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Commission recommends drug testing at work sites

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Drug trafficking is organized crime's most lucrative enterprise and constitutes a national emergency that should be met with workplace drug testing and aggressive intervention by the U.S. military, a presidential panel concluded Monday.

In a report to President Reagan, the Commission on Organized Crime said law enforcement agencies can do little more than hold the line against illicit narcotics traffic, which generates an estimated \$110 billion a year.

The solution is to bolster police interception of narcotics with anti-drug programs aimed at reducing the demand for illicit substances, the report said.

It added that the U.S. drug problem has become a threat to national security and justifies drastic measures such as drug testing in the workplace.

"No attempt to eliminate organized crime from this country can possibly be complete without a concerted nationwide campaign to reduce the demand for narcotics in the United States," the commission's chairman, 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Irving R. Kaufman, said in a statement as the report was submitted to the president.

Calling drug trafficking and abuse "the most serious organized crime problems in America today," the report says the president should direct all federal agencies to formulate "immediately clear policy statements, with implementing guidelines, including suitable drug testing programs."

The study says government contracts should not be awarded to companies that fail to implement drug testing programs. There are some 2.7 million civilian federal employees and 1.7 million in the military.

In addition, the federal government does business with some 15,000 companies employing 23 million workers.

At a news briefing, the commission's deputy director, Rodney B. Smith, stopped short of saying that all working Americans should undergo drug testing, but added, "We are saying to every employer in the nation that you should consider the suitability of drug testing."

"We're saying that being drug-free ought to be one of the requirements in all types of government employment and in most types of private employment."

The study says the public and private sectors must recognize that "we are in a national emergency."

Militants protest Anglo-Irish accord in Northern Ireland

Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Protestant militants hurled gasoline bombs and stones in a rampage Monday through central Belfast, and violent protests hit Londonderry and other towns during a general strike to demonstrate opposition to an Anglo-Irish accord.

At least 10 people were injured, eight vehicles were set on fire, and a clothing factory went up in flames in the most violent and widespread protest against the Nov. 15 accord that gives the Catholic Irish Republic a role in running the province.

The Protestants, who outnumber Catholics 3-2 in Northern Ireland, cut electric power to hundreds of homes and virtually paralyzed the province during the 24-hour strike. The Royal Ulster Constabulary said 34 people were arrested.

Among the injured were four policemen and two women who were stoned during an evacuation of the Saracen clothing factory in Lurgan, 15 miles southwest of Belfast. The factory was seriously damaged by a fire that broke out after the 200 workers left under police escort to

protect them from a mob of about 500 Protestant pickets.

Protestant leaders had called for a peaceful 24-hour strike in this British province to protest the Anglo-Irish agreement, but violence broke out shortly after the strike began at midnight Sunday.

Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the hard-line Protestant Democratic Unionist Party, called the strike a success, saying it had widespread support.

"I hope that by midnight tonight (Monday) the world will have got the message that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is strangling democracy in Northern Ireland and that the agreement must go," Robinson said.

Protestants accuse Thatcher of ignoring their special election vote on Jan. 23 in favor of scrapping the accord, which gives the Catholic Republic of Ireland a consultative role in the province.

Thatcher has remained adamant that Britain will not cancel the agreement.

Recluse's will changes life in Illinois town

Associated Press

ARGENTA, Ill. — In her last years, Grace Winings rarely had visitors or left her home in this quiet prairie town, but she left a legacy that has changed her neighbors' lives.

Income from her \$2 million estate has paid for computers for the school, lights at the youth league baseball diamond, repaving of church parking lots and more.

Since 1980, a year after she died at age 90, \$622,495 has been used to benefit residents of the area Winings lived in all her life.

The principal from her estate of farmland and investments remains untouched and the town's annual windfalls will continue indefinitely as stipulated in her will.

"She was a very saving person, but I don't know whether she realized she would have been giving more than \$600,000 in six years. It surprised me," said Edwin Wallace, who helps distribute the money every August as president of the Gerber State Bank in this central Illinois town of 1,000 people.

The bank's trust committee reviews applications from eligible

modeled building — it's made us a front-runner among small libraries in the state."

Wallace said of Winings and her husband, "They were just good, honest people — not prominent. They were millionaires, but you couldn't pick them out of a crowd."

— Edwin Wallace, president, Gerber State Bank.

Born in Macon County and raised near Argenta, Winings settled with her husband, farmer Billy Winings, in a modest rural home without an indoor bathroom, furnace or water heater.

After his death, she returned to her parents' white, two-story house in Argenta. Those who knew her in those last years remember Winings as a ailing, quiet woman who seldom went out or had visitors. Nearly deaf, she did not have a hearing aid. She also had no television and did not drive.

Shortly after her death, Winings' attorney, Gus Greanias, described her as a "very thrifty person" who wanted to make sure she did not outlive her fortune as she had outlived her family and friends.

groups — local charitable organizations and government agencies in Whitmore and Friends Creek townships, which include the towns of Argenta and Oreana — and chooses projects for funding.

"There are always more than enough requests, so you just try to reach as many of the people in the two townships as you can," Wallace said. "A lot of these projects just wouldn't have been done without Mrs. Winings."

One of the major beneficiaries has been Argenta's library, which received all of Winings' books plus \$85,594 — a substantial boon considering its annual income from taxes is \$25,000.

Librarian Velda Dierker said, "We have computers, a meeting room, a place for the kids to hang out, a re-

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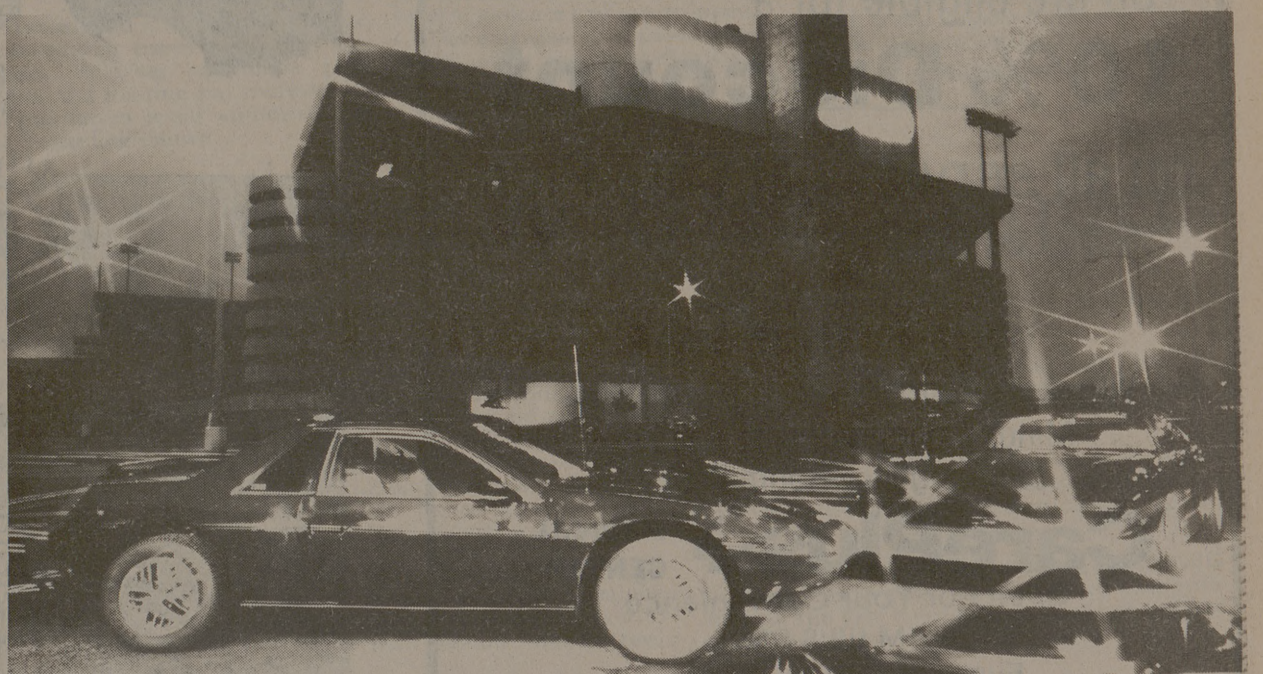
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