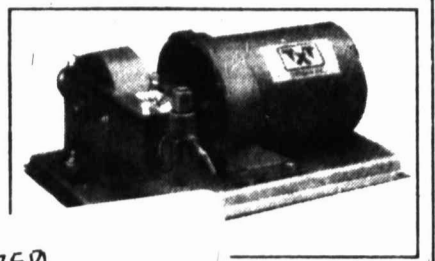




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**Citizens speak in favor of Wal-Mart**

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

Five people spoke in favor of changes in zoning for a proposed Wal-Mart Super Center during a Tuesday afternoon hearing at city hall. Only one spoke against the proposal.

Wal-Mart has requested a change in zoning from agriculture to commercial on about 35 acres behind the Best Western motel on Perryton Parkway.

The Pampa Planning and Zoning Commission, after a Nov. 10 hearing, strongly recommended such a change, city officials said Tuesday.

Rick Martindales, an engineering consultant for Wal-Mart, told the Pampa City Commission during their public hearing on the zoning change Tuesday that Wal-Mart

bought the acreage about two and a half months ago. They plan on building a Super Center on the site. Martindales said Wal-Mart will also offer three or four parcels of land for development for restaurants and other businesses.

If the zoning request is approved, he said, Wal-Mart plans on starting construction in mid to late January. He said it should open for business in October.

Dennis Palmitier told the commission that he opposes Wal-Mart's new Super Center, saying that in other towns Wal-Mart has driven out the competition leaving only empty buildings behind.

"Pampa doesn't need any more empty buildings," Palmitier said.

Gene Barber told the com-

mission that he favors Wal-Mart's new store, but he had questions about water and sewer hookups to the building.

Mayor Lonny Robbins said that the city would deal with those issues during the platting process.

Ben Woodington also told the city commission that he approved of Wal-Mart's proposed building of a Super Center.

Woodington said he works with youth groups and that Wal-Mart has always donated to help with such projects.

Woodington also said the new store would mean 250 to 300 new jobs in the community. He said it would bring 50 to 60 people into the community.

"As far as Wal-Mart moving in," Henry Morris told the commission, "it's one of the

best things that's ever happened to us."

He said local stores need competition and he doesn't think local stores will be hurt by Wal-Mart.

"They're a good neighbor," Morris said.

Janie Lewis said Pampa is the largest community in the eastern panhandle and that the

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**WEATHER WEATHER**

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**LOCAL**

**Red Cross First Aid class set for Dec. 1**

Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be offering a Standard First Aid class on Monday, Dec. 1, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. The course provides certification for workplace or personal requirements. Class fee is \$20.

To register, call 669-7121 or toll-free at 1-800-297-2270.

**DEATHS**

- Theodore Roosevelt 'Ted' Cantrell, 98, machinist.
- Pat Collett Conway, 90, bookkeeper.
- Madalene Terry, 76, homemaker.
- Mabelle Wall, 87, Sunday School teacher.

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Artist's conception of the new Wal-Mart SuperCenter proposed for Pampa.



(Pampa News photos by David Bowser)

Gene Barber was one of five people who spoke in favor of Wal-Mart Tuesday night in a public hearing before the Pampa City Commission concerning a change in zoning for a new Wal-Mart Super Center on the north side of town. Only one person spoke in opposition to the project.

**City Commission OKs bus-loading zone**

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

Woodrow Wilson School has a new bus-loading zone and the City of Pampa has a new employee.

The Pampa City Commission approved ordinances at their Tuesday afternoon meeting establishing a bus loading zone at Browning and Hazel streets for Wilson Elementary School and amending the city's budget to pay for a new employee in the collections department.

In an effort to cut costs, the city had earlier moved an employee from the collections department to the Action

Center in city hall, but stretching one employee across two jobs proved to be too much. The commission added \$26,000 to pay for a new employee in the collections department, primarily for municipal court.

City Manager Mitch Grant said the police department's crackdown on traffic violations has proven to be quite effective and the city needed a full-time person in municipal court to take care of collections.

In other business, the commission approved a proposal for McCarty Hull to sublease part of the U.S. Bus building, 8221 Foster, back to the city, who in turn will lease it to West Texas A&M

University's Enterprise Network for a business incubator project.

McCarty Hull had leased part of the building for warehousing.

Dan Redd, rural development specialist for the network, told the commission that a business incubator is

inside-out economic development.

He said that the 13,000 square feet that the project plans to use will be dedicated to locally developed business propositions that can be helped along and grown until they need and can afford a place of their own.

Redd said the objective is to develop new businesses that can sell their products or services outside Pampa so

it brings new money into the community. He said their goal was to develop businesses, which will bring 70 to 75 percent of their income from outside the area.

This is going to be funded by the college, Grant said.

Grant told the commission that the city should see no change in income from the building.

The commission also approved an application to the Texas Historic Commission for an office in Pampa.

Grant said that Enla also wants the office, which will cover the new 52-court Regional Texas Plains Trail

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**Local offices announce holiday closings, hours**

Compiled By MARILYN POWERS  
 Staff Writer

A number of area businesses, government offices, schools and other offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday. Following is a list of some of the agencies and their holiday closings.

- SCHOOLS**
- Pampa Independent School District - closed from 3:30 p.m. Tuesday until regular hours Monday.
- Clarendon College-Pampa Center - closed from 4 p.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m. Monday.

**GOVERNMENT**

- Pampa Post Office window service will be closed Thursday. No mail will be delivered, and no mail will leave Pampa. Expanded

Saturday window hours for the Christmas holiday season will be 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 6, 13 and 20. No deliveries, window service or shipment of mail from Pampa will be available Christmas Day.

- Social Security Administration will be closed Thursday.
- Texas Department of Human Services will be closed Thursday and Friday.
- Texas Department of Health will be closed Wednesday through Friday.
- All Gray County offices will be closed Thursday and Friday.
- Gray County Appraisal District will be closed Thursday and Friday.
- All Pampa City offices will be closed Thursday and Friday.

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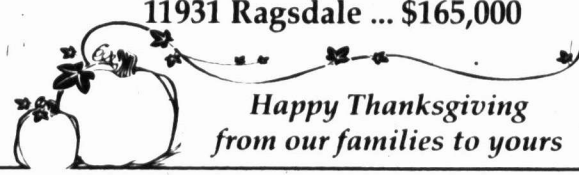
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## OBITUARIES

### SERVICES TOMORROW

#### Services set for Friday

**CANTRELL**, Theodore Roosevelt "Ted" — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Floral Haven Memorial Gardens, Tulsa, Okla.

**TERRY**, Madalene — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

#### PAT COLLETT CONWAY 1913-2003

Pat Collett Conway, 90, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003, in Austin. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Jacob Clemmens, rector, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Conway, a longtime resident of Pampa, was born on October 23, 1913, in Muldrow, Oklahoma. After living in several different cities, she moved with her family to Pampa in 1953, where she lived happily until advancing age necessitated a move to Austin in 2002 to live with her daughter.

During her many years in Pampa, she often remarked how much the city was the home that she had always wanted. She was an active member of the parish family of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Most of her working years were with Panhandle Industrial, where she was employed in the finance and bookkeeping department.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Frederic B. Collett, who died in 1959, and by her second husband, Abner D. Conway, who died in 1986.

Survivors include two sons, George Collett and wife Joyce of Houston, and Robert Collett and wife Sue of Seattle, Washington; and one daughter, Patricia Hoskins and husband Charles of Austin. She leaves two Conway sons, Bill and Mike, and Mike's wife, Lavada. A third Conway son, Bob, died earlier this year. Completing this very large and much blessed family are 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and a soon-to-arrive 17th great grandchild and a first great-great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that those wishing to make a memorial gift do so to the charity of their choice, to the American Lung Association, the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, or to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. The family will also be at St. Matthew's Parish Hall on Saturday at 9 a.m. to greet Pat's friends.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).



Patricia Hoskins

#### THEODORE ROOSEVELT "TED" CANTRELL 1904-2003

Theodore Roosevelt "Ted" Cantrell, 98, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003, at Pampa. Graveside services

will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at the Floral Haven Memorial Gardens in Tulsa, Okla., with arrangements under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cantrell was born Dec. 13, 1904, in Keota, Okla. From 1923 until 1940, he worked various jobs in 11 different states. In 1940, he began working for Franks Manufacturing Company in Tulsa, Okla. During World War II, he trained women to manufacture and build aircraft wing pins and balloon winches.

In 1955, Cabot Corporation bought Franks Manufacturing and in August of 1957, Mr. Cantrell moved to Pampa, retiring in 1970. He continued to work for Cabot for two years under special contract. From 1980 to 1981, he worked for Crall

Products, Inc., as a machinist.

He married Ollie Melvinia Davis on June 16, 1931, in Eufaula, Okla. She preceded him in death on Jan. 10, 1998.

Survivors include a son, Thomas Cantrell and wife Mary of Pampa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065, or to Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

#### SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department today reported the following arrests.

**Tuesday, Nov. 25**  
Shelli L. Shipp Brandt, 33, 336 Miami, was arrested for four counts of issuing a bad check, a motion to appear on a charge of possession of a controlled substance out of Young County, theft by check in Potter County, bond surrender on a charge of theft by check out of Randall County, and motion to revoke probation on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, out of Montague County.

**MADALENE TERRY**  
1927-2003

Madalene Terry, 76, of Miami, Texas, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003, at Pampa, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, 2003, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Gary Hall, nephew, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Terry was born May 21, 1927, in Mobeetie. She had been a resident of Lefors for 20 years before moving to the Miami area. She married Chester Hugh Terry on July 24, 1945, in

Wheeler. He preceded her in death in January of 1997.

Survivors include a daughter, Caron Coleman and husband Wayne of Miami; a sister, Nadene Reynolds of Pampa; a granddaughter, Leah Fennessy and husband Jack of Kansas City, Mo.; and a great-grandson, Coleman Fennessy. She was preceded in death by six brothers.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

#### MABELLE WALL 1916-2003

Mabelle Wall, 87, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2003. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Wall was born Sept. 13, 1916, at Quinlan. She married Orville L. "Brown" Wall on Jan. 7, 1942, at Vernon; he died Oct. 21, 1991. She lived in the area of Medicine Mound until moving to Pampa 12 years ago.

She was a member of Central Baptist Church in Pampa, serving as Sunday school teacher for many years.

She was preceded in death by four sisters, Madge Rogers, Modene Baird, Willie Keller and Lois Lacey.

Survivors include a daughter, Jan Morris of Pampa; a son, Jerry Lee Wall of Fort Worth; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church Building Fund, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065 or to a favorite charity.

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## City Briefs

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**SCHAFFER GROWN**, 717 N. Hobart, will have fresh cut Oregon Christmas Trees.

**STOREWIDE SALE**, VJ's Fashions & Gifts, 118 N. Cuyler, downtown Pampa.

**THE ANNUAL** Christmas Tree Project for Tralee Crisis Center is now underway. Please come by the office at 310 S. Cuyler or call 669-1131 for more info. Help to UN-decorate their tree. You can assist a victim and her children have a joyful holiday.

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Thanksgiving Day should see mostly sunny skies. Highs in the lower 50s. North winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

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## Chamber begins holiday contest

Pampa shoppers will get a chance to win one of two \$500 Pampa Bucks prizes during Shop Pampa and Win days, sponsored by Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

For every \$10 spent at participating Pampa stores from Nov. 28 through Dec. 6, the shopper will receive a drawing ticket to win one of the two prizes. The drawings will be held Saturday, Dec. 6.

One prize will be given away at 2 p.m. at Cuyler Street and Kingsmill Avenue, after the annual Christmas Parade, which begins at 1 p.m. The second drawing will be at 5 p.m. at Santa's House in Coronado Center.

Entrants in the prize drawings must be present to win, said Clay Rice, executive director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

Drawing tickets will be available at 34 stores, many of which are also offering discounts and drawings for prizes in connection with Shop Pampa and Win. Flyers with these merchants' coupons and offers are available at the stores and at the Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard.

The Pampa Bucks gift certificates will be redeemable at any store which accepts Pampa Bucks, Rice said.

A list of merchants offering drawing tickets, as well as a list of Pampa Bucks participants, is available at the Chamber of Commerce.

The list of 34 merchants participating in the drawing will also be posted on the Chamber of Commerce's door, Rice said.

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### WAL-MART

addition of a Wal-Mart Super Center will bring people from surrounding towns into Pampa to shop.

"Everybody I've talked to is delighted," Lewis said.

"I'm very much in favor of Wal-Mart," said Judy Elliott, during the hearing.

Elliott, however, said she was concerned about the near-

by retirement center and increased traffic.

City officials said a Wal-Mart Super Center would account for only about six to eight more trucks a day to supply the store.

The city commission is expected to vote on an ordinance at their next meeting, Dec. 9. If that passed, then a

special meeting is expected to be called for Dec. 16 for a second and final reading of an ordinance to change the zoning.

Once the zoning is changed, the Planning and Zoning Commission will begin the platting process, said Pampa City Attorney Don Lane.

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### HOLIDAY

#### FINANCIAL

Banks, credit unions and savings and loan institutions will be closed Thursday.

#### OTHER

The Women's Health Clinic will be closed from noon Wednesday through the end of the day Friday.

Pampa Chamber of

Commerce will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Harvest House will be closed today until Monday.

Salvation Army will operate on its regular schedule. Salvation Army volunteers will deliver Meals on Wheels Thursday.

Good Samaritan

Christian Services will be closed today through Friday.

The Pampa News will close at 2 p.m. Wednesday and reopen at 8 a.m. Friday.

No Thursday paper will be printed or distributed so News employees can spend the holiday with their families.

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### CITY

Grant said he would rather see the regional office in Pampa City Hall. Funding for the one-person office is through a state

grant. The commission also appointed Ellen Malone as the lay representative to the Texas Panhandle Library

System. The Pampa City Commission also approved payment of October bills totaling \$836,576.39.

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## ON RECORD

### POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 25

Minor assault by threat was reported at the police department. The incident occurred at Wilson Elementary School, 801 E. Browning, and juveniles were alleged to have made the assault by threat.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 26

Valorie Annette Hahn, 46, 2625 Evergreen, was arrested on Sumner Street just south of Somerville Street for driving while intoxicated, first offense, breath test refusal.

### FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 25

3:25 p.m. - Three units and five firefighters responded to a grass fire 12 miles south of Pampa on Texas Highway 60. Approximately 10 acres and 25 to 30 round bales of hay were burned.

Groom and Hoover Volunteer Fire Departments assisted. The hay was allowed to burn for easier clean-up at the owner's request.

7:16 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1100 block of South Wells.

### AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 25

7:14 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

10:36 - A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Evergreen and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Grape and transported a patient to PRMC.

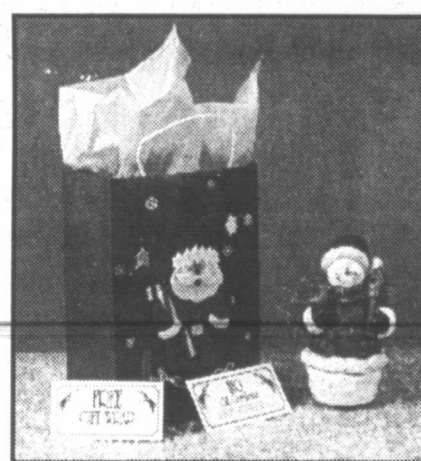
1:44 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Wells and transferred a patient to PRMC.

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**Holiday shopping season brings cornucopia for game lovers**

By **MATT SLAGLE**  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Unless they've dropped some clear hints, choosing a gift for the die-hard video gamers in the family could be overwhelming this holiday season. An estimated 250 new games are expected in this pivotal season for

game companies — it accounts for about half of the industry's \$10 billion annual sales.

Whether you prefer adaptations of Hollywood blockbusters, realistic war epics or kid-friendly go-cart racing, there's something for just about every gamer.

The most popular platforms have

not changed: Nintendo's GameCube and Game Boy Advance, Sony's PlayStation 2 and Microsoft's Xbox dominate, with personal computers accounting for a relatively niche audience.

With the next round of consoles still a few years away, Nintendo, Microsoft and Sony have been drop-

ping prices to woo new customers.

At \$99, the GameCube is the cheapest. Sony and Microsoft have slashed prices to a lesser degree, instead offering bundles that include the console, several games and accessories such as an Internet adapter for less than \$200.

Action movies are often fertile ground for video games. This year is no exception.

"Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" coincided with the film's release on DVD. You get to play Arnold Schwarzenegger's terminator.

Not to be outdone by the upcoming film "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," game makers are offering three titles based on the saga of an almighty ring, frightful orcs and cute little hobbits.

"The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" by Electronic Arts mirrors events in the movie, including Frodo Baggins and Samwise Gamgee's harrowing journey to Mount Doom.

There's also "The Lord of the Rings: War of the Ring," a strategy game for personal computers set in Middle Earth, and "The Hobbit," based on J.R.R. Tolkien's prequel about Frodo's uncle, Bilbo Baggins, and his encounter with Smaug the dragon.

War games are making a mark this year, with three titles in particular sure to make you stand at attention.

"Call of Duty" for the PC is an impressive work of digital cinema, in which you play as Allied troops during World War II in a series of missions across Europe. Another battle game, "Medal of Honor: Rising Sun," picks up the action in the Pacific, beginning with a harrowing escape from a battleship crippled during the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"Counter-Strike" debuts for Xbox and brings all the terrorists vs. counter-terrorists team play found in the free version that PC gamers have been battling with for years. For endless fun against human opponents, a \$50-a-year Xbox Live account is a must-have.

For wannabe rock stars, there are several offerings to get your air guitars rocking and lungs wailing.

Entertain your friends with Microsoft's "Xbox Music Mixer," a karaoke program that lets you swap music and pictures with your personal computer.

Konami's "Karaoke Revolution" for PlayStation 2 adds a new twist to digital sing-alongs, testing your ability to sing in key. Earplugs are optional.

If you'd rather swing than sing, to the skateboard adventure "Tony Hawk's Underground." There are lots of traditional games, such as "NCAA March Madness 2004" and the tennis game "Top Spin."

**Turkey, gravy flavored soda**

SEATTLE (AP) — No time for turkey? Craving gravy to go? Then give thanks for the hottest creation from a Seattle company: turkey and gravy flavored soda.

The Jones Soda Co. produced about 6,000 bottles of its Thanksgiving-themed drink, and then sold out its supply in less than two hours online last week.

A limited number of Turkey & Gravy Sodas will be available in stores for the suggested retail price of 99 cents a pop, but only around Seattle and Olympia, Wash. A few entrepreneurs are selling theirs on eBay.com; by Tuesday, the bidding was up to \$63 for a two-bottle set.

"It just kind of exploded," said a bewildered Michelle Whitehead, marketing assistant at the Seattle-based premium soda company. "To be honest, we really didn't think so many people would want it."

When company founder and CEO Peter van Stolk suggested the new flavor, Whitehead thought he was kidding. Jones Soda Co., founded in 1996, produces quirky soda flavors ranging from old-fashioned cream and cherry to neon-bright blue bubble gum and green apple.

**PCB's 'Nutcracker'**



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa Civic Ballet will stage its annual production of "The Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Above, left-right: Dustin Neef will portray Nathaniel/Nutcracker Prince, Macy Woodside of Canadian will appear as Clara, Glennette Goode as Herr Drosselmeyer, Samantha Kelly as a maid, (back) Deanna McGill as the Nanny and Melissa Moore as the Hostess.

**Shark attack survivor vows to spend Thanksgiving in water**

PRINCEVILLE, Hawaii (AP) — A 13-year-old surfing star who survived a shark attack says she'll head back into the water on Thanksgiving Day. "I can't wait to get out," Bethany Hamilton told CNN on Tuesday. "I'm really excited and not really scared of any sharks."

"I want to make sure that I catch the first wave on my own with no one else's help, and I want to stay out for as long as I can," she said. Bethany lost her left arm when she was attacked by a shark Oct. 31. The competitive surfer — who already had secured sponsorships and was

expected to go pro — spent six days recovering in a hospital. Bethany heads to New York next week for a second round of national television appearances.

**People in the news**

NEW YORK (AP) — When Mayor Michael Bloomberg told U.S. troops in Kosovo that he'd considered bringing the New York Giants cheerleaders along with him, the soldiers laughed and hooted.

Problem is, the Giants don't have cheerleaders. "I actually thought about bringing the New York Giants cheerleaders this time," Bloomberg told U.S. peacekeepers at Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo Monday. "Eh, well, I'm not so sure if you see them (you'd) want me, too, but that's OK."

The Giants play their home games in East Rutherford, N.J., and share the stadium with the New York Jets, a team that also does not employ cheerleaders.

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### Woman charged with immigrants deaths in jail

HOUSTON (AP) — Two women accused of participating in a smuggling operation responsible for the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants have been caught in Mexico, U.S. prosecutors said.

Emma Rodriguez and Rosa Gonzalez were arrested on Sept. 5 in Matchuala, a town in the interior state of San Luis Potosi, according to a statement from the Mexican attorney general's office. They are among the 14 people named in a federal indictment in what's been called the nation's deadliest smuggling attempt.

Both women are charged in the United States with multiple counts of conspiracy to conceal and transport undocumented migrants and causing them serious injury and death.

Rodriguez has been a fugitive since May,

when authorities found 70 immigrants packed in a sweltering tractor-trailer that had been abandoned at truck stop in Victoria, 100 miles southwest of Houston.

Investigators say Rodriguez and her husband, Victor Sanchez Rodriguez, allowed the immigrants to sleep at their Brownsville home and then took them to a place where they were loaded into the trailer. Her husband is still at large.

The couple's son, Victor Jesus Rodriguez, is jailed in Houston on charges that he picked several of the immigrants up and took them to his father's house.

The women were arrested for violations of Mexican federal law against organized crime and the general population law and were identified as members of a human smuggling ring, the Mexican attorney general said.

### Exhibit looks at World Trade Center recovery operation at Fresh Kills site

NEW YORK (AP) — For hour after hour, day after day, month after month, they kept at it.

From the original mountains of debris down to the last quarter-inch, workers at the Fresh Kills landfill sifted through tons of rubble from the decimated World Trade Center over the course of 10 months, looking to recover whatever they could.

Some of what they found, from car parts to building remnants, makes up an exhibit chronicling the massive effort. "Recovery: The World Trade Center Recovery Operation at Fresh Kills" opened at the New-York Historical Society on Tuesday and runs through March 21.

The exhibit — featuring more than 50 objects and 65 photographs — is part of "History Responds," the institution's program that collects historical materials relating to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The work at Staten Island's Fresh Kills, miles from ground zero and closed to the general public, is an important part of the Sept. 11 story that most people don't know about, organizers said.

"I don't think people have a good sense of the extraordi-

nary lengths to which every single worker there went to find human remains, personal property, anything to bring some comfort to the families who lost people on Sept. 11," said Amy Weinstein, assistant curator at the historical society.

"It's a glimpse of something that very few people see," said Mark Schaming, director of exhibitions for the New York State Museum, which put the exhibit together. "It's a remarkable thing, the extent that they went to. ... They sorted things down to the size of a dime."

The items in the show range from a paperweight found during the sifting process to vehicle parts and the equipment — like rakes and a bucket — used to do the searching.

There are doors from a fire engine and the trunk lid from a destroyed police car; remnants of elevator floor numbers and a beam from the twin towers.

There are pieces of fuselage and a seat belt from the airplanes that crashed into the buildings.

There's also a slew of small items, like keys, found in the rubble.

The photographs record the

daily activities at the site, from the huge piles that had to be sorted, to images of those who worked there, spending hours at conveyor belts watching for the smallest fragment of something vital to come by.

Closed by the city in March 2001, Fresh Kills was reopened the day after the attacks. The landfill was the last stop for debris hauled by trucks and barges to be sifted one last time for remains, personal property and criminal evidence.

At the height of the operation, 7,000 tons of material were processed each day. More than 54,000 pieces of personal property, including rings, watches, wallets and ID cards, were found.

Of the nearly 20,000 human remains recovered from the twisted ruins, more than 1,400 were found at the landfill, the city medical examiner's office has said.

"I hope that the families see this, that they understand the amount of detail and concern that was put forth to recover their loved ones, to recover their personal property, and that's basically what the whole thing is about," said Police Inspector James Luongo, the site commander.

### Defense witnesses portray sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo as cheerful, obedient

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (AP) — Witnesses testified that sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo was in and out of homes and schools while growing up, an attempt by his lawyers to convince the jury their client was susceptible to the influence of sniper mastermind John Allen Muhammad.

Relatives, friends and former teachers of Malvo who spoke on his behalf at his trial Tuesday consistently described him as an obedient, inquisitive boy who latched on to father figures where he could find them.

Malvo's uncle, John Benjamin Lawrence, recalled a

9-year-old Malvo constantly asking questions while he lived with Lawrence in the Caribbean for more than two years at the request of Malvo's mother, Una James.

Lawrence's wife, Marie, said her husband "was a daddy to Lee — loving, caring." She called Malvo intelligent and "very obedient," and testified that only rarely did she have to beat him with a belt.

James pulled her son out of the Lawrences' home, saying she wanted him to live nearer his school. Later, she twice pulled him out of a high school in Brown's Town, Jamaica, and eventually

moved him to Antigua.

A vice principal at the Jamaica high school, Esmie McLeod, said she became concerned about Malvo's frequent uprooting and confronted James about it. "I felt she was doing her son an injustice by moving him from place to place," she said. "I said, 'You constantly uproot your child.'"

McLeod was not permitted to testify about James' response.

One of the teachers at the school, Winsom Maxwell, arranged for Malvo to live at her parents' home in 1998 and 1999, when he bonded with her father.

"I realized he was having problems so I asked him if he wanted to stay with me," she said. "I think they had a very good rapport, especially with my dad."

Malvo's mother abruptly pulled him from the home and moved him to Antigua in August 1999.

Malvo's lawyers have argued that his childhood of abandonment and uprooting, as well as a Jamaican culture that emphasized discipline and obedience, made him especially susceptible to the influence of Muhammad.

They argue that he should be found innocent of the murder charges because Muhammad's indoctrination rendered him legally insane. Malvo is on trial in the Oct. 14, 2002, shooting death of Linda Franklin at a Home Depot in Falls Church.

When Malvo moved to Antigua in 1999, the principal of the school attended by Malvo testified that Malvo's mother approved the designation of Muhammad as his guardian. Muhammad also once identified himself as Malvo's uncle, Rosalind Aaron testified.

Aaron said Malvo left the school roughly in early 2001, two weeks after she took a Quran away from him. She said she didn't want him spreading Muslim ideas in a Christian school.

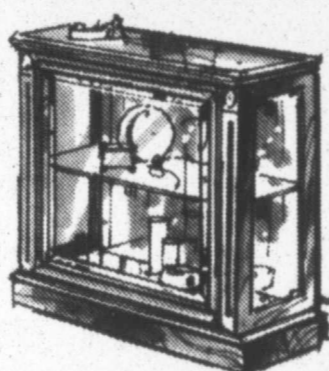
Prosecutors said Muhammad and Malvo, 18, formed a mobile sniper team. They are charged in or linked to the killing of 10 people and the wounding of six in the Washington area in September-October 2002, plus shootings in Washington state, Arizona, Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana.

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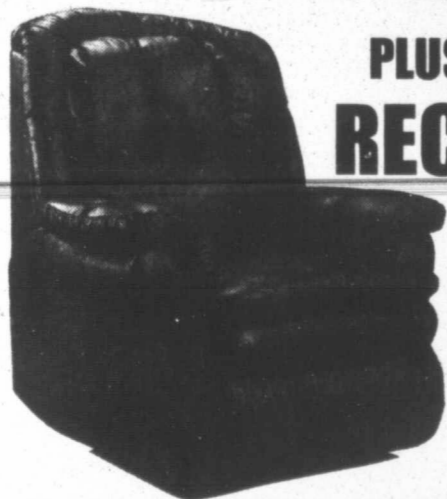


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## Boston schools may end forced busing

BOSTON (AP) — Boston's school system seems forever tied to images of black school children being pelted with rocks and bottles as they were bused into the city's white neighborhoods in the 1970s.

But the school system's demographics have changed dramatically since then, with blacks, Latinos and Asians comprising about 86 percent of the city's 62,000 public school students, up from 48 percent in the mid-1970s.

Now city officials are looking at a plan to end widespread busing, estimating it could save up to \$25 million in transportation costs at a time when state school funding is down 15 percent. They also hope to encourage parental involvement by putting students in schools closer to where they live.

"It's really the issue of how do you get the best kind of community engagement in schools, and really focus on the parents as partners and make it easy for them to really participate," said schools Superintendent Thomas Payzant. "That's one of the things that we haven't done as well in Boston as I would have liked."

But state Rep. Byron Rushing, a black Democrat from Boston who supported busing in the 1970s, said the issue remains a hot button among minorities. Based on history, she said minorities have no reason to trust proposals supported by white neighborhoods.

## Court gives Ford a break, reduces verdict from \$290 to \$23.7 million

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A record \$290 million punitive-damages verdict against Ford over a rollover accident that killed three people was reduced by a California appeals court Tuesday to \$23.7 million.

The Fifth District Court of Appeal, based in Fresno, cut the nation's largest product liability award to conform with a U.S. Supreme Court precedent that in April capped large awards.

The decision is one of dozens of damage verdicts courts across the country are reviewing following the Supreme Court's edict. It is the largest award to be reduced so far.

The California case involved a 1993 accident in which three members of the Romo family were killed and two others injured. The family sued the automaker, arguing Ford knew that its Bronco "would crush flat as a pancake in a rollover."

a white mayor and a white superintendent.

"You cannot talk about this unless you have a serious discussion about race and the school system. We will have no serious reassignment proposals until they originate in communities of color," Rushing said.

In December, school officials plan to release a draft proposal to change the assignment policy, followed by public hearings and a vote by the school committee. Officials would not need court approval because the federal court ended its supervision of Boston's desegregation efforts more than a decade ago.

After U.S. District Court Judge W. Arthur Garrity ordered busing to integrate schools in 1974, thousands of white parents refused to send their kids to schools in Boston's predominantly black neighborhoods of Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan.

Instead, white students flocked to private and parochial schools, or their parents moved out of the city and to predominantly white suburbs.

White, middle-class students have "almost entirely escaped" Boston public schools, according to a recent report by the Lewis Mumford Center for Comparative Urban and Regional Research at the University at Albany in New York. Half of white elementary-age students now attend private schools, one of the highest rates among other big cities.

A Stanislaus County jury awarded \$290 million in punitive damages in 1999, a sum equal to 1.2 percent of Ford's net worth at the time.

An appeals court upheld the award, saying Ford had engaged in "despicable conduct" by failing to provide adequate crash protection. But in May, the U.S. Supreme Court sent the case back to have the verdict reduced.

The high court had ruled the previous month in a case against State Farm Insurance that punitive damages should be about four times the amount of damages a jury awards to compensate victims for their actual losses. The compensatory damages in the Ford case were \$5 million, making the ratio 58-1.

"We are pleased the court has recognized State Farm fundamentally altered the standards governing punitive damages awards," said Ford attorney Theodore Boutros.

## Couple free after abuse charges dropped

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah (AP) — A couple who became fugitives in 1984 following accusations that they abused their 4-year-old daughter left jail feeling vindicated after prosecutors dropped the charges, but said their lives had been ruined.

Edward and Karri LaBois fled Minnesota with their daughter 19 years ago after the abuse accusation was made. They were arrested Nov. 10 when an informant tipped police that they were living in a Salt Lake City suburb.

Prosecutors this week dropped the charges, saying there wasn't enough evidence.

"How do I feel? I feel vindicated on one hand and beaten up on another," Edward LaBois told The Associated Press immediately upon his release Tuesday night.

The LaBoises did not

know they were being released until minutes before they walked through the jail's exit door and shared a prolonged hug before leaving.

They said they have no idea where they will find employment or how they will live — the rent on their house is paid through the end of the year, and they are planning to sell their possessions to make a clean break of the past.

"I have no idea how we're going to get our lives together," Karri LaBois said.

Before they fled, the LaBoises ran a daycare in their home in Minnetonka, Minn. They denied the allegations when they were made, but fled the state when they learned their daughter would be removed from the home.

Since the couple's arrest, their daughter, Aubree Riegel, now 23, told investigators that she was never abused, said Hennepin County,

Minn., prosecutor Amy Klobuchar. That contradicted a key piece of evidence used to bring the charges in 1984: her videotaped statement as a 4-year-old to a psychiatrist about the alleged abuse.

Klobuchar said a review of the videotape showed the girl giving contradictory information as she was interviewed and showed the interviewer asked leading questions that would probably not be allowed in a contemporary investigation.

Klobuchar also said that photographs taken from the LaBoises' home in a 1984 search, showing their daughter naked, "were not overtly sexual." The pictures were reviewed as part of the current investigation.

"They are pictures of her in a bathtub and that sort of thing," she said.

Karri LaBois said the pictures were nothing more than

what any doting parent takes. "This is our pride and joy," she said. "Why wouldn't we take pictures of her?"

Klobuchar said investigators recently interviewed parents of children from the daycare and they had no recollection of their children suggesting that they had been abused.

A number of mass child-abuse convictions from the 1980s have been overturned. The Little Rascals day care center in Edenton, N.C., and the McMartin Preschool in Los Angeles were among the most notorious.

Edward LaBois said Minnesota should re-examine its child sexual abuse convictions from the early 1980s. "It's a scam and they know it," he said.

As for Riegel, she rushed to her parents' home in West Valley City after hearing media reports they were being released.

## Group tries to save S.C. lighthouse

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — A 127-year-old lighthouse at the south end of Charleston Harbor will soon stand on a man-made island constructed to replace what nature washed into the sea.

The Morris Island Lighthouse was 1,200 feet from shore on high ground when built in 1876, but the island gradually eroded after construction of the Charleston Harbor jetties in the late 1800s. The Coast Guard abandoned the lighthouse to the encroaching waves in 1962.

A private group working to preserve the lighthouse has raised enough money to begin the first phase of stabilization, said Dr. Richard Beck, vice chairman for Save the Light. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is expected to award a contract next year for the work.

Beck said the initial stabilization will help the lighthouse in two ways. It will keep the waves from washing against the foundation and will prevent worms from doing additional damage to the 264 wooden pilings upon which the lighthouse rests.

Save the Light officials say the group has raised more than \$1 million. State and federal money also will be used for some of the work.

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## Young Teenager Is Perplexed By Up-and-Down Disposition

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However, it is important that you communicate your feelings to your parents and discuss your mood swings with them. From my perspective, they are definitely a part of growing up. But if they continue to trouble you, an appointment with your family doctor should be scheduled.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, "Mack," and I have seven children. I was a stay-at-home mom while they were growing up. Mack worked in the oil fields. An accident in the fields put him in a wheelchair and now I work while he stays home.

Mack was told he would never again feel anything from the waist down, but he has been fortunate to have regained the use of everything except his left leg.

My problem is, while I am at work, Mack gets drunk and trashes the house. I have tried talking to him about it, but he gets defensive. He says I don't tell him what needs to be done so he doesn't do it. I feel he should look around and do what he knows needs to be done. How do I get him to cooperate?

STUCK IN TEXAS

**DEAR STUCK:** Before your husband can do an effective job around the house, he will have to sober up. Please encourage

him to get help for his drinking. The cause might be depression, frustration or anger that he is no longer the primary wage earner and is stuck at home doing what he perceives to be "woman's work." Counseling can help. And an AA meeting is as near as the phone book.

Once Mack has dried out enough to be lucid during your working hours, I recommend you give him a list of the things that need to be done around the house. It's a lot more helpful than giving him an argument later.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been dating "Wylie" for 3 1/2 years. Eight weeks ago, he gave me an engagement ring. I immediately shared the news with my friends. He, on the other hand, has told no one about our engagement.

One of the people I told went to Wylie and said, "I heard you're getting married." (He was going to congratulate him.) Wylie responded, "No. Maybe later."

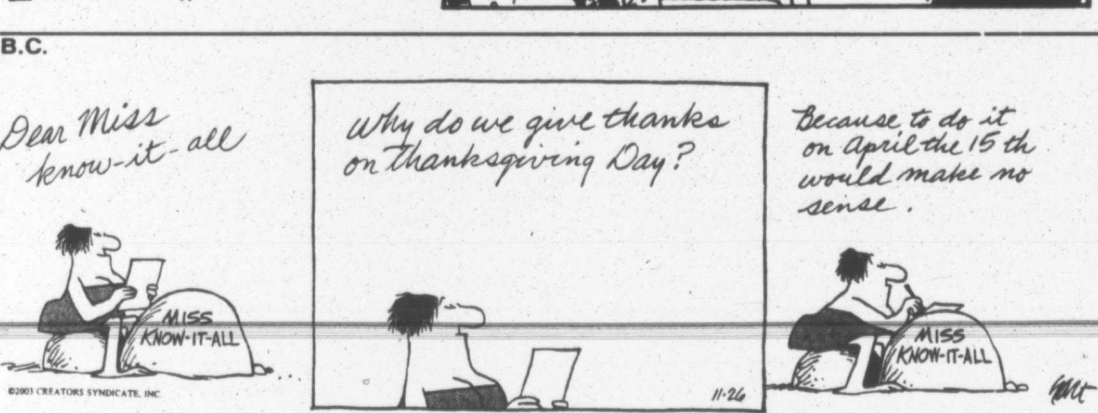
When I heard about it, I asked my man, "Aren't we engaged?" He said yes.

Could he just be leading me on? **FEELS LIKE A FOOL IN TENNESSEE**

**DEAR FEELS:** Watch out for wily Wylie. If he denies to others that your engagement is for real, it isn't. Only a cad would behave that way.

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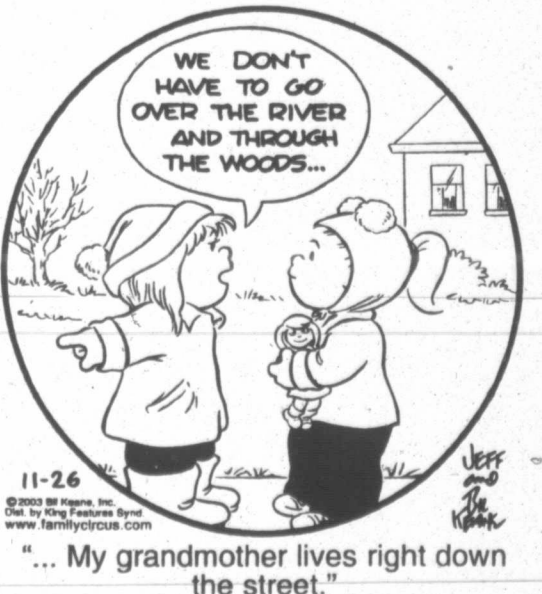
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# Ex-Muslim chaplain at Guantanamo charged with storing pornography

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — A Muslim chaplain accused of taking classified material from the U.S. prison for terrorist suspects in Cuba has been released, but now faces charges of adultery and storing pornography.

Capt. James Yee from custody on Tuesday and assigned him to duties at Fort Benning, Ga., said Raul Duany, a spokesman for the U.S. Southern Command.

Authorities arrested Yee, 35, on Sept. 10 in Jacksonville, Fla., and charged him a month later with disobeying an order

for allegedly taking classified material from Guantanamo and transporting it without proper security containers.

The new charges announced Tuesday included making a false statement, storing pornography on a government computer and having sexual relations outside marriage, a punishable offense under military law.

Yee, a Chinese-American, converted to Islam after graduating from West Point. He will face an Article 32 hearing on Monday — the military equivalent of a grand jury or preliminary hearing, officials said.

"It's going to be an open hearing at Fort Benning," said Maj. Gen. Geoffrey D. Miller, the officer in charge of the mission at Guantanamo who will also preside over the hearing. "These usually last about two weeks."

Yee's lawyer, Eugene Fidell, said he was pleased that his client was released but disappointed by the new charges. "The additional charges are the kind of thing that can give military justice a bad name — especially the adultery charge," Fidell said.

The Uniform Code of Military Justice classifies adultery as a punishable offense, U.S. Southern Command said.

The adultery allegedly occurred with an unspecified woman at Guantanamo and in Orlando, Fla., between July and September 2003, and the pornography was on his government-issued computer at the base in eastern Cuba, Duany told The Associated Press.

Yee, who also uses the first name Yousef, will be assigned to the Fort Benning base chaplain, but his exact duties remain to be determined, said Capt. Tom Crosson, another spokesman at the U.S. Southern Command.

When he was arrested, rumors swirled he had been charged with espionage relating to his contact with the detainees in Guantanamo, none of whom have been charged. Some have been held for nearly two years.

Federal agents had said they found the former Lutheran

from Springfield, N.J., carrying sketches of the military prison at Guantanamo Bay, where he counseled prisoners accused of links to Afghanistan's deposed Taliban regime or the al-Qaida terror network.

Yee formerly was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash. His wife, Huda Suboh, 29, who lives in Olympia, Wash., with their two young children, accused the government of trying to malign his character.

"I believe steadfastly my husband is innocent of all these charges, including adultery and

downloading pornography," she said in a statement read to The Olympian newspaper late Tuesday by a family friend. "I stand by him. It is clear to me that the U.S. government only wants to destroy his character and his family."

Yee, who arrived at Guantanamo in November of 2002, advised Miller, the officer in charge there, on topics ranging from the history of Islam to the rise in suicide attempts among the some 660 detainees being held at the bleak prison camp.

## 4-H Food project



(Community Camera photo by Ryan Baggerman)

Mrs. Debbie Middleton, director of child nutrition for Pampa Independent School District, recently conducted members of Gray County 4-H on a tour of PISD's Child Nutrition Department, where the youth learned about food safety and more. Above, left-right: Margo Mendoza, Middleton, Lynsie Guyer, Renee Baggerman and Emily Elliott. District 1 Food Show is coming up Dec. 6 in Amarillo.

## Atomic agency decides upon censuring Iran

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The U.N. atomic agency on Wednesday adopted a resolution censuring Iran for past nuclear cover-ups and warning that its activities would be thoroughly policed to put to rest suspicions that the country had a weapons agenda.

The resolution, adopted by the 35-nation board of governors of the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency, did not confront Iran with a direct threat of sanctions — resolving a sticking point between the United States and key European powers over how to deal with Tehran.

Adopted by consensus, the resolution warns against "further serious Iranian failures," saying that could lead the board to consider actions allowed by its statute — shorthand for U.N. Security Council action.

While welcoming Iran's "offer of active cooperation and openness" — including suspending uranium enrichment and agreeing to thorough inspections on IAEA demand — the measure calls for a "particularly robust verification system" to test Tehran's honesty.

The United States, which alleges that Iran plans to develop nuclear arms, had wanted a

specific mention of Security Council action — with an implicit threat of sanctions — should Tehran fail to come clean on past nuclear secrets and renege on pledges to open present activities to full IAEA inspection.

Washington had insisted last week it would hold out for at least a threat of Security Council action over 18 years of clandestine activities by Iran including uranium enrichment and plutonium processing. Under intense international pressure, Tehran suspended enrichment recently and agreed to allow the implementation of stringent IAEA spot checks of its nuclear activities as part of an effort to demonstrate openness and cooperation with the agency.

But France, Germany and Britain opposed a Security Council a threat, fearing Iran could backtrack on its cooperation and its commitment to clear up questions about its past if it was too strongly pressured.

Even as the meeting was convening, Iran's envoy to the IAEA said his country would restart enriching uranium in the future, emphasizing that its decision to stop the process — which the United States links to weapons production — was temporary.

## Mexican officials say onion sales in serious decline

SAN LUIS RIO COLORADO, Mexico (AP) — A U.S. hepatitis outbreak linked to green onions imported from northwestern Mexico has forced producers here to find ways to stay financially afloat as Mexican officials implement a new, tougher health inspection program.

Although it hasn't been proved that Mexico was to blame for the outbreak, U.S. distributors are slashing orders and green onion producers in Mexico say the slump in sales could have a "catastrophic" effect on the industry.

"We don't have the most sophisticated equipment in the world," green onion producer Salvador Navarro said. "But we take a lot of care with hygiene."

Navarro's business, called Agricola Nueva Era, hasn't been tied to a batch of green onions that allegedly came from Mexico and caused a hepatitis outbreak that has killed four people and sickened hundreds more in Pennsylvania, Georgia, Tennessee and North Carolina.

But one of Navarro's client has already slashed orders by half, and another lowered his imports by 20 percent. To save money, Navarro is giving many of his 700 employees unpaid days off Wednesday and Thursday.

"Publicity is something that has a huge impact on the American consumer," he said.

Mexico's federal Agriculture Department hopes to submit a plan to implement a new health inspection program to the United States by the end of the year, said Javier Trujillo, director of the Mexican Agriculture

Department's division of health, safety and quality.

"I think that will help in large measure to generate confidence that if something has made it to the marketplace, it's the direct result of having met with hygiene standards, both in the field and at the packing plant," Trujillo said.

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# SPORTS

## Harvesters ready for tradition-rich Aledo

PAMPA — Both Pampa and Aledo went different routes in winning the Area round of the playoffs last weekend. Pampa survived a comeback by El Paso Chapin to win rather handily, 42-21. Aledo had to rally in the final seconds to beat Lewisville Hebron 14-13.

Pampa (11-1) and Aledo (10-2) clash at 7:30 Friday night in regional action in Wichita Falls' Memorial Stadium.

Aledo's victory could have been classified as a minor miracle.

Aledo was tremendously overmatched athletically by Hebron," said PHS head coach Heath Parker. "They shouldn't have won that game, but their quarterback (Colby Thomas) came back in and just willed them on a 70-yard scoring drive."

Thomas, a 6-1, 180-pound senior, had missed most of the final quarter after fooling woody following a tackle. With the Bearcats trailing 13-7, Thomas returned and ended up throwing an 11-yard touchdown pass to Robert Gardner with just 24 seconds remaining.

Aledo's other TD came just before halftime on Thomas' 45-yard shovel pass to running back Ryan Christian.

Parker said Aledo has a very tradition-rich program. "They've been to the playoffs nine years in a row, and reached the state finals twice, and won state once," he said. "Aledo has won 100 games in the past 10 years,

which is something not many teams have done."

The Bearcats won the state title in 1999.

Thomas and Ryan Christian (170-pound junior) are the leaders of Aledo's pass-action offense.

"Thomas is very impressive to watch. He's a good runner. Christian is a lot like Kiel Anderson (Randall's record-breaking running back). He's a downhill runner with long strides," Parker said.

Aledo's offensive line is what makes Thomas and Christian so productive.

"Their strength is the offensive line. They average 230 pounds across the front and are very athletic," Parker said.

Like Thomas and Christian, Pampa has its own pair of backfield dynamos in quarterback Johnny Moore (170-pound senior) and running back Andrew Curtis (170-pound senior). Moore and Curtis have combined for 33 touchdowns on the ground with Moore rushing for 1,485 yards and Curtis 1,077.

Up front, the undersized, but strong interior line of tackles Michael Pergeson (195-pound junior) and Greg Wiley (185-pound senior), guards Alan Curry (190-pound senior) and Marcos Deleon (250-pound senior), and center Jerrod Carruth (225-pound senior) keep opening up those big holes.

The Harvesters are averaging 32 points and 387 yards per game.

Since falling to Palo Duro

(16-9) for their only loss, the Harvesters didn't fall apart, but picked up steam. They won big against Dumas (48-14) and Caprock (37-0) in the final regular-season games, and took care of San Angelo Lake View (22-7) and El Paso Chapin (42-21) in the playoffs.

"We've been able to improve every week and that's a credit to our kids,

especially the senior leadership," Parker pointed out. "After doing the same thing for four months, you might be tempted to cut corners, but our kids haven't been looking for the easy way. They've never grown tired of trying to improve every week."

Pampa's defense has been getting the job done, holding opponents to 238 yards and

9 points a game. Linebackers Q.B. Cobb (175-pound junior) and Mac Smith (165-pound senior) lead the team in tackles with 119 and 116, respectively. End Derek Lewis (185-pound senior) has 90 tackles and leads the team in quarterback sacks with 9. The other end, Max Vinson (180-pound senior) leads in fumble recoveries with 5.



(Photo by Ray Boring)

Last Friday night, the Harvesters stood outside the tunnel at Ratliff Stadium, which was depicted on the cover of Friday Night Lights, a book written in 1988 by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist H.G. Bissinger about the Odessa Permian football team. Pampa took the field and beat El Paso Chapin 42-21, in the Area round.

## Harvesters roll past Borger

PAMPA — Everything went just right for the Pampa Harvesters in their 2003-2004 homecourt opener.

The Harvesters jumped out to an early lead and never trailed in beating Borger 69-36 Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse. It was Pampa's first win after a pair of losses on the road.

Andy Rodgers led the Pampa attack with 22 points. Two other Harvesters, Collin Bowers (12) and Jed Martin (10), scored in double figures.

Aaron Fernandez had 10 points for the Bulldogs.

Borger pulled ahead in the fourth quarter to win the girls' contest 47-37.

Leslie Hughes had 14 points and Shannon Sindorn 13 to lead Borger scorers.

Abbi Covalt had 12 points and Stacey Johnson 10 for Pampa.

The Lady Harvesters are 1-4 for the season.

### Boys

#### Pampa 69, Borger 36

Pampa - Andy Rodgers 22, Collin Bowers 12, Jed Martin 10, Clayton Hall 8, Chance Bowers 6, Deterrance Smith 4, Julian Salazar 4, Heath Miller 3; Three-point goals: Rodgers 3, Martin 2, Salazar 1, Miller 1.

Borger - Aaron Fernandez 10, Kellan Lane 5, Austin Bales 4, Adam Burke 4, Nathan Purswell 4, Jaron Kerr 4, Cade Brawley 3, Landon Haddox 2; 3-point goals: Hernandez 3, Lane 1.

### Girls

#### Borger 47, Pampa 37

Borger - Leslie Hughes 14, Shannon Sindorn 13, Amanda Russell 5, Meagan Irvin 5, Erin Boren 4, Morgan Forrest 4, Jenny Trahern 3; 3-point goals: Sindorn 3.

Pampa - Abbi Covalt 12, Stacey Johnson 10, Callie Cobb 6, Britteni Rice 3, Tara Jordan 2, Jennie Waggoner 2, Jackie Gerber 2; 3-point goals: Covalt 3.

## No. 6 Kansas tops No. 3 Michigan State

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Kansas may be coming together under its new coach even quicker than Bill Self expected.

Roy Williams' successor figured it would be at least a couple of months before the Jayhawks began to gel. Instead, he saw a poised and hard-nosed team outfight and outthrust No. 3 Michigan State 81-74 on Tuesday night in the first marquee matchup of the college season.

"Both teams will get a lot better fast," said Self, now 2-0 with the No. 6 Jayhawks. "I saw some things out there tonight that I have seen only a few times in practice."

If Wayne Simien can stay healthy all year, the Jayhawks may well live up to their billing as preseason Big 12 favorites. The 6-foot-9 junior had a career-high 28 points, including 9-for-9 from the foul line.

"I don't think this was necessarily a statement game. But it was a good win for us," said Simien, who missed 22 games

last season with a separated shoulder. "We're not where we want to be yet."

In other Top 25 games, it was: No. 8 Florida 112, Montana State 73; No. 13 Saint Joseph's 71, Boston University 56; No. 14 Oklahoma 81, Tulsa 73; No. 15 Wisconsin 81, Eastern Illinois 47; No. 20 Stanford, 72, UC Irvine 59; and No. 25 North Carolina State 71, Howard 51.

The Jayhawks, who were often accused of being soft during the Williams Era, spent the night diving after loose balls and mixing it up inside.

"We were all over the place tonight," Simien said. "We had three and four guys diving after loose balls. If we continue to play like that, maybe we can make toughness our team's identity this season."

Kansas hit its first six shots of the second half and quickly took a 54-39 lead as Allen Fieldhouse rocked, but then Shannon Brown hit three straight shots and ignited a

12-2 run for the Spartans (1-1).

"The first half, Simien had his way," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "He is good."

Paul Davis, Michigan State's 6-foot-11 sophomore, sliced the lead to 76-72 at the 2:22 mark.

But on Kansas' next possession, J.R. Giddens rebounded Michael Lee's miss and dunked the ball, bringing the crowd of 16,300 to its feet and putting Kansas on top 78-72.

Lee then rebounded a miss by Davis and Aaron Miles hit a pair of free throws with 26 seconds left to seal the win.

"We had it to four and then they got the board," Izzo said. "We just didn't get a body on him."

Miles had 17 points and six assists while Keith Langford had 13 points — all in the second half.

Maurice Ager had 17 points and Alan Anderson 16 for the Spartans, whose only lead was 4-2.

## NOTEBOOK

### BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Agents for Andy Pettitte met again with Houston Astros officials Tuesday and say the left-hander who is coming off a four-year contract with the New York Yankees may have a decision on his future plans by the middle of next month.

Houston television station KRIV quoted unidentified major league sources as saying the Astros had offered Pettitte a three-year contract.

But Astros owner Drayton McLane said it was premature to talk about an offer. "This was more an exploratory discussion," McLane told KRIV. "For Andy Pettitte to come to Houston, he wants to understand more about the team we are going to have next year and future years going down the road."

### GENERAL

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# Pampa Boxing Club crowns two champs at Garden City

GARDEN CITY, Kan. — The Pampa Boxing Club competed in the Garden City, Kan. Tournament last weekend with Jose Nunez and Jose Larrazolo coming away winners.

Nunez went against Chris Varela of the Garden City Boxing Club and used his jab and combinations to come away with the victory. Larrazolo was matched against Elias Moreno from Salina, Kan. He won by a knockout in 36 seconds of the first round.

"I'm very proud of all the boxers who competed," said Pampa coach Jose

Larrazolo. Other Pampa boxers were Cris Larrazolo, Ivan Santillano, Juan Resendiz and Mercedes Larrazolo.

Cris Larrazolo fought his hardest, using combinations and maneuvers, but came up short against Maurice Rivera of Hutchinson.

"I'll just have to try harder," he said.

Resendiz, who entered the ring for the first time, lost to Eric Vargas from Garden City.

"Juan was nervous," coach Larrazolo said. "Overall he fought bravely, but lost the match."

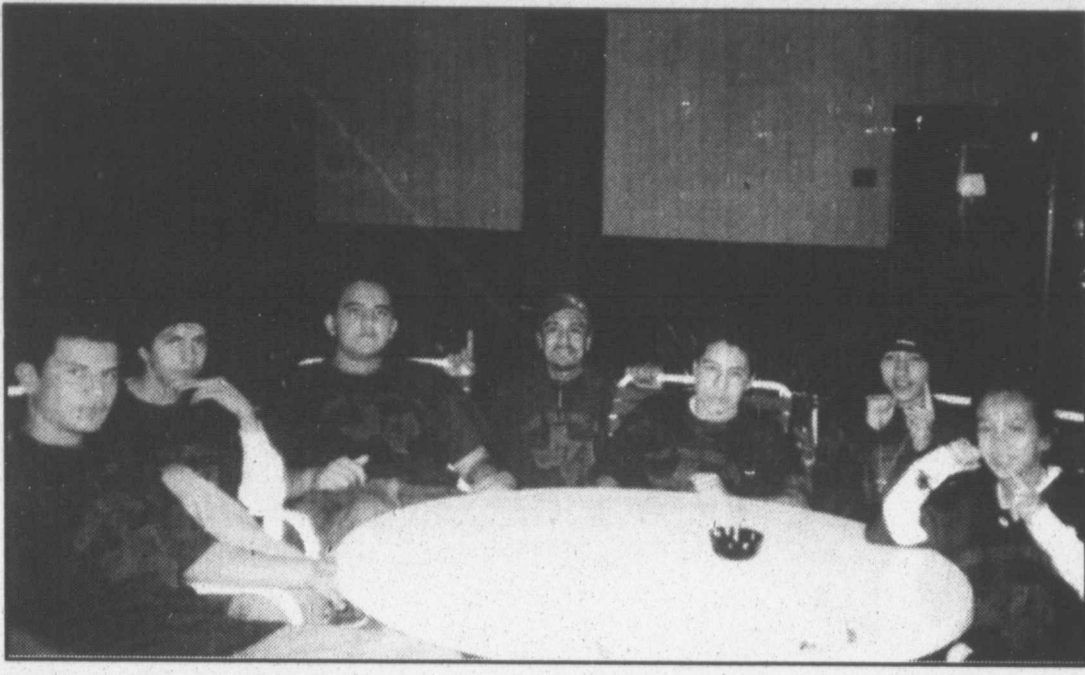
The Pampa Boxing Club recently moved to a new location at the old Baker Elementary School.

"It's a lot bigger than our old gym and we are less confined," Larrazolo said.

Anyone interested in boxing is welcomed to come to the gym. Hours are Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call coach Larrazolo at 669-1271.

Coach Larrazolo said the club would like to thank A & T Yard Service and B.R. Free for their generous donations.



Left to Right: Jose Nunez, Jose Larrazolo, Ivan Santillano, coach Jose Larrazolo, Juan Resendiz, Cris Larrazolo and Mercedes Larrazolo of the Pampa Boxing Club.

# Young and Lewis temporarily leave friendship on sidelines

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Courtney Lewis and Vince Young are the best of friends — except when Texas A&M and Texas play.

"He knows when we get on the field all bets are off," Lewis said Tuesday. "Best of luck to him but I'm going to try to get that 'W'."

Lewis and Young will oppose each other in a nationally-televised game at the teams' traditional day-after-Thanksgiving showdown at Kyle Field — a far cry from their middle school days when Lewis' Welch Warriors fought Young's Dowling Texans in Houston.

"He's really the guy I got all my moves from, if you watch his game and my game," Young said.

The pair lived five minutes from each other and sealed their bond as teammates at Houston Madison, where both players started — Young as a mobile quarterback and Lewis as a runner and defensive back.

"We've been the best of friends since we left middle school," Lewis said. "We have a fun relationship. We can tell each other anything, do things with each other and just hanging out with our families."

As seniors, Lewis gained

1,586 yards on 167 carries and scored 22 touchdowns and Young passed for 3,819 yards, helping Madison reach the state Division II semifinals.

Young got more attention as an athlete than Lewis, but that didn't bother Lewis then and it doesn't matter now.

"He was the man in high school and he still is the man," Lewis said. "I don't mind that when people ask if I was overshadowed in high school because he did everything the coach asked him to do."

"He was very athletic and helped us win. I was just going along with that and trying to do

my part to secure our victories." Madison coach Ray Seals said Lewis and Young made him a better coach.

"That was a close-knit team and those two were responsible for it. They made a heck of a tandem," Seals said.

But they will put that friendship aside Friday when Lewis and the tattered Aggies (4-7) try to put a sweet finish on a soured season — their first losing one since 1982 — and Young and the No. 6 Longhorns (9-2) play to keep their BCS hopes alive.

Both players have a chance to come up big. Lewis needs 60 yards to become the first 1,000-

yard rusher at A&M since Dante Hall in 1998. Lewis ranks 42nd nationally with an average of 85.45 rushing yards per game.

Guess who's ranked No. 41? Young, with 85.80 yards per game average.

Lewis said he and Young could have played collegiate ball together, it just didn't work out that way.

"He was recruited as a quarterback and I was a dual position player," Lewis said. "Most schools didn't want me as a running back and A&M did, so I chose them."

Lewis had an outstanding spring training under coach

Dennis Franchione's first season at Texas A&M, and he quickly became the featured back when the regular season started.

Lewis has rushed for 100 yards in five games this season and he set the freshman record for longest run with an 89-yarder against Baylor, breaking Bucky Richardson's 82-yarder against Southern Mississippi in 1987.

Young has rushed for 858 yards and 10 touchdowns and passed for 1,043 yards and five touchdowns. He is the first Texas quarterback to rush and pass for more than 800 yards in a season.

# Mavericks send Bulls to sixth consecutive loss

DALLAS (AP) — Except for a different coach, the Chicago Bulls looked pretty much the same.

The Bulls appeared to start with some extra energy, hanging tough early in their first game for interim coach Pete Myers. Then, everything fell apart after halftime.

Michael Finley scored a season-high 28 points, 15 in the decisive third quarter when Dallas made 12 straight shots, and the Mavericks beat Chicago 124-98 on Tuesday night.

It was the sixth straight loss for the Bulls (4-11), and their most lopsided since suf-

fering consecutive 30-point losses the opening week of the season.

"I don't know what we can do to get this turned around," Bulls guard Jamal Crawford said. "Every loss is more frustrating."

Coach Bill Cartwright, a key to Chicago's first three

championships as a starting center, was fired Monday. He was 51-100 since taking over Dec. 28, 2001.

"We never blamed it on him. This is not one person's fault," said Tyson Chandler, who led the Bulls with 17 points and six rebounds, all in the first half.

# Fiedler knows consistency is vital to Dolphins' playoff hopes

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — There's two schools of thought regarding Miami quarterback Jay Fiedler.

His supporters point out that he has the second-best career winning percentage among all current starters in the NFL. And his naysayers contend that his passing numbers are among the worst in the league.

They're both right. True, Fiedler's career .688 winning percentage (33-15) trails only New England Patriot Tom Brady's .707 (29-12) among this week's starting quarterbacks who have at least 25 career starts.

But he has thrown more interceptions (seven) than touchdowns (six) this season, is oft-maligned for his struggles throwing the deep ball and has a career rating of 78.5, a number best described as mediocre. After coming off the bench to help the Dolphins pull off their biggest fourth-quarter comeback in 23 years, a rally from 13 points down for a 24-23 win against Washington on Sunday night, Fiedler has once again been anointed as both Miami's starter and the key to

its postseason fortunes.

"I go out there and try to do that every week," Fiedler said, referring to being the spark that lights Miami's offense. "I've done it in the past ... but I'll be the first one to admit I need to do it consistently and the team needs to do it consistently. That's the only way we'll achieve our goal."

When the Dolphins visit Dallas for a Thanksgiving Day matchup, Fiedler will start for the first time since spraining his knee Oct. 19.

If there's division in the Miami locker room over whether Fiedler or Brian Griese should be the starter, it isn't being outwardly displayed.

Griese had his share of struggles as Fiedler's replacement, throwing two touchdowns in his last four games. The Dolphins went 3-2 in the five games Griese started, and he's the only quarterback on Miami's roster to have faced Dallas before — he helped Denver win 26-24 in Texas Stadium on Thanksgiving Day 2001.

But Dolphins coach Dave

Wannstedt wasted no time after Sunday's comeback in saying Fiedler had his job back.

"We feel comfortable with Brian in there," tight end Randy McMichael said. "But Jay is back. Jay is our leader right now."

Added wide receiver Oronde Gadsden: "Jay is the leader of this team, definitely the leader of the offense. When he's in there, because of the type of person that he is, he commands respect by his actions."

Fiedler is shying away this week from taking credit for the comeback win over Washington, even admitting that he made a couple of poor throws. His numbers: 5-of-10, 59 yards, no touchdowns. Hardly impressive, yet plenty good enough to do what Miami needed.

Even Wannstedt said he couldn't explain what exactly Fiedler did to give his team the boost it needed against the Redskins.

"The quarterback, just like the head coach, gets too much credit and too much blame," Wannstedt said.

# Mean Green slips by New Mexico State

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — North Texas' Nick Bazaldúa had missed two earlier field goals, but this one looked like a tap-in.

"I knew I was going to make this one," Bazaldúa said of his 24-yard field goal on the last play of the game that gave the Mean Green a 13-10 win over New Mexico State Tuesday.

Bazaldúa missed field goals from 52 and 51 yards in the first half, but his game-winner went right through the middle of the uprights.

"I felt like I let my team down by missing early," he said, "but I knew this was going through."

Patrick Cobbs ran for 216 yards for North Texas (9-3, 7-0 Sun Belt), picking up 61 of them on seven carries in the game-winning drive.

"I won't put anyone on a pedestal, but Cobbs did a great job, along with their whole offense," NMSU coach Tony Samuel said.

North Texas, headed to the New Orleans Bowl for the third straight year, won its 18th

consecutive Sun Belt Conference game.

"Our kids never panicked," North Texas coach Darrell Dickey said. "In the end, we came through and we've done it 18 straight times in conference."

New Mexico State (3-9, 2-5) tied it at 10-all on Dario Aguiniga's 49-yard field goal with 4:28 left. Aguiniga, the school's all-time leading field goal kicker, also missed two other attempts, including a 24-yarder on the last play of the first half.

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## Family of Michael Jackson's accuser said to have history of legal problems

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pop superstar Michael Jackson's attorney says molestation accusations levied against the entertainer are motivated by money, even as doubts about the credibility of the boy's family began to emerge.

The family of the child has already been involved in two previous cases that involved abuse allegations: a lawsuit in which the family said they were battered by mall security guards, and a divorce fight in which the father pleaded no contest to spousal abuse and child cruelty.

In November 2001, J.C. Penney Co. paid the boy's family \$137,500 to settle a lawsuit alleging security guards beat the boy, his mother and his brother in a parking lot after the boy left the store carrying clothes that hadn't been paid for, court records show.

The mother also contended that she was sexually assaulted by one of the guards during the 1998 confrontation.

A month before the settlement, the boy's mother had filed for divorce, beginning a bitter fight that would include criminal charges of abuse. The father's attorney, Russell Halpern, said the mother had lied about the abuse and had a "Svengali-like" ability to make her children repeat her lies.

Halpern said the father once showed him a script his wife had allegedly written for their children to use when they were questioned in a civil deposition.

"She wrote out all their testimony. I actually saw the script," Halpern said Tuesday. "I remember my client show-

ing me, bringing the paperwork to me."

The Associated Press does not identify alleged victims of sexual abuse. The child's mother has an unlisted number and could not be located for comment. J.C. Penney lawyers did not return a call seeking comment.

The family's past legal cases could be critical in the current molestation case, if Jackson attorneys can show the mother or the accuser lacks credibility, said Leonard Levine, a defense attorney who specializes in sexual assault cases.

"It sounds like music to a defense attorney's ears — that there have been other cases where they have sued and there is at least an argument that the allegations are similar to the ones here," Levine said, referring to the claims of physical abuse.

Jackson's spokesman, Stuart Backerman, declined comment about the past lawsuits involving the accuser's family. The Santa Barbara County district attorney's office declined to comment Tuesday.

In 2002, the boy's father was charged with four counts of child cruelty, and one count each of injuring a child, making a threat and false imprisonment. He pleaded no contest to one count of child cruelty but it was unclear from court records which of his children was involved. The other charges were dismissed.

The father also pleaded no contest to spousal abuse in 2001.

Meanwhile, Jackson's attorney on Tuesday angrily vowed to come down

hard on anyone who attacks the singer and charged that molestation allegations against him were motivated by money.

"If anybody doesn't think based upon what's happened so far that the true motivation of these charges and these allegations is anything but money and the seeking of money, then they're living in their own Neverland," attorney Mark Geragos said Tuesday, referring to the singer's Santa Barbara County estate.

The vigorous defense of Jackson followed revelations that Geragos and Jackson were secretly videotaped while flying on a private jet to Santa Barbara last week for Jackson's surrender and booking.

Geragos claimed in a lawsuit filed Tuesday against Santa Monica-based XtraJet that the charter company covertly installed two cameras in the plane's cabin.

The cameras "were recording attorney-client conversations and then somebody had the unmitigated gall to shop those tapes around to media outlets in order to sell them to the highest bidder," he said.

"Michael Jackson is not going to be abused. Michael Jackson is not going to be slammed. He is not going to be a pinata for every person who has financial motives," Geragos said after summoning news media to his office building. He refused to take any questions.

Separately, FBI spokesman Matthew McLaughlin said agents went to the headquarters of XtraJet and seized tapes.

## GOP hoping \$373 billion spending bill gets past Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top Republicans hope Congress will approve a gigantic \$373 billion spending bill when lawmakers return next month, but Democrats angry over White House victories in the bill are showing no inclination to cooperate.

Congressional and Bush administration bargainers on Tuesday finished writing the measure, a sprawling package that finances 11 departments and dozens of programs from the FBI to airport improvements to foreign aid. It covers the budget year that began Oct. 1, leaving majority Republicans well short of their goal of demonstrating efficiency by finishing Congress' routine spending work promptly.

GOP leaders planned to bring both chambers of Congress back to work the week of Dec. 8. But it was possible final votes might not occur until January — the start of a year featuring presidential and congressional elections.

The bill has something that appeals to almost every member of Congress, such as money for popular programs like schools, veterans health care and projects for lawmakers' districts. But Democrats and some Republicans were irked over the White House's unyielding stance on several 11th-hour disputes.

Limits on how large television networks can grow were raised even though lawmakers had agreed last week not to do that. The administration — which had threatened vetoes on at least three issues — also prevailed in fights on overtime pay, federally financed private school vouchers for District of

Columbia students, food labels, gun background checks and other issues.

"My way or the highway is the president's mantra," said Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va. "He expects the Congress to rubber stamp his budget."

Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, who sometimes got upset with the White House during weeks of bargaining, told reporters that because of the administration-engineered changes, he feared the bill might not pass when votes finally occur — particularly if opponents use procedural delays that take 60 votes to halt. He said a "last gasp," negotiators might even have to resume bargaining.

Under the measure, the Education Department would get \$56 billion, which is \$2.9 billion — or 5 percent — more than last year's total. Also included is \$2.4 billion as a first step in President Bush's five-year initiative against AIDS in poor nations; \$33.8 billion for highway construction, \$4.5 billion over Bush's request; and \$28.6 billion for veterans' health care, \$1.6 billion above Bush's plan.

Congress and Bush already have enacted legislation temporarily financing agencies through January.

The bill's \$373 billion price tag is money Congress must approve each year. It includes money collected from special taxes for highway, mass transit and aviation projects. Overall, it covers \$820 billion in total spending — mostly for programs that automatically spend their funds without congressional decisions needed.

## U.S. speeds citizenship papers for overseas adoptions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Children adopted overseas will receive citizenship papers within 45 days of their arrival in America, rather than waiting up to 18 months, under new rules announced Tuesday that will remove a major bureaucratic hurdle for parents.

Although the 2000 Child Citizenship Act made all foreign-born children U.S. citizens at the time of their adoption, parents still had to submit an application for citizenship documents and wait many months for it to be processed.

Proof of citizenship is required for a Social Security number, which the child needs to be claimed as a dependent

for income tax purposes; to obtain government medical benefits; enroll in school and be issued a U.S. passport.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services agency announced the change, which takes effect in January.

"Adoptive parents are always concerned about having evidence that the child is a citizen," said Joseph Cuddihy, director of international affairs for the citizenship agency, part of the new Homeland Security Department. "What this process will do is get that document in the hands of the parents more quickly."

Advocates praised the new program.

"It's a much needed

improvement," said Thomas Atwood, president of the National Council for Adoption.

Americans adopted 21,100 children from other countries during the 12 months ending Sept. 30, 2002, government statistics show. The most foreign-born children came from China (6,062), followed by Russia (4,904), Guatemala (2,361), Korea (1,713) and Ukraine (1,093).

The State Department is completing rules to certify agencies specializing in foreign adoptions, required under a treaty signed by some 190 countries. Countries agree to follow certain regulations on international adoptions, such as making sure the

child to be adopted is an orphan or abandoned by parents, and that adults wishing to adopt have been checked out by their home countries.

State Department spokesman Stuart Patt said all of the U.S. rules needed under the treaty should be completed in 2005.

## Senate staffer on leave for accessing Democratic files

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Judiciary Committee

Chairman Orrin Hatch said Tuesday he had put one of his

staffers on administrative leave for improperly obtaining data from the secure computer networks of two Democratic senators.

Hatch, R-Utah, said preliminary interviews suggested that a former Republican member of the committee staff may have also been involved in penetrating the Democratic computers.

"I was shocked to learn that this may have occurred," Hatch said in a statement. "I am mortified that this improper, unethical and simply unacceptable breach of confidential files may have occurred on my watch."

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# Celebrate Native American heritage, achievement this month

The 19th century had been a hard one for the United States, marked by industrial growth and a heart-wrenching war between the states. There was rapid expansion out west where settlers fought for land against Native Americans desperate to preserve their way of life in battles that had already been waged east of the Ohio River.

Perhaps it's fitting that November, capped by its homage to Thanksgiving Day tradition, is National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. It's the perfect time to reflect on America's complex and, at times, tumultuous, relationship with its indigenous peoples — one that has embedded itself in the nation's culture and conscience.

## HISTORY OF A CELEBRATION

By the start of the 20th century, many had started to reflect on the importance of American Indians to the nation's history and people began making proposals for a day to honor them. In 1914, Chief Red Fox James, a Blackfoot, rode horseback from state to state in the hope of gaining support for a day of tribute. The following year, Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca anthropologist and social activist who was director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, New York, persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to designate a day of recognition for Native Americans. According to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, in 1915, at the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kansas, a plan celebrating American Indian Day

## Turkey Day trivia game

Tired of having the same old conversation at the dinner table this Thanksgiving Day? This year, keep everyone on their toes with a game of turkey trivia.

1. According to the National Turkey Federation, what percentage of Americans eat turkey at Thanksgiving?  
ANSWER: 95 percent.

2. What are the most popular ways to serve leftover holiday turkey?  
ANSWER: Sandwich; soup or stew; casserole; stir-fry; salad.

3. What is the average size of a Thanksgiving Day turkey?  
ANSWER: 15 pounds.

4. What are the most popular uses of "dark" turkey meat?  
ANSWER: Dark meat is used in soup and stew, rich marinades, grilling and barbecuing.

5. Which is better nutritionally — white or dark meat?  
ANSWER: White meat has fewer calories and less fat than dark meat.

6. Which country consumes the most turkey?  
ANSWER: According to the USDA, Israel ate the most turkey in 2001. It is followed by United States, France, Italy, Germany, the United Kingdom and Canada.

7. The turkey was once proposed to be the official bird of the United States. Whose idea was that?  
ANSWER: The idea was proposed by statesman (See TRIVIA, Page 17)

was formally approved. The group's president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, issued a proclamation on September 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of May as American Indian Day.

New York was the first state to observe American Indian Day in 1916. Over the years, other states followed suit in designating a day to honor Native Americans. In 1976, a Senate resolution authorized the president of the United States to declare the week of October 10 to 16 as Native American Awareness Week. The celebration was expanded to a month in 1990 when President George Bush approved a joint resolution designating November as National American Indian Heritage Month.

## HONORING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE

There are many ways to pay homage to Native American heritage and

achievement in your community. Here are a few ideas to get you started.

- **Map it** — Many place names throughout the country have their origins in Native American languages. Invite children to locate and tag some of the more familiar ones, like Minnesota, Texas, Chicago and Ohio, as well as other places in your community.

- **Explore Native American languages** — This is a great way to learn about similarities and differences between regional groups, as well as the influence Native American words have had on the English language. For example, did you know that the word "canoe" comes from the language of the Arankawa, a Caribbean people? Or that "skunk" is thought to come from the Abnaki people?

- **Investigate local history** — Look to your community's historical society or library for help. You may find that significant moments in Native

American history happened right in your own backyard.

- **Host a food festival** — Your local library, community center, college or university may be able to help host the event. Set up tables featuring information about each culture as well as unique or popular dishes. This is also something you can do on a smaller scale at home with your family or neighbors.

- **Explore the work of Native American achievers** — Take time out to discover and share with your community the innumerable contributions of Sacagawea along Lewis and Clark's voyage of discovery; the heroism of Navajo code talkers who risked their lives during World War II; the films of actors like Irene Bedard, Graham Greene and Russell Means; and the research of scientists like Fred Begay, Wilfred F. Denetclaw Jr. and Jerrel Yakel.

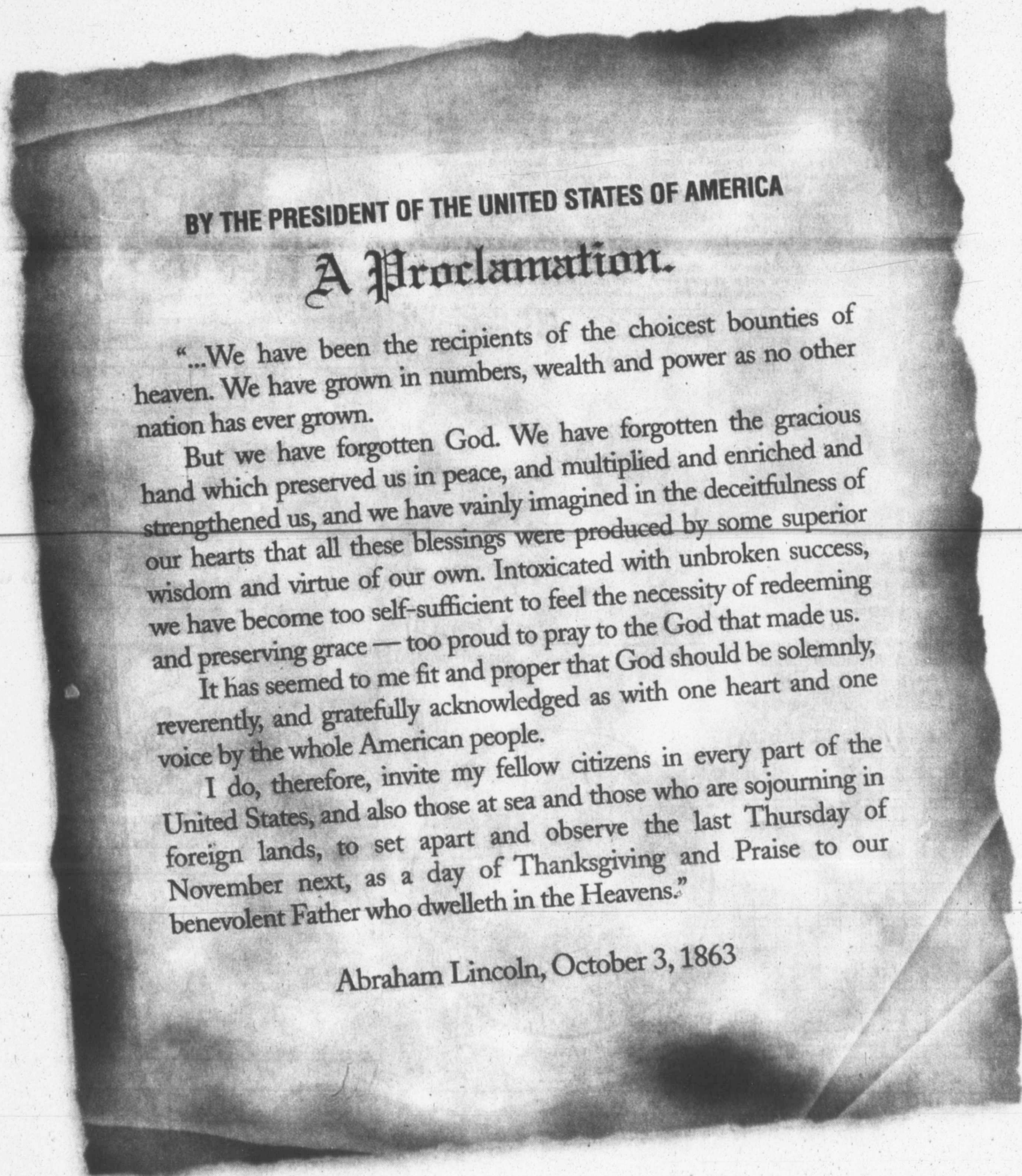
Throughout the nation's history, American Indian, and Alaska Native peoples

have been the bearers of values and ideas that have become ingrained in the American spirit: the importance of the natural environment; working together with people from different cul-

tures, religions and traditions; and the awareness that diversity can be a source of strength rather than division — values that are increasingly important in today's world.



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## DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

### Reaching out to Others Makes Day of Thanks a Day of Giving

**DEAR READERS:** Today is Thanksgiving, the time we pause to consider the blessings for which we have to be thankful. In many homes across the country turkeys are being stuffed, just as the people who consume them will be later in the day.

But for many individuals, these holidays can be an intensely difficult time, triggering feelings of stress, loneliness and loss. If the person is prone to depression, these feelings can be further magnified.

How can anyone feel depressed at this time of year, you ask? It's not that far-fetched. People who are separated from their families often feel isolated because they can't celebrate in the traditional way. Families who have lost a loved one during the year often feel the absence especially keenly at this time. Others become depressed because they imagine that everyone else is enjoying a warm, idealized family experience, while they are on the outside looking in.

Even people who enjoy the holidays can find them stressful. This is a time of year when people are stretched for time, energy and money — particularly the latter. They may become embarrassed because they can't celebrate the way they would like to, or in the style they have in years past.

Some ways to ward off the holiday blues: Keep expectations reasonable. Don't take on more activities than you can handle — financially or otherwise.

Don't overspend. Plan a holiday budget and live within it — regardless of the temptation.

Do not run up credit card debt, or January will be like a serious hangover.

And speaking of hangovers — watch your alcohol intake. Remember, although alcohol seems to be a mood elevator, it is actually a depressant. If you have a problem with alcohol, get whatever support you need to make it through the holidays.

A final thought: If you're feeling down and want an instant "upper," the surest way to accomplish it is to do something nice for someone else. Call someone who lives alone and invite that person to dinner. Better yet, say, "I'm coming to get you, and I'll see that you get safely home." (Some older people don't drive at night, and those who do might prefer not to be behind the wheel after dark.) Give it a try! You'll be glad you did.

And now, I'll repeat the Thanksgiving Prayer that was penned by my mother years ago. My Thanksgiving would not be complete without it:

O, Heavenly Father,  
We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.

We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.

We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.

We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.

May these remembrances stir us to service.

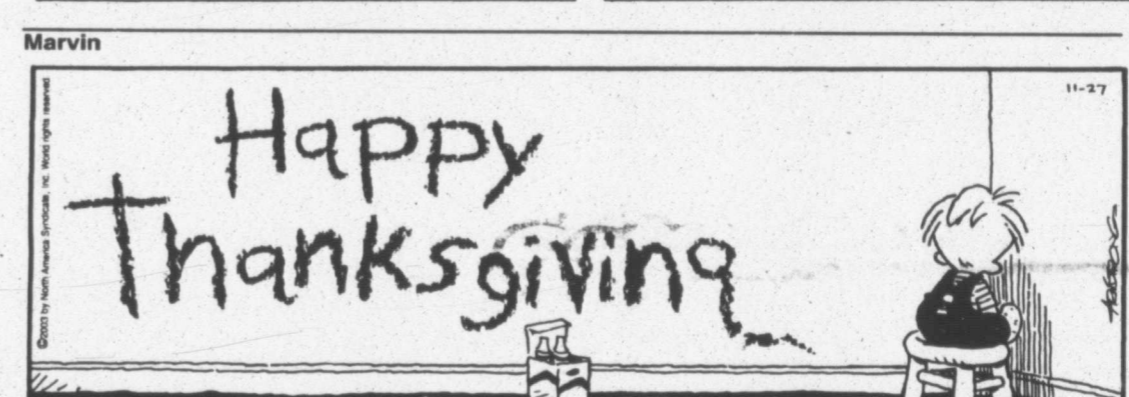
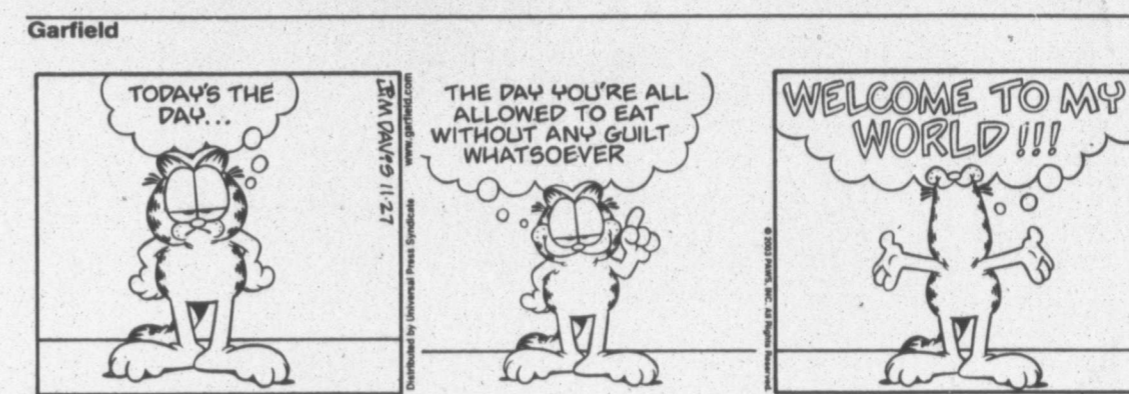
For Thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.

P.S. We have much for which to be grateful this Thanksgiving Day. For those of you with a little time to spare, how about showing our gratitude to veterans by visiting a veterans hospital and raising the spirits of those who have served our country?

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!  
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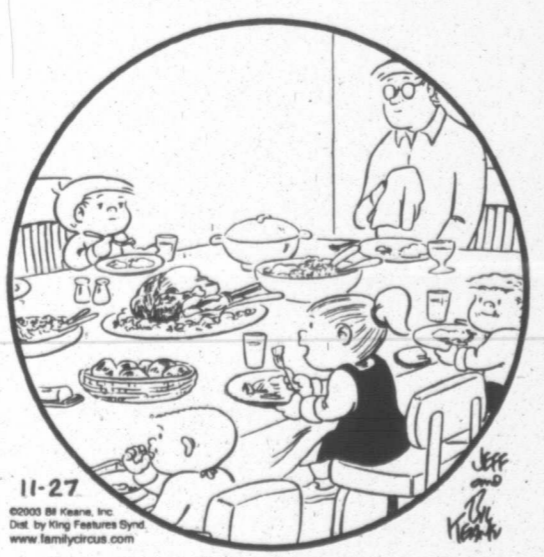
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## Defrost in front of television set

Winter may be a wonderland, but such conditions can force you to admire it from your window. There's no need to let the snowy conditions keep you from enjoying this often picturesque season. Bring winter to your own big screen while you stay comfy and warm. Grab a blanket, some cocoa and cuddle up with some winter movies. And enjoy the beauty of the cinema's snowy settings, without getting a chill.

• "Snow Falling on Cedars" (1999) — A fisherman is found dead. A journalist might have information that would acquit a murder suspect, but he must put aside jilted love for the suspect's wife first.

• "Mrs. Soffel" (1984) — Peter Soffel is the warden at a prison. But one gets past him — his wife falls in love with a prisoner and leaves her family to help him escape amid the harsh winter.

• "Snow Day" (2000) — Snow is synonymous with Syracuse. But snow days aren't. When it finally snows enough to close school, children hijack a snow plow to stop it in its tracks.

• "The Shining" (1980) — The word murder has become forever immortalized backwards as "redrum" thanks to this spooky horror classic. Jack Nicholson shines as a snowbound hotel caretaker who gets a little stir crazy.

• "Misery" (1990) — Kathy Bates won an Oscar for playing a deranged fan who rescues an injured writer from a snowstorm. Director Robert Reiner gets a nod for bringing justice to this Stephen King novel.

• " Fargo" (1996) — Frances McDormand's Oscar winning performance will have you laughing in this Coen brothers' flick set in cold country.

# Reduce stress caused by holidays and rediscover spirit of the season

The holidays are supposed to be the most wonderful time of the year according to the lyrics of one seasonal tune. But with the stress of shopping, holiday parties, guests and more it may seem far from wonderful.

One of the best ways to reduce stress is planning. A month or two before the holiday rush, write a list of everything you need to do during the holiday season — shopping, gift wrapping, cooking, etc. Then, write it all up on a calendar. Pencil in parties, shopping, cleaning, baking and other tasks and activities. Being organized makes things seem less crazy.

Now may be the time to reassess family traditions. You don't always have to go to Aunt Sue's for the holidays. Don't be afraid to eliminate activities that aren't family favorites. Maybe you can tour local holiday decorations or take a ski trip as a family instead.

Another way to reduce stress is to limit how much you'll spend on gifts and who will get them. 'Tis the season to

### HANDLING THE HOLIDAY HUSTLE AND BUSTLE

Your to-do list is a mile long with parties, shopping and cleaning. Don't let the stress of the season ruin your spirits. Follow these tips from people who learned how to have a happy holiday.

#### Get cooking

"I bake cookies for people instead of spending lots of money on gifts."

Laura Ware  
San Francisco, California

#### Think ahead

"I buy gifts throughout the year when I see something that suits a friend or relative. That way, I have most of my holiday shopping done way before December — and the mall crowd — rolls around."

Melissa Walker  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

give, but you don't have to give to everyone, with everything you've earned and all your time too. Instead of giving a gift to each relative, suggest that everyone be given a name of someone to buy a gift for at a set amount. Or, suggest a grab bag where everyone contributes a generic gift of, say, \$20. Toss presents into a bag, have everyone

### It's Party Time

"Toward the beginning of December, I usually throw a party for my little cousins, who range in age from 2 to 5. We finger paint, make cookies and just let loose. It brings out the child in all of the adults and gives us all a chance to have fun instead of focusing on the chores of the holidays."

Francesca DiMeglio  
Fort Lee, New Jersey

### Wrap it Up

"Before the holiday season begins, buy and wrap some generic, inexpensive gifts like food, wine and chocolates. This way if you are invited to a party at the last minute or run out of time to get a personal gift for a friend, you already have gifts wrapped and ready to hand out."

Rebecca Schwartz  
Los Angeles, California

"grab" into the bag for a gift. Another idea is to look for gifts that an entire family can enjoy together like a board game.

With the holiday season always comes guests. Don't put all the prepping burden on yourself — delegate household cleaning or cooking to family members. If you can afford it, hire a clean-

ing service during the holidays. That way, someone else can worry about mopping the floors, dusting the furniture and keeping the mirrors streak-free.

If you can, try to take a day or two off from work before the holidays. It will give you time to pack for a trip, cook for a party, clean the house or shop for gifts. Or, leave the kids with a sitter if that will help you get everything done.

Holiday parties reap tables and trays of treats, sauce-laden foods, not to mention calorie-filled alcoholic beverages. Don't overindulge to soothe your stress. Eating may temporarily cure the blues, but you'll spend the new year at the gym, exercising off those extra pounds.

Most of all, make time to relax. Sit down with a cup of hot cocoa. Bake some cookies with your family. Play a game or watch a video together. Take the kids to the ice skating rink. Get a massage, facial or manicure to relieve stress. Whatever you do, remember: The mall will be there tomorrow.

## Keys to living with diabetes, how to keep fit

There are 17 million people in the United States who have diabetes. Unfortunately, 5.9 million of those don't know it. That's why diabetes is often known as the "silent killer." Without a blood test or evident symptoms, it is quite difficult to detect if you are suffering

from the disease or disorder.

Diabetes comes in two types: Type 1 is a disease in which the body does not produce any insulin, most often occurring in children and young adults. People with type 1 diabetes must take daily insulin injections to stay alive. It accounts for 5 to 10 percent of diabetes. Type 2 is a metabolic disorder resulting from the body's inability to make enough, or properly use, insulin. It is the most common form of the disease. Type 2 diabetes accounts for 90 to 95 percent of diabetes. A greater prevalence of obesity and sedentary lifestyles in this country is quickly pushing diabetes to epidemic proportions.

As a result, exercise should be a major part of your general health program as a diabetic. According to Dr. Russell D.

White, M.D., a contributor to The Physician and Sportsmedicine, a regular exercise program can help stabilize your blood sugar, reduce your need for insulin and medication, and keep your weight under control. Diabetes increases the risk of heart disease, but exercise can lower it. Best of all, exercise helps you get more out of life.

However, because of the risks associated with the diabetes, a complete health evaluation by a health-care provider should precede any new exercise program. He or she may also be able to recommend certain activities that are safe for your particular lifestyle.

### GET PHYSICAL

In general, aerobic activities are some of the best ways to keep in shape and control the disease.

Exercises like walking, jogging, biking or swimming can raise your pulse and make you breathe harder. You'll get maximum benefits if you participate in 30 minutes or more of an activity at least three times a week. In addition, strength training (weight lifting) can also help improve fitness and heart health.

### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

There may be some exercises you should avoid and health precautions you should heed. Here are some important pointers:

• If you become dizzy or lightheaded when exercising in an upright position, swimming or biking are better than hiking or jogging.

• If you have poor sensation in your feet, take special care to choose proper footwear and consider low-impact exercise (swimming, biking or rowing) rather than walking or jogging.

• Check your blood-sugar levels before and after workouts and every 20 to 30 minutes during prolonged exercise (Many activities burn 500 to 600 calories an hour). If your blood sugar is under 100 mg/dL, eat a snack containing 15 to 30 grams of carbohydrate before you exercise. If your blood sugar is excessive (over 250 mg/dL for people with type 2 diabetes; over 200 mg/dL for those with type 1), postpone exercise until you bring it down.

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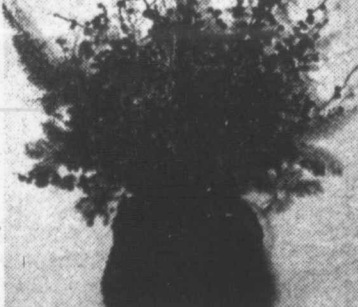
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## A beverage that altered U.S. history

Tea is something many people view as a refreshing source of caffeine, whether it's served cold with ice in the summer or hot on a winter day. But actually, the beverage caused quite a stir in Colonial America.

On the night of December 16, 1773, a group of American members of the political organization the Sons of Liberty disguised themselves as Native Americans. Led by Sam Adams and Paul Revere, they quietly boarded three ships from England that were loaded with tea at the Boston Harbor. The East India Company was near bankruptcy and had been allowed to ship half a million pounds of tea to America without having to pay a tax. This meant that they could sell their wares cheaper than American merchants and monopolize the tea trade. Something had to be done so that the tea would not be sold.

The patriots quickly and quietly opened the crates of tea and dumped them into the harbor. The men feared that they'd be connected to their crime. So, they swept the ship's deck and shook their shoe's overboard to get rid of any tea. Such actions set the stage for the American Revolution. And it changed how people look at tea forever.

To learn more about the real Boston Tea Party ship in Boston, call 627-338-1773 or visit [www.bostonteparty-ship.com](http://www.bostonteparty-ship.com).

## Give children the gift of safe toys this holiday season

(MS) — When many reminisce about childhood, they recall afternoons spent in their playroom. The room may have been messy, but as children they were never without a smile. Play remains an important part of childhood, promoting development and education.

The last thing you want to worry about is if children are safe. Unfortunately, the numbers suggest that it's in your best interest to make play safety a priority. According to National Safe Kids Campaign, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of unintentional childhood injury, more than 200,000 children ages 14 and under were treated in hospital emergency rooms for toy-related injuries in 2001, with nearly half of those injuries to children ages 4 and under.

The best way to protect your family is by taking an active role in their play by supervising them, playing with them and thoroughly inspecting their toys. Not only will you keep kids safe but you'll add to their fun.

When choosing toys, consider a child's age, interests and skills. Toys should be well-made and sturdy enough to prevent them from falling

apart and injuring a child. Inspect old and new toys regularly, making repairs immediately or throwing away damaged toys.

Here are some tips on how to make play safe:

- Follow age and safety information.
- Avoid toys with sharp points, edges or other breakable parts that could hurt small hands, feet or fingers.
- Toddlers put everything in their mouths. Don't let them play with toys with springs, gears or hinges. Balls and toys made of foamlike pieces can also be potentially dangerous if a child bites into and tries to swallow it.
- Toys that make loud noises may not bother you, but they can damage a child's developing auditory system.
- The paint on toys should be nontoxic and the finish shouldn't peel.
- Art supplies like crayons, paints and modeling dough should be nontoxic. Children may put them in their mouths and try to swallow them.
- Purchase a small parts tester if you

have a child under 3. Any toys that are too small pose a choking hazard and will pass through this clear plastic tube. Items like marbles, small balls, game pieces and toy accessories will fail the tube test.

- Cut strings, straps and cords longer than 7 inches so they don't strangle children during play.
- Avoid toys with batteries and electrical plugs for children under 8 because they are a potential burn hazard. If you'd like your child to use them, make sure the batteries and wires are inaccessible and that the toy is used under close supervision.
- Stay on top of toy recalls by visiting the Consumer Product Safety Commission's site at [www.cpsc.org](http://www.cpsc.org).

As you head out shopping, look to Aristoplay, Talicor, Playmates and Mattel to meet all your safe toy needs.

With every gift, also make sure that you purchase your recipient proper protective gear. Here are some tips to help you out:

- Helmets are proven to reduce the risk of head and brain injury. If you are giving kids bicycles, scooters, skateboards, sleds or other sports equipment be sure to also give

a helmet that meets safety standards.

- Reflective clothing, stickers or bike reflectors and reflectors on pedals and wheels are good for children who ride or skate at dawn or dusk.
- A horn or bell will warn drivers and pedestrians that kids are nearby.
- Elbow pads and knee pads can be given along with in-line skates, scooters, roller skates or skateboards. Wrist guards can accompany in-line skates, roller skates and skateboard.

Any novice in-line skater will appreciate the gift of lessons from a professional instructor or a locally based

recreation class. This will teach them how to skate, stop and the rules of the road.

Not only should toys be safe but so should the area where toys are used. Riding toys should not be used near stairs, traffic or pools. Toys should be put away after playing to prevent falls and other injuries. Keep older children's toys separate so young children don't unintentionally hurt themselves.

Children will love a toy or game this season. Just make sure that when you do give a gift that it's safe.

## How much do you know about winter solstice? Take the quiz

It may seem like work or school flies on December 22, 2003. And it will — sort of. That day marks the winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere. Take this quiz to see how much you know.

1. What is winter solstice?
2. What causes seasons?
3. What was the Roman festival of Saturnalia?
4. What tradition came from the Scandinavian winter solstice festival called Juleils?
5. What ancient ruin was built to honor the solstice?
6. Many Christmas tradi-

tions come from Pagan winter solstice traditions. What custom involves giving presents?

7. When it's winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere, what is happening in the southern hemisphere?
8. What does the word solstice mean?
9. How did the ancient Greeks observe the winter solstice?
10. The winter solstice in 1999 was unique. Why so?

### ANSWERS

1. Winter solstice is when the hemisphere is leaning farthest away from the sun. That's why daylight is the shortest this day.
2. They are caused by the rotation of the earth. Earth is tilted away from the sun during the northern hemisphere's winter, which is why the days are shorter.

3. It was a festival that honored winter solstice where servants ate with their masters. Schools were closed, prisoners were not executed and people paraded around the streets with black faces or masks.

4. The burning of the Yule log comes from here. Norse men would burn the log to repel dark and cold. The wood was thought to bring good luck to each home.

5. Newgrange in eastern Ireland was built to honor the solstice. It is one acre and has a 60 foot entranceway. It dates about to 3,300 BCE,

making it one of the oldest structures in the world.

6. Romans gave their children earthenware (sigillaria), rings and seals to celebrate Sigillaria.

7. They are celebrating the summer solstice. At that time, night is at its shortest and daytime is at its longest.

8. It comes from two Latin words — "sol," which means sun, and "sistere" which means to cause to stand still.

9. Their winter solstice ritual was called Lenaea, the Festival of the Wild Women. A man representing the harvest god Dionysos was torn

to pieces and eaten by a gang of women. Then, Dionysos was reborn as a baby. By classical times, the human sacrifice was replaced by the killing of a goat and the women became funeral mourners and watchers of the birth.

10. That year the solstice, full moon and lunar perigee happened on the same date. (Perigee means that the moon's orbit is closest to earth). Here, the moon was full and at its maximum size. The last time that something like this happened was 1866.

## What do you resolve to do? Top 20 resolutions

New Year's Eve is a time to look back on what has happened over the past year and look forward to what we want in the upcoming year. The idea of resolutions are thought to come from ancient Babylonians who believed that what a person does on the first day of the New Year will effect him throughout the entire year.

The best way to keep your resolutions is to make one or two that you've thought about for a while rather than a bunch that you thought of at your New Year's Eve party. You can always add new resolutions to your list later in the year.

Once you've chosen your resolution or two, word it with care. Keep it gentle on yourself, not forceful. Instead of wording it, "This year I am going to eat healthier" it should be, "This year I'm going to explore different ways to eat healthier." That way, it's more of a plan to find ways to eat better instead of just commanding yourself to eat better all at once.

Which of these popular New Year's resolu-

tions will be on your list for 2004?

1. Exercise.
2. Stress less.
3. Take time out for yourself.
4. Volunteer.
5. Save money.
6. Eat healthier.
7. Be nicer to friends and relatives.
8. Smile.
9. Sleep more.
10. Get a new job or career.
11. Watch less television.
12. Surf the Internet and e-mail less.
13. Balance the checkbook.
14. Diet.
15. Relax.
16. Quit smoking, drinking or coffee consumption.
17. Get organized.
18. Work less.
19. Contact an old friend.
20. Pay off debt.



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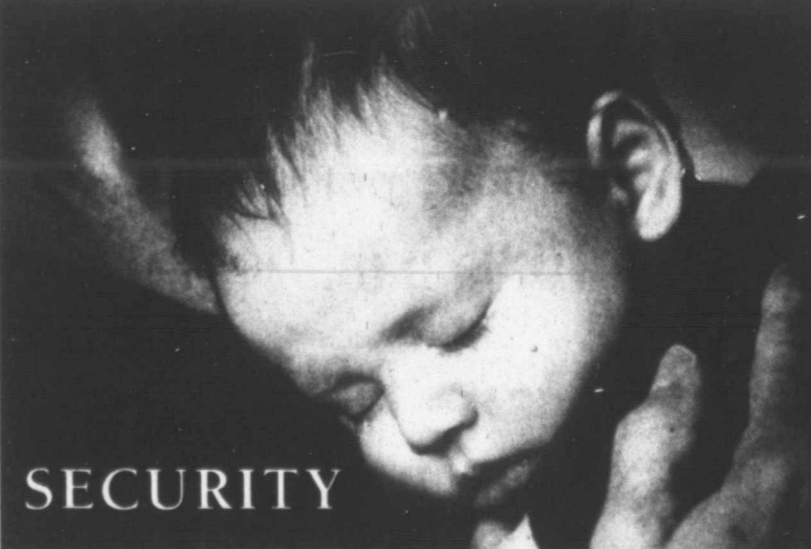
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# Plan ahead to protect home, family from fire

(MS) — More often than not, people push the notion of developing a fire escape plan or regularly checking smoke detectors to the rear of their mind, somewhere between reorganizing the hall closet and cleaning out the garage once and for all.

But the truth is, fires are much more common than you might imagine. According to the United States Fire Administration:

- The United States has one of the highest fire-death rates in the industrialized world.
- Between 1994 and 1998, an average of 4,400 Americans died and another 25,100 were injured annually as the result of fire.
- About 100 firefighters die each year in duty-related incidents.
- At least 80 percent of all fire deaths occur in residences.
- About 2 million fires are reported each year. Many others go unreported, causing additional injuries and property loss.
- Direct property loss due to fires is estimated at \$8.6 billion annually.

Now that you realize that you should take fire-related issues seriously, there are ways to help your family survive should a fire occur, and there are many products designed with fire safety in mind.

## SMOKE DETECTORS

At its most annoying when a grilled-cheese sandwich runs amuck, the high-pitched beeping of these devices is one of your first defenses against fire. In fact, many homes and apartments are required by law to have a certain number of smoke alarms in ratio to rooms of the house.

Recent advances in technology have made these life-saving devices even more valuable. For instance, the Intelligent 4D Multisensor Detector from Honeywell gathers information from two fire sensing elements — ionization and photo-electricity — and a heat-sensing element to signal if there's a problem. The new Escape Light® smoke alarm from First Alert® features a light that illuminates your way to safety. And, an increasing number of today's smoke detectors, like those from MasterGuard, are designed to detect sharp increases in air temperature as well as smoke.

## SAFETY LADDERS

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## FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

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## HOME-SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Using quick-response sprinklers and approved piping, homes can be built or even remodeled to include low-cost automatic sprinkler systems connected to the domestic water supply. Sprinkler systems offer advantages to homeowners, such as a low-cost reliable safety option that will attract many buyers and trade-offs between sprinklers and code requirements that can result in lower construction costs; assurance of a safer environment for their families; protection of their investment and irreplaceable family possessions; and lower insurance rates. Look to manufacturers like Tyco Fire & Building Products and Globe Fire Sprinkler Corporation for quality sprinkler systems to protect your home.

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## Winterizing your vehicle

The snow on the trees is captivating this time of year. Snow covers the trees, mountains and homes, making driving a delight to the senses. It may be a pretty sight to the eyes, but this winter wonderland can wreak havoc on your car and make driving a little more difficult.

That's why there is no better time than now to get your car ready for the season ahead. The best thing to do is schedule an appointment for a full tune up. Get your spark plugs, water pump, distributor, brakes, heater, windshield wipers, windshield wiper fluid supply, defroster and other parts checked to make sure they are all in working order. Replace any worn or cracked belts before they break down. Do the same with hoses — some car manufacturers recommend replacing them every three to four years.

Your battery may be working now, but you don't want any surprises on a cold winter day; be sure to have it examined by a professional. For routine care on your own, scrape away corrosion from posts and cable connections; clean and tighten all connections. Don't forget to wear rubber gloves and eye protection when caring for your battery.

This can also be a good time to change the oil in your car. Changes are recommended every 3,000 to 5,000 miles or every three months. Next, be sure to have your tires checked. Air pressure in tires decreases in cold weather. A lower pressure affects your ride and safety. Examine tires for cuts, nicks or uneven wearing. All-season tires in good condition will have enough road-gripping treads to be depend-

able during the winter. But if you live in a snowy climate or travel often in winter, you may want to invest in snow tires.

By keeping your car waxed and clean, you'll minimize damage to the exterior. Wax jobs aren't just to keep your car shiny while doing summer cruising. A good waxing can repel rain and its pollutants. Keep your car washed too — that's the best way to minimize damage caused by bad roads, rain and salt used to melt the snow and ice.

## WINTER WEATHER SURVIVAL KIT

Stash items like these in your car or garage:

- flashlight
- two flares and S-O-S sign
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- small shovel if you get plowed in
- spare key (for your pocket) and keyless door opener
- windshield washer fluid
- fully charged cell phone and change for a pay phone
- first aid kit with high-energy snacks and utility knife
- extra winter clothing, including scarf, gloves, socks, boots and hat plus a blanket
- jumper cables
- sand or cat litter
- ice scraper and brush

## Teens travel far from home to 'find' selves

(MS) — Today's teens are desperately trying to make sense of an increasingly chaotic and violent world, and they're forced to do so at an age when even their own identity is confusing. Unfortunately, more than 50 percent of today's teens come from broken homes and face this challenge with little or no family support, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

"Public schools attempt to teach self-esteem but results have been poor because kids are hearing conflicting messages," says Jeff Boucher, founder of Touch the World Youth Ministries, an international youth outreach program.

"While they're asked to

believe that they're special, they're also taught that life happened completely by chance — that in effect they came from nothing and they're headed for nothing," says Boucher. "Imagine what that feels like to teenagers desperately searching for meaning in their lives."

Through short-term mission trips all over the globe, Touch the World has changed countless young lives by equipping teens with the inner strength to cope with their own personal struggles as they help make a difference in the lives of others. Participants attend a week-long training camp held in various U.S. cities, where they learn the

skills they will use to improve the lives of people in towns and villages around the world, including agriculture, carpentry and, more importantly, teamwork. Over the past 15 years, the Touch the World program has built homes and churches, planted crops, dug wells, repaired schools and cleaned rivers in regions throughout Africa, Cuba, Japan, Mexico and Scotland.

"It's the work that's completed in the hearts and minds of our teen volunteers that makes the greatest difference," says Boucher.

Teens who cannot afford to attend are taught how to finance their trips to training camp and abroad by

obtaining sponsors. Additional expenses are subsidized by private donations from businesses and people all over the nation with a heart for youth.

"While they're learning new skills and teamwork, they're experiencing a sense of belonging, competence and worth," says Boucher. "And when they see results, they gain confidence. These are the main components of true lasting self-esteem."

To register a teen, volunteer as a youth leader or sponsor a young person financially, contact Sue Kuiken at (888) 281-4887. To learn more about Touch The World, visit [www.touchtheworld.org](http://www.touchtheworld.org).

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# New pacemaker gives doctors instant report on heart

By RENEE C. LEE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

DALLAS (AP) — Some doctors say a heart-monitoring device that faxes information directly to a physician's office from anywhere in the world can save lives, but federal regulators say it could pose a danger to patients.

The Federal Communications Commission earlier this year banned the device known as a portable messenger, because of fears it could further clog airwaves already crowded with transmissions from high-tech medical gadgets.

The German-based manufacturer, Biotronik, appealed the ruling and expects a decision by the end of the year. The FCC allowed the 3,000 patients who already had the portable messenger to continue using it.

The ruling offers a glimpse of regulation complications and corporate competitions on the horizon as technology factors more into medicine. Meanwhile, patients may lose out on devices that could help them, some doctors say.

"This information has potentially life-saving consequences. Why should we be denied access to this information?" Dr. Allistar Fyfe, a cardiologist at Medical City Dallas Hospital, said of the portable messenger. He has about a dozen patients using the device.

Approved by the FDA in April 2002, the portable messenger uses technology similar to a cell phone and works along with a special pacemaker. The pacemaker sends signals to the portable messenger, which is worn like a pager on a waistband or belt. The device then trans-

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Biotronik said the device costs about \$8,000, and the pacemaker takes about 30 minutes to implant under the collarbone. The device works as long as it is within 6 feet of the pacemaker, company spokesman Fred Koury said.

The system proved to be a lifesaver for Billie Jo Slade, 71, a retired teacher's assistant from Athens, Texas, diagnosed with a rapid heartbeat.

Two months after installation of her pacemaker in February, the messenger sent reports to her doctor showing that her heartbeats jumped from 70 to 140 a minute. The abnormal rhythms could have led to a stroke if gone undetected.

"My biggest fear was having a stroke," Slade said. "It changed my outlook on doing things."

Slade illustrates how far pacemakers have come. About 10 years ago, pacemakers could only detect malfunctions within the device itself, such as low batteries or connection failure.

"With this device, we can communicate in real time," said Fyfe, Slade's doctor. "We can find out tomorrow night or the next day or in

three minutes ... if there's been a change in heart rhythm."

Despite praise from doctors, a competitor of Biotronik that makes a similar device, Minneapolis-based Medtronic, claimed the device's signals do not follow federal rules. It was Medtronic's May 2001 complaint, filed after Biotronik received approval for its device, that led to the FCC ruling in February.

In 2000, the FCC created wireless medical telemetry — a precise block of frequency bands for medical devices — to prevent transmission interference. Devices must make sure they're on an open band before transmitting. Biotronik's device does not do that, the FCC said.

There's also a question of whether the device's transmission meet the FCC's definition of a medical implant event, a technical term for medical emergencies that trigger a transmission. Federal rules say there must be a change in the patient's medical condition that requires a medical response when an implanted device transmits medical information.

"To send a report when there is no change doesn't meet the rules," said Jeff Tobias, an FCC adviser. "If you're going to send a report, there has to be a change in the patient's condition."

Biotronik said its device "squarely fits within the definition of a medical implant event," and that's one of the reasons it appealed the FCC decision.

Medtronic's system is Internet-based. It transmits patient information to a secure server and a doctor can retrieve it from a Web site, company spokeswoman Valerie Lind said.

Both devices are important advances in medicine, said Dr. Stephen Hammill, a cardiologist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and a member of the North American Society of Pacing and Electrophysiology Heart Rhythm Society.

"If you look five years from now all pacemaker companies will have similar systems," Hammill said.

With 62 million Americans diagnosed with heart disease, pacemakers are a high-stakes industry, generating about \$5 billion a year among the four manufacturers operating in the United States.

Industry analyst John Putnam, with Belmont Harbor Capital-Soleil in Chicago, said it's not unusual to see companies file lawsuits or petitions to delay a competitor's product.

But Lind said that was not Medtronic's intent when it filed its petition.

"We are not trying to limit Biotronik in any way," she said. "We want to ensure the bands designed by the FCC are protected so that patients aren't at risk."

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## Outlook dimming for small-cap stocks

By RACHEL BECK  
AP BUSINESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks that gained the most during the downturn now look to have the most to lose as the economy gets better.

Wall Street's tiniest shares have had a stellar run over the last year, outperforming most everything else on Wall Street. But that party may be coming to an end as investors begin to feast on larger stocks with better opportunities in the year ahead.

That means anyone tempted by smaller stocks because of their recent rally should beware. Those stunning gains might be short-lived.

"This year has been one where lower-quality, low priced, high-volatility stocks outperformed companies with good balance sheets, sound business plans and favorable long-term outlooks," Byron Wien, market strategist at Morgan Stanley, wrote in a recent note to clients.

Small stocks are those with market capitalizations — stock price multiplied by number of shares outstanding — of about \$300 million to as much as \$2 billion. Contrast that with Wal-Mart and General Electric, which have market caps of more than \$200 billion.

Investors historically have gone for these stocks at the worst of times, hoping to get in early before a recovery sets in. They like smaller companies because they can move faster than the big guys as soon as there is a hint of upturn in the economy.

To see this investing principle at work, look back at the first year of past bull markets. Large-cap stocks have historically gained about 38 percent vs. 56 percent in small shares, according to Standard & Poor's.

This year is no exception. Just consider the market's two best small-cap gauges: The Russell 2000 index is at its highest level in more than three years, and the S&P 600 index hit an all-time high earlier this month.

It also helps that many of these stocks were almost worthless when this year started, thanks to the devastating bear market that pushed many small companies out of business and left those that survived at severely reduced prices.

"Some stocks were just too cheap," said Jack Caffrey, an equity strategist at J.P. Morgan's private bank. "Many of these stocks were priced like they were going to be liquidated, but these

companies then ended up not going away."

But the idea building on Wall Street is that this winning streak for small-caps won't last. In fact, at a Morgan Stanley conference this month for portfolio managers, those surveyed expected large stocks to outperform small shares next year by a 2-to-1 ratio.

Again, the economy will likely play a large part in this shift. The staggering 7.2 percent growth in the third quarter is raising hopes that the economy has finally pulled out of its rut and that growth will stabilize in the year ahead.

When that happens, investors have historically shifted out of small stocks and into their larger rivals. S&P data finds that during a rallying market's second year, large stocks jump on average 14 percent, while small shares gain only 5 percent.

That's because an improving economy often means interest rates will soon start to rise. And since small companies depend heavily on banks to borrow money, they could be harder hit than large companies. In addition, any small company that thrived with low rates — such as those largely tied to the mortgage business — could be particularly hurt.

Smaller firms also often do most of their business domestically, so they don't get the same benefits as larger companies from an rebounding global economy or the weak dollar.

And a pullback may just be due because small-caps have had such a strong run.

"Investors must believe that most of the market's excesses are in small- and mid-cap stocks and that large caps will catch up if the market does well at all in 2004," Wien said, referring to his firm's survey.

Even with all that working against small-cap shares, S&P chief investment strategist Sam Stovall points out that 2004 earnings estimates are coming in surprisingly strong for smaller companies, and are even forecast to top their larger counterparts. Expectations are for large-cap earnings to rise 14 percent vs. 24 percent for small-cap shares, according to S&P.

So maybe it's not time to write off that small-share rally just yet.

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### Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 27, 2003:

You add to others' lives in many different ways. You seem to be there for others when they need you. Examine your long-term goals, as this is a year when you can accomplish them. Your career and/or your public image takes unusual precedence. You'll gain as a result. Don't be surprised at that promotion or pay raise. Starting fall 2004, express your more gregarious side. Broaden your horizons. If you are single, you might run into a very significant relationship that will stop you in your tracks. If you are attached, encourage more talking and playing together. You can always talk to AQUARIUS.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\*\* All that goes well ends well. You might want to handle a child or loved one with more caring. You also might discover that a friend feels left out. Invite this person to join you in your Thanksgiving celebrations. You discover the more, the merrier. Tonight: Follow the action.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Take a step forward, heading in the direction you want and need to go. Follow through on your needs, but take time for those who are older than you. You might want to visit someone who cannot easily come over. Catch up on news, and express more of your feelings. Tonight: In the limelight.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* You might opt to take off this holiday or do something especially unique and untraditional. Your caring comes out with that special person in

your life. Be more sensitive in general. Share more personal time with loved ones, if possible. Tonight: Off the beaten path.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\*\* You might not be sure of yourself with so much commotion happening around you. Others appreciate your caring, though quite obviously one person specifically. Remember how good it feels to be indulged. Take your time visiting and catching up on others' news. Tonight: Vanish with your favorite person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Others seek you out. Find out how you can pitch in and best help. Others appreciate your efforts. Be responsive to those around you. Express your caring by nurturing. Dance through the holiday and enjoy your loved ones. Add a touch of humor. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* You might be a major participant in the preparations for the holiday. Don't get upset by how much seems to lie ahead of you. Take some time to yourself and relax after your holiday dinner. Do what makes you happiest at this point. Tonight: You don't need to make it a late night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Your creativity comes out, whether it is dressing up the turkey or spending time with a special person in your life. Others appreciate your caring. A relationship could be heating up. Enjoy this person. Explore the possibilities between you. Tonight: Let out your wilder side.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* You don't have to go far. In fact, the holiday celebrations might be taking place at your pad. Whether male or female, you find out just how much

work it is. Be grateful for those who pitch in. Enjoy the people with you. Stop the fussing. Tonight: Stay put.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* Use the day to hang out with those around you. You not only enjoy yourself, but you also hear some wonderful stories and jokes. Your job appears to be keeping the conversations rolling — you'll do a great job. Tonight: Enjoy the social whirl.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\*\* Be careful with last-minute expenses. You also might decide to go out for dinner and enjoy yourself and not worry about anything else. You might need some extra time to mull over a decision. Be OK with the nontraditional. Tonight: Let your hair down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\*\* Enjoy yourself wherever you are, as you become queen or king bee. The limelight surrounds you, and others take their cues from you. Know that you can ask for what you want and get it. Aim for more of what you want. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Take your time making a decision. In fact, you don't have to give an immediate answer. To others you might seem a bit withdrawn, which might be true. You have a lot going on. Give yourself permission not to be yourself right now. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

BORN TODAY

Musician Jimi Hendrix (1942), actor Bruce Lee (1940), actress Robin Givens (1964)

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### Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Nov. 28, 2003:

If you express your thoughts and desires, others will respond to what you feel and what you want. Others are highly responsive. You make friends with ease and bring others out of their shells. As a result, you will be unusually successful no matter where you put your energies. Your career can present many options, as well as a public commitment. Know what you want, and you are likely to get just that. Fall 2004 presents unusual opportunities. Don't think that these options will last forever. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone in the fall who will knock your socks off. If you are attached, your relationship will bloom this year. You add that extra touch of romance. AQUARIUS can be lots of fun.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\*\* Meetings and gatherings have an impact on you. You discover that someone close shares a dream with you. Together you two can make this a reality, if you so choose. Let your imagination lead, whether making plans or getting together with others. Share a long-term vision or goal. Tonight: Where the gang is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Though someone might not intend to, he or she makes strong demands on you. Explain to this person what following his or her wishes will take from you. Make a must appearance, but save some special time for a loved one you care about. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* If you have an inkling that a day trip might be especially meaningful, do it. By gaining another perspective and just being away, you will refresh your mind and energy. If you can, go by water. Tonight: Do something totally different.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\*\* A partner wants all your attention. It's your pleasure! You create a stronger bond because of this special time. Close relationships revive with this kind of attention, even friendships. Take some time to nap or do something for yourself. You will need every ounce of energy possible. Tonight: Be a duo.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Allow someone close to call the shots. In fact, you too often seize the reins of control. Let this person act on his or her imagination. You find that he or she brings out the kid in you. Don't try to be in control; just flow with others' wishes. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Take some time off and don't get into a touchy situation. You need some time just for yourself. You might feel a bit uncomfortable asking for it, but you need to. You don't want to turn into a class-A grump, do you? Go off and do something you love. Remember, it's Black Friday. Tonight: Easy does it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Let another lead, and you could be more than delighted by the outcome. Allow more humor into your life and be more playful. Express your wonderful sense of humor, make calls and catch up on others' news. Tonight: Make the most out of the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* You might want to get a head start on your holiday cards and decorating. Some of you will want to go out shopping. Stay close to home, as others really

appreciate this special time with you. Touch base with a friend who might be lonely. Tonight: Become a couch potato.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* Many of you will head out the door, even with Black Friday impending. Some might sit down and get their Christmas cards started. Others actually might start shopping. Many will visit with loved ones and friends. Do what you want. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\*\* Take time with a child or loved one. A child needs to understand the true meaning of Christmas — beyond Santa, presents and trees. Your instincts guide you with a gift choice. Handle your money carefully. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\*\* Your imagination takes you and several friends in a brand-new direction. Get together with friends for perhaps a post-Thanksgiving party to finish the leftovers. Don't hesitate to ask for more of what you want. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Continue a low-key approach. Someone wants to get a lot closer to you than he or she has in a long time. Talks reveal more about a disagreement than you realize. Share more of yourself. Tonight: Get as much sleep as possible.

BORN TODAY

Actor Ed Harris (1950), celebrity Anna Nicole Smith (1967), poet, artist William Blake (1757)

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# 'Tis the Season to help teens celebrate holidays safely

(MS) — Nowadays, it may seem like common sense that you shouldn't operate a car while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. However, according to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2002, 17,419 Americans were killed in crashes involving alcohol, representing 41 percent of the 42,815 people killed in all traffic crashes.

The truth is, a staggering number of young people drink and drive, believing that they can "handle it." Unfortunately, the tragic proof against this is in the grim numbers. During 2002, 29 percent of 15- to 20-year-old drivers killed in motor vehicle crashes had been drinking, according to NHTSA data. Twenty-four percent were intoxicated.

That's why December has been named National Drunk and Drugged Driving (3D) Prevention Month — a time when communities across the country join with the National 3D Prevention Month Coalition to conduct public awareness and enforcement campaigns aimed at preventing impaired driving.

Preventing drinking and drug-related driving accidents is everyone's responsibility, but

during this season of after-school parties, weekend tailgating, Christmas eggnog and New Year's Eve bashes, parents should take extra care to prepare their children for the celebrations ahead.

Follow these tips to help keep teens safe during the holiday season and beyond:

- Make sure your teen has a plan for the evening and that you know it. It's also not a bad idea to set a curfew. If he or she doesn't already have a cell phone, now may be a good time to get one so that help is readily available in case of emergency. If the school sponsors holiday parties, encourage your teen to attend, as it's likely no alcohol will be there.

- Monitor the alcohol in your home. You don't want to be the access point for your child's alcohol consumption.

- Make sure you know who is driving. If your child is driving, make sure the car's engine, tires and brakes are in good condition and insist that passengers wear seat belts at all times. It's important that teens understand that they should never get into a car with someone who has been drinking or

doing drugs, no matter who he or she is. Tell him that he can call home and ask for someone to pick him up at any time, no questions asked.

- Be aware of the local "hot spots." If you lose track of your child, you'll know of some places to look for him or her.

- Speak with the parents of your teen's friends. If you're worried that alcohol may be at a party, discuss your fears with the host's parents. You can refuse to let your teen attend if the parents ignore your concerns.

- Discuss the consequences of drinking and drugs, including impaired judgment, unsafe sex, hangovers, fatigue and dangerous or illegal activities.

- Most importantly, make sure your teen understands that it's okay to say no to any activity that makes him or her feel uncomfortable.

With parties aplenty during this time of year, it may be impossible to watch out for teens every minute of every evening, but parents can take time to talk with their children about the dangers of drugs and alcohol and

help them make wise decisions when out with friends.

## RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

Look to these organizations and advocacy groups to get more tips and ideas about how to talk with teens about alcohol and drugs.

National Commission Against Drunk Driving

• (240) 247-6004

• [www.ncadd.com/3dmonth/index.htm](http://www.ncadd.com/3dmonth/index.htm)

KidsPeace

• (800) 8KID-123

• [www.kidspeace.org](http://www.kidspeace.org)

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

## Pearl Harbor Day: Paying tribute to nation's heroes

It was proclaimed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as "a date which will live in infamy." The date was December 7, 1941. At 7:55 a.m., Japanese planes attacked Pearl Harbor, a land-locked harbor on the southern coast of Oahu in Hawaii. But, the U.S. lacked air patrol, and ships and planes were not in safe territory. Vessels and battleships were sunk or damaged, aircraft destroyed and more than 2,000 killed.

The attack came at the height of tension between Japan and the United States. America supplied more than half of Japan's resources like iron, steel and oil. Japan wasn't in control of its own raw materials. In 1940, Japan joined Italy and Germany and expanded into northern Indochina. In retaliation, the U.S. placed an embargo on resources like steel, iron and scrap metal to Japan. Japan seized Indochina in 1941. Roosevelt reacted again, this time closing the Panama Canal to Japanese shipping and placing an embargo on oil. Negotiations toward a settlement went on but war seemed imminent.

The day after the attack on Pearl Harbor, the U.S. declared war on Japan and entered World War II.

## Find reliable health information on the World Wide Web

(MS) — Ever try looking up health or medical information online? It's not always an easy prospect. Many Internet sites provide accurate and up-to-date research. However, many more offer information that is not only incorrect, but possibly even dangerous. With so much health information available online, it's difficult to know which sources are trustworthy.

"The Internet has become one of the most widely-used communication media. With the availability of Web server software, anyone can set up a Web site and publish any kind of data, which is then accessible to all," reads the introduction to the Health on the Net Foundation Code of Conduct (HONCode). "The problem is therefore no longer finding information but assessing the credibility of the publisher as well as the relevance and accuracy of a document retrieved from the Net." The foundation is an international not-for-profit organization dedicated to guiding patients and medical practitioners to useful and reliable online medical information.

Ask yourself the following questions when judging medical- or dental-related Web sites:

- How often is the site updated? Due in part to advances in research and technology, health-related information is always changing. A quality site will clearly state when the information on it was last updated. Sites that are updated often are likely to have more current information.

- Who pays for the site? Some Web sites are for educational purposes only, while others are designed to promote or sell a product or point of view. Reliable sites will tell you who owns or sponsors them, usually on the home page or in an "about us" section. This will help you understand their purpose, or agenda, if any.

- Is there a disclaimer? If the information is accurate, it will be listed with a disclaimer advising visitors to check with their health-care professional to confirm any information about their particular situation. Beware of any Web site you come across that does not feature a disclaimer of some sort.

- Does the site offer "miracles?" The sad truth is, most claims of "miracle" results are untrue. Cross-reference any information you find on other sites and always consult a health-care pro-

fessional before trying any "miracle" product.

One popular and reputable health-related Web site is Yahoo! Health, which receives millions of users each month.

In order to provide its visitors with up-to-date dental advice and information, Yahoo! Health recently teamed up with Colgate to offer a new online oral-care health center.

"Colgate and Yahoo! Health have taken the important oral-care information consumers need and put it in one convenient place on the Web for millions of people to access," says Jack Haber, Colgate's Vice President of E-Business.

The Yahoo! Health site features a range of articles with information about oral hygiene, common oral health problems, cosmetic dentistry and even orthodontics. It also includes a link to Colgate's interactive whitening center, which offers a personalized whitening evaluation, before and after pictures of your virtual smile and the opportunity to get answers to your oral health questions from Colgate's interactive whitening advisor.

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