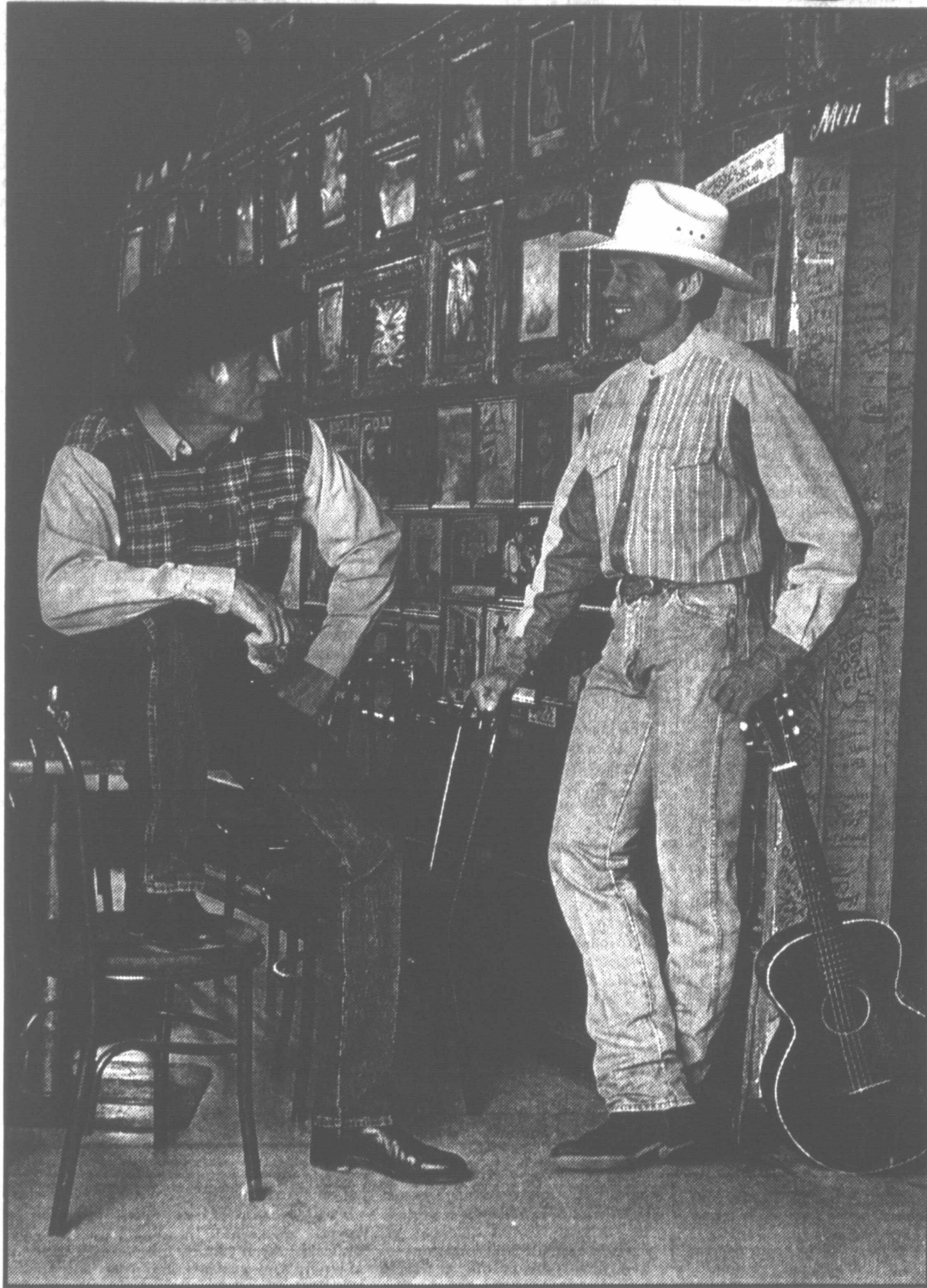
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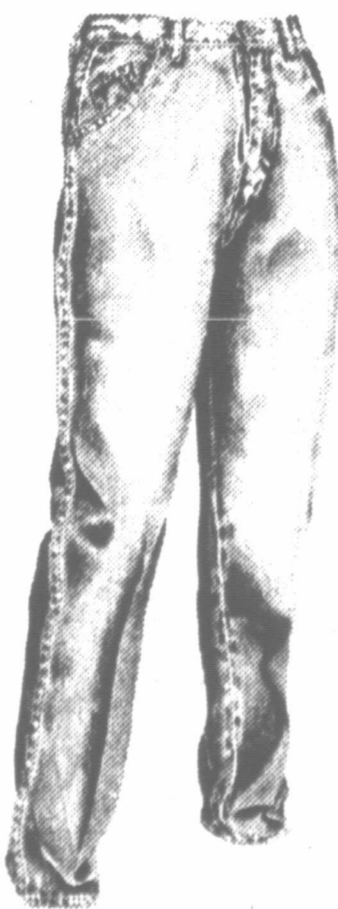
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# HOECHST CELANESE FACTS

## S SAFETY - IT'S NO ACCIDENT



James Scroggins

At Hoechst Celanese Pampa Plant, just being good is not good enough.

Achieving extraordinary safety performance is the goal, said Environmental, Health and Safety Manager James Scroggins.

"There's no job more important than safety," said Scroggins, who leads safety-related functions at the plant.

"For it to work, it has to be part of everyone's day-to-day job," he said.

However, simply reducing the number of accidents is not enough.

Mandatory training, provided each employee and contract worker, focuses on recognizing the opportunity for injury and how to protect themselves and others, said Safety Engineer Mike Morris.

A 1996 plant-wide initiative aimed at teaching hazard recognition was completed in April, said Morris.

Both employees and contractors, some 700 people in all, learned to recognize hazards both indoors and out and how to move themselves and others away from injury.

Potential hazards are documented through pocket-size reporting cards on which employees note the type of hazard observed, its location and action taken which might range from simply removing an object from the sidewalk to calling for supervisory assistance, said Morris.

The bonus of the system is the opportunity to let employees

know how their hazard report was handled, he said.

Some 257 cards have been filed in 1996 with 80 percent of the potential hazards handled by the worker responsible without using outside resources, Scroggins said.

"The key idea is that the employees are committed to protecting themselves and their co-workers," he said.

Safety successes include reduction of eye injuries from 10 per year in 1990 to none in 1996. The index for Occupational Safety and Health Administration loggable injuries has dropped from 4.8 in 1991 to 0.8 at the end of November, Scroggins said.

During that five year period safety initiatives included job safety assessment, creation of EHSA boundary management teams, task safety review and goggle policy, long sleeve and personal protective equipment requirements, a safety incentive plan, hazard recognition training and appointment of safety champions throughout the plant.

On Oct. 15, Hoechst Celanese and contract employees were treated to a hamburger cookout celebrating Pampa Plant's 1,000,000 man hours without a lost time injury, Scroggins said.

"We are all partners in safety," he said.

Interactive computerized training is available throughout the plant with specific topics covered at different applicable locations, Scroggins said.

Safety awareness is part of work performance, he said.

In 1997, Pampa Plant safety will focus on personal safety strategies, Scroggins continued.

He noted 95 percent of all injuries are related to behavior rather than conditions, and it is the goal of training to create attitudes where safe behavior is second nature to each Hoechst Celanese employee.

### EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

Eighty Pampa Plant employees are members of trained fire and rescue crews.

The fire team has trained at Texas A&M University in College Station, while rescue workers hold a variety of certifications including paramedic instructor, according to Safety Engineer Mike Morris.

"I am very proud of how well trained our emergency responders are," Morris said.



## P PAMPA PLANT LENDS COMMUNITY SUPPORT



United Way is a Pampa Plant tradition.

"We feel it's important for the company to contribute to agencies that help the community keep going," said Senior Human Resources Representative Noah Davis.

During the 1996 United Way campaign, local Hoechst Celanese employees exceeded the plant goal of \$40,000 by raising more than \$47,000 with an equal amount to be contributed by the corporation, Davis said.

Of the 400-plus employees, 87.9 percent contributed to United Way, he continued.

Plant retirees offered another \$2,000 which the corporation matched also, Davis said.

The 1996 plant drive was led by Process Chemist Kim Horan. Loaned executives included Charlie Jones, CORE Systems/Materials Management Section Leader, and Brad Kogler, Information Systems/Purchasing Section Leader.

At Pampa Plant, Davis described United Way as a "huge effort."

"It allows us to help a lot of different organizations at one time," he said.

Besides financial contributions, employees serve on nearly every United Way agency board.

"It shows Hoechst Celanese support for Pampa and the surrounding community," he said.

Hoechst Celanese donates between \$200,000 and \$250,000 annually toward charitable and community contributions, Davis said.

Besides contributing to the United Way drive, Hoechst Celanese has made donations toward specific philanthropic efforts including a building addition and walk-in cooler for Good Samaritan Christian Services and storm shelter for Pampa Community Day Care.

Hoechst Celanese retirees "adopted" Hobart Street Park, Davis said.

"We have done many computer donations to non profit organizations," he said.

The company backs its employees through support of youth sports teams and Gray County and Carson County livestock shows, Davis continued.

A specific focus of Hoechst Celanese support is Pampa

Independent School District.

Students regularly make plant tours, Davis said, while the company also sponsors an Explorer Post so teens may investigate careers in math and science. The post is led by Chemical Engineer Tatiana Ricker and Environmental Engineer Andrea Perez.

Hoechst Celanese awards scholarships each year to National Merit Finalists throughout the United States.

Pampa Plant offers its own minority scholarship to a graduating senior from Pampa High School who plans to pursue a degree in engineering or chemistry, Davis said.

Employees regularly judge science fairs and conduct classroom demonstrations of scientific principles, he said.

The information superhighway is under construction in Pampa schools thanks at least in part to a \$10,000 donation toward installation of a Web server for the district. The server was purchased in August; and currently teachers at Pampa Middle School, Pampa High School and Lamar Elementary can go on line. Completion of the system is planned for 1997.

Hoechst Celanese also pledged support for construction of Clarendon College - Pampa Center's proposed campus on West Kentucky.



Jerry Johnson says Hoeghst Celanese is the United Way torch.



## P PAMPA 99 - PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



An idea born in 1993 continues to grow at Pampa Plant through goals and plans aimed at maintaining long-term plant viability.

Pampa 99 is a locally initiated and driven strategic plan to assure Pampa Plant's operations into the 20th century, said Jack McCavit, Human Resources and Process Safety Manager.

Pampa 99 outlines goals in the areas of safety and environment, production efficiency and production capacity.

Two major projects are slated for 1997 which will increase plant capacity. The first, an oxygen enrichment project will add a small oxygen-producing unit to air compressors now in use to increase production.

The second is production of gamma, butyrolactone, or GBL.

Currently, GBL is being burned as a waste product, McCavit said.

"Technology to recover this has been a real struggle for us. We've come up with some options on how to do this," he said.

Hand-in-hand with increased production is efficiency of production, or getting the most for the butane dollar.

Another focus of Pampa 99 is on maintaining costs in 1993 dollars plus the rate of inflation while increasing production, said Syd Ingle, plant controller.

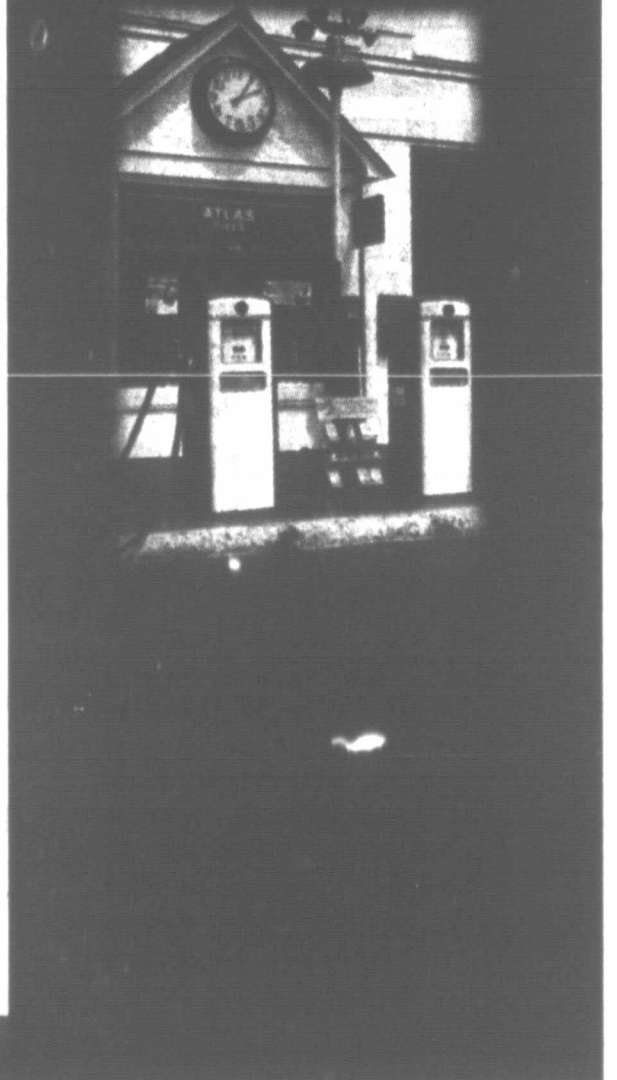
While financial management is an ongoing activity, the primary focus is on increased production rather than wholesale cost-cutting he said.

"We're really talking about cents per pound. You can attack the cents or the pounds. The first reaction is to cut cents. We've deliberately focused on increased pounds by improving capacity and efficiency," McCavit agreed.

McCavit said some Pampa 99 goals have been met. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration loggable index, which measures plant safety, has fallen to below 1.0.

A training initiative set for 1997 will give employees in the utility unit a chance to practice start up, shut down and handling upsets in the coal-fired boilers. A training simulator which looks like and behaves like their unit will be used, McCavit said.

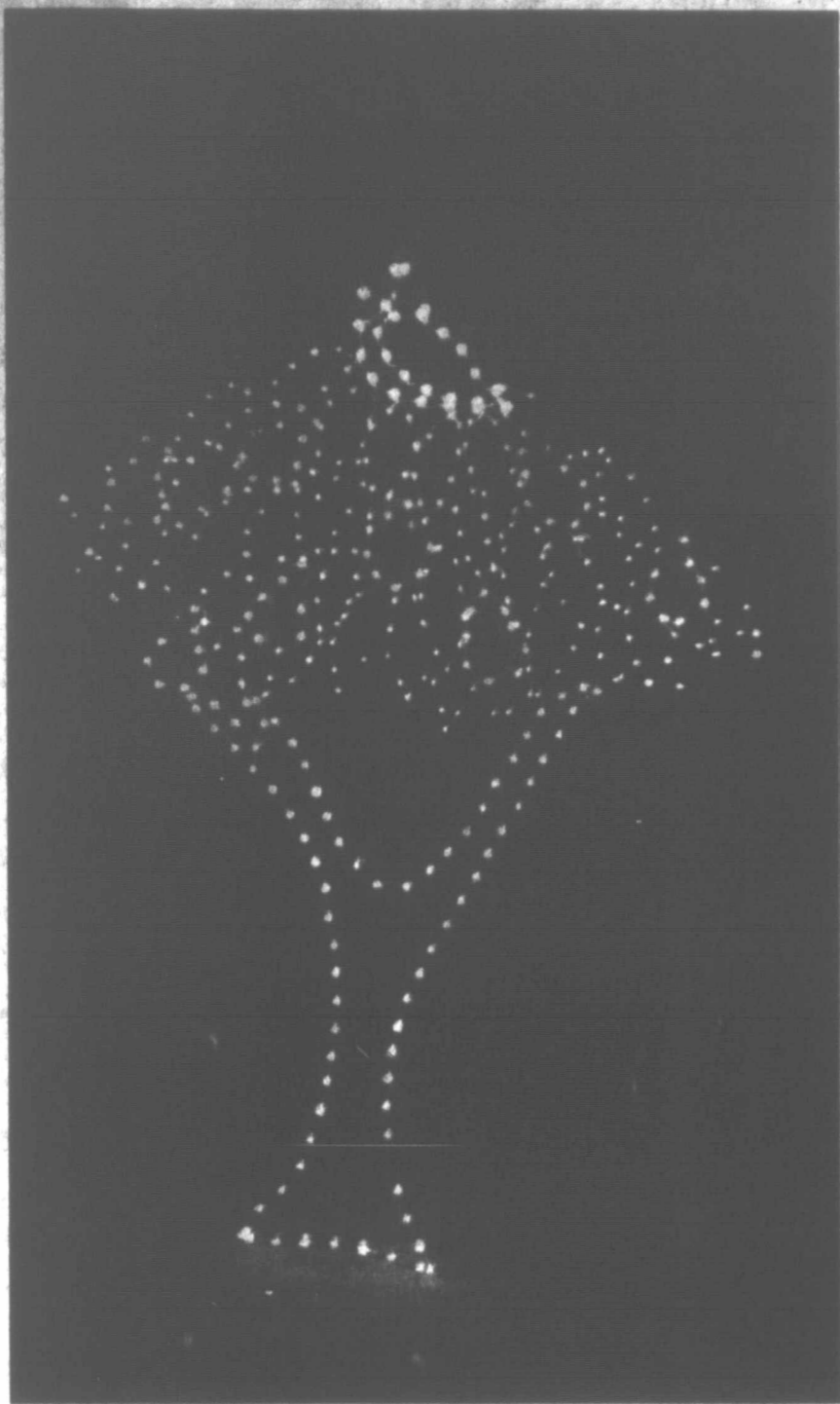
Other goals include elimination of outside odors, minimizing environmental excursions and complete compliance with all Chemical Manufacturing Association codes and Hoechst Celanese Corporation's Visions of Excellence.





Lifestyles

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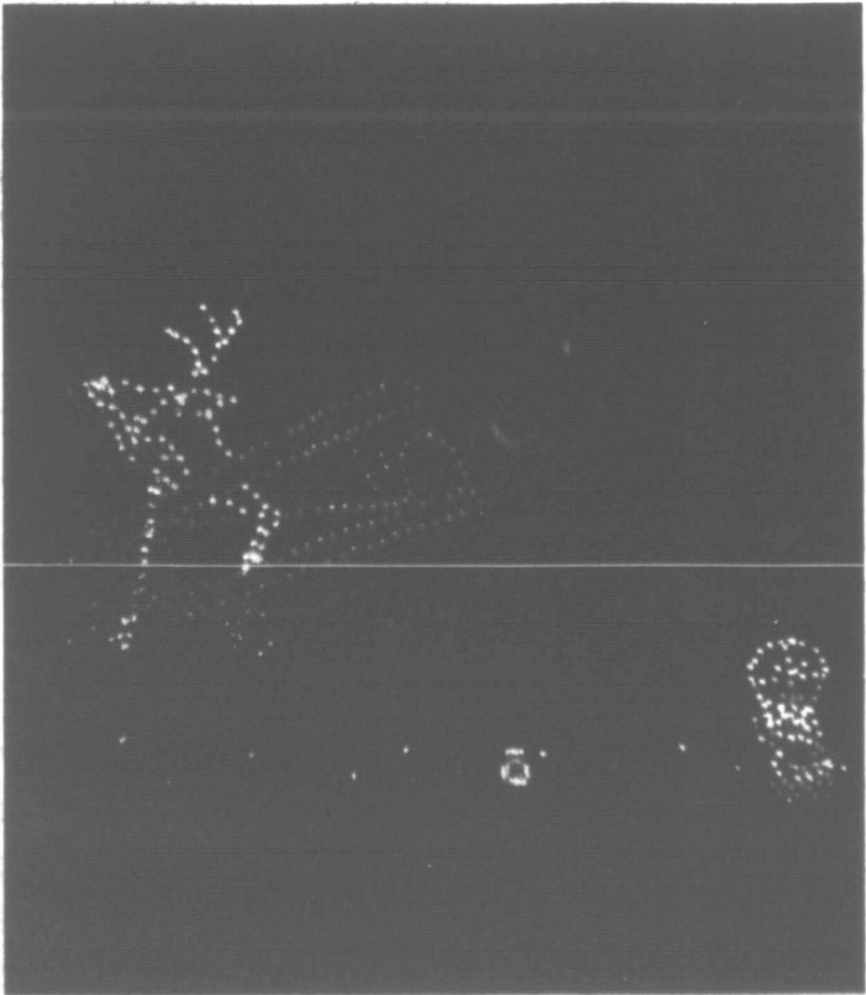
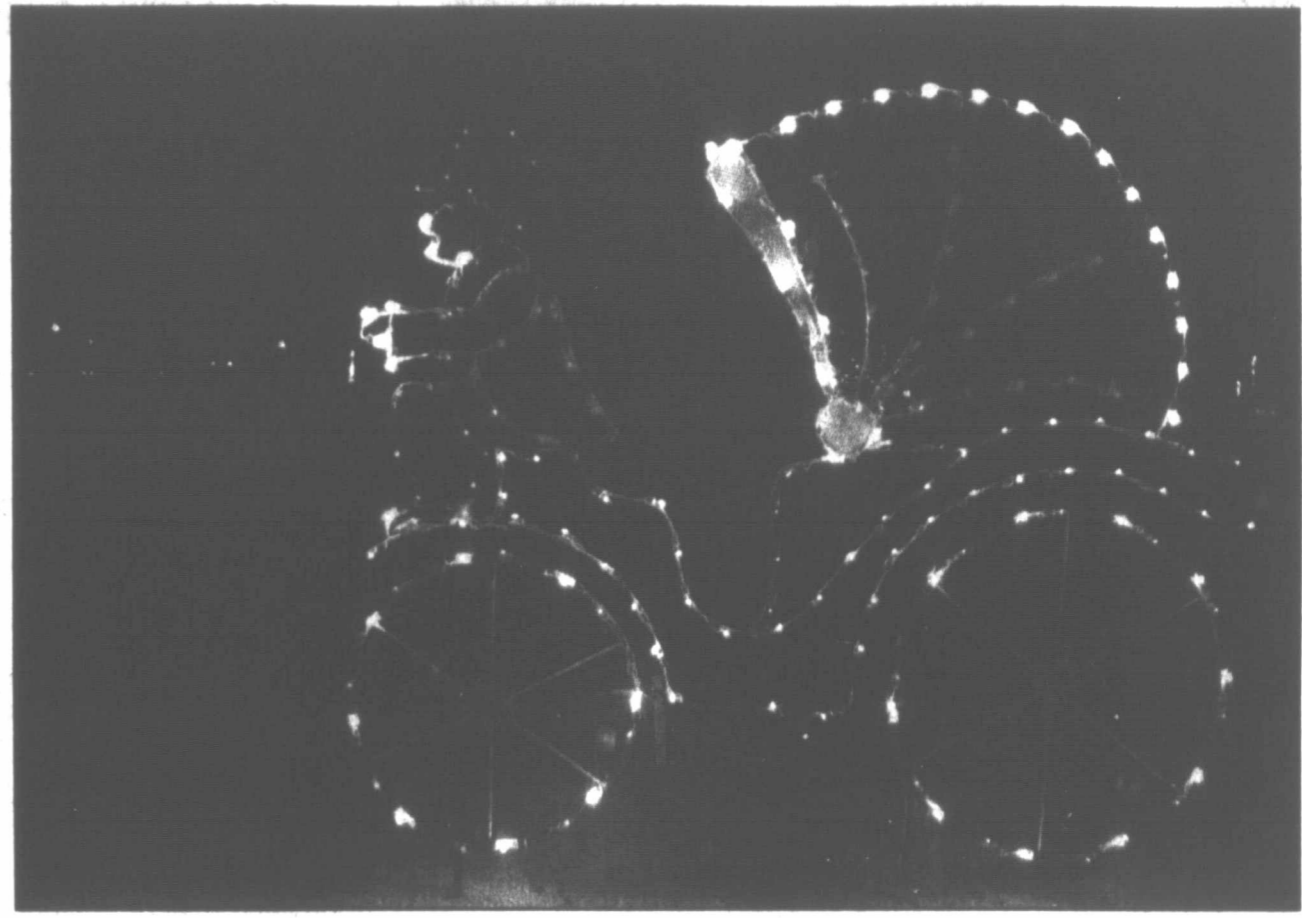


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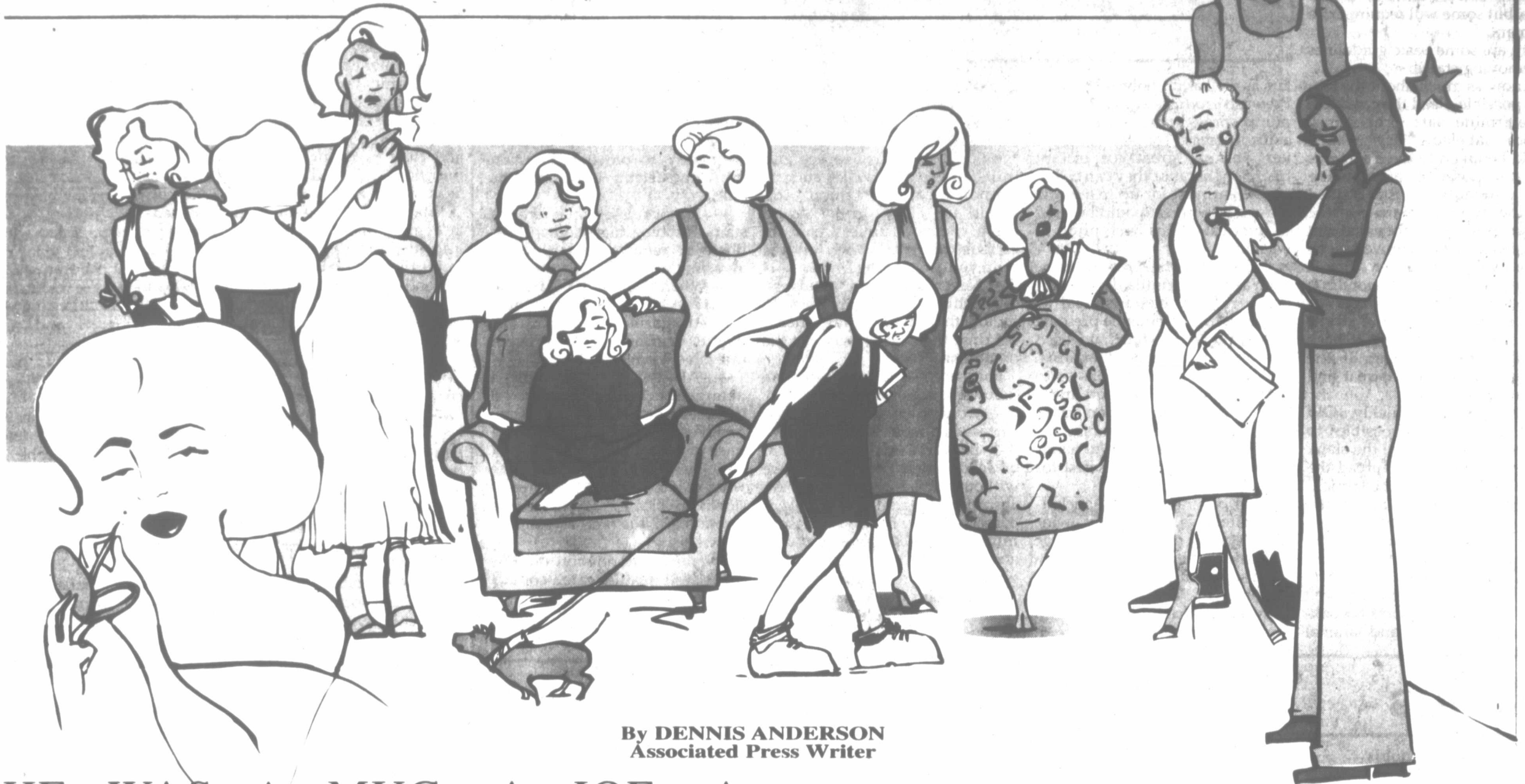


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# THE CENTRAL CASTING CORPUS



By DENNIS ANDERSON  
Associated Press Writer

HE WAS A MUG, A JOE, A PALOOKA, A ROUGH CHARACTER ... HE WAS STRAIGHT OUT OF CENTRAL CASTING.

Ah, how little difference 70 years makes. Nowadays, those who answer the call for "extras" at Central Casting are the same mixed bag of hobbyists, day workers and Hollywood wannabes that formed the human scenery for the movies in the days of Cecil B. DeMille and Charlie Chaplin.

"I just want to be the guy that gets beat up in a martial arts movie," said Al Tadeo, 29, a stockbroker who moonlights as an extra "for grins and giggles."

He has yet to live his dream of getting battered by Steven Seagal. So far, he's only been in a couple of commercials and a cigar promotion aboard the Queen Mary. Still, he wouldn't mind being discovered.

After all, a guy named Marion Morrison was once a bit player and look at what happened to him ... you know, he's the one who went on to change his name to John Wayne.

In Hollywood's Golden Age, the silver screen filled its crowd scenes with everyone from students to stars of the Silent Era who found themselves out of work when the "talkies" rolled in.

The film studios formed Central Casting in 1926 as a cooperatively owned company that would supply these "extras" for the movies.

Horde were needed for epics like "Ben Hur," and a whole German army for the World War I classic "All Quiet on the Western Front." And when the Second World War came along, there was a call for a whole other new army.

Local universities would often get into the act.

"They'd call the fraternity house and say 'We need 30 Nazi soldiers at MGM in the morning,'" recalls Bob Thomas, Hollywood author and entertainment reporter for The Associated Press. "Whoever could cut classes and needed the dough would go out to MGM."

Catch Frank Capra's "Meet John Doe" and Thomas is out there in the crowd somewhere cheering on the 1941 populist hero played by Gary Cooper.

"I made five bucks that night," Thomas said. These days, extras earn \$40 a day.

For 50 years, Central Casting supplied the gangsters, the pirates, the ladies-in-waiting, the cowboys, the men and women on the street. Then 20 years ago, the studios spun off the venerable cooperative and it went private.

Central Casting still advertises itself as "One of California's largest casting companies." These days, you might get a crowd shot for "Flipper," a TV ad or you might just help fill an audience for an untried sitcom.

There's an \$80 registration fee, with a guarantee you'll get a job or a refund within a year, "and we'll see you in the movies!" a taped message offers cheerfully.

"The only reason we charge a fee now is it's hard to find people who are reliable," said casting director John Mancuso, who got his start as an extra seven years ago.

"Sylvester Stallone was an extra," Mancuso said. "I think the best way to start off is to become an extra and see if you like it."

Plus, he offers this industry insider tip: "There's great food on the set."

## Review: 'Preacher's Wife' an enjoyable holiday diversion, but not much more

By CHRIS GRYGIEL  
Associated Press Writer

The feel-good Christmas movie is a holiday staple, like egg nog and mistletoe. This year, Penny Marshall chimes in with *The Preacher's Wife*, a familiar story about an angel sent to help a troubled family.

The film — a remake of the 1947 movie *The Bishop's Wife*, starring Cary Grant, Loretta Young and David Niven — is enjoyable enough as a holiday diversion, but won't resonate past the New Year.

As the film opens, preacher Henry Biggs (Courtney B. Vance) has a major case of the December blues. He feels he's stretched too thin trying to serve his congregation of mostly poor folks facing the urban ills of crime and dislocated families. Henry is growing more distant from his wife, Julia (Whitney Houston), and worst of all, believes he's not doing a very good job tending his flock. Henry asks God for help.

Help arrives in a more material way than Henry imagined. Dudley the angel (Denzel Washington) appears, and tells a disbelieving Henry that he is the answer to his prayers.

Dudley slowly works his way into the Biggs' life. He befriends their young son, upset because his best friend has left to be with a foster family in another town, helps Henry with his duties and counsels the preacher's beautiful

wife.

Along the way, the Biggs rediscover the happiness they never really lost. Henry regains his passion for work and Julia falls in love all over again with her preacher husband (after a few innocent flirtatious moments with Dudley).

*The Preacher's Wife* isn't at all bad. It's just not very good. This remake of a nice, but uninspired film fails to transcend the original.

The story is timeworn (angel saves family during Christmas), the plot twists predictable. There's even the greedy businessman — amusingly played by Gregory Hines — who is overcome with the Christmas spirit at the last moment and agrees not to

demolish the preacher's church to make way for tennis courts. And the performances are credible, but not noteworthy.

Washington is amusing but slightly miscast as a sweet, bumbling angel. The actor who so forcefully dominates the screen in compelling dramas such as *Glory* and *Courage Under Fire* seems out of place in this light-hearted film.

Houston was cast for her incredible voice. There's nothing wrong with that, but her character seems to be perpetually in a situation where she'll have the

opportunity to break (impressively) into song. She leads the church choir, joins a bar band for an impromptu love ballad and fills in as Mary during the Christmas pageant.

Vance, recently seen in *Dangerous Minds*, turns in a nice performance as the troubled preacher.

Marshall does a workman-like job directing the competent cast, but *The Preacher's Wife* lacks the spark that separated such earlier hits as *Big* and *A League of Their Own* from more standard fare.

The screenplay by Nat Mauldin and Allan Scott has some funny moments, especially the scenes in which Dudley enjoys some earthly pleasures he's been denied in heaven (pizza and hot dogs) and when the angel must figure out how to work the preacher's computer (luckily, there's a section on Windows '95 in his angel handbook).

Too much of the dialogue is sappy and banal, especially the sermons.

*The Preacher's Wife* will be liked

by those wanting nothing more than a breezy night at the movies, but will disappoint people who rightfully expect more from such talents as Marshall and Washington.

A Touchstone Pictures release of a Samuel Goldwyn Jr. production, *The Preacher's Wife* is produced by Robert Greenhut and Elliott Abbott; co-producers are Debra Martin Chase, Amy Lemisch and Timothy M. Bourne. It is rated PG.

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## Recreation facilities may be one way to get retirees to settle in community

COLLEGE STATION — Attracting retirees can mean stable income for communities, and suitable recreation amenities may be one of the keys to keeping them there, a Texas A&M University study shows.

"There is a strong social element in recreation. Our data suggest if excellent recreation opportunities are available in a community, one of the primary reasons retirees leave an area will be removed," said Dr. John Crompton, a professor of recreation, park and tourism sciences at Texas A&M.

Many communities have recognized that attracting and keeping retirees is as valuable as having strong employers, he added.

"Attracting 100 new retirees, each with \$40,000 annual household income, is equivalent to attracting a new business with a \$4 million annual payroll," he explained.

Crompton and Traci Haigood, a doctoral student in Texas A&M's marketing department, collaborated on a study of retirees in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas who had relocated to the area. Their survey sought information in two broad areas: what caused retirees to leave their previous communities and what drew them to the valley.

The research was conducted in Hidalgo, Cameron and Willacy counties. Hidalgo and Cameron were among the 75 U.S. counties receiving the largest net number of migrants aged 60 or more between 1985 and 1990.

There were 224 respondents, 96 of whom had household incomes of less than \$25,000 annually and 92 who received from \$25,000 to \$49,999 annually. An even two dozen had incomes between \$50,000 and \$75,000, while 12 received more than \$75,000.

The survey was funded in part by the Truell Foundation and a group of South Texas chambers of commerce developing strategies for recruiting new resi-

**'Our data suggest failing to provide a high level of recreational activities for retirees could mean an eroding tax base for communities that lose some of their more affluent retirees.'**

dents, Haigood said. Decision-making by migrating retirees or older people is twofold, Crompton said.

"They must first decide whether to move, and if they do, they must then decide where to live," he said.

This two-step process involves what researchers have termed "push" factors, which prompt someone to leave a place, and "pull" factors, which draw a person toward another place. Crompton and Haigood asked retirees in the valley about the push and pull factors involved in their decisions to settle in South Texas.

"The number one reason retirees left their previous communities was a category of factors broadly titled 'escape.' Of the four factors comprising the escape category, two recreation-related factors had the greatest weight," Haigood said.

Those were "desire to live in a more recreationally enjoyable area" and "desire to live in a place where recreation opportunities are plentiful." The other two escape factors were desire to get away from cold weather and retirement ("escape" of the survey respondent or spouse from the previous place of employment).

There were six other categories of push factors: personal health/health care needs, life disruptions or critical events, financial considerations, housing needs, neighborhood conditions and socioeconomic status. Each of those categories included from two to five factors that were considered push factors.

Haigood and Crompton expected retiree responses about pull factors to show equally strong emphasis on recreation amenities as a drawing card to an area. However, availability of recreation and park

opportunities ranked only third out of six categories of pull factors.

The top category was climate and terrain preferences, while availability of support services was ranked as the second most important. The final three pull categories were opportunities for social or community participation, location of family and ambience (including such other factors as more rural environment or smaller population size).

The apparent discrepancy in the importance of recreation as a factor in moving away from one place but not toward another could be explained by several things, Crompton said.

One is that new areas retirees consider might all be perceived as having better recreation opportunities than cut-rent locations, so that other factors take on more relative importance.

Another might be that such factors as lower cost of living would be more important than superior recreation opportunities. This could be the case for those who moved to South Texas as opposed to California or Florida, which might be perceived as having better recreation opportunities, Haigood said.

"Rio Grande Valley locations may be regarded as a good compromise for relocation because they have fairly good amenities at an affordable price," she said.

That's good for the area because it increases economic stability, she said.

"Our data suggest failing to provide a high level of recreational activities for retirees could mean an eroding tax base for communities that lose some of their more affluent retirees," she said.

## Former White Deer graduate honored with Community Service Award at WT

CANYON — Dr. Donald Williams, associate professor of agriculture business and economics at West Texas A&M University, has been selected as the November recipient of the president's Community Service Award.

Williams' volunteer efforts are divided between groups that many consider polar opposites — the First United Methodist Church in Clarendon and the William P. Clements Jr. Unit in Amarillo.

"I love working with my Sunday School kids," Williams said, "and I would like to spend more time with them."

"On the other hand, our ministry with the residents of the Clements Unit is very rewarding. It's an opportunity to give God to people who have never heard the word mentioned."

Williams participates in Kairos (KIE roce), a prison ministry program that involves a team of volunteers, 48 inmates and a 72-hour concentrated meeting followed by monthly meetings for a year. A veteran of three such programs at the Clements Unit, Williams will serve as observing rector at the first Kairos planned for residents of the Jordan Unit in Pampa. He will then serve as rector for the unit's second program in August.



Dr. Donald Williams

Phillip, 20; and Kent, 17. Father Don will confer baccalaureate degrees upon eldest sons Mark and Brad, an honor afforded WTAMU faculty, at the University's Dec. 12 commencement.

A 1966 graduate of White Deer High School, Williams received his baccalaureate degree in agriculture from WTAMU in 1966 and master's and doctoral degrees in agriculture economics from the University of Tennessee in 1972 and 1975, respectively. He returned to his undergraduate alma mater while completing doctoral studies and joined the WTAMU faculty in 1973.

The President's Community Service award was established by University President Russell C. Long in September of this year to recognize the good-faith community efforts of WTAMU students, faculty and staff; offices and departments/divisions; and chartered/registered organizations.

Bill Craddock, director of recreational sports, and Bill Pulliam, director of budgets, payroll and reporting and assistant to the vice president for business and finance, were honored for their volunteer efforts in September and October, respectively.

## Mexican Congress approves dual citizenship

EL PASO (AP) — Seeking the dual nationality soon to be offered by Mexico should not interfere with an immigrant's U.S. citizenship status.

While the United States doesn't encourage or recognize dual nationalities, it is legal for Americans to claim citizenship in two nations and many are eligible for it, even some who don't know it.

"The way the interpretation (of U.S. law) has been going recently, if people make it clear they don't intend to relinquish U.S. citizenship, they may retain their status," said Rebecca Burdette, chairwoman of the Texas chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers' Association.

The Mexican Congress last week approved a law that would grant dual citizenship to Mexicans living abroad and allow them to retain property and other rights in their homeland.

As many as 6 million Mexicans living in the United States could be affected by the law, which must still be ratified by two-thirds of Mexico's 31 state legislatures and signed by President Ernesto Zedillo.

The law gives Mexicans who have changed their citizenship up to five years to reapply for Mexican citizenship, and also allows foreign-born children of Mexicans to apply for Mexican status.

U.S. officials are still not clear how the law may affect U.S. applicants, since implementation policies are still being spelled out. Many other nations have already offered the option to its citizens without causing major problems.

Although dual nationality seems to conflict with the U.S. citizenship oath requirement that a person renounce allegiance to all other countries, immigrants who hold dual status are still considered Americans.

"We will assume that your first allegiance is to the United States," said a State Department official in Washington, D.C., who asked not to be identified.

A dual nationality doesn't create any problems as long as people remain in the United States. They could, however, encounter complications while traveling abroad, said immigration officials.

Officials pointed out, for example, that a dual nationality could make it difficult for the United States to act on behalf of a U.S.-Mexican citizen arrested in Mexico.

On the positive side, the Mexican law could also encourage more Mexican immigrants to become naturalized, said immigration advocates.

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## Gifts From The Heart Will Please Seniors On Your List

DEAR ABBY: Last year I missed your column on Christmas gifts for seniors. I remember in the past you printed some great suggestions, and since there are several seniors on my list this Christmas, how about helping us again?  
JESSICA IN ANAHEIM, CALIF.

DEAR JESSICA: Certainly! I combed my past columns and found a wealth of ideas that come from the heart, not the wallet. Remember, most seniors have more than their share of dusting powder and aftershave, and have run out of room for bud vases and bird feeders. Consider these more practical alternatives:

- Postcards or lined stationery and envelopes with a generous supply of postage stamps.
- A gift certificate for their favorite grocery store, deli or pharmacy.
- An assortment of greeting cards for birthdays and anniversaries, as well as get-well and condolence cards.
- A "paid in advance" certificate for 10 lawn mowings or snow shoveling by a neighborhood youngster.
- A "certificate" for a service you can perform that is difficult for them - a thorough house cleaning, a month's laundry, a handyman visit for home safety inspection and minor repairs.
- An offer to rewrite their address book in larger, more

**Abigail Van Buren**  
SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

legible print.

- A month of Sunday drives to church, or to the country, the museum or the park.
- If the person on your list is on a limited income, a check in any amount will be appreciated.
- A subscription to their favorite magazine or the daily newspaper.
- A basket of goodies assembled especially for them - cans of ham, tuna, chicken, hearty soups, chili and stew; instant coffee and tea bags; crackers; instant soup mixes.
- A selection of their treasured, tattered photos retouched and placed into a new album, with captions.
- A drive to see the Christmas lights and decorations, as well as store windows.

If a senior says, "Please don't give me anything," that usually means, "I have more things than I need." However, a gift of your time may be appreciated and will be remembered long

after the holiday has passed and the material gifts are stored away.

DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law is basically a nice person, but after 20 years, he has yet to recognize me as a person. I am simply "Ken's wife." I have been a very conscientious daughter-in-law, remembering all the special occasions, Father's Day, his birthday, etc. But despite my efforts he still treats me like I am invisible.

Each Christmas, he presents my husband with a nice check (in front of me). It is in an envelope bearing Ken's name. I try to ignore the slight, but each time I feel that I have been slapped in the face. Abby, am I being petty? Or do I have a point?  
SENSITIVE CANADIAN

DEAR CANADIAN: You are not being "petty" and you do have a point. Your father-in-law is incredibly insensitive. Your husband should "educate" him in the social graces. He should remind his Dad that you have a name.

For Abby's favorite family recipes, send a long, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

## Horoscope



**Your Birthday**

Saturday, Dec. 14, 1996

In the year ahead, it will be to your advantage to learn any new knowledge or techniques applicable to your field. Impressive results will be possible.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Plan to get out and move around today, because you won't be happy unless you have a busy schedule. Try to associate with active people. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals

which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Rather than forcing things to happen today, let events unfold at their own pace. You will fare much better if you let conditions dictate the timetable.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Today, it will be important for you to attend social functions, because many good things could happen. Try to be kind to everyone.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** In your struggle to reach two important objectives, you might surprise others with your tenacity today.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You will be exceptionally perceptive today, and you will acquire knowledge through personal experience. Use this information wisely.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Today, you will have a special ability to jump on a successful bandwagon. Fortunately, others will welcome your participation and input.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Companions

will not doubt your position on important issues today. In fact, your opinions will influence their judgment.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Beginning today, you may become aware of changes which can benefit your career. Watch for telltale signals.

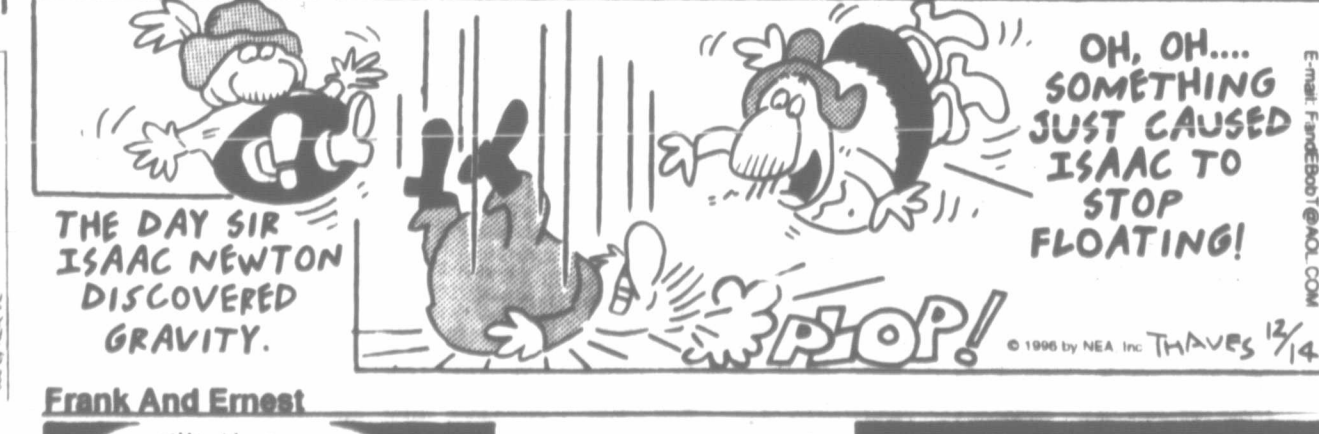
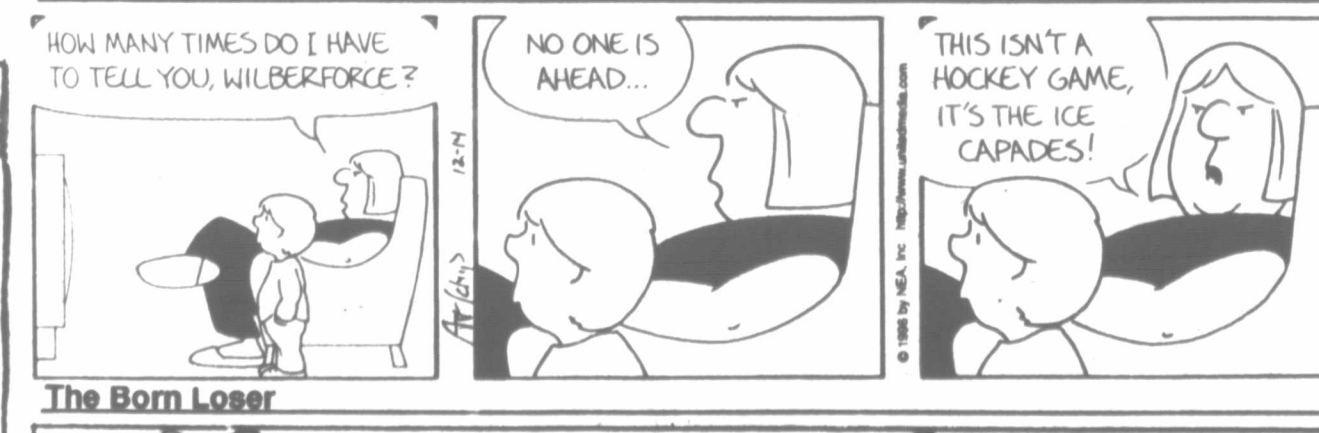
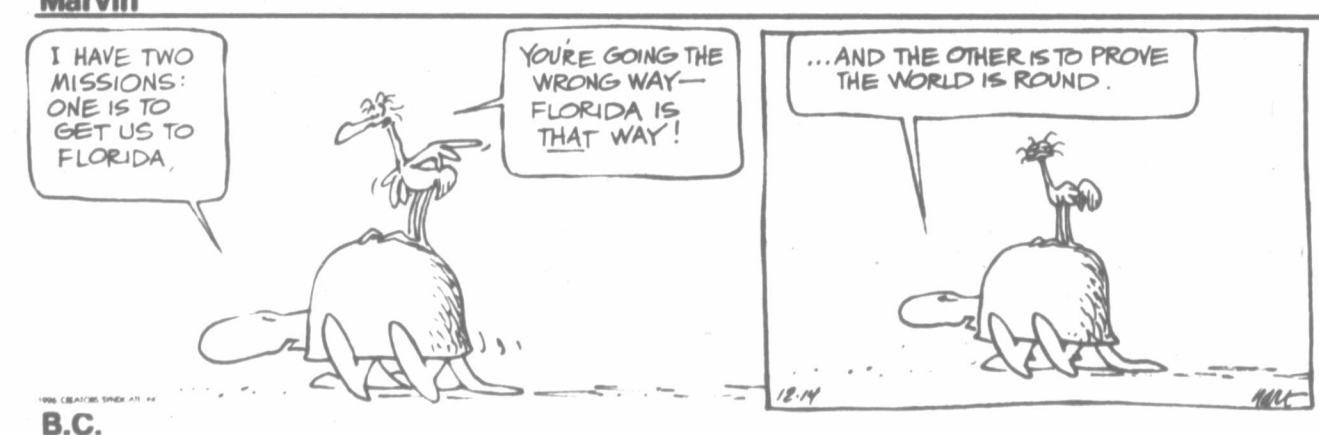
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** If you need a favor today, approach pals who have real clout. These influential intermediaries will have the ability to open doors for you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** It might be easier for you to close deals today than it will be tomorrow. Do not neglect important matters. You must strike while you have the advantage.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** In developments that call for political know-how today, you can hold your own if you construct a stronger platform than your opponent.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** A current project could spell financial gain for you at this time, and it should be given top priority today. Make this opportunity count.

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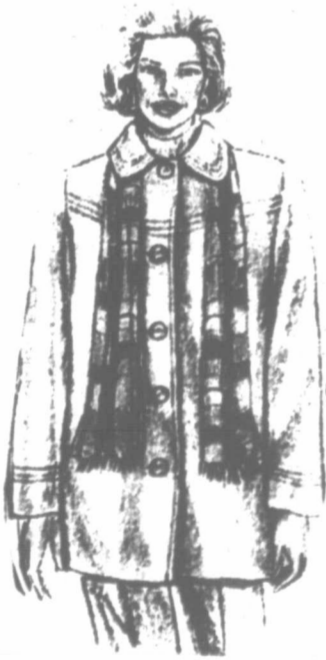
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# Letters to Santa

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want a big Doodle Bear and a bike and I want a baby born. Can I have some more makeup to put in my makeup computer? But I want something special to loose my teeth. I want a American doll and a baby puppy.

Love,  
Corrie Black  
1st grade  
Skellytown

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want my size Barbie house, a prefeed make up case, new shoes a back pack and real Dalmatian.

Your friend,  
Jackie Medley  
1st grade  
Skellytown

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want a noow brother and his name is Brian and a noow bick and a baby Bunny. I love you. I want a stuffed puppy Doodle Bear.

Merry Christmas  
Angela Adams  
Skellytown First Grade

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want a motkntrol motorcycle and a bik and rile motorcycle.

Love,  
Randy Peercy  
Skellytown  
School,  
1st

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want a big Doodle Bear, and I want a big Bear. I want a doll, and I want a Stuffed kitten, and I want a Stuffed puppy, and I want a big bike. I want a big willie wonka and the Chocolate Factory, and I want a horse, and I want a heart necklace. I want a diamond ring. I want a Cabbage Patch baby. I want a big Coat. I want a coloring book. I want a lot of bags of jewelry. THE END

Love,  
Shonda Sears  
Skellytown 1st

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want a Doodle Bear and a Cabbage Patch and a stuffed kitten, a rile kitten. I want a new bike and new skates. I want a nen backpack and 101 Dalmatian.

Love,  
Shelbi Henderson,  
1st grde  
Skellytown

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want a Doodle Bear and a real 101 Dalmatian and a watch and a Magical Ocean Barbie house and I want a big bike and I want a new play car.

Love,  
Brittany Owens  
1st grade  
Skelly town

Dear Sata Clause,  
I wot Dog lik Tliger, Doodle Bear and a stuffed deer reindeer, reins, pray mobile, zoo, Magical Ocean Barbie, 101 Dalmatian movie. Sum Bef jercee and cofee will be out for you.

Happy Holidays,  
Kelsey Alders  
1st grade  
Skellytown

Dear Santa,  
I want a robot that does homework by Allen. Dear Santa, I love you.

Your friend,  
Allen Hassler  
1st grade  
Skellytown

Dear St. Nick,  
I want mysizze dansing Barbie and a color book whith crayons I want a big doodle bear. I want some new clothes and stuffed Rudolph and doll whith a doll house. stuff toy Dalmatian. I want a new toy box.

Merrey Christmas, Santa!  
Heaven Leigh  
First Grade  
Skellytown

Dear Santa Clause,  
I want a fonee beard like yours, santa Clas, and meet you and your reindeers.

Ana Im going to put out sum cookies for you.

From,  
Joe Hull, 1st Skellytown

See you next year!

Dear Chris Cringle,  
I want a wild west legos and super van city. I oso wot a tran that gos all the way a randy my rom, and a 6 feet tall robot. Oso, \$1000 play muny and all my teeth. Oso a wily woke play chokitit slency. Oso ral blades and a meetl factory. The End! and S.C. you don't haft to breg all the toys. I will leev sum kookies for you.

Your friend,  
Daniel Lackey  
1st grade kid  
Skelly town

The following are from Skellytown second grade:

Dear Santa,  
Hi! How are you doing? I am fine! I would like sum toys for Christmas. I wod like some makup.

Love Becky

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is Mrs. Santa? How are your reindeer? Is it cold there? Ples bring Comet whith you. I will leve you cookies and milk to take whith you.

Love, Mack

Dear Santa Claus,  
How are you? Will you bring your reindeer? do you have 2 feet of snow? Is it cold in the North Pole? Can I have lots of barbie dolls and a dart bord. If not thats o.k. with me. Will you bring lots of presents for everyone? If not thats o.k. with me. Can I have 100,000 presents? Love ya

Love,  
Brittany L.

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I am fine. How are your reindeer?  
How is Rudolph?  
How is Mrs. Claus?  
I want a romot control,

Love, Lon

Dear Santa,  
Hi How are you?  
I want some toys, some makup, 10 dolls, and a movie of Jumanji.

Love, Beatriz

Dear Santa Clous,  
I like your reindeer. How are you? I am fine. I will leave you cookies and milk. Rudolph you can come inside my house. How is Mrs. Clous? How are the elfs? For Christmas I want a Yak bak. I want a Wonder World. I want a miyin dolers. I want a skipit. I want picers of Santa and me and Mrs. Claus to and the elfs.

Love,  
Sandi

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph? Oh how are you and Mrs. Claus? I love your reindeer ispesly Rudolph. I like a pishr uv you and Mrs. Claus and your elfs and that is all. Oh and I want a pishr uv Rudolph.

Love, the whole class and Casey

Dear Santa,  
How is vixon and all the other reindeer? Is it colde at the north pole? I want a nintindo 64, a game boy, and one more game.

Love, Andrew

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? I am doing good in school. I will give you some milk and cookies. Thank you for last years presents. I wood like a dreemphone game.

Love, Kimberly

Dear Santa,  
How are you?  
Is Mrs. Claus fine?  
I am good.  
I want a 100 presents.  
Well I have to go bye-bye.

Love, Josh

Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is Mrs. Claus? I like Rudolph beter than your reindeer.

Is it cold in the north pole? I wish I get very good presents. I love you.

Love Love

Dear Santa,  
How are You?  
How is your reindeer Rudlph?  
I will leave you some cookies and milk.  
I woudl like a game boy.

Love, Caitlin

The following are preschool letters written with the help of Mrs. Brown's second grade class:

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I want a Barbie. I want a doll house. I want a pair of shoes.

Love, Bailey Brame

Dear Santa,  
Hi! How are you? Thank you for the presents. I have been a good girl. I wood like a barbe with a dress and a big pink car.

Love, Jennie Searcy

Dear Santa,  
How are you? I want a Jumanji game, Draganflyer, Woodie, Buzz, Creepy night, a robot, train set, saga, a bike, a three weeler, fire crackers, and a go cort.

Love, Kolton Boaz

Dear Santa,  
Hi! How are you? I am fine. How are your reindeer? I have bin a good boy this year. How is Mrs. Claus? I want a saga. I want a picher of Santa Claus. I want a toy Batman. I want a movie of Snoope.

Love,  
Kamron Hassler

Following are other letters from Skellytown Elementary School:

Dear Santa,  
I'm Geoffrey. I'm 5 years old. I want a pencil with a dragon on it. All the stoft animal from the gargolyes. And the gold power ranger. Pinochio and Batman and the mask. A baseball bat. A traffic, Power ranger book. I want everything that connects with Batman. I want to go to Vegas and go to the Hard Rock Cafe.

I love you Santa,  
bi Santa  
by Geoffrey Yeargain  
Skellytown Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,  
I want a real puppy Rottweiler for Eric. A Barbie doll (the teacher one) what I want for me and a baby doll that talks for my Mom. A toy reindeer for me also. Faith needs a baby with a bed. Mathew likes radios so could you make that for him. Daniel wants a cowboy hat and for Juanita a baby doll that sits on your dresser. I want my dad to have a poster with a motorcycle on it.

Thank you  
Cheyenne Woody  
Skellytown Texas

Dear Santa,  
My name is Jacklyn Woods, and I am 5 years old. I would like a bike and a radio. I would like a computer. Please say hello to Rudolph. I have been a good girl this year.

love,  
Jacklyn Woods  
5 years old  
Skellytown Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I want a T.V. so I can play my sega that I want you to get me, I also want a Speed bike that goes real fast, I also want a toy Rudolph, I want a monster truck, also a V.C.R. for my T.V., and I want a German Sheperd a little radio, also I want my own room,

also a real Kawasaki Ninga motorcycle, I want a stuffed bear, a stuffed cow, a toy elf, and a stuffed Santa Claus, and a toy rocket, a sabber toothed tiger, a remote controle racecar. I also want a play ranch, I want a new tent, a new big jersey. I want a fake gorilla, a bunch of sega games, alot of racecars, another Christmas tree, a new jingle bell, a new football, a new book.

Love,

Tyler Smith, age 6  
Skellytown Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am five years old in kindergarten. I would like a doll and diapers. a bottle and a bed for it. I want a Lap Top computer to play with in the car. I also want some Dr. Suess books. I want some pretty gold bracelets. I could use a fluffy my come here puppy. In my stocking I want some candy canes. I want a mickey mouse watch. I want Barbie pencils, erasers, and a sharpener. I want some Barney and Baby Bop movies. I deserve a kitchen Little also a my Size dancing Barbie. I will leave out some cookies and milk for you. I have been a very good girl this year.

Love,  
Lauren Shelton  
Skellytown Elementary

Dear Santa,  
My name is William I'm 6 years old. I want a stoffed Woody from the movie Toy Story. The stoffed animal from the tv show gargolyes. A stoffed animal from the show Mighty Duck TV show. A VCR, and a pet bat. A baseball ball. A like winnie the pouth stoffed animal and Tigger and Christopher Robin. A pet rabbit. and the rest of the caretres from tv. and a skatbord.

Good bi Santa  
by William Searcy  
Skellytwon Elementary

Dear Santa,  
My name Mark Ruth and I am 6 years old. I have been a good boy all year. I would like a sega and a power ranger. I want an buzz Light year and woody. I would like a poate head, and a gold ranger, and the red power ranger, and also I would like a green ranger, and a blue ranger, and a toy police control car. My last toy is a race car. tell rudolf I said hi and tell him we sang his song. I would like everything of Micheal Jordan.

Sincerley  
Mark Ruth  
Skellytown Elementary

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kendra. I am six years old and I want a doll, bike, baby rocker, computer, nintendo, barbies, earrings, necklaces, sega, clothes, movie Toystory, Fluffy my come here puppy, sleigh, bouncy ball, ring, Mickey watch, pooh, and The Movie lion king, I have been a very good girl this year, and I love you, we will leave cookies and milk for you. Are the reinders being good.

Love,  
Kendra Richerson  
Skellytown Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I would like a bike for Christmas, I would also like a sega. I would like new clothes too. P.S. Don't forget to eat the cookies and milk.

Love,  
Kayla Richerson  
age 6  
Skellytown Elementary,

Dear Santa,  
I am five years old. My name is Stefani and I am in Kindergarten. For Christmas I want a Cabbage Patch Bath Baby. I also want a Fluffy My Come Here puppy. I want a book called The Napping

House book. I live in Borger and I live at Cal Farley's Group home. I would also like a book called The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash.

I love you,  
Stefani Powell-Ortega  
Skellytown Elementary

Dear Santa Claus,  
I am Shalea Lawler and I am 5 years old. I would like a Kitchen Little and a bicycle. I would like a Come Here Puppy and a teddy bear. I will leave some milk and cookies for you when you come to my house. Please bring a big bicycle for my 4 year old brother, Nathaniel. I have been a very good girl this year.

I love you,  
Shalea Lawler  
5 years old  
Skellytown Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I would like a speed bike, sega genisik, dirt devel, I want Rudolf puppet, Vcr, CD player, a real dog, a stuffed tiger, stuffed lion, airplane, computer, radio, motorcycle, cars, toy elfe, toy Santa Claus, harley Davidson, my own house, car, penny bank, glue, dolly, navy blue tent, book big bad wolf, 101 dalmation puppy, 101 dalmation calander, race car, things for cars to race on. I am going to leave you doughnuts for snacks, tv,

Love from:  
Jeremiah Purcell  
Skellytown Elementary

Dear Santa I would like some power rangers, a play kitty, Spider pencil, Top, watch, Sega Satern, light for my bike, belt buckle, cowboy hat, Nike shoes, radio, v.c.r., baseball bat, Trophy, Power range book, book.

I will leave you cookies and milk. I hope my Mama buys some for you.

I love you  
Santa  
Quinton James  
Skellytown Elementary

Dear Santa Claus, My name is Sergio. I would like a kick ball, bouncy ball, helmet, glove, bat, 2 baseballs, glasses, radio, 2 T.V., 2 v.c.r., sega, sega games, and some video tapes.

That will be all this year Santa.

love,  
Sergio Espinoza  
Skellytown Elementary

Dear Santa Claus  
My name is Zachery Doan. I live in Skellytown. For Christmas I would like a toy eagle, a Buzz Lightyear, a red bicycle and some bubble gum. My sister needs a Power Ranger she needs to be pink like a girl and a dog toy she can sleep with. She is two years old so she doesn't need much. I will leave you pizza inside the house for you to eat, not the reindeer.

Love,  
Zachery  
Skellytown Elementary

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Nintendo 64, bicycle, Computer, cloths, movies. I would like to meet you.

love from  
Chantry Canaday  
Skellytown Elementary

Dear Santa, I am Kyle Boaz, and I am 6 years old. I would like a SKS shot gun and a 22 shot gun. I would like a Mr. Potato Head and a Super Nintendo. I have tried to be a good boy this year. Also I would like a gold Power Ranger toy and a race car.

lots of love,  
Kyle Boaz  
6 years old  
Skellytown Elementary

## Superstitious Russians spit and knock

MOSCOW (AP) — They won't shake hands over a threshold on Friday the 13th or any other day of the year.

No one whistles indoors for fear of losing all their money. Praising a Russian's appearance or a baby's good health will prompt a knock on unpolished wood or three spits over the left shoulder.

In a country rich in folk tradition and shaped by centuries of isolation, superstition still has a prominent place in Russian life, even among urbane Muscovites.

The truly superstitious have been known to eat "lucky" bus tickets, when the sum of the left three numbers equals the sum of the three numbers on the right.

"I think Russians are more inclined than others to believe in superstitions, especially in troubled times," says Natasha Perova, editor of the literary

magazine *Glas*. "Now things are changing so fast, people are sort of clutching onto superstitions."

Don't give knives or handkerchiefs as gifts. Never celebrate a birthday early. Don't show your newborn to a stranger until the baby is at least 40 days old.

And while Friday the 13th isn't special here, Fridays are: Never begin a new undertaking.

Spitters and knockers don't always think they're scaring away demons. They keep doing it out of habit, fear of tempting fate or just to be on the safe side.

"What your parents taught you to do, you will do all your life," said university teacher Tatyana Ainer, an avowed spitter when she hears positive remarks.

Right after President Boris Yeltsin's heart bypass surgery last month, his wife, Naina, got a haircut. It sent a clear message to

Russians that the president was doing well, because it's considered bad luck to shave or cut your hair when a family member is in danger.

Everyone knows not to shake hands in a doorway. Step inside first, or risk offending not only your host but also Domovoi, the unlucky house spirit.

And talk about a faux pas: If you want to get off on the wrong foot with a Russian, give him a half-dozen roses. Odd numbers, only for the living, please. Even numbers are for funerals.

"If I bring someone four or six flowers, they'll think there's something wrong with me," says Yelena Minyonok, a folklore researcher in the Russian Academy of Science and co-author of a book about superstition. "Even numbers have a negative connotation in Russian folklore."

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# Ruling party defections chip away at one-party system in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A string of government officials have defected from Mexico's long-ruling party, chipping away at the country's already crumbling one-party system.

The new defections, along with mounting electoral losses, indicate that the Institutional Revolutionary Party known as the PRI is no longer Mexico's sole political force and could lose even more power during crucial congressional elections next year.

"The PRI is no longer the party of the state," said M. Delal Baer, a specialist in Mexican politics at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington thinktank.

PRI leaders last week denied that the recent defections of three federal lawmakers, at least two former governors and others will seriously hurt

their decades-long control over Mexican politics and government.

The defections are "a natural partisan phenomenon that occurs within electoral competition," said Humberto Roque Villanueva, president of the federal Chamber of Deputies and a leading PRI member. But opposition politicians disagreed.

"People don't want to be in a sinking boat," said federal Dep. Cuauhtemoc Sandoval of the center-left Democratic Revolution Party. "I think we are going to see a lot more defections."

Electoral competition is new to the PRI, which didn't lose its first governorship until 1989, when the center-right National Action Party won Baja California. National Action now holds four governorships.

Since its 1929 founding, the PRI has maintained national power through patronage, strong-arm tactics and even electoral fraud. But democratic reforms and dissatisfaction with an economic crisis have eroded that control.

Recent electoral losses underscore the erosion. The PRI in November suffered bruising mayoral defeats to both National Action and Democratic Revolution in dozens of important cities in the sprawling state of Mexico.

Analysts say the PRI can expect more losses next summer in balloting for a new federal Congress and the first election ever of the Mexico City mayor.

Party insiders complain that the PRI has left its populist roots and is not doing enough to help millions of people thrown out of work by the crisis.

"There is a fundamental difference between an administration that espouses center-right economic and a party that historically has been center-left

and populist," Baer said. "Democratic Revolution is the old PRI in all of its nationalistic populist glory."

"If people keep moving to (Democratic Revolution), we might soon see a lot of old wine in new bottles," she added.

Federal Deputy Virginia Betanzos complained Wednesday about the PRI's treatment of workers in her native Quintana Roo state when she announced she would leave the party to join Democratic Revolution.

Sen. Layda Sansores complained that the PRI had abandoned its historic populism as she announced Monday that she would seek the Democratic Revolution candidacy for governor of the southwestern state of Campeche. Her father was PRI governor of Campeche from 1967-1973.

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**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
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Employee Benefits Liability  
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Automobile  
Crime  
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Proposals, specifications, or additional information may be obtained from Mark McVay, Business Manager, 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065, phone (806-669-4705).  
Proposals may be delivered or mailed to 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065-Attention Mark McVay, Business Manager. Sealed envelope should be plainly marked "INSURANCE BID".  
The school district reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive informalities and technicalities.  
The Board of Education will consider proposals for award at a scheduled meeting in February, 1997.  
C-65 Dec. 13, 15, 1996

### NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

Pampa Economic Development Corporation of Pampa, Texas, will receive sealed proposals for the following until 3:30 p.m., January 3, 1997 at which time they will be opened and read publicly in the offices at 301 N. Ballard, Pampa, Texas:  
**BANK DEPOSITORY PROPOSAL**  
Specifications may be obtained from the office of Pampa Economic Development Corporation, 301 N. Ballard, Pampa, Texas, Phone 806/665-5553.  
Proposals may be delivered to the office or mailed to P. O. Box 2494, Pampa, Texas 79066-2494. Sealed envelope should be plainly marked "BANK DEPOSITORY PROPOSAL ENCLOSED, PROPOSAL NO. 96.02" and show date and time of proposal opening. Facsimile proposals will not be accepted.  
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The Board of Directors of Pampa Economic Development Corporation will consider proposals for award at the January 16, 1997 Board meeting.  
Jack Ippel  
Executive Director  
Dec. 15, 22, 1996

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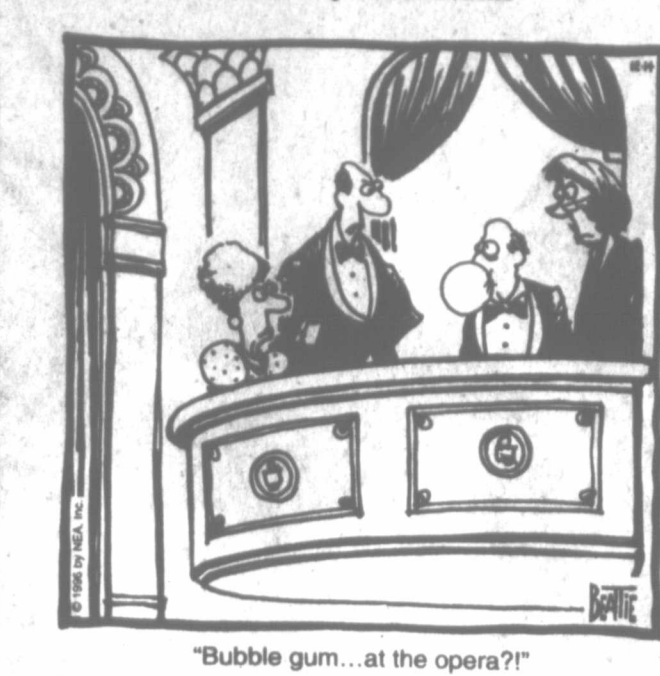
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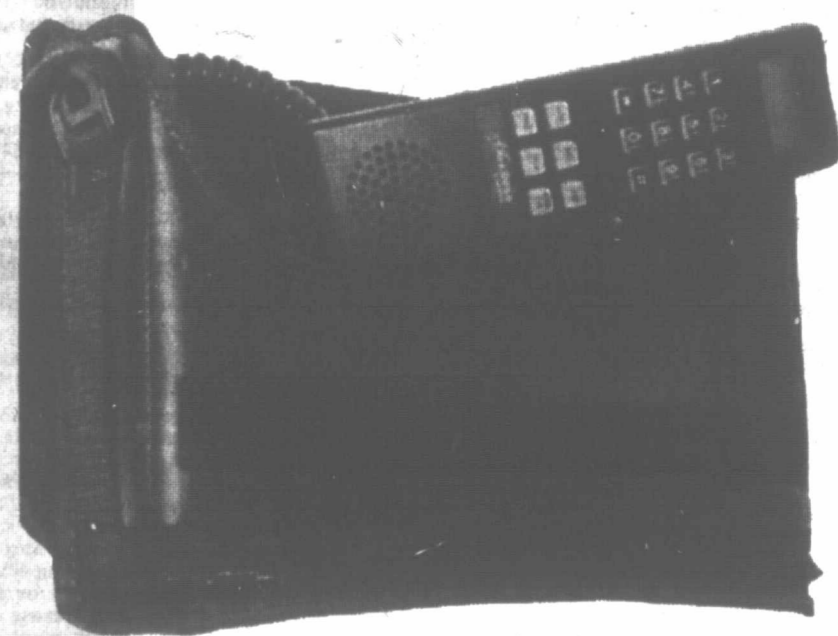
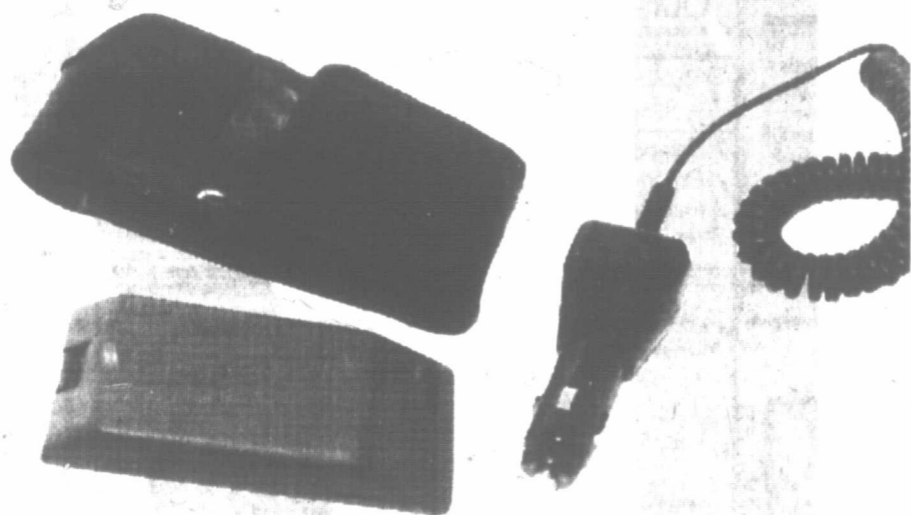
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