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"We need grown men who are willing to stand up against the bullies and the cowards who strike out against others. Grown men don't hide in the bushes or down a dark hallway and wait for the chance to ambush a woman."

- Steve Storie, investigator,
Dallas County District Attorney's Office

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE It's not just crime against women

(Editor's note: This is the first of three stories focusing on domestic violence.)

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

"This ain't anti-men. What it is is anti-bullies and anti-cowards." Those words set the stage for a domestic violence awareness seminar in Hereford.

The Hereford Women and Children's Crisis Center and the Hereford Police Department sponsored Thursday's seminar as part of an effort to educate law enforcement personnel, medical staff, crisis center staff, administrators and the general public about the changing laws and what can be done about domestic violence.

Steve Storie, an investigator with the Dallas County District Attorney's Office, kicked the seminar off with an eye-opening statement and never slowed down.

"We need grown men who are willing to stand up against the bullies and the cowards who strike out against others," said Storie.

"Grown men don't hide in the bushes or down a dark hallway and wait for the chance to ambush a woman."

Batterers pick and choose their fights and they always choose to fight someone with very little chance of returning a fair fight, he said.

Domestic violence is no longer just a crime against women. It affects the women, the children, senior citizens, parents, friends and neighbors.

"The entire community is affected by one act of domestic violence," Storie said. "It's not just the woman who had the tar beat out of her, or her old man that's sitting in the county jail. Think of how their little girl feels the next day in class when other kids are talking about the fun things they did with their families. Her story doesn't even compare."

Some of the startling statistics presented at the seminar include:

- * Texas leads the nation in per-capita domestic homicides;
- * 1 in 3 girls old enough to be dating is being battered;
- * 1 in 3 pregnant women will be battered;
- * Children of batterers are six times more likely to commit suicide;
- * Children of batterers are 24 times more likely to attempt rape before they reach 25 years old;

* Battering of a pregnant woman is the No. 1 cause of fetal damage, according to the March of Dimes; and

* 85 percent of Texas Department of Corrections inmates are products of violent homes.

Storie said most women will take six or seven severe beatings before they ever call for help. Most women who die at the hands of a spouse die between the seventh or eighth police call.

"It's a power trip for these men," said Storie. "They know that if the women fear the batterer more than they trust the system to protect them, they're not going to testify."

There are many reasons women stay in an abusive situation. Some grew up with it and think it's expected; some are afraid they have nowhere to go or to turn for support; some have been taught to stay in a relationship no matter what.

Storie said men who batter their wives like to keep it private. Even co-workers seldom know an individual is a batterer.

"Domestic violence calls are considered the most dangerous call for an officer to respond to. They don't know exactly what to expect and they don't know how volatile the situation is," Storie said.

Officers working domestic violence calls finally are beginning to have the support of tougher laws to help them protect those individuals who either can't protect themselves or don't know how.

With the changing laws, officers can now arrest the batterer even when the defendant won't file charges.

"Sometimes the best thing a responding officer can tell the victim is, 'I'm afraid for you and the kids. It's not getting any better and I'm sorry you got hurt.' This is sometimes the most effective way of telling a victim that you are there to help," he said.

"Just remember. Every victim has a name and is someone's little girl. And, regardless of what the batterer tells you, the victim is not dumb, ugly or stupid. She's frightened."

In the fight against domestic violence, a strong policy and a cooperative effort among all the community agencies is only the first step in defeating the habitual batterers.

TUESDAY: New laws

WEEKEND Profile



Photo by Mauri Montgomery

"You know there really isn't such a thing as a bad child ... most children have really good hearts. I always try to judge a child by what's in his heart, not just the little things he does every day."



He's keeping a list, checking it ...

By DIANNA F. DANDRIDGE
Staff Writer

'Tis the season for children to be particularly mindful of being good, minding their parents and even getting along with their brothers and sisters. Or so the jolly old elf in red said in a recent interview as he was going over the preliminary lists.

"You know there really isn't such a thing as a bad child," said Santa. "Every so often I have to deliver a lump of coal and stocking of switches, but most children have really good hearts. I always try to judge a child by what's in his heart, not just the little things he does every day."

This time of the year Santa gets very little sleep, between supervising the elves in the workshop, exercising the reindeer and checking his mail.

"The elves don't need much supervision," he said. "But the mail arrives by the truckload and the reindeer get a little lazy during the rest of the year."

For the last month or so Santa has taken the team on longer and longer runs in the late of the night.

"I have to be careful when I exercise the team," Santa laughed. "Just the other night I heard a little boy tell his mother he thought he saw us."

The old elf, who has delivered joy and happiness to thousands of children for centuries said the best part of what he does is giving children something to believe in.

"Sometimes, when I've completed my rounds, I'll stop for a few minutes as the children creep down to see if I've been there and just watch as their faces light up with wonder at what I've left."

"Times have changed," said Santa. "but the kids haven't. They all want something to make them happy. Sometimes it's a special toy or maybe some new clothes. Those things I can bring, but sometimes they want something I have no control over. When I can't do anything it just breaks my heart."

"If a child can believe in something good, he's not likely to get into too much trouble."

He's used to the common requests for dolls and drums and even horses, but occasionally a request can throw him and get the elves to laughing.

"Dear Santa," he read from a stack of the funnier letters. "I've been awful good and anything you bring me would be just fine. But if you could bring my folks a locator I'd be oh so happy!"

"I looked at the elves and they all looked at me. Why, we didn't have the foggiest notion what a locator might be. So, we just kept on reading."

"You see, my folks are always losing something. Dad loses his coffee cup and mom loses the car keys. I just thought there must be some kind of locator to help them find lost stuff."

P.S. The only thing they haven't lost is my little sister."

Santa said that he thoroughly enjoys the legends that abound about him, the North Pole, the elves and the reindeer.

"If a child can believe in something good, he's not likely to get into too much trouble. As far as me and the misses living at the North Pole, it's true, but it's just another place - just like Hereford."

Santa's elves have mostly been with him for many years, but occasionally a new one does join the crew, said Santa.

"We've got a place for everyone who wants to help. Some of the elves work with the reindeer, some do the sewing, some build toys. We even have a few that just make up new Christmas songs," he said.

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Ethics problems continuing to dog the Clinton administration

By NANCY BENAC
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - One of Bill Clinton's first official acts as president was to set his gold-and-black pen to stringent new ethics rules signaling a higher standard. "Members of this administration will be looking out for the American people and not for themselves," he promised.

Five years later, the list of Clinton administration officials who have been indicted, resigned under fire or investigated is growing. Most recently, former Housing Secretary Henry Cisneros was indicted Thursday on charges of conspiracy, obstructing justice and making false statements to the FBI about payments to his former mistress.

The Clintons' Whitewater land deal is the subject of ongoing investigation by an independent counsel. And while Attorney General Janet Reno has declined to request an independent counsel for Clinton and Vice President Al Gore's fund raising, a number of financial transactions and practices from his 1996 campaign are under Justice Department investigation.

Other presidents have had their own ethical problems. Under Ronald Reagan, the last two-term president, more than 100 administration figures, including some of the president's closest advisers, were accused of wrongdoing. Six independent counsels conducted investigations, including the Iran-Contra affair, during Reagan's tenure.

Watergate still stands in a class by itself. At his daily briefing Friday, White House press secretary Mike McCurry stressed there had been only one conviction among administration officials and added, "I hope you're not equating indictments with convictions."

McCurry said Clinton continues to believe he has presided over the most ethical administration in history, and he suggested the tough scrutiny in part may lie in today's stricter standards.

"I think that the climate in Washington has clearly changed and the standards that are used at this time may have changed as well," he said.

Still, ethics watchdogs say the problems on Clinton's watch are particularly galling because he came into office promising things would be different.

"What is striking is that Bill Clinton and his administration came to Washington saying that they would be different, that they would end politics as usual and that ethics would be a priority," said Charles Lewis, executive director of the Center for Public Integrity.

But historian Henry Graff at Columbia University dismisses any suggestion Clinton should be faulted for ethical lapses in his administration.

"'Twas ever thus, only we know more now," he said.

"You throw the dice," Graff said. "There's no question that with so much money around, there are bound to be sticky fingers or illegal deals. ... You make appointments and some work out and some don't."

Among Clinton's:

- Former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy was indicted this summer for allegedly accepting favors from companies doing business with the Agriculture Department.

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NEWS

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McMURTRY, PROFESSOR TRY TO BOOST READING

WICHITA FALLS (AP) - Novelist Larry McMurtry and a local university professor bemoan the fact that they didn't have access to creative writing training until they had left the Wichita Falls area for greener pastures.

McMurtry and Midwestern State University professor James Hoggard say the hope the McMurtry Center of the Arts and Humanities at MSU helps Texoma area students learn those skills here in Wichita Falls.

"I didn't even have one (writing class) in college, until my last year," McMurtry said at the center's grand opening Thursday. "I'd heard about creative writing courses, but didn't even think about it until then. There was nothing like that here."

Hoggard, named the first McMurtry Professor, said the center will help young people discover their muses, whether in writing, music or the arts. Workshops for students and high school teachers are part of the program.

The family of the late Wichita Falls philanthropist Bill Thomas funded the center.

"I don't think it's essential that the people in this program stay," said McMurtry, who still lives in his hometown of Archer City, 25 miles to the south. "It's a stage! They can go from here to Yale, for all I care."

FIGHTER CRASH CAUSED BY MISSING FASTENERS

MIDDLE RIVER, Md. (AP) - Military technicians failed to install four of five fasteners on the left wing of an F-117A jet, causing the \$42 million stealth fighter to crash into a residential neighborhood in September, the Air Force said Friday.

A monthlong investigation by a five-member Air Force panel into the crash found that the wings were removed and reinstalled last January as part of a maintenance check. That's when the four fasteners were likely left off, according to an Air Force report released today.

Two other maintenance checks, including one prompted by a pilot's complaint about too much "flex" in the wing, also failed to detect the problem.

"It is my opinion the accident was caused by unintentional maintenance oversight," said Col. John Beard, head of the investigative panel.

A change in the design of the F-117As, which look like bat wings, may have made it harder to detect the problem, Beard said.

In 1992, Lockheed Corp. added two steel plates in the wings to stiffen them. The plates covered the missing fasteners, making it impossible for maintenance workers to see their mistake without taking apart the whole assembly - a job which would take 14 hours, he said.

LAWSUITS OVER FEN-PHEN TO BE COMBINED

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Lawsuits filed nationwide over the diet drug combination known as fen-phen will be bundled together for hearings before a federal judge.

A panel of federal judges have ordered the consolidation of pretrial proceedings for all litigation blaming heart-valve damage on the drugs, which were recalled in September at the request of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

More than 200 product liability lawsuits have been filed in 58 federal courts against the manufacturers of the diet drugs fenfluramine, also known as Pondimin; phentermine, the other half of the "fen-phen" combination; and dexfenfluramine, a similar drug also known as Redux, and against physicians who prescribed them.

DONORS PLEDGE \$2.4 BILLION TO VIETNAM

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) - Donors pledged \$2.4 billion in aid to Vietnam for 1998 on Friday, but urged its communist leadership to push ahead with economic reforms.

Officials from Vietnam's largest donors, including Japan, Australia and the Asian Development Bank, were in Tokyo to attend a World Bank meeting on Vietnam.

"There was strong agreement between the government and its development partners that Vietnam's development context is more difficult than a year ago and that a new agenda for reforms must be enacted urgently," said Andrew Steer of the World Bank.

Vietnam has been gradually introducing market-oriented reforms into its command economy since the mid-1980s, when the country was at a virtual economic standstill and crippled by triple-digit inflation.

In recent years, those reforms have ushered in near 9 percent annual economic growth. Foreign investors have warned Vietnam to step up the pace of reforms.

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- Webster Hubbell, who was Clinton's first associate attorney general, subsequently spent 18 months in prison for tax evasion and mail fraud in bilking his law firm and clients. The consulting fees he received after resigning from the Justice Department are still under investigation by the Whitewater prosecutor.

Other Cabinet officials have faced scrutiny as well.

At the time of his death in a 1996 plane crash, Commerce Secretary Ron Brown's financial dealings were under investigation by an independent counsel. Reno earlier this month rejected calls for an independent counsel to investigate whether former Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary sought a charitable contribution in return for meeting Chinese businessmen.

There could be more investigations ahead. Reno is reviewing whether to ask for an independent counsel to investigate Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt's role in rejecting an Indian casino opposed by other tribes that had contributed to the Democratic Party.

However history judges this administration, Lewis said Clinton has failed to set a high standard.

"If we took them at face value, there was some reason to believe that they had some desire to raise the bar in terms of integrity," Lewis said. "There's absolutely no evidence that they've raised anything but lawyer's fees."

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"If I could change one thing about Christmas eve routine it would probably be the snacks," he said. "Somehow, someone got the idea my favorite snack is chocolate chip cookies and they're okay, but if I had my choice I'd have a cup of coffee, and a nice slice of fruit cake, maybe with a little whip cream on the side."

Santa said the cookies and milk are appreciated, but it gets a little cold flying through the night and sometimes a cup of coffee would sure be good.

What does he get out of all the giving?

"Joy," he said. "If I can make someone's life just a little happier then it brings me great joy. It's all about giving of one's self without a thought of what we get in return."

Dianna F. Dandridge, a staff writer for *The Brand*, has three children.

TOWN OFFICIALS FIND TINY GRAVEYARD

WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) - Officials in this Detroit suburb have yet to decide what to do with a recently rediscovered cemetery.

The plot of land is about the size of a small car.

The tiny graveyard on Farmington Road is about 7 feet by 14 feet and is said to hold the bodies of seven members of an 1830s pioneer family named Hosner, the *Detroit Free Press* reported Thursday.

The land was overgrown with trees and brush and little known until May 14, when a neighbor, Bernadine Pepple, noticed a front-end loader working at the site. She called police.

"It could be a very serious crime," said West Bloomfield Township Supervisor Jeddy Hood. "Defacing a cemetery is a real no-no."

Bill Lang Jr. was one of two men clearing brush and trees for property owners Jose and Stella Evangelista. Stella Evangelista had hoped to build offices there.

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Viewpoint

Dear Editor:

Chance encounters sometime turn into surprising realities.

My golf partner and I signed up to play in your annual Heifers and Bulls Couples Golf Tournament at Pitman Golf Course in September of this year. We decided to participate because it was a Make-A-Wish benefit and also because we enjoy playing well-maintained golf courses.

On the first day of the tournament, local rules were being explained and score cards were distributed and starting tee boxes were assigned. I realized the person welcoming the golfers and explaining the rules looked familiar.

That person was Bill Brown, president of the John Pitman Golf Course Association, who had graduated from high school with my older brother.

During the two days of the golf tourney, Bill and I had several occasions to catch up on the past years. When I mentioned that my business partner and I were looking

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Letters to the Editor

for a location for our new business, American Modular (building portable buildings), his response was not only instant but also sincere - "Come to Hereford!"

Bill's follow-up calls led to meetings with Don Cumpston of the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce. One thing led to another, and after meetings arranged by "Coach" Cumpston with Mike Hatley and Hereford Economic Development Corporation and financial institutions, our decision became simple: Hereford was going to be the home of our new business!

The rest of the story, as they say, is history. My business partner and

I am happy to be in "Hustlin' Hereford."

Come see us!

Sincerely,
Nelson Canode

Dear Editor:

This is the time of year for rejoicing and being thankful for all our blessings.

Personally, I am thankful for many fine churches, our schools, our economy and our hospital and support systems.

One of the supporting arms is the Deaf Smith Health Care Foundation. Under the dedicated leadership of Dr. Nadir Khuri and his wife, Sylvia, and

a board of directors, the foundation is making a difference in the quality of health care in our community.

Although a relatively young organization, the foundation has awarded 12 scholarships to college students entering the health care field.

This year, the foundation bought a portable ventilator for our Emergency Medical Services vehicles. The first week it arrived, it was used to help save a life.

Deaf Smith Health Care Foundation needs your support. All gifts are tax-deductible. Memorials to loved ones is one way to give. A gift in honor of a loved one just because you are thankful for a good hospital would be helpful.

Wishing all a happy and health New Year.

Shirley Garrison,
Board member



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EDITORIALS

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the public about the safety of the process. At that point, some applause might finally be due.

Aftonbladet, Stockholm, on U.S. foreign policy:

The United States is pursuing a foreign policy without morality that has seldom been seen so notably as it is now. The only remaining global power is keeping itself separate and declining to take global responsibility.

President Clinton declined to connect the United States to the total ban on anti-personnel mines that 125 countries signed in Ottawa. In Oslo tomorrow the international campaign will be honored with the Nobel Peace Prize. That convinced most governments that the 'weapons' that every year kill 25,000 civilian victims long after war actions must be discarded from arsenals. The United States stands in disgrace.

At the same time, the United States proposed at the climate meeting in Kyoto to continue to release carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases at their current level for another 10 to 15 years. Clinton has backed down for the fossil fuel lobby in what is, in truth, a question of global solidarity. The ethical dimension is missing almost entirely in his foreign policy.

Le Monde, Paris, on bomb explosion in Prague:

The recent bomb explosion in Prague in front of Finance Minister Ivan Filip's home doesn't mean that the Czech Republic, once applauded for its economic "miracle" and the stability of its institutions, has tumbled into terrorism. But this attack does reveal the tension that has ruled since Vaclav Klaus' government fell in the aftermath of a financial scandal. The Czech Republic, which not that long ago prided itself for being the only Central European country not to see ex-Communists return to power, still hasn't experienced a radical change of leadership by democratic means. That's why the current crisis is a test. Pluralism and open debate are not characteristic of Klaus, who designed the republic's post-revolution economic transformation. ...

Daily Mail, London, on treatment of Irish republicans:

Admittedly this is the season of peace and goodwill to all. And, indeed, there is much that should be risked to give peace a real chance in Northern Ireland. But in recent weeks Irish republican sentiment appears to have been over-generously targeted with gift offerings. ...

Meanwhile, Downing Street continues to insist that there will be no handshake outside Number 10 when Gerry Adams meets Tony Blair there on Thursday. ...

But what's one photo opportunity more or less to a treacherous operator like Adams, when he has the satisfaction of knowing that Sinn Fein (the IRA's political wing) has already been given a festive welcome calculated to turn British stomachs?

DANDRIDGE

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Not that I advocate my father's methods, but we were all very closely acquainted with the razor strap that hung behind the door. Granted, I'll never have one in my home, but a combative attitude is not what I learned at the end of that strap.

I honestly can't ever remember telling any adult that "I'm not going to do that and you can't make me." Yet I've heard it from my kids, kids in the school hallways and even little munchkins in the stores.

I know that all the counselors, children's protective service workers, school administrators and just a whole lot of parents will disagree with me, but that is the beauty of living in the U.S.A. - I can say what I think.

I can't help but feel that when parents and teachers lost the right to thoroughly and promptly punish the would-be-miscreants is when the control was lost.

I'm sure only time will tell if I am correct or not, but until then - I'm still the mom, they are still the kids and just because I said so is enough reason for them to obey me!

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Business Mirror

It's a win, win, win deal

NEW YORK (AP) - Millions of people can lower their withholding tax liability, and then enhance the amount of money saved by contributing it to their Individual Investment Account or their 401(K).

In taking that step, they may also lower their taxable income and thus qualify for lower withholding amounts, or to state it another way, raise their take-home pay.

All any overpayer need do is raise the number of deductions claimed, thus lowering the amount withheld from the paycheck. To reap this benefit is so easy - you merely advise your employer - it is surprising millions don't avail themselves of it. But they don't.

Instead, says Dave Engstrom, whose Winning Publications, Inc. has sold more than a half-million books on how to deal with the Internal Revenue Service, these workers allow themselves to be overwithheld, and then wait perhaps 18 months for the money to be refunded.

It gets worse. The money they could have had up front could have been invested in their tax-deferred savings plan, and might have been matched by their employer. Many companies equal at least a percentage of employee contributions.

Let's see: They could have had money to save, plus matching money from their employer, lower withholding tax and thus more take-home pay. Instead, they opted to allow the IRS and their employer to overwithhold taxes, then wait up to 18 months for its return.

The awful irony of this, says Engstrom, is that after waiting so long for their own money to be returned, a consequence of having overpaid the IRS, "They consider it a gift." Well, he says, it was a gift - a gift to the federal and perhaps state government.

Most people cannot afford this sort of charity, and they can quickly end it by reducing their paycheck withholding to the proper amount. That they don't, says Engstrom, is a bad and very costly habit which the IRS seems to encourage.

Winning Publications is a niche publisher based in White Bear Lake, Minn., a St. Paul suburb, known for the practical, detailed interpretation it provides on the tax code and the IRS. It has, for example, published nine books by Dan Pilla, who reads the code with the same intensity and understanding as he reads the Holy Bible.

Beginning as a teen-ager, when he saved the family home from being seized by the IRS, Pilla has learned so much about IRS details that he is now a tax litigation consultant, teaching and advising tax professionals, such as lawyers and accountants, throughout the country.

He was, for example, the first to demonstrate that tax amnesty is available to those who owe taxes, and he did so in spite of the popular professional belief that it wasn't possible, and despite that claim being made orally and in writing by the IRS itself.

His latest book, "IRS, Taxes and the Beast," subtitled "How To Survive IRS' New-Age Audit Invasion," indicates that he is no friend of the income tax system, which he believes has led to egregious abuses of individual rights, but he is not a tax protester.

There is a big difference, he and Engstrom point out, between a protester, who seeks to defy the IRS, and a taxpayer, as they both are. But as taxpayers, both believe individuals should raise their understanding in order to protect their rights in IRS dealings.

And so they have produced their annual edition of the Smart Tax Pack, in which Pilla discusses dozens of tips. Although lowering withholding taxes can be done at any time, most of the other tips should be implemented before Jan. 1.

ANNUAL AWARDS HONOR SIX UNSUNG HEROES

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) - Dr. Bill Thomas believes there's too much emphasis on nursing in nursing homes, too little on creating a homey atmosphere: the smell of an herb garden, the laughter of children, the kinship of community.

In seven years, his educational foundation has helped transform 300 of them into congenial places humming with activity and purpose. He was one of six "unsung heroes" honored Friday by the 1997 America's Awards.

Among the recipients were a retired Virginia postal worker who has managed to give away almost \$100,000 and a millionaire in Nebraska who has embarrassed corporations into lowering the fat content of their food products.

The awards, created in 1990 by the late minister and author Norman Vincent Peale, annually cite unappreciated Americans who personify the country's character and spirit. Each winner receives \$1,000.

When Thomas took his first job as a medical director in a nursing home, "I realized something really big was missing," he said. "I could give the residents all the right medicines and they could still die of loneliness."

With a \$200,000 state grant, Thomas helped transform the Memorial Nursing Home in New Berlin near Binghamton into a vibrant habitat. He piped in ragtime jazz, brought in cats and parakeets, put up indoor trellises and set aside curving gardens of flowers, herbs and vegetables.

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Global warming debate generates heat

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - It is a plot against Western civilization. It is the greatest danger faced by future generations around the world. The global warming rhetoric is overheated and not even scientists can agree on the extent of the problem.

But the ambiguities in what is known about climate change aren't stopping advocates for and against quick action from framing their arguments on the basis of worst-case scenarios.

Opponents to any agreement that would commit the United States to sharp reductions in emissions of carbon dioxide and other "greenhouse" gases argue that it would force radical changes in U.S. lifestyles for no reason.

The proposed treaty would place limits on the use and production of energy, "the lifeblood of industrial civilization," the Competitive Enterprise Institute argues.

On the other side are environmentalists who contend that failure to reduce such emissions would raise the temperature on Earth. Sea levels would rise, making hurricanes and other storms a greater threat. They cite evidence that the Earth is getting warmer but ignore contrary indications.

For example, British scientists declared upon arriving at the current global warming conference in Kyoto, Japan, that 1997 may be the hottest year on record.

But the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration says that while 120 years of ground temperature records "seem to show some warming," 15 years of data on the middle atmosphere "show no long-term trend."

The automobile is often the victim or villain in this debate. A conservative view offered by James D. Johnston of the American Enterprise Institute suggests that adherence to tougher standards could lead to "no-drive days, no-drive zones, parking charges and limits, employer trip-reduction plans, road-building limits."

Concludes Johnston: "Serious dangers lie ahead for personal mobility." He also chides Vice President Al Gore for taking the environmentalist view in his book "Earth in the Balance," that the impact on the environment of automobiles "is posing a mortal threat to the security of every nation that is more deadly than that of any military enemy we are ever again likely to confront."

But Johnston omits the context. In that section of his book, Gore was arguing for the need to build more fuel-efficient vehicles.

Gore has made the environment a centerpiece of his political career. He flew to Kyoto over the weekend to address the international conference convened to consider ways to toughen the 1992 Climate Change Treaty. Gore also is trying to win delegates over to the U.S. position of more modest reductions than Europeans are advocating.

He has one strong point he can make. The Senate, which would have to approve any treaty change, recently voted 95-0 for a resolution, declaring it would not agree to any change that did not commit China and India to

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Analysis

join industrial nations in reducing emissions.

Typical of the uncertainty about the extent of the problem is the NASA publication "Our Changing Planet."

"Will the earth get warmer?" is the question posed by the space agency. The answer: "We're not sure."

One conservative group criticized the news media for accepting claims that there is widespread scientific agreement on global warming. The Media Research Center cited "a recent Gallup poll" that said only 19 percent of the members of the American Meteorological Society and the American Geophysical Union think that a warmer climate has been the result of greenhouse gas emissions.

The Gallup organization said the poll was taken in October of 1991. It noted that some people, opposed to claims that human-induced global warming is occurring, "have used the study to support their position."

"These writers have taken survey results out of context that appear to show scientists do not believe that human-induced global warming is occurring."

The statement from Gallup noted that when asked if they thought human-induced global warming was occurring, 66 percent of the scientists surveyed said yes.

YOUR EYES

Eye Exercises



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Then look to the right to three o'clock and shift over to nine o'clock. Do this three times, followed by blinks, and then close your eyes to relax.

Next, work your way around the clock, starting by looking at twelve o'clock, then moving to one o'clock, to two o'clock and so on. When you reach twelve again, blink several times and then rest your eyes. Then go counterclockwise.

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Bestsellers

**PUBLISHERS WEEKLY
BEST SELLING BOOKS
HARDCOVER FICTION**

1. "Cold Mountain" by Charles Frazier (Atlantic Monthly)
2. "The Ghost" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
3. "Cat & Mouse" by James Patterson (Little, Brown)
4. "The Letter" by Richard Paul Evans (Simon & Schuster)
5. "Another City, Not My Own" by Dominick Dunne (Crown)
6. "A Certain Justice" by P.D. James (Knopf)
7. "The God of Small Things" by Arundhati Roy (Random House)
8. "The Winner" by David Baldacci (Warner Vision)
9. "Comanche Moon" by Larry McMurtry (Simon & Schuster)
10. "The Matarese Countdown" by Robert Ludlum (Bantam)

NONFICTION

1. "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" by John Berendt (Random House)
2. "Joy of Cooking" by Irma S. Rombauer (Scribner)
3. "Angela's Ashes" by Frank McCourt (Scribner)
4. "Simple Abundance" by Sarah Ban Breathnach (Warner)
5. "The Dark Side of Camelot" by Seymour M. Hersh (Little, Brown)
6. "Citizen Soldiers" by Stephen E. Ambrose (Simon & Schuster)
7. "The Man Who Listens to Horses" by Monty Roberts (Random House)
8. "Into Thin Air" by Jon Krakauer (Villard)
9. "The Perfect Storm" by Sebastian Junger (Norton)
10. "Diana: Her True Story" by Andrew Morton (Simon & Schuster)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "Tom Clancy's Power Plays: Politika" by Tom Clancy and Martin Greenberg (Berkley)
2. "M' Is for Malice" by Sue Grafton (Fawcett Crest)
3. "Total Control" by David Baldacci (Warner Vision)
4. "Airframe" by Michael Crichton (Ballantine)
5. "The List" by Steve Martini (Jove)
6. "Jack & Jill" by James Patterson (Warner Vision)
7. "The Rainmaker" by John Grisham (Island/Dell)
8. "Sole Survivor" by Dean Koontz (Ballantine)
9. "Kiss the Girls" by James Patterson (Warner)
10. "Diana of Autumn" by Diana Gabaldon (Dell)

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff ..." by Richard Carlson (Hyperion)
2. "The Dark Tower IV: Wizard and Glass" by Stephen King (Plume)
3. "Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul" by Canfield, Hansen and Kirberger (HCI)
4. "Under the Tuscan Sun" by Frances Mayes (Broadway)
5. "Undaunted Courage" by Stephen E. Ambrose (S&S/Touchstone)
6. "Chicken Soup for the Mother's Soul" by Canfield, Hansen, Hawthorne, Shimoff (HCI)
7. "Ellen Foster" by Kaye Gibbons (Vintage)
8. "The World Almanac and Book of Facts 1998" by Robert Farnham (World Almanac Books)
9. "The Color of Water" by James McBride (Riverhead)
10. "A Virtuous Woman" by Kaye Gibbons (Vintage)

Rig count falls

HOUSTON (AP) - The number of oil and gas rigs operating nationwide dropped by two to 1,012 this week, Baker Hughes Inc. said Friday.

There were 841 rigs operating in the United States during the same week last year.

Of the rigs running this week, 647 were exploring for natural gas and 361 for oil. Four were listed as miscellaneous.

Houston-based Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1940. The tally peaked at 4,500 in December 1981 during the oil boom. It dropped to a record low of 596 in summer 1993, exceeding the previous low of 663 in 1986.

The rig count represents the number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas.

Texas senators oppose global warming treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) - Add Texas Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison to the growing chorus of congressional Republicans who are decidedly chilly about the global warming treaty hammered out in Japan and agreed to by the Clinton administration.

The two Texas Republicans say they will not support ratification of the treaty, which requires Senate approval. As part of the pact, which was agreed to earlier this week in

Kyoto by 159 nations, the United States would reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012.

"I can't support a treaty where I would have to go back to Texas and say that we're going to limit economic growth in Texas but we're not going to have the same restrictions imposed on Mexico, which is the major source of pollution in a third of my state," said Gramm. "I don't see how I could justify that to workers and to

taxpayers in my state."

Mrs. Hutchison, for her part, believes the White House won't be able to surmount congressional opposition. Industry already has mounted a massive lobbying campaign seeking to derail approval of the treaty, which is also opposed by labor unions.

"I do not believe the Senate will support a treaty that places the United States behind the economic eight ball," she said. "This treaty could

have a huge impact on American competitiveness despite the absence of scientific data to support the agreement's assumptions."

In the face of growing GOP opposition, the White House has decided not to submit the Kyoto treaty to the Senate until some Third World nations agree to live under similar restrictions. Developing nations argue they shouldn't be required to take any action now since most of the gases currently in the

atmosphere were put there by Europe and the United States.

President Clinton took aim at the critics during a Florida campaign swing Thursday.

"Every time we've tried to improve the American environment in the last 25 or 30 years, somebody has predicted that it would wreck the economy. And the air is cleaner. The water's cleaner. The food supply is safer," he said. "So don't believe the critics."

Study indicates world heading for food shortages

WASHINGTON (AP) - Too many births and not enough land available for farming might render the world incapable of feeding its projected 8 billion people by 2025, a study suggests.

If fertility rates do not drop to roughly two children per woman - merely replacing people who die - the world will add about 1 billion people every 20 years, the Johns Hopkins University study predicted.

Without major advances in agriculture, there is not enough available land to grow the necessary

food, said the study's author, Don Hinrichsen.

The U.N. Population Fund senior consultant said about 100 million women want better family planning but do not use contraceptives, some because they don't know how or can't get them and others because their cultures disapprove.

"Helping couples prevent unintended pregnancies by providing family planning would slow the growth in the demand for food," Hinrichsen said.

To do that, contraceptive use in

developing countries should increase from 50 percent to 73 percent - the level in the United States and other developed nations, he said.

Otherwise, food production would have to double by 2025 for each person to enjoy what the United Nations defines as food security: constant access to enough safe and nutritious food to "maintain a healthy and active life."

Agriculture now produces enough food for the world's 6 billion people, but about one in three do not enjoy food security because it isn't

distributed evenly, the Johns Hopkins study says. Some 18 million people a year die of starvation.

The study also urges continued work on development of high-yield crops such as those that helped nearly triple yields in three main staples - corn, rice and wheat - between 1950 and 1990.

Attention should focus on crops such as sorghum, millet and cassava that are common in developing countries. The study also recommends increased farming in cities, rediscovering forgotten crops and

expansion of aquaculture.

Other farm problems include polluted and eroded land - an area larger than the United States and Mexico now suffers from severe soil degradation - loss of farmland to urban sprawl, shortages of water and climate change.

Unless these obstacles are overcome, regions such as Africa will never keep up with population growth: the continent now produces 30 percent less food per person than in 1967.

Texas teen charged in N.M. slaying

TEXICO, N.M. (AP) - A Texas teen-ager has been charged with murder in the slaying of a 73-year-old fruit vendor this state line town, and three other teens have been jailed on related counts.

Michael Treadway, 18, was arrested in neighboring Farwell, Texas, hours after the slaying of Everett Clint "Red" Prather at a local market.

Treadway, who lives in Farwell, has been extradited to Curry County, N.M., and was being held without bond Friday.

Also in Curry County's custody were Ronald Armstrong, 17, of Muleshoe, Texas, and an unnamed juvenile, both of whom are charged with armed robbery and harboring a felon. They were held in lieu of \$500,000 bond.

A fourth teen, 18-year-old Kansas resident Kirsten Admunson, faces the same armed robbery charges in New Mexico and an additional cocaine possession charge Texas. She was jailed in Parmer County, Texas, on \$100,000 bond.

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RUTH RENDELL

LONDON (AP) - Crime writer Ruth Rendell, literary authority on the corpus delicti, wants to see some live bodies in England's libraries.

Making her first speech to Parliament as the new Baroness Rendell, the writer made a plea for literacy.

Books should not be crowded out by computer technology and viewed as "curiosities from a former age," Rendell said. "To be literate is to turn the soul's eye towards the light."

"I have to express an interest because I have written many books with bodies in libraries or less salubrious places," she joked.

Rendell is the author of the Inspector Wexford novels. She also writes psychological suspense stories under the name Barbara Vine.

DAVID WOLF

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Feeling sorry for yourself because you're far from home this holiday season? Think of David Wolf, up on Mir.

"We'll enjoy the light show on the Earth instead of our own Christmas light," Wolf said Friday from the Russian space station. "Actually, our consoles here look a lot like Christmas lights a lot of the time."

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Wolf, who is Jewish, received a menorah as a Hanukkah gift from his sister. The menorah and gelt, holiday candy in the shape of coins, were delivered by a Russian supply ship in October.

After nearly three months in space, the 41-year-old doctor and engineer said he's feeling extremely good but craves "those sweet potatoes with the marshmallows on top that my mom makes."

He said he'd also like a good pizza.

BOB DYLAN

OWENSBORO, Ky. (AP) - Bob Dylan may be entering his bluegrass phase.

The singer, who has gone through folk, country, rock, gospel and pop phases over the years, is collaborating with bluegrass musician Ralph Stanley, said Day Hays, executive director of the International Bluegrass Music Association.

"Bob Dylan went in the studio with Ralph Stanley last week," Hays said. "Several artists not normally associated with bluegrass are performing bluegrass tunes these days."

They include country stars Vince Gill and Garth Brooks.

MATT LAUER

NEW YORK (AP) - Women may think "Today" show co-anchor Matt Lauer is a hunk, but he doesn't.

"I'm a guy who is about to turn 40, who has a large nose and an overbite, whose hairline in the front is receding, whose hair in the back is disappearing, who's losing his butt," Lauer said in the latest People magazine.

Lauer "always paid attention to his clothing," said his sister, April Stone. "Even as a child of 7 or 8."

Lauer took over as co-host of the show nearly a year ago, Jan. 6, after Bryant Gumbel left, and ratings are up 12 percent.

NEWS

in brief

HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH WHEN IT'S YOUR DOG?

HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP) - How do you know you've spent too much on a dog?

When the dog house costs more than your own.

A kennel for 20 drug-sniffing dogs being built next to a new jail has already cost Bergen County \$236,000 - \$32,400 more than the average county resident pays for a house.

And the price is going up. Sheriff Jack Terhune is asking county freeholders to approve \$38,000 more to connect sewers, water and electricity to the dog's facility.

The kennel will have heated rooms, individual sleeping quarters, a grooming area, an office, a food preparation room and a locker room for trainers. Each dog will have a private, 4-by-4-foot stall connected to individual dog runs.

The freeholders delayed a vote on the payment last week until they could learn more.

Freeholder Anthony Cassano, who has toured the proposed kennel site, defended the project.

BURGLARS DIDN'T GET WHAT THEY THOUGHT

CLAREMORE, Okla. (AP) - Burglars thought they were stealing marijuana bagged in plastic when they took a small cedar box from a Tulsa home.

But an undertaker helped police learn the truth: The "marijuana" is the cremated remains of a human or pet.

Police are trying to find the owner of the box, which is 8 inches long, 4 inches deep and 3.5 inches wide. Its bottom bears the number 18041 and "Jackson Golden."

"That could be the name brand of the box, the deceased's name or a golden retriever," Detective Tim Norris said.

The mystery began when April Nelson called police Tuesday to report that a boarder had left the box at her home. She said the boarder had told her that she and friends stole the box from a house in Tulsa.

"They just opened the box and saw the baggie and thought it was marijuana," Norris said. "They were going to take it home and smoke it."

MORALES CITES JUDGMENT IN PEST CONTROL CASE

AUSTIN (AP) - A pest control services business has agreed to pay damages and fees totaling more than \$1 million to the state and consumers, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said Friday.

The final judgment and agreed permanent injunction were filed simultaneously in state district court with Morales' lawsuit against Monticello Leasing Corp., doing business as Sears Termite and Pest Control, and David Terry, the company president, according to the attorney general's office.

MOOVIES 6

Movie listings for Home Alone-3, Screen 2, The Rainmaker, Anastasia, Mortal Kombat, Flubber, For Richer or Poorer.

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Joint Christmas party

Hereford High School Anchor Club was joined by the MIMIC (Morals in Mind Improved Character) Club for a Christmas party Monday night at the HISD Administration building. More than 60 students attended the party and had refreshments of finger foods and soft drinks.

Girl Scout News

Reports have been received from some of our troops. Here's what's happening.

*Joyce Dawson's Brownie Troop 214 is earning a badge studying Texas' past. They will also be having a sleep-over in January. During the sleep-over, they will learn "line dancing."

*Cathy Gallagher's Junior Troop 217 is earning badges with "local lore." Cathy is really excited with all the history surrounding Hereford and is passing this on to her troop.

*Marva Spain's Junior Troop 239 is earning geology and arts and crafts badges. They also have a coming sleep-over. They are also planning a night at the movies.

Girl Scout registration is open all year. If you would like to get in on all the fun, just call the Girl Scout Council at 1-800-687-4475, and they will give you the information for your area.

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Words alone cannot express our sincere appreciation to Terry and the First Baptist Church and to all others who prayed so faithfully for Tabitha Gilbert Pitman as she valiantly fought her battle with cancer, but this was not to be.

We thank you for the calls, visits, cards, flowers and memorials to her.

May the Lord bless & keep you.

*Johnny Gilbert & Family
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Calendar of Events

MONDAY

Deaf Smith County Historical Museum: Regular museum hours Monday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday by appointment only.

Domestic Violence Support Group for women who have experienced physical or emotional abuse, 5 p.m. Call 364-7822 for meeting place. Child care is available.

Odd Fellows Lodge, IOOF Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Rotary Club, Hereford Community Center, noon.

Planned Parenthood Clinic, open Monday through Friday, 711 25 Mile Ave., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

AA meets Monday through Friday, 411 W. First St., noon and 8 p.m. For more information, call 364-9620.

Spanish speaking AA meetings each Monday, 411 W. First St., 8 p.m.

Little Blessings Day Care, First Presbyterian Church, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Out Patient Treatment Program, San Jose Community Center, 6-9 p.m.

TUESDAY

Hereford Rebekah Lodge No. 228,

IOOF Hall, 7:30 p.m. in the winter and 8 p.m. in the summer.

Problem Pregnancy Center, 505 E. Park Ave., open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 2-5 p.m. Call 364-2927 or 364-5299 for an appointment.

Good Shepherd Clothes Closet, 625 E. Hwy. 60, open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. To contribute items, call 364-2208.

Hereford AMBUCS Club, Ranch House, noon.

Golden K Kiwanis Club, Hereford Senior Citizens Center, noon

Little Blessings Day Care at First Presbyterian Church, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Deaf Smith County Chapter of the American Heart Association, 7 p.m.

La Plata Study Club, 7:30 p.m.

Hereford CattleWomen, noon luncheon.

Ford Family Community Education Club, 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Noon Lions Club, Community Center, noon.

Al-Anon, 411 W. First, 5 p.m.

Nazarene Kid's Korner, Hereford Church of the Nazarene, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m..

Nurturing program for prenatal families, San Jose Community Center, 9-11:30 a.m.

Knights of Columbus at KC Hall, 7 p.m.

Well baby screening clinic for preschool age children, Texas Department of Health office, 914 E. Park Ave., 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m.

THURSDAY

San Jose prayer group, 735 Brevard, 8 p.m.

Kiwanis Club, Community Center, noon.

TOPS Club No. 941, Community Center, 9:45 a.m.

Hereford Toastmasters Club, The Ranch House, 6:30 a.m.

Al-Anon, 411 W. First St., 8 p.m.

Immunizations against childhood diseases, and flu and pneumonia shots and adult immunizations, TDH/HRMC Women's and Children's Health Clinic, 205 W. Fourth, 7-11:30 a.m. and 1-5:45 p.m.

Merry Mixers Square Dance Club, Community Center, 8 p.m.

Nurturing program, parent and children's group sessions, San Jose Community Center, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Heavenly Treasures Day Care at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

D.R.E.S.S. Your Family For Success program, San Jose Community Center, 6-9 p.m.

Red Cross uniformed volunteers, noon luncheon.

BPOE Lodge in Elks Hall, 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Community Duplicate Bridge Club, Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

Nazarene Kid's Korner, Hereford Church of the Nazarene, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Heavenly Treasures Day Care, St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Patriarchs Militant and Ladies Auxiliary, IOOF Hall, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

AA, 411 W. First St., 8 p.m. on Saturdays and 11 a.m. on Sundays.

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LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) - The Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative wants to extend the sales season for as long as four extra weeks so the leaf has more time to cure.

A unanimous vote by the organization's board of directors in Lexington, Ky., came at the pleading of growers, buyers and regulators concerned about the dismal state of this year's crop. Markets are scheduled to close Feb. 26.

Tommy Norvell, senior vice president of Universal Leaf North America, told the board that a delay would encourage growers not to strip their tobacco too early simply to get it to market.

"We're hopeful that the longer it hangs in the barn, the more acceptable the tobacco will be," Norvell said.

A late closing would not be unprecedented. The burley co-op began setting a fixed closing date only in 1995 as a way to reduce selling costs, improve planning and encourage farmers to bring in their crop. Until 1995, the markets continued as long as there was still leaf to sell.

The need to extend sale dates is the latest fallout from chaotic weather that plagued tobacco growers all season.

Conditions alternated between a

spring deluge and near-drought conditions of summer. October rains caused a late growing spurt, which added a green tinge to the leaf. Then freezing conditions in late October through early November delayed curing.

Co-op Chief Executive Danny McKinney said the federal Burley Advisory Committee most likely will grant the extension because of the unusual conditions. During normal seasons, 74 percent of the burley crop is sold before Christmas.

"This year, we'll be fortunate to reach 50 percent before Christmas," McKinney said. "I can't remember ever selling less than 60 percent by Christmas until this year."

He said the 39-member advisory board of growers, warehouse operators and leaf buyers is likely to extend the market as much as four weeks past the scheduled close.

Co-op board member Paul Tucker of Harrison County, Ky., made the motion to request the extension, arguing that the February closing ignored the situation facing this year's crop.

"We ought to give people a little leeway to wait until the tobacco is ripe," Tucker said.

Some warehouses have taken out radio ads asking growers not to bring in uncured tobacco.

Product safety, industries top priority

IRVING (AP) - The beef industry, concerned about public perception of beef safety, is trying to improve its image and disseminate the message that Americans should not fear eating meat.

The Beef Industry Food Safety Council met Thursday and Friday to figure out a way to solve the problems presented by E. coli and other food-borne pathogens.

"The problem is the occurrence of E. coli ... in ground beef," said Chuck Schroeder, chairman of the council and chief executive of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. "Even though it occurs rarely, we've determined that it is a top priority of the industry."

Tainted meat became a major concern this summer when a recall was issued for 25 million pounds of Hudson Food Co. hamburger that may have been contaminated with E. coli.

After that incident, the council, made up of ranchers, meat packers, processors and scientists, was organized.

Looking for a way to avoid headlines about sick consumers and the contamination altogether, the meat industry got approval from the Food and Drug Administration this month to use irradiation to zap beef with gamma rays.

Now, the council is trying to help

disseminate information about the new technology and better handle similar "crisis situations" like the Hudson hamburger incident.

"We've found as these occurrences come to pass we're looking at each other wondering what to do. We're looking to limit the damage and work more cohesively with each other," said Schroeder, who described the current spokesmen for the industry as "cowboys, meat packers and restaurateurs."

The council is considering whether to hire a public relations firm to handle the news media and consumer questions.

Schroeder said those in the industry recognize that something needs to be done or "over the long

haul, we'll lose the confidence of the customer."

Americans are eating 13 percent less beef than about 25 years ago, but it is still by far the nation's leading meat at about 64 pounds per person every year.

Matter of Fact

A recently announced award should help put anyone's mind at ease as to the lengths our industry goes to ensure safe and abundant crops. The highest honor from the World Food Prize Organization went to a Texas A&M University professor for developing successful, ecological and biological ways to control insects.

For more than 30 years, Dr. Perry Adisson of A&M and Dr. Ray Smith from the University of California at Berkeley have promoted integrated pest management systems to protect food and fiber crops from insects. This outstanding accolade comes on the heels of a report revealing that pesticide use on the nation's farms has been reduced some 50 percent in recent years. Pesticide use on cotton alone has dropped almost 80 percent.

That news is very important as we continue to assure the American public that folks in the agriculture industry are doing all we can to ensure a safe and abundant food supply. Such agricultural research - including alternative means of doing our job - is vital to continuing that commitment.

LA produces record sugar crop

FRANKLIN, La. (AP) - Good crops, the right mix of sun and rain and major expansion have made 1997 a record year for sugar yields in Louisiana.

Sugar cane thrived on a fall that was mild and fairly dry. Every day, 10,000 to 12,000 tons of cane are processed at Sterling Sugars alone, company president Craig Callier said.

More than 920,000 tons - the largest crop in the mill's history - will have run through the hopper by the

end of December and the milling season. "The crop, up until this point, is proving to be good for farmers and mills," Callier said.

The increase is due in large part to the planting of Variety 384, a new kind of cane that features a skinnier barrel. With this variety, more plants per acre can be planted, and more sugar can be harvested.

But Variety 384 has its share of problems. Wind and rain knock down the canes, heavy with sugar - and each row of canes will knock down the next, domino-style.

This means that, instead of the old double-row harvesters, farmers must use single-row harvesters called combines to harvest the fallen or lodged cane.

A fan at the bottom of the combine shucks the cane and blows the leaves onto the ground. Inside the combine, the cane is cut into 12-inch chunks and lifted past another extracting fan to a trailer to head to the mill.

With a combine, the farmer can

harvest far more of Variety 384 that would have been left on the ground with the older system, Callier said.

The leaves blown onto the field can be ground into the soil to fertilize the next season's crops.

Drivers also benefit, because 10-foot spears of sugar cane no longer hurdle off the tractors.

In addition, farmers do not have to burn the fields, though some still burn the leaves, saying they hold too much water in the fields.

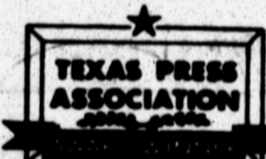
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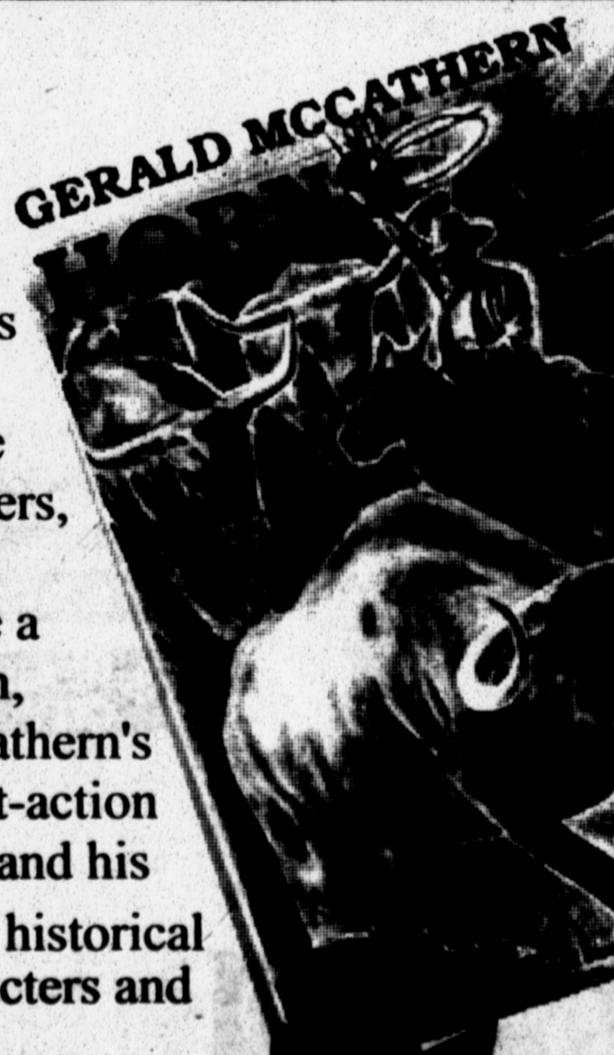
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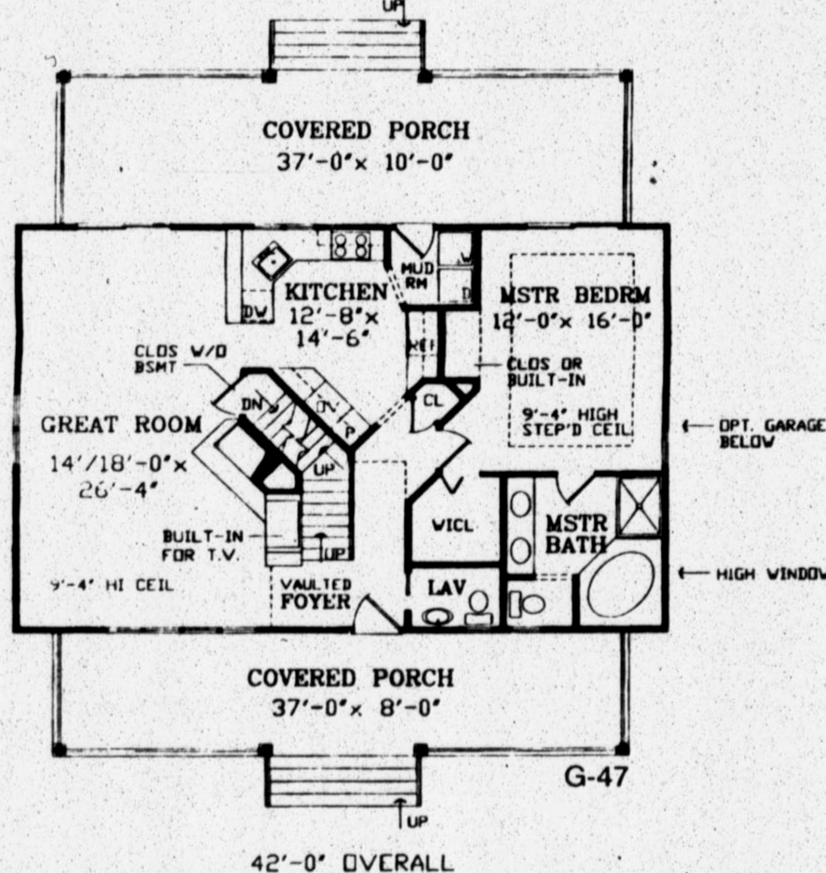
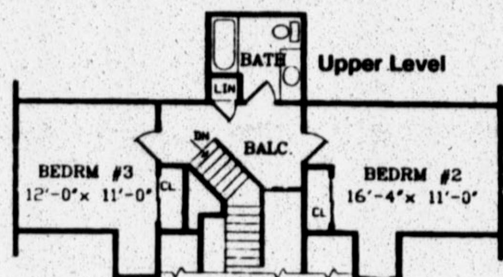
TWO STONE CHIMNEYS rise above this home, complementing the country feel of the front porch.

By BRUCE A. NATHAN
AP Newsfeatures
Plan G-47, by HomeStyles Designers Network, with 1,679 square feet of living space, has charm and is designed for relaxation.
Two covered porches and wide, angled spaces highlight this cozy country cottage.
The great room is the primary living area of the home. It has a 9-ft., 4-in. ceiling, a fireplace with a raised hearth and a built-in niche for a television set.
The spacious kitchen offers all the amenities of a modern home, including a separate eating bar and access to the laundry area.
The master suite has a 9 ft., 4-in. stepped ceiling and a sliding glass door to the back porch. A

whirlpool bath and a dual-sink vanity are among the features of the master bath.
A balcony overlooking the vaulted foyer, along with two additional bedrooms with dormers that share a full bath, makes the upstairs area special.

G-47 STATISTICS

Design G-47 has three bedrooms, two and one half baths, a foyer, great room, kitchen and a mud room, totaling 1,679 square feet of living space. This plan includes a daylight basement, standard basement, crawlspace or slab foundation, and 2x4 exterior wall framing. The daylight basement includes a tuck-under, two-car garage totaling 516 square feet.



BEYOND THE COVERED PORCH, the vaulted foyer provides a view of the second floor balcony and leads into the first floor great room which features a fireplace with a raised hearth and a nifty built-in niche for a television set. A sliding glass door at the back opens to another covered porch. The kitchen features an eating bar and a pantry. The first-floor master suite has a whirlpool bath with a dual-sink vanity. Two bedrooms and a full bath upstairs complete the floor plan.

(For a more detailed, scaled plan of this house, including guides to estimating costs and financing, send \$4 to House of the Week, P.O. Box 1562, New York, N.Y. 10116-1562. Be sure to include the plan number.)

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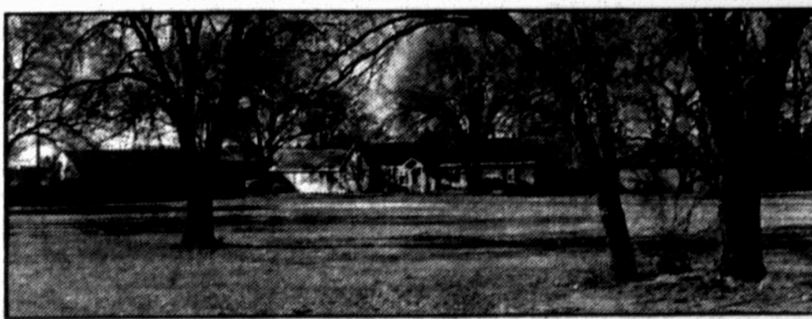
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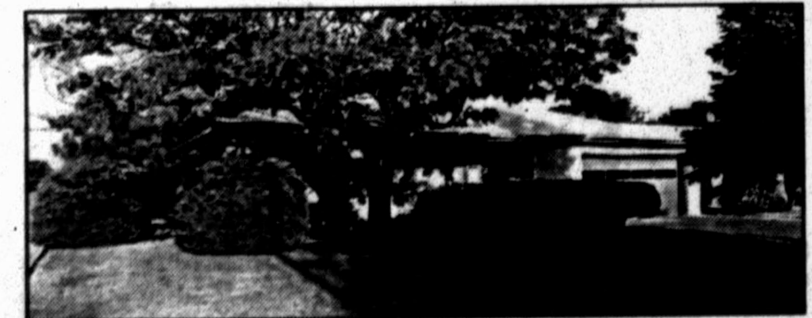
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Frasier episode offers three Cranes a-crooning



Frasier and Roz (Kelsey Grammer, center, and Peri Gilpin) dispense holiday cheer to a youngster (J.B. Gaynor) in a special Christmas episode of *Frasier*, airing Tuesday on NBC. The program is one of many seasonal offerings on network series this week.

By John Crook
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Shoo away those three French hens. On the ninth day before Christmas, NBC presents three Cranes a-crooning in a special holiday episode of *Frasier*, premiering Tuesday, Dec. 16.

In "Perspectives on Christmas," Martin (John Mahoney) runs into a priest who invites the Crane patriarch to sing a solo in a church Christmas pageant. Martin accepts, then turns to his musically gifted sons, Frasier and Niles (Kelsey Grammer, David Hyde Pierce), for help with the event.

Since Martin wants to surprise Daphne (Jane Leeves) with his singing, he tries to keep her in the dark, but in typical *Frasier* fashion, she leaps to the conclusion that Martin is not long for this world.

And neither is Frasier if Roz (Peri Gilpin) has anything to say about it. The radio shrink pauses in his frenzied holiday shopping long enough to blurt out news of Roz's delicate condition to her mother.

No word yet on whether Martin will make little Eddie (Moose) wear those embarrassing reindeer antlers this year, but this festive *Frasier* looks like a sure bet in a week that finds a glut of holiday episodes elsewhere as well.

Immediately preceding *Frasier*, the *NewsRadio* staffers reluctantly agree to compete against Ted Turner's people in a holiday talent contest. If they win, Matthew (Andy Dick) gets his old job back.

On CBS' *George & Leo* on Monday, Dec. 15, George (Bob Newhart) hopes to snare the presidency of the local historical society by hosting a gala holiday tour of his home in period costume. Unfortunately, he gets

smashed after Leo (Judd Hirsch) spikes "The Eggnog."

That same night on NBC's *Suddenly Susan*, the holidays make Susan (Brooke Shields) feel pensive about Jack (Judd Nelson), leading to a surprise at the office party. Vicki (Kathy Lewis) learns about Hanukkah from her rabbi boyfriend.

Deputy Mayor Mike Flaherty (Michael J. Fox) of ABC's *Spin City* has handled all sorts of public relations crises, but he really has his hands full when the mayor (Barry Bostwick) inadvertently tells the children of New York that there is no Santa Claus in "Miracle Near 34th Street," airing Wednesday, Dec. 17.

A holiday-themed *ER* is one of the highlights of NBC's Thursday lineup on Dec. 18.

In "Do You See What I See?" Dr. Benton (Eriq La Salle) attracts special attention after he and Dr. Del Amico (Maria Bello) treat a blind person who has been struck by a car on Christmas Eve.

ABC turns over its entire lineup on Friday, Dec. 19, to holiday themes, topped by a *Sabrina, the Teenage Witch* episode in which Sabrina's (Melissa Joan Hart) selfishness rebounds on her.

CBS hopes to fend off NBC's Saturday, Dec. 20, rebroadcast of *It's a Wonderful Life* with a new holiday episode of *Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman*.

Add all the above to many other Christmas-themed shows, including *Dharma & Greg* and *Ellen*, as well as holiday repeats of *3rd Rock From the Sun*, and this week's TV lineup sings, "God rest ye merry, couch potatoes!"

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37-THE HISTORY CHANNEL
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A

Las Abejas Claudio Brook, Alicia Encinas. Campesinos pobres van a robar miel de abejas experimentales, las que son liberadas y amenazan a todo el pueblo. 2:00. December 14 8pm.

Across to Singapore *** (1928) Ramon Novarro, Joan Crawford. Silent. Two seafaring brothers must contend with romantic jealousies and a mutinous crew during a trip to the Orient. 1:30. December 20 6am.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn *** (1960) Tony Randall, Eddie Hodges. Based upon Mark Twain's classic tale of a young runaway and his exploits along the Mississippi River. 1:50. December 19 11:10pm.

All the Brothers Were Valiant ** 1/2 (1953) Robert Taylor, Stewart Granger. Tensions rise between two brothers after one leaves the family whaling business to satisfy his thirst for adventure. 2:00. December 15 1pm.

Angel and the Badman *** (1947) John Wayne, Gail Russell. A notorious outlaw is reformed by the Quaker woman who nurses him back to health. 2:00. December 14 3am.

B

Bebes in Toyland ** 1/2 (1961) Tommy Sands, Annette Funicello. The evil Barnaby uses an invention to come between two Toyland lovers in Disney's adaptation of the operetta. (In Stereo) 2:00. December 20 12pm.

Baby Face ** 1/2 (1933) Barbara Stanwyck, George Brent. An ambitious woman uses her beauty to boost her up the ladder to wealth and prestige. 1:15. December 14 8:45pm.

Beach Babes From Beyond ** 1/2 (1993) Joe Estevez, Don Swayze. Three intergalactic beauties beam down off the California coast and have close encounters with three local beach boys. 2:00. December 20 1am.

Beethoven ** (1992) Charles Grodin, Bonnie Hunt. A suburban family rallies to the rescue when an evil veterinarian kidnaps its Saint Bernard. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. December 14 5pm.

The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas ** 1/2 (1982) Burt Reynolds, Dolly Parton. The madam of a notorious bordello calls on her friend, the local sheriff, to save her business from a TV muckraker. 2:30. December 14 12:30pm.

Betsy's Wedding ** 1/2 (1990) Alan Aida, Madeline Kahn. A simple wedding becomes a three-ring circus when the parents of the bride and the groom wage a war of one-upmanship. (In Stereo) 2:00. December 14 3am.

The Beverly Hillbillies ** (1993) Jim Varney, Diedrich Bader. A cash-craving woman hopes to tie Jed Clampett with the bonds of matrimony in this big-screen version of the TV series. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. December 16 7pm.

Bewitched *** (1945) Phyllis Thaxter, Edmund Gwenn. A young murderess reveals a chilling alter ego in this early tale of schizophrenia. 1:30. December 19 5am.

Beyond Belief ** (1976) Various manifestations of the paranormal are studied, including faith healing, reincarnation and telepathy. 2:00. December 18 2am.

Big Business ** 1/2 (1988) Bette Midler, Lily Tomlin. Two sets of identical twins separated at birth converge in Manhattan on opposite sides of a corporate maneuver. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. December 14 1am.

Big Trouble in Little China ** (1986) Kurt Russell, Kim Cattrall. A truck driver is plunged into a strange netherworld after his friend's fiancée is kidnapped by mysterious forces. 2:00. December 19 12:35am.

Blossoms in the Dust *** (1941) Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon. A Texas woman who lost her own child opens a home for orphaned children in this biographical account of Edna Gladney. 2:00. December 14 11am.

Blunt: The Fourth Man *** (1986) Ian Richardson, Anthony Hopkins. A fictionalized account of events in the lives of British spies Anthony Blunt and Guy Burgess during the early 1950s. 2:00. December 20 5am.

Brink's: The Great Robbery ** (1976) Darren McGavin, Leslie Nielsen. Two persistent FBI agents launch an exhaustive investigation into one of America's most infamous bank heists. 2:00. December 19 9pm; 20 1am.

Buffalo Soldiers *** (1997) Danny Glover, Mykelti Williamson. A black U.S. cavalry unit skirmishes with American Indian tribes in the post-Civil War West. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. December 14 12pm; 15 1pm; 16 9:30pm; 20 1:30pm.

C

Casos de Alarma I Carmen Salinas, Luis Aguilar. Una película sobre el asesino que no discrimina: el SIDA. 2:00. December 14 11pm.

Child's Cry ** (1986) Lindsay Wagner, Peter Coyote. A social worker takes an interest in an emotionally withdrawn 6-year-old boy she suspects is a victim of child abuse. 2:00. December 14 1pm.

Christmas Eve *** (1986) Loretta Young, Trevor Howard. Long-estranged from her grandchildren, a wealthy eccentric goes to extreme lengths to reunite her family for Christmas. 2:00. December 14 4pm.

Christmas Every Day (1996) Robert Hays, Erik Van Dellen. A youngster learns the true meaning of Christmas when he is forced to relive the holiday over and over again. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. December 17 7pm.

The Christmas List (1997) Mini Rogers, Bill Switzer. A store clerk learns a valuable lesson about the true meaning of Christmas when she gets everything on her wish list. 2:00. December 18 8pm.

A Christmas Story *** (1983) Peter Billingsley, Darren McGavin. Mid-1940s America is the setting for this holiday memoir about a boy who only wants a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas. 2:00. December 17 8pm.

The Christmas Wife *** (1988) Jason Robards, Julie Harris. A lonely widower's idea to hire a companion for the holidays yields heartwarming results. (In Stereo) (CC) 1:30. December 14 2:30pm.

A Christmas Without Snow ** 1/2 (1980) Michael Learned, John Houseman. Choir members of varying backgrounds struggle under a perfectionist director to present Handel's "Messiah." 2:00. December 14 12:30pm.

Clean and Sober *** (1988) Michael Keaton, Kathy Baker. An embezzling executive is forced to confront his substance abuse after he enters a rehab clinic to avoid the police. 2:00. December 19 1:30am.

The Cockleshell Heroes ** (1955) Jose Ferrer, Trevor Howard. During World War II, eight Royal Marines are chosen to paddle canoes into a French port and blow up Nazi boats. 2:00. December 14 1am, 5am.

Cocoon *** (1985) Don Ameche, Wilford Brimley. Ron Howard's Oscar-winning tale about Florida retirees who find the fountain of youth in a pool filled with alien pods. 2:30. December 14 2pm.

Congo ** (1995) Dylan Walsh, Laura Linney. An ape with the ability to communicate with humans figures in an expedition to find a missing explorer and a lost city. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. December 14 8pm.

Coolie ** (1989) Peter Falk, Emily Lloyd. Following a 13-year stint in jail, a mobster returns home and hires his headstrong teen-age daughter as his chauffeur. 2:00. December 20 1:30am.

The Courtship of Eddie's Father *** (1963) Glenn Ford, Shirley Jones. A young boy uses a peculiar and humorous standard to determine the "perfect" wife for his widowed father. 2:10. December 19 9pm.

Cracker: Best Boys (1995) Robbie Coltrane, Geraldine Somerville. The troubled relationship between a Manchester factory foreman and a 17-year-old worker leads to two murders. 2:00. December 16 8pm, 12am.

Cri-cri el Grillo Cantor Ignacio Lopez Tarzo, Marga López. La historia clásica del compositor latinoamericano Francisco Gabilondo Soler. 2:00. December 20 3pm.

Curse of the Pink Panther ** (1983) Ted Wass, David Niven. A bumbling cop interviews a host of suspicious characters as he searches for the missing Clouseau. 2:00. December 18 11am.

D

A Damsel in Distress *** (1937) Fred Astaire, George Burns. Songs by George and Ira Gershwin highlight this tale of a dancer and the British heiress he mistakes for a chorus girl. 2:00. December 17 9am.

The Dark Command *** (1940) John Wayne, Claire Trevor. The story of Quantin's Raiders, the anti-abolitionists who terrorized Kansas during the Civil War. 2:00. December 20 7pm, 11pm.

A Date With Judy ** 1/2 (1948) Jane Powell, Elizabeth Taylor. The escapades of two teenagers from different backgrounds cause constant turmoil for their families. 2:00. December 20 10am.

Deep Valley ** 1/2 (1947) Ida Lupino, Dana Clark. A bored mountain woman finds romance when she hides an escapee from a road gang. 2:00. December 20 11pm.

Dial 1119 ** (1950) Marshall Thompson, Virginia Field. A night out on the town turns into a night of terror when a bar full of customers is held hostage by a depraved man. 1:30. December 16 5am.

Diamonds Are Forever *** (1971) Sean Connery, Jill St. John. James Bond matches wits with a villain who wants to use the world's diamond supply to build an orbiting space laser. 2:45. December 15 7:05pm.

A Different Kind of Christmas (1986) Shelley Long, Bruce Kirby. A city attorney finds her marital bid threatened by the revelation that her father believes himself to be Santa Claus. (CC) 2:00. December 15 1pm.



HOW THEY SAY IT IN...

- ENGLISH: LAND
- SPANISH: TIERRA
- ITALIAN: TERRA
- FRENCH: TERRE
- GERMAN: LAND
- LATIN: TERRA

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ORGANIZED CAMPING, WHERE PEOPLE — ESPECIALLY CHILDREN — STAY FOR WEEKS AT AN ORGANIZATION'S CAMPGROUND, HAS BECOME AN AMERICAN TRADITION IN THE 20TH CENTURY.

Winter Find

There are 14 winter-related words hidden throughout the scrambled puzzle below. See how many you can find and circle. The words go horizontally and vertically, backwards and forwards.

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| BOOTS | PRESENTS |
| CAROLS | REINDEER |
| COLD | SKIING |
| DECEMBER | SNOW |
| HOLIDAYS | SWEATER |
| LONG JOHNS | TOBOGGAN |
| MITTENS | VACATION |

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Winter Scramble

Unscramble the letters below, and discover different foods and beverages that are enjoyed during the winter.

- This sweet drink is served warm, often with marshmallows. **QTH QAEHCTLCO**
- A comfort food, this is often "prescribed" to those who have a cold. **KCNCEIH UPSQ**
- This beverage is popular during the holiday season. **GNGEOG**
- This tasty dessert contains nuts, candied fruits and spices. **IKCUEFTAR**

Answers
 1. Hot chocolate 2. Chicken soup 3. Eggnog 4. Fruitcake

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 20

Table of TV programs for Saturday, December 20, from 7 AM to 12 PM. Includes shows like Chip 'n' Dale, Imagine Sing a Story, Personal Success, Flintstones, 101 Dalmits, Farm Report, Beakman, Bobby, WalkerCay, Guns of Paradise, Movie: Soul Survivors, Movie: Rock-A-Doodle, Movie: Down Periscope, Movie: Forsaking All Others, (Off Air), Paid Prog., FOX Sports News, Wild, Wild West, Doug, Paid Prog., Plane Sevens, Traveler, ESPN News.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20

Table of TV programs for Saturday, December 20, from 12:30 to 5:30. Includes shows like Flash, (11:30) NFL Football, Old Home, Hollywood Christmas Parade, (12:30) Movie: Babes in Toyland, Skating, Paid Prog., Basketball, Bonanza, (11:35) Movie: Runaway, Movie: Carpool, Hot Rod TV, Next Step, Castles, Handmade, High School Football, Movie: Major Dundee, Looney, Movie: A Smoky Mountain Christmas, Superbab, Mashed, (12:00) Gymnastics.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 20

Table of TV programs for Saturday, December 20, from 6 PM to 11 PM. Includes shows like Mr. Magoo, News, Religion, WCW Saturday Night, News, Fam. Mat., News, X-Files, Sportsctr., Kenny & Dotly, Movie: My Life-Dog, (5:30) Movie: Black Sheep, Movie: Born Yesterday, Buster Keaton, Hee Haw, Golden Gate Bridge, Mysteries of the Bible, Movie: Her Hidden Truth, High School Football, Lois & Clark-Superman, Doug, Movie: Mad Dog and Glory, Tuffi Frutti Gigante, History's Mysteries, College Football.

The Rescuers Down Under *** (1990) Voices of Bob Newhart, Eve Gabor. Animated. Two fearless mice embark for Australia, where a greedy animal collector has captured a rare golden eagle. (In Stereo) 2:00. December 16 2am.

Return of the Jedi *** 1/2 (1983) Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford. Luke Skywalker prepares for a final battle against the Empire in the third installment in the "Star Wars" saga. (In Stereo) (CC) 3:00. December 19 8pm.

Revenge of the Pink Panther *** 1/2 (1978) Peter Sellers, Dyan Cannon. Bumbling Inspector Clouseau attempts to smash an international crime ring that has targeted him for elimination. 2:00. December 17 11am.

Ride Him, Cowboy * 1/2 (1932) John Wayne, Ruth Hall. A cowboy tries to tame a wild horse believed to have been responsible for the death of a rancher. 1:00. December 20 3pm.

Road House ** (1989) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch. A legendary bouncer, hired to restore order to a rowdy gin mill, runs into stiff opposition from a local crime boss. 2:30. December 18 7pm.

Robbery Under Arms * 1/2 (1957) Peter Finch, Maureen Swanson. Cattle rustling and bank robberies hold a certain allure for two impressionable brothers in 19th-century Australia. 1:30. December 15 5am.

The Rounders *** (1965) Glenn Ford, Nancy Ford. Two aging wranglers match wits with an ornery equine with an aversion to riding and a fondness for alcohol. 1:30. December 20 3am.

Runaway Train * 1/2 (1985) Jon Voight, Eric Roberts. Two convicts escape from an Alaskan prison only to find themselves trapped on a brakeless train headed for disaster. 2:00. December 20 10:30pm.

The Sacketts * 1/2 (1979) Tom Selleck, Sam Elliott. Three brothers seek their fortunes in the post-Civil War West in this adaptation of two novels by Louis L'Amour. 4:00. December 20 7pm.

Sadie Thompson * 1/2 (1928) Gloria Swanson, Lionel Barrymore. Silent. Raoul Walsh directed and co-starred in this legendary tale of a prostitute stranded in the South Seas. 1:45. December 14 7pm.

Santa and the Three Bears ** (1970) Voices of Hal Smith, Jean Vanderpyl. Animated. A mother bear is helped by a ranger when her cubs decide to postpone hibernation and await Santa Claus. 1:00. December 18 5pm.

Scrooge * 1/2 (1970) Albert Finney, Alec Guinness. Based on Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." A miser mends his tight-fisted ways when three spirits visit on Christmas Eve. (In Stereo) 2:00. December 20 7pm.

Scrooged *** (1988) Bill Murray, Karen Allen. Three ghosts give a greedy network executive a long-overdue attitude adjustment. Based on the Charles Dickens classic. (In Stereo) (CC) 2:00. December 20 7pm.

The Searchers * 1/2 (1956) John Wayne, Jeffrey Hunter. John Ford's saga of a Civil War soldier's five-year search for his niece, a girl kidnapped by Comanches. 2:30. December 18 10pm; 19 11am.

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Seconds * 1/2 (1966) Rock Hudson, Salome Jens. A secret organization gives a businessman the chance to recapture the appearance of youth and assume a new identity. 2:30. December 14 12:45am.

Serpico * 1/2 (1973) Al Pacino, Tony Roberts. Based on the true story of Frank Serpico, who sacrificed his career to expose widespread corruption in the NYPD. 2:45. December 19 10:30pm.

Seventh Cavalry * 1/2 (1956) Randolph Scott, Barbara Hale. A furloughed officer from Custer's ill-fated regiment searches for the truth behind his comrades' deaths. 1:30. December 19 1:30pm.

Shaft: Cop Killer ** (1974) Richard Roundtree, Ed Bern. A New York-based private eye uses street savvy to crack cases in this episode from the theatrically inspired TV series. 1:30. December 15 3:30am.

Sharpe's Company * 1/2 (1994) Sean Bean, Hugh Fraser. During the Napoleonic Wars, an English soldier attempts to save his family in Spain after they come under attack. 2:00. December 17 9am, 2pm.

Sharpe's Eagle * 1/2 (1993) Sean Bean, Assumpta Serna. Sharpe is determined to capture a French regimental mascot in memory of a friend who died during a foolhardy skirmish. 2:00. December 16 9am, 2pm.

Sharpe's Enemy * 1/2 (1994) Sean Bean, Assumpta Serna. Based on a novel by Bernard Cornwell. A British soldier must rescue a colonel's wife from a band of deserters. 2:00. December 18 9am, 2pm.

Sharpe's Honour * 1/2 (1994) Sean Bean, Daragh O'Malley. British soldier Richard Sharpe disguises himself as a Spanish rebel as part of a plan to defend his honor. 2:00. December 19 9am, 2pm.

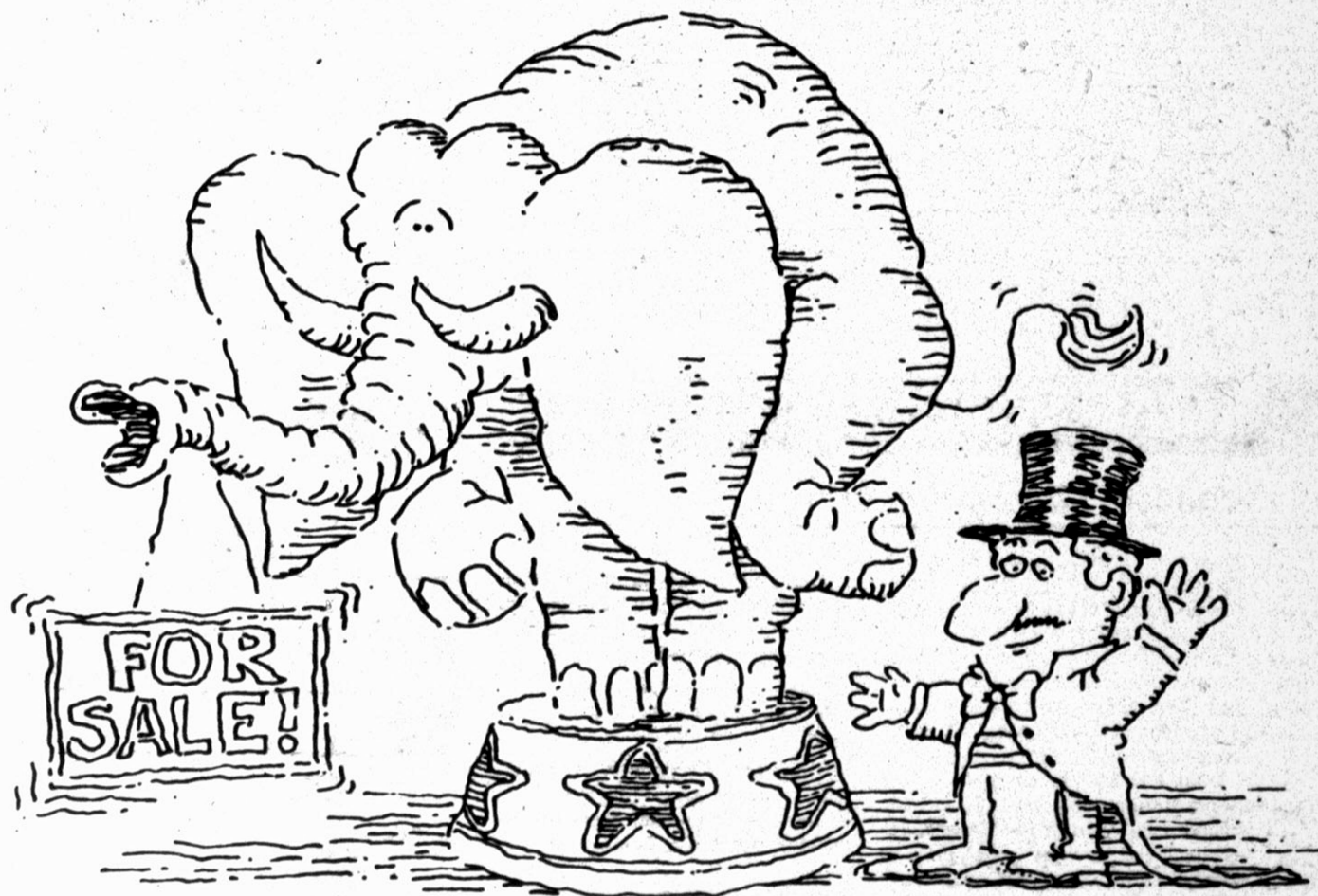
Sharpe's Rifles * 1/2 (1993) Sean Bean, Assumpta Serna. A British rifleman is promoted by the future Duke of Wellington and given a secret mission behind French enemy lines. 2:00. December 15 9am, 2pm.

SATURDAY



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