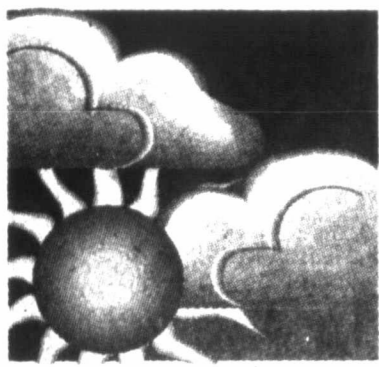


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PAMPA — Local police officers are asking those planning to tour the Celebration of Lights "Winter Wonderland" at Recreation Park to enter the park through its main gate but avoid turning left from US 60.

Lt. Charlie Love said today that tourists are asked to approach the park from the east and through Loop 171. Traffic will be guided through a right turn into the park, but police discourage a left turn from the busy highway.

Local residents are encouraged to approach the park from the loop as well.

Tourists will both enter and exit through the main gate to the park, and they will be asked to avoid a left turn back onto the highway as well.

The entrance was incorrectly reported in Tuesday's issue.

PAMPA — Arlo and Janis, who appear daily in their cartoon strip in *The Pampa News*, will be experiencing a special Christmas in "St. Nick of Time," a holiday special.

The holiday season cartoon strip by Jimmy Johnson, which may also be enjoyed by adults, will be appearing daily until Christmas Day. It will run separately from the Arlo and Janis daily strip on the comics page.

AUSTIN (AP) — Members of the Republic of Texas organization are passing worthless checks, Attorney General Dan Morales is warning retailers, consumers and government agencies.

The Republic of Texas organization claims the annexation of Texas in 1845 was illegal. Its organizers say they have taken over assets held by the state and will hold a constitutional convention next year.

Morales, who's suing the group over false government and legal documents it has circulated, on Wednesday said Texans need to beware of the group's bogus checks.

"They are attempting to pass these bogus documents in return for services and products," Morales said. "Some have attempted to pay credit card bills or deposit the fake checks in real check accounts."

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A cold wave sweeping across northern Mexico is being blamed on at least 10 days in Chihuahua state over the past three weeks.

One couple found in their home Monday apparently were asphyxiated by carbon monoxide. Others have died from asphyxiation or have frozen to death.

Temperatures in some parts of Chihuahua dipped early Tuesday as low as 21 degrees F.

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Economist predicts steady economic growth in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's economy will continue to grow for the next five years at a rate well above the 2.3 percent national average, a Texas-based economist predicts.

"Trade is going back up," said Ray Perryman, a Waco economic analyst and consultant. "One of the most important factors is investors are going back and putting money into Mexico. Mexico is going to be a tremendous growth market in the future."

Perryman discussed his forecast for Texas at an economic conference Tuesday in which he predicted just over 1 million jobs would be created in the state through 2001.

The most growth is expected in service sectors, high-tech manufacturing and corporate relocations, Perryman said. He predicted a growth rate of 3.3 percent for each of the next five years.

The strongest economy in the state is in the high-tech intensive Austin-San Marcos area, Perryman said, adding that the area should continue to outperform

the rest of the state, with a rate of growth of about 3.7 percent.

Perryman singled out the Rio Grande Valley as an economy building strength. As Mexico's economy gradually improves, the border region will follow, he said.

The Dallas-Fort Worth area, Houston and San Antonio also are expected to grow at a steady rate, though slower than in previous years, Perryman said.

Smaller other metro areas and rural areas such as East Texas and West Texas are dragging down the state's average rate of growth, Perryman said, blaming a lack of high-growth industries and tough times in agriculture.

In discussing Gov. George W. Bush's push to reduce property taxes, Perryman said the alternative with the least negative impact on the economy is a business-activity tax.

Bush has said he wants to provide relief from local school property taxes, which account for about 60 percent of homeowner's tax bills.

After rejecting a personal income tax, Bush was given three

alternatives by a group of aides and experts:

- increasing the sales tax;
- creating a gross-receipts tax on total business revenue; and
- establishing a business-activity tax that would tax the difference between the sales and costs that a business incurs.

Though several key lawmakers have said they favor a "hybrid" tax — a combination of the three — Perryman said the business-activity tax is likely the best way to go.

"When all things are considered ... some variant of the business-activity tax may prove to offer an efficient and equitable alternative," he said. "Its performance is generally superior to the other proposals on economic grounds."

Under a business-activity tax, the greatest increases in growth would be experienced by retail trade, agriculture, utilities and eating and drinking places, Perryman said.

Notable losses would be incurred in the oil and gas industries, chemicals, new construction, finance, and business services sectors, he said.

Shamrock woman sentenced to prison after guilty plea in manslaughter case

SHAMROCK — A 22-year-old woman faces prison time after she pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in a Wheeler County court Tuesday.

Robbyn Griffin is awaiting transfer to the state penitentiary to serve a seven-year sentence for the Feb. 8 death of Wesley Welch. Griffin was also handed a total of nine years in prison after her parole for two earlier convictions was revoked.

Welch was killed when he was thrown from a moving vehicle driven by Griffin on Wheeler County Road 9, com-

monly known as Magic City Road. Welch was riding on the trunk of the car at the time. He struck his head on the dirt road and sustained severe trauma to the skull, which resulted in his death three days later.

In 1993, Griffin pleaded guilty to felony theft and was placed on deferred adjudication probation. In 1995, she pleaded guilty to involvement with a theft ring in Wheeler County.

A number of convictions were handed down to people who were caught stealing personal items from various rural homes

in Wheeler County.

The nine years revoked probation for those convictions will run concurrently with her jail time for Welch's death.

The Texas Department of Child Protective Services took Griffin's 16-month-old child into protective custody pending permanent placement.

The case was investigated by Wheeler County Constable Jerry Bob Jernigan, Wheeler County Chief Deputy Rick Walden and Deputy Jerry Bailey. Court proceedings were held in Wheeler County District Court.

Gramm named chairman of Medicare subcommittee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medicare looms as one of the most thorny — and politically sensitive — problems Congress will have to tackle in the coming years.

Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, will be squarely in the middle of a debate that cuts across budgetary, generational and medical lines.

Gramm announced today that he will take the helm of the Senate Finance Committee's Medicare subcommittee when the 105th Congress convenes in January.

The one-time presidential candidate, who in 1993 opposed the Clinton administration's mas-

sive plan to reform health care, has been signaling in recent months that Medicare would be his next big area of interest.

"Preserving Medicare for both our parents and our children will be the top priority of the next Congress," Gramm said today.

Decorating a Christmas tree



Working on decorating a tree for the Festival of Christmas Trees are Austin Elementary School Pampa Enrichment Program (PEP) students Logan Langford, Christopher Smith, Britany Nelson, Weston Teichmann, Seth Darnell and Chase Phillips. The tree, prepared under the direction of third grade teacher Kay Harvey, will be donated to the Festival to be given to a needy family. Parents helping with the tree decoration were Karen Smith and Denise Darnell. The Festival of Christmas Trees and Gift Boutique will be held Friday through Sunday at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium and Civic Center.



(Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Pampa Civic Ballet board member and artist Cile Taylor shows the organization's 'Nutcracker' ornament that will be placed on the White House Blue Room's Christmas tree.

Pampa Civic Ballet ornament to be on White House tree

An ornament from the Pampa Civic Ballet has been selected for placement on the White House Christmas tree in the Blue Room.

The First Family this year decided to use *The Nutcracker* ballet as a theme for decorating the tree.

According to a letter from Ann Stock, social secretary for President and Mrs. Bill Clinton, the Clintons' daughter, Chelsea, has danced a myriad of characters in the Tchaikovsky ballet.

"The ballet is a highlight of the Clinton family's holiday season," Stock wrote. "Since this classic has inspired the First Family as well as artists, composers and audiences for almost two hundred years, the First Lady believes there is no better way to celebrate a White House Christmas than to transform the President's Home into scenes from *The Nutcracker*."

This year, ballet companies which stage *The Nutcracker* were invited to create and submit one ornament for the tree, depicting characters or specific scenes from the ballet.

Cile Taylor, who serves on the board of the Pampa Civic Ballet, designed and fashioned an ornament which was submitted to the White House.

Tuesday, the Pampa organization received a letter informing it that its ornament would be one of those to be placed on the tree.

In addition, the Pampa Civic Ballet, through its artistic director, Jeanne Willingham, received an invitation for four to attend the White House Holiday Tour for the Artists of the 1996 Christmas Tree Ornaments. The tour is scheduled for 2:45 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14.

"It sounds kind of exciting," Willingham said about having the Pampa ornament selected for the White House tree.

She also said it was a privilege to be extended the invitation to attend the special artists tour, but added she was not certain if anyone from the ballet company would be able to attend.

The Pampa Civic Ballet ornament depicts Clara, the girl in the story, sitting in a chair holding the broken Nutcracker.

Taylor said the ornament is a three-sided inverted diamond coming to a point, about 7 1/2 inch-



The front of the ornament depicts the character Clara sitting in a chair and holding the broken Nutcracker.

es tall. The front side has Clara sitting in the chair, with the other two sides showing a Christmas tree. The paper ornament was painted basically in a watercolor medium, with some acrylic paint touches.

The ornament concerns the scene in the ballet after the party during which the Nutcracker is broken. With everyone else asleep, Clara goes downstairs, picks up the broken Nutcracker, sits in the chair and goes to sleep. Then, in a dream, the Nutcracker comes to life as the Prince. He and Clara then go off to a fantasy world of Sugar Plum Fairies, Arabian dancers, marching toys and all the other wonderful scenes that make the ballet a continuing popular Christmas holiday attraction.

"All the credit should go to the Pampa Civic Ballet," Taylor said, adding that she just serves as the art department for the company.

"I think, too, it's a great honor for the Pampa Civic Ballet to be selected" to be considered for the honor of sending in an ornament, she said, adding that it shows the Pampa organization is special.

The Pampa Civic Ballet will be presenting its production of *The Nutcracker* at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium.

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

HERNDON, Edna J. - 2 p.m., Perryton Church of Christ, Perryton.
STANLEY, J.C. "Jack" - 2 p.m., West Amarillo Church of Christ, Amarillo.

Obituaries

GRADY ENOCH DARNELL
 Grady Enoch Darnell, 72, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Dec. 3, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. John Glover, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Alanreed Cemetery at Alanreed under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Darnell was born Sept. 4, 1924, at Alanreed. He married Bonnie Mae Blacksher on July 5, 1947, at Alanreed; she died Sept. 7, 1995. He received a master's degree in English from West Texas State University in 1957. He worked for Continental Products in Odessa, retiring in 1971 after 20 years of service. He had been a Pampa resident since 1971, moving from Odessa. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Pampa.

Survivors include a daughter, Shariha Sheehan of Giddings; a son, Richard Darnell of Pampa; and three grandchildren, Christopher Taylor and Brandon Taylor, both of Pampa, and Amber Taylor of Corpus Christi.

EDNA J. HERNDON
PERRYTON - Edna J. Herndon, 86, of Claremore, Okla., a former Okhiltree and Gray County resident, died Sunday, Dec. 1, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Perryton Church of Christ with Terry Dunley, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Okhiltree Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home.

Mrs. Herndon was born in Gray County. She was a Pampa High School graduate. She married Walter L. Herndon in 1929; he died in 1954. She had been a resident of Okhiltree County since 1928, moving from Pampa. She moved to Claremore in 1987. She was a homemaker and former hospital volunteer. She was a member of Perryton Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Bill Herndon of Perryton; two granddaughters, and four great-grandchildren.

The body will be available for viewing at the funeral home today from 3 p.m. until one hour before service time.

WAURANE McARTHUR
WHITE DEER - Waurane McArthur, 88, died Monday, Dec. 2, 1996, at Panhandle. Services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories in Amarillo with Don Stone, of White Deer Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery at Amarillo.

Mrs. McArthur was born at Lockett. She married Archie Ray McArthur in 1923; he preceded her in death. She worked for the U.S. Post Office substation located at Furr's No. 53 from 1958-73. She was a member of White Deer Church of Christ.

Survivors include a daughter, Mitzi Blasingame of White Deer; a sister, Naomi Arnold of Amarillo; two brothers, J.C. Shaw of Sonora, Calif., and Derrel Shaw of Houston; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 6017 Lilac Lane in Amarillo and requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to High Plains Children's Home in Amarillo or to a favorite charity.

J.C. "JACK" STANLEY
AMARILLO - J.C. "Jack" Stanley, 78, died Monday, Dec. 2, 1996. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in West Amarillo Church of Christ with Larry Branum, of Springdale, Ark., Lyndon Latham and Tony Denn officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Stanley was born at Shamrock. He married Mozelle Branum in 1946 at Amarillo. He had been an Amarillo resident for 51 years. He retired from the Amarillo Fire Department as district chief after 35 years of service. He was a deacon in West Amarillo Church of Christ and was a member of the International Association of Firefighters and Amarillo Quarter Century Club.

Survivors include his wife, Mozelle; a daughter, Cindy Whitmore of Lewisville; a son, Ken Stanley of Amarillo; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to Mission of Inspiration, 1020 S. Pearson St., Springdale, Ark., 72764, or to a favorite charity.

Calendar of events
TRALEE CRISIS GROUP COUNSELING
 Tralee Crisis Center, 28 N. 1st St., is to offer group counseling for battered and abused women 11 a.m. to noon Mondays. Facilitator is Priscilla Kempner, LMSW. For more information call Ann Hamilton at 535-1137. Space is limited. Call ahead.

TASTE OF PAMPA
 The Taste of Pampa will be held Saturday, Dec. 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pampa Mall. Local restaurants are participating. Children 12 and under \$3. Adults \$5. Proceeds go to Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens.

LAS PAMPAS CHAPTER, DAR
 The Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, at the home of Mrs. Otis Nace at 2306 Evergreen. The program will be presented by Mrs. Jack Stealy on why we need a strong national defense.

Police report

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

TUESDAY, Dec. 3
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Doyle. Key marks in paint caused \$1,500 damage.

Officer Fred Courtney reported disruption of classes at Pampa Middle School.

Two juvenile males reported assault at Pampa High School. The first victim suffered abrasions to his left cheek, forearm and both hands. The other victim suffered a blow to the back of the neck. The suspect used a club in the assault.

Found property was reported in the 1000 block of Varmon Drive.

Taylor Mart, 600 E. Frederic, reported theft of \$1 in gasoline.

Arrests
 Richard Lamond Proctor, 18, 1107 Huff Rd., was arrested at 111 E. Harvester on a charge of disorderly conduct. He remained in custody.

Ivan Dell Brandt Jr., 32, was arrested at 1416 E. Browning on charges of expired registration, expired driver's license and failure to appear. He remained in custody.

Randall Wayne Maxwell, 41, White Deer, was arrested at 904 E. Scott on a charge of violation of probation. He was booked directly to Gray County Sheriff's Office where he remained in custody.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 4
Arrests
 William David Wortham, 37, 1050 Varmon Dr., was arrested in the 700 block of Crawford on three warrants. He remained in custody.

Francis Eugene Glass, 57, 1149 Huff Rd., was arrested in the 500 block of West Brown, on a warrant for simple assault. He remained in custody.

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

TUESDAY, Dec. 3
 10:30 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

11:04 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of Kingsmill and Ward on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

12:03 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Malone on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

2:50 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Mary Ellen on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

3:27 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Scott on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

9:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of North Russell on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 4
 3:25 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of South Wells on a medical assist and transported one patient to Columbia Medical Center.

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

MONDAY, Dec. 2
 Burglary of a vehicle was reported at an unlisted address.

Curtis Well Service reported theft over \$500.

Aggravated sexual assault was reported on McCaugh Street.

TUESDAY, Dec. 3
Arrest
 Larrie Lee Nunley, 51, Berger, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of driving with license suspended. He remained in custody.

Stocks
 The following grain quotations are as reported by Wheatbelt Grain of Pampa:

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of completion:

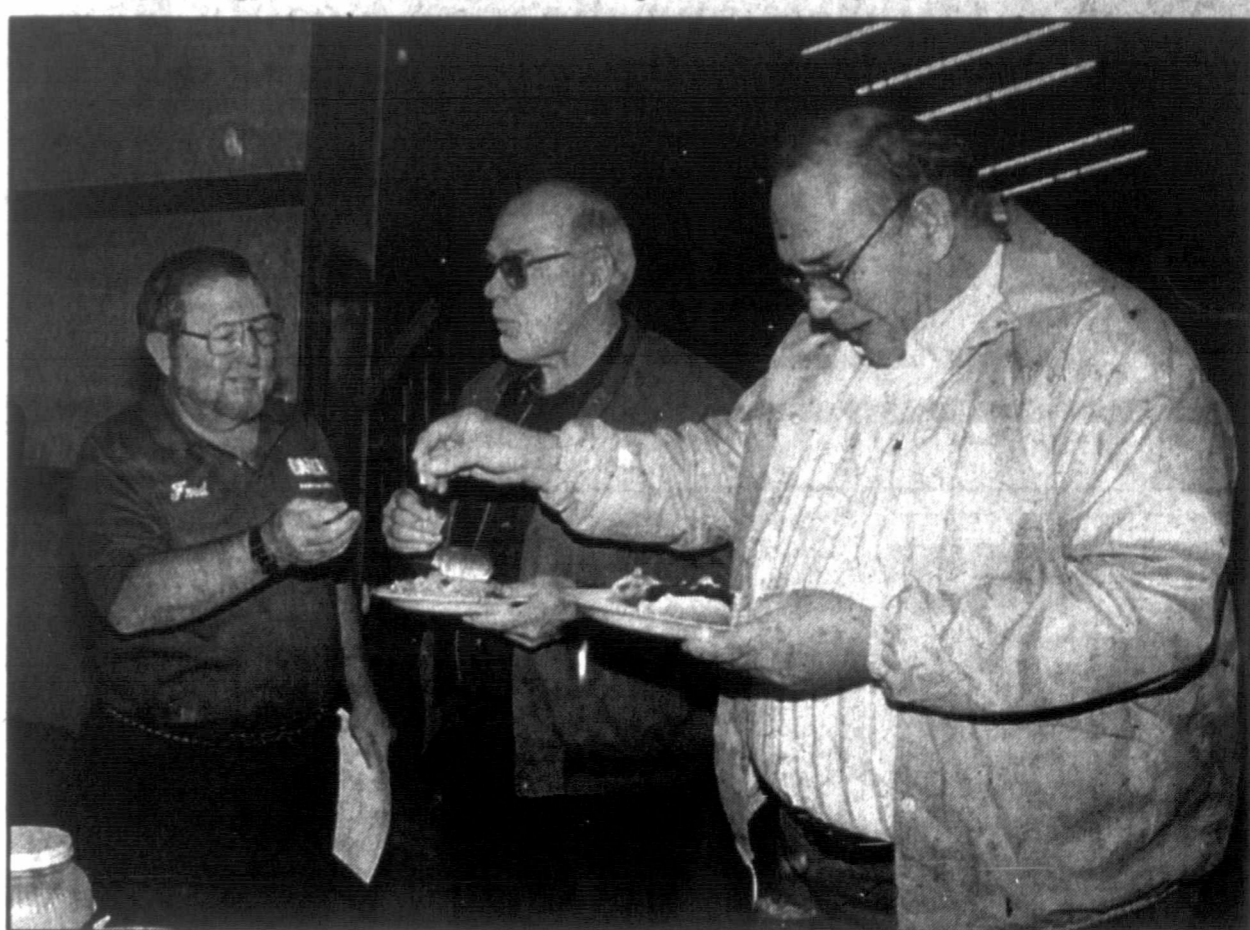
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Fires
 The Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

TUESDAY, Dec. 3
 3:03 p.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to 426 Marj. Ellen on a medical assist.

Ganell open house



Fred Epperly, left, salesman for Ganell Overhead Door & Gutter, encourages Bill Weatherlee, insurance adjuster, and David Hutto, Pampa insurance agent, to fill their plates. The insurance men attended the annual holiday open house held Tuesday, sponsored by Ganell and its employees. More than 250 hamburgers were cooked for guests who also registered for merchandise giveaways. Names of winners are: Emma Jean McDonald of McLean, garage door; Betty Chaffer, automatic garage door opener; Peggy Summers, 100 feet of gutter; Dale Haynes, 50 feet of gutter; Juan Venegas, keyless entry for garage door; and Tim Baker, free service call. Pat James, service technician for the company, and his volunteer cook, Gerald Rasco, prepared the hamburgers.

Astronauts pick up ultraviolet telescope

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) - Columbia's astronauts today nabbed a 3 1/2-ton ultraviolet telescope that flew free of the space shuttle for two weeks to observe stars and galaxies.

Also today, NASA decided to bring Columbia home on Thursday instead of Friday because of bad weather predicted for the Florida landing strip.

Earlier this morning, commander Kenneth Cockrell steered Columbia to within 40 feet of the telescope and the crew reached out with the shuttle's robot arm to pluck it from orbit as both traveled at 17,500 mph about 220 miles above the Pacific.

"We have a good grapple," astronaut Tamara Jernigan confirmed.

"Everything went very smooth," Cockrell added.

The five astronauts retrieved the U.S.-German telescope a day later than planned after researchers asked for more time to look at stars emitting bright ultraviolet light.

To accommodate the request, Columbia's mission was extended by one day earlier this week. But today, flight controllers said they would give up the extra day because the weather at the Kennedy Space Center is forecast to deteriorate considerably.

Another concern was a jammed shuttle hatch that could cause dire problems in the unlikely event that an emergency space-walk is needed.

Mission Control also had to take into account the failure today of one of three navigation devices that help the shuttle orient itself while in orbit. The shuttle, however, can fly with just one of the units.

Grabbing the telescope for the ride back to Earth was the last major goal for the shuttle crew, which also released and retrieved a semiconductor-producing satellite since blasting off on Nov. 19.

The astronauts let go of the telescope within hours of liftoff, and for most of the mission it trailed Columbia by 20 to 30 miles.

After scientists fixed alignment problems that cropped up the first day, the telescope - part of a \$93 million project - began observing dozens of objects, including stars that are bigger and hotter than the sun.

In all, it completed more than 420 observations of almost 150 objects, most of which are stars, NASA astrophysicist Ronald Polidan said.

Weather focus
LOCAL FORECAST
 Clear tonight with a low in the mid 20s and north winds 5-10 mph. Thursday, sunny, breezy and warmer with a high near 60 and southwest winds 10-20 mph. Tuesday's high was 46; the overnight low was 32.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas - Panhandle: Tonight, partly cloudy to mostly clear with lows in mid teens to mid 20s. Thursday, sunny and windy with highs in mid 50s to around 60. South Plains: Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in mid to upper 20s. Thursday, mostly sunny. Highs in the 60s.

North Texas - Tonight, cloudy with a chance of rain or thunderstorms central, rain or thunderstorms likely east. Decreasing

cloudiness west. Cooler with lows 33 west to 43 southeast. Thursday, clear west and central, decreasing cloudiness east. Warmer with highs 61 to 70.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Tonight, cloudy with showers or thunderstorms likely. Lows in the 40s. Thursday, decreasing cloudiness with rain ending early. Highs in the 60s to near 70. Upper Coast: Tonight, cloudy with showers or thunderstorms likely, locally heavy rain possible. Lows in the 40s inland, 50s coast. Thursday, decreasing cloudiness with rain ending. Highs in the 60s to near 70. Upper Coast: Tonight, cloudy with showers or thunderstorms likely, locally heavy rain possible. Lows in the 40s inland, 50s coast. Thursday, decreasing cloudiness with rain ending. Highs in the 60s to near 70.

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New Mexico - Tonight, variable high cloudiness north and fair south. Cold with lows 5 below to teens mountains and north with 20s elsewhere. Thursday, increasing cloudiness north with a few snow showers north central and northwest. Fair to partly cloudy south. Moderate afternoon winds with highs 30s and 40s mountains and northwest with 50s and 60s east and south.

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City briefs

CARRIERS WANTED!
 Apply Pampa News Circulation Department. No phone calls please.

LOOKING FOR Gary "Buzzy"? Formerly with Pampa Auto Center, is now with Buzzy Automotive, 1001 W. Randy Matson, 665-2387. Now Open!! Adv.

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

REBECCA ANN'S 1521 N. Hobart. All Christmas items on sale Adv.

CHRISTMAS PARADE, December 7th. Entry forms at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Adv.

CUYLER CLOTHING Co. Downtown Holiday Open House Thursday, December 5, 6-8 p.m. Open late every Thursday til Christmas. Free gift wrapping 113 N. Cuyler 665-8698. Adv.

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

IMAGES HOLIDAY Open House, Thursday, December 5, 6-8 p.m. Let us help you with your Christmas shopping. Open late for your convenience every Thursday til Christmas. Free gift wrapping. 123 N. Cuyler. 669-1091. Adv.

OPEN HOUSE - Thursday 5-8 p.m., refreshments, Special Sale on merchandise Diamond to be given away! Rheim's Diamond Shop Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Wednesday 5-8 p.m. Meat loaf, fried chicken, spaghetti and meatballs, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

CHRISTMAS PAPER, Magic bows, ribbons, tags, etc. in stock at Warner Horton Supply, 900 Duncan Monday-Friday 8-5, Saturday 9-12. Adv.

ROLANDA'S SILK Flowers & Gifts inside Frank's Hobart store, just received Spray-On Potpourri oil. Adv.

WANTED OLD photos and information on 40's era City Drug, 300 W. Foster 665-8848. Adv.

WANT TO Clean Houses. Call 665-9141 or 665-8209. Adv.

SANDS FABRICS Open House, Thursday, December 5, 6-8 p.m. Save 25% on fabric and notions. Adv.

THE CHRISTMAS Shop - Pampa Office Supply, 215 N. Cuyler. Open House Thursday, December 5, 6-8 p.m. Refreshments and many In-Store Specials. 669-3353. Adv.

RED BARN Sale Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 1414 S. Barnes, south on Hwy. 273. Adv.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS hung yet?? If not call Clean Pampa, 665-2514 for details to hang your lights. Adv.

POINSETTIAS HAVE arrived! We deliver Call Watson's Garden Center, 665-4189. Adv.

PUBLIC BEWARE - Check all references on Painting Contractors before you hire them. Had problems? Call 665-8158. Adv.

ORDER YOUR fruit and gourmet food baskets early, call Watson's Christmas Shop or Celebration, 665-4189 or 665-3100. Adv.

Stephanopoulos to teach at Columbia University

NEW YORK (AP) - George Stephanopoulos, one of President Clinton's closest advisers, said today he will teach political science at Columbia University after leaving the White House early next year.

"It's the right time to take a break," Stephanopoulos said at a news conference at the university. He will be a visiting professor on a two-year appointment beginning in January. He will not begin classroom work until the fall, when he plans to lead a seminar, to be followed in the spring of 1998 by a lecture class.

"I hope I can communicate some of the things I learned back to the students," said Stephanopoulos, a graduate of the Ivy League school.

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World briefs

Miners strike for second day across Russia MOSCOW (AP) - Workers at more than 100 coal mines across Russia stayed off the job for a second day today to demand back pay from the cash strapped government. Some also demanded the government be dismissed. Labor protests have become common in Russia, and usually end when Moscow pumps enough money into the coffers for at least some of the back pay. The government has pledged huge sums to the miners in recent months, but Finance Minister Alexander Livshits admitted to union leaders Tuesday that the money doesn't seem to be reaching the workers.

poor performance. Her lungs had improved slightly today, according to the hospital statement.

Tourist island abandons plan to open dog slaughterhouse SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Officials on a South Korean tourist island said today that they have reversed plans to let two dog slaughterhouses open because of the negative public response. North Cheju County on Cheju Island, 280 miles south of Seoul, authorized the slaughterhouses last month after a court ruled that dog meat is "edible food."

But county officials said in a statement today that they were abandoning the plan "because of overwhelming negative opinion at home and abroad." Although dog meat is openly sold and eaten in South Korea, the government officially bans it under a law prohibiting the sale of unsightly foods. It is up to local governments to decide what is unsightly.

Mother Teresa improving, but won't be able to travel CALCUTTA, India (AP) - Mother Teresa showed signs of improvement today, but doctors say even weeks of hospitalization will not make her well enough to resume her world travels to serve the poor.

Rodgers is the first man ever to qualify for the finals of the beauty pageant - but he hopes he won't be the last. "I'm not here to make a political statement for blokes, but I do hope I'll be the first of many more to come," he said.

The 86-year-old nun appeared cheerful this morning and was well enough for doctors at the B.M. Birla Research Center to remove an oxygen mask and intravenous tubes.

Man makes bid in Miss Australia competition MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) - Among the dozen-odd women in ball gowns vying for the Miss Australia title in February, there will be one contestant in a tux.

She had a cup of tea and a glass of orange juice when she woke up, and sat in a chair for 30 minutes during a Mass held in her room in the intensive care ward, doctors said.

Brad Rodgers says he'll feel more comfortable that way.

According to a hospital statement, a physical therapist planned to encourage Mother Teresa to take a short walk later in the day, although the nun was asking doctors to let her rest after undergoing respiratory therapy overnight. The statement did not elaborate on the treatment.

A few days ago, doctors were saying that Mother Teresa could return to work soon after an angioplasty last week to remove blockages in two major arteries.

But although blood flow to and from her heart has improved, her lungs and kidneys have malfunctioned due to her heart's previous

operation.

Cowlings takes stand in Simpson trial

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP) - Al Cowlings was already a reluctant, uncomfortable witness when the plaintiffs did to him what they had done to O.J. Simpson: confront him with photos of a bruised Nicole Brown Simpson.

dozens of witnesses to poke holes in Simpson's testimony.

With the TV screen image of Ms. Simpson looming over his shoulder, Cowlings squirmed in the witness chair. He sighed heavily. He interrupted a lawyer in midquestion and asked for water. He asked that a simple question be repeated.

Among the testimony Tuesday: - India Allen, a dog groomer who went on to become the 1988 Playboy Playmate of the Year, countered Simpson's claim he never hit Ms. Simpson.

But despite his obvious discomfort, Cowlings - a plaintiff witness in the wrongful death lawsuit against Simpson - did provide testimony potentially harmful to his close friend: that Ms. Simpson said Simpson had hit her during the 1989 fight that caused the wounds in the photos.

Ms. Allen said she saw Simpson strike Ms. Simpson in the early 1980s in the parking lot of the veterinarian's office where Ms. Allen worked. "He hit her across the face and her glasses and her headband flew off," she said.

Cowlings was one of eight witnesses Tuesday, from a retired Playboy playmate to a Simpson golf buddy. They were called by the plaintiffs to contradict statements Simpson made when he testified for 2 1/2 days before the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

- Pharmacist Albert Aguilera recounted a separate fight between Simpson and Ms. Simpson on the beach in Laguna Beach shortly before the July 4th weekend in 1986.

Testimony continues today as the plaintiffs finish showing the videotaped deposition testimony of Hertz executive Frank Olson, who suggested that Simpson had downplayed the severity of the 1989 fight. Also on the list is a worker from a battered women's shelter that Ms. Simpson allegedly called five days before her death.

Simpson was acquitted last year in the slayings of Ms. Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman, but is now being sued by the victims' relatives.

The plaintiffs hope to wrap up their case this week by calling

himself.

ST. NICK OF TIME by Jimmy Johnson



Interplanetary rover rockets off to Mars

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - A spacecraft carrying the first ever interplanetary rover rocketed away today on a 310 million-mile journey to Mars that should end with a bounce next Independence Day. Mars Pathfinder began its seven-month trip at 1:58 a.m., two days late because of bad weather and computer trouble. A crescent moon and a bright reddish speck, Mars, were clearly visible as the unmanned rocket lifted off with the probe. An hour later, Pathfinder shot out of Earth orbit as planned and hurtled toward the Red Planet at more than 23,000 mph. Launch controllers cheered and applauded. Pathfinder is the second probe that NASA has launched to Mars in the past month. The Global Surveyor took off on Nov. 7, the first of ten U.S. spacecraft to be sent to Mars over the next decade in hopes of determining whether life ever existed there. A spacecraft launched to Mars one week later by the Russians plummeted from orbit, adding to scientists' anxiety over Pathfinder. If all goes well, Pathfinder should beat the slower Global Surveyor to Mars by two months, landing on July 4, 1997.

Explosive Supreme Court case could diffuse in Arizona

WASHINGTON (AP) - The drive to make English the nation's official language - state by state if necessary - is a political powder keg, but an explosive Supreme Court dispute from Arizona could get defused. The court, hearing arguments in the case today, is being urged to rule that states can make English their official language and require that most government actions be taken in English. Twenty-three states have done so, and the new Congress will consider a law requiring the same for the federal government. Such legislation was passed by the House but not the Senate earlier this year. Arizona voters adopted an English-only amendment to their state constitution in 1988, but lower courts struck it down. They ruled that the amendment "obstructs the free flow of information and adversely affects the rights of many private persons."

That's not how Mauro Mujica, chairman of the group U.S. English, sees it. "In this age of political correctness, everything that in some way offends anyone is questioned. It's gone to the point of being absolutely ridiculous," he said in an interview. Mujica's group, founded by the late Sen. S.I. Hayakawa, R-Calif., supports making English the official language of government at all levels. "In Massachusetts, driver's licenses come in 25 languages. In California, ballots are printed in a host of languages. We've taken away the incentive for immigrants to assimilate," said Mujica, an international architect who emigrated from Chile. The nation's highest court agreed last March to review the Arizona case, and its ruling on the constitutionality of English-only efforts could make or break them. But the Arizona case must clear two procedural hurdles before any constitutional ruling is possible.

The justices are studying the legal standing of the amendment's chief supporter, the group Arizona's Official English. Also being checked is whether the case is "moot," or legally irrelevant, because the state employee who challenged the Arizona measure quit her government job in 1990 for reasons unrelated to the legal fight. A decision is expected by July. The Arizona amendment said English "is the language of the ballot, the public schools and all government functions and actions." The amendment, which applied to all government officials and employees on government business, says the state "shall act in English and no other language." The amendment provided for exceptions - other languages could be used to help people learn English, teach foreign languages, comply with federal laws, protect public health or safety or protect the rights of criminal defendants or crime victims.

Legislation eliminating conviction reversals filed by state senator

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas appeals courts shouldn't use harmless, technical errors as the basis for throwing out otherwise valid criminal convictions, State Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown says. The Republican from Lake Jackson filed a bill Tuesday for the upcoming legislative session to prohibit convictions from being reversed for so-called harmless errors. Such errors violate court rules, state laws or constitutional provisions but don't change the outcome or sentence imposed in a trial. John Boston, executive director of the Texas Criminal Defense

Lawyers Association, called the bill unnecessary and said his group will oppose it. Fewer than one percent of criminal convictions are overturned on appeal and the effect of technical errors often are hard to measure, Boston said. Brown filed a similar proposal that died in the House in 1995. The legislation would require appeals courts, before reversing a conviction, to determine that such technical errors probably changed a trial's outcome or the sentence. Courts would have to order new trials when technical errors

violate constitutional provisions unless prosecutors could prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the mistakes had no effect on the outcome or the sentence. "Too often today in our state criminal justice system, we are seeing cases of serious criminal convictions being reversed on technicalities that have no bearing on the guilt or innocence of the defendant," Brown said. "These senseless reversals have revictimized the families who have lost love ones." As an example, Brown held up the 1990 shooting death of Tracey Gee in Houston.

Lionell Rodriguez was convicted for killing Gee in 1991 at a Houston stop light while stealing her car. Prosecutors said he stole her car because his was running out of gas. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals overturned his conviction because the names of potential jurors were shuffled twice before the trial instead of once. Rodriguez was sentenced again to death in 1994 and has an appeal pending in that case. Brown said the second shuffle was a mistake, but did nothing to change the outcome of Rodriguez's first trial.

Source: Delta, Continental Airlines rumored to be holding merger talks

NEW YORK (AP) - In a move that would make the world's largest airline, Delta Air Lines and Continental Airlines are discussing a possible merger, a source close to the negotiations said. The talks have reached the formal stage, although no deal is imminent, the source told The

Associated Press on Tuesday on condition of anonymity. Continental, the nation's fifth largest airline, initiated the talks with Delta, the nation's third-largest carrier. To date, Delta is the only airline with which it has held discussions, the source said. Ned Walker, a spokesman for the Houston-based Continental,

said he wouldn't comment on "industry speculation." In Atlanta, Delta spokesman Todd Clay said he would not comment. "We have a long-standing policy of not commenting on rumors of acquisitions" or mergers, he said. The airline industry was beset with a flurry of mergers nearly a decade ago but has been relatively stable recently.

A year ago, USAir said it was holding talks with American and United Airlines about a possible buyout, but no deal was reached. This year, many airlines enjoyed record profits, and some industry analysts expressed concern over the prospect of a new wave of mergers. Delta's acquisition of Pan Am in 1991 exacerbated Delta's losses at the time by hundreds of millions of dollars.

Pampan to perform recital at WTAMU

CANYON - Noelle Joyce McCallian, a former Pampa High School graduate, will be presenting a graduate horn recital at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, in Mary Moody Northern Recital Hall at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. McCallian will be performing Concert No. 3 in E flat major; K.447 by W.A. Mozart; Concerto for Horn and Orchestra by Bernhard Heiden; Nocturno, Op. 7 by Franz Strauss; and Villanelle by Paul Dukas. The recital is partial fulfillment for a master's degree in music performance. McCallian, a student of WTAMU Associate Professor of

Music Ron Lemon, teaches music at Aikman Primary School in Hereford. She graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in music education from WTAMU in 1993 and was a member of all-state band and orchestra in high school. The performance is free and open to the public.

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Opinion

American troops are still a military force

One can understand an emotional and essentially humanitarian impulse to do something, even something that might not succeed completely. Hundreds of thousands of refugees, most from Rwanda — living, breathing human beings with hopes and aspirations — are trapped in Zaire on the verge of starvation. These people are cut off from the meager aid supplies potentially available by Zairian soldiers, Hutu guerrillas, and an ongoing civil war preceded by several years of tragic, bloody conflict.

If something isn't done soon, the likelihood is that most of these people will die.

But in a world that is sometimes a harder place than we like to acknowledge, this emotional impulse should be tempered by realistic calculation and a perhaps regrettably but necessarily cold-blooded assessment of the risks involved and the chances for success. The apparent decision to send U.S. military personnel to this troubled and dangerous region seems to have been made before such a process has even begun.

White House leakers and Defense Secretary William Perry say that only about 1,000 American troops will actually be sent into Zaire itself, with perhaps 4,000 or 5,000 more deployed into surrounding countries in support roles. The Americans will participate "in a limited fashion" in securing the airport in the town of Goma, won't try to disarm or confront militants of various factions, and will have "very robust rules of engagement," whatever that means.

Such assurances on paper answer a few preliminary questions. But the reality on the ground is bound to be much more chaotic, confusing and dangerous than it looks in planning rooms in the Pentagon. How can aid missions avoid feeding the guerrilla troops intermingled with the refugees, who have actively been preventing many Rwandan refugees from returning home?

What does an American soldier do when a refugee turns a concealed weapon on him just for spite? How do you break through to the refugees without fighting, and possibly killing, innocent people? Even if the guerrillas are disarmed, how do you avoid setting up other semi-permanent camps (many of the refugees don't want to return to Rwanda, where they could face reprisals) that would breed a similar problem in the near future? How do you avoid the impression of taking sides when any outside intervention force is bound to affect the balance of political and military power, perhaps unknowingly?

These questions merely scratch the tactical surface. Underlying them is the deeper question of whether the U.S. military is to be converted into a humanitarian or relief agency rather than a military fighting force. If the future is to be one of international social work and "nation-building," why not beef up a Peace Corps-like force rather than use the military willy-nilly?

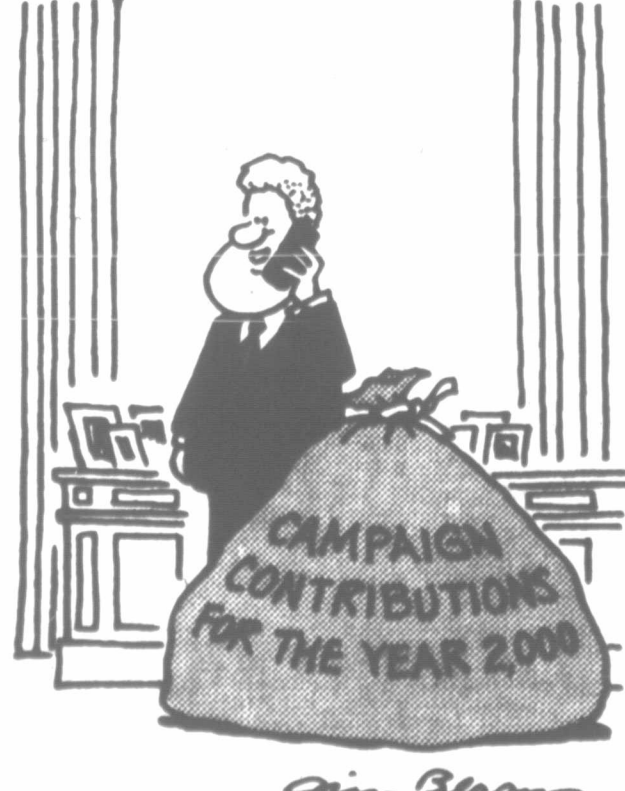
Of course, that probably wouldn't work because successful nations build themselves rather than have European notions of nationhood pushed upon them from outside. But at least whatever remains of the U.S. military could remain a real military force.

It is important to acknowledge that lurking behind the humanitarian impulse no doubt present here is an arrogant, even neoimperialist attitude. The men in Foggy Bottom and the halls of the United Nations, at some level, believe that the Great White Father — or is that Great White Whale? — in Washington can and should move in and fix things when those poor folks in other parts of the world get themselves into trouble.

It's not quite as blatant as "just give the Wogs a whiff o' the grape," but the aroma of condescending superiority is more than detectable when the "international community" decides it must stumble into some trouble spot and save the day. Too often, such intervention makes a bad situation worse.

American troops shouldn't be sent into such an uncertain situation with such uncertain goals and such confused political leadership.

Berry's World



"Hey, A, come on over. I brought you something from the Orient."

A difficult man to pigeonhole



L. Brent Bozell

Pigeonholing Ted Turner, the party-hearty America's Cup-winning yacht skipper, cable superstation pioneer, and owner of ... well, New Mexico, is risky business.

In 1980, he launched, amid giggles from the broadcast networks and CNN. A year later came the Headline News cable network, and the snickers turned to laughter from experts who said his vision for-cable was doomed to failure. In 1985, came his most audacious gambit to date: He denounced the liberal bias of the networks and, forging an alliance with Jesse Helms, tried to buy CBS. The takeover bid failed, and carrying over a billion dollars in personal debt, a badly wounded Turner retreated.

Only to reemerge as a left-wing activist. Through high-profile documentaries like *Portrait of the Soviet Union* and outrageous statements, he coaxed up to the likes of Mikhail Gorbachev and Fidel Castro. He crusaded for abortion rights, airing *Abortion: For Survival* while ridiculing pro-lifers as "bozos" and "idiots." He called Christianity "a religion for losers" and dismissed the Ten Commandments as "obsolete." Many believed Turner's transformation to radical ideologue was complete when he married Jane Fonda in 1991.

Lost in the white-heat fury of political discourse was another side of Turner. Founder of a series of entertainment networks and owner of several movie companies, Turner has made a genuine effort to improve the quality of television programming for families. (A glaring exception is his leftist eco-cartoon *Captain Planet and the Planetoids*.) The staple offering on WTBS, his superstation, are *Andy Griffith Show* reruns and Atlanta Braves games. Turner Network Television has shown Biblical miniseries like *Abraham, Moses* and *Joseph, Samson and Delilah* is next. He produced the highly acclaimed Civil War film

Gettysburg, released to theaters in 1993 and shown on TNT the next year.

Now, Turner's fighting again. But this time his critics are on the left.

First, he caught flak this spring when he canceled plans to air the telefilm *Bastard* out of *Carolina* because of its graphic treatment of child sexual abuse. (In one scene, a man punches his twelve-year-old stepdaughter and then rapes her.) Apparently, when TNT bought the rights to the novel of the same name, it had in mind a version of the story suitable for basic cable, which clearly is not what director Anjelica Huston envisioned. Eventually the pay-cable channel Showtime acquired *Bastard* and will air it in mid-December.

The light shower over *Bastard* was followed by a raucous thunderstorm concerning *Crash*, a Canadian movie about people sexually excited by ... automobile wrecks. *Crash*, according to Degen Pender of *Entertainment Weekly* magazine, "involves (actors Holly) Hunter, Rosanna Arquette and James Spader in seemingly endless ambisexual couplings. Yet it is not without admirers." Of course it isn't. This is Hollywood, after all. Writer/director Paul Schrader had nothing to do with *Crash* but nonetheless touted it as "sort of the

acme of filmmaking," perhaps, one supposes, in the tradition of *The Last Temptation of Christ*, which screenplay he did write.

Crash was slated for release in early October, but Turner, who owns its distribution company, Fine Line Features, saw it and "yanked it off the schedule. It bothered me," he stated at a Nov. 4 luncheon at the Museum of Television and Radio in New York. "The people with warped minds are gonna like it, though. I mean, it's really weird ... Imagine the first teenager who decides to have sex while driving a hundred miles an hour, and probably, the movie will get 'em to do that."

The withdrawal of *Crash* elicited predictable squawking from predictable quarters. Its director, David Cronenberg, huffed that Turner's action "amounted to behind-the-scenes (what else?) censorship." Co-star Hunter was even more eloquent, accusing Turner of a "moral fascism" which was "reminiscent of Jesse Helms."

As it happens, Fine Line will issue *Crash* in March, reportedly because when Turner bought the company, he agreed to leave ultimate creative decisions to its hands-on executives. Nonetheless, Turner has put the industry on notice, and from what I understand from his associates, we can expect more of the same from him in the future.

Turner had other things to say at that New York luncheon: "The test of a (television) program ... is," he suggested, "is this a program that you would be proud and happy to have your children sit and watch, and is it a program that if your mother and father saw it ... would they be proud of you?"

Those were basically the same words Ted Turner used in 1984, at a conference sponsored by a conservative think tank, to an audience that responded with a standing ovation. Like I said, a tough man to pigeonhole.



Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 4, the 339th day of 1996. There are 27 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 4, 1783, Gen. George Washington bade farewell to his officers at Fraunces Tavern in New York City.

On this date:

In 1816, James Monroe of Virginia was elected the fifth president of the United States.

In 1875, William Marcy Tweed, the "Boss" of New York City's Tammany Hall political organization, escaped from jail and fled the country.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson set sail for France to attend the Versailles Peace Conference.

In 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt ordered the dismantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during the Depression.

The reason it's so hard to save

As any economist can tell you, when you subsidize something, you get more of it. Give welfare checks to people who don't work, for example, and the number of people who don't work increases.

The flip side is equally clear: If you tax something, you get less of it. For example, a few years back the government slapped a "luxury" tax on cabin cruisers and yachts costing more than \$100,000. The result: Boat buyers decided not to buy new boats, and several U.S. boat builders went belly up throwing their workers into the unemployment line.

Which brings me to the point: Just as taxes on new boats kill demand for new boats, taxes on savings lead Americans to save less. Go ahead, try to squirrel away a few dollars for a rainy day (or a sunny day in Florida or Arizona when you retire). The government will thwart you at every turn, taxing your savings more heavily than just about anything else in the economy.

Think about it: Assume you take \$1,000 and put it in a certificate of deposit earning five percent. After one year, you've earned \$50. Now, you already paid steep federal income taxes on that original \$1,000 (between 15 percent and 39 percent) when you earned it. But that's not enough. The government taxes your modest \$50 gain too, leaving only \$30.50 in your pocket if you're in the highest tax bracket.

Welcome to the tax code: You're taxed when you work for your money, and you're taxed again



Edwin Feulner

when your money works for you. It's one of the worst features of our tax system, taxing people twice on money they're trying to save.

About the only way to get some relief from this double tax burden is through Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), which let you sock away a few dollars and have the money earn interest tax-free.

But IRAs have their limits, the worst being that the government only lets you contribute \$2,000 per year. The government also slaps you with a steep penalty if you withdraw the money before Uncle Sam says you can (currently age 59-and-a-half), so forget about using the money to buy a home or cope with a financial emergency. And don't think you can pass the money in your IRA on to your children without going another few rounds with the tax man. The government forces

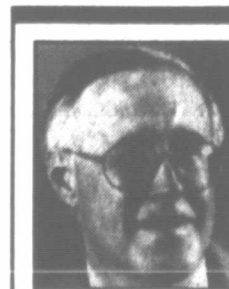
you to start withdrawing the money at age 70-and-a-half so it can collect income taxes again. Then when you die, the money falls prey to estate taxes and, when your children finally receive what's leftover, inheritance taxes.

Alas, that's Washington: It takes a good idea like saving money — which provides the capital to grow the economy and create jobs — and piles on so many regulations, penalties, and layers of taxation that saving hardly becomes worth the effort. If there's so little reward for thriftiness, why not spend, spend, spend?

There's a better way. A proposal by Tom Kelly, president of the Savers & Investors League of Villanova, Pa., would eliminate the red tape and double taxation that makes saving so hard. IRAs? In Kelly's view, they're at best a good start. He proposes Individual Investment Accounts, a more muscular savings tool that would let you deposit as much of your money as you want tax free (no \$2,000 limit), withdraw it for any purpose (hello new house), withdraw it at any age (early retirement anyone?), and let you pass it on to your children with no inheritance or estate taxes (sorry Uncle Sam, my kids come first).

It's not a hard concept to grasp: If you want people to save more, you have to tax their savings less. So no more preaching from politicians about our low national savings rate until they do for savers what they've already done for yacht buyers.

A book, and a life, to be thankful for



William Murchison

The death of Alger Hiss, at 92, cracks the door for reshapes, and reshapes of reshapes, of the Case of the Century. It cracks the door at least as wide for mention, in this holiday season, of a book for which to be profoundly thankful.

The book is not by Alger Hiss; it is by Whittaker Chambers, the man who in 1948 threw away security and esteem to identify Hiss as a Soviet agent.

Witness is about honor and treason and good and evil and a man and God and the conflicts raging eternally among them.

With the end of the Cold War, subject and title have lost some of their resonance. Yet *Witness* made its own distinctive contribution to the ending of the Cold War — by identifying the stakes in the contest and the ground on which the honorable and just were to stand.

Whittaker Chambers, the *Time* magazine editor and ex-communist agent was more than a great heart; he was a great writer. *Foreword in the Form of a Letter to My Children* should be assigned reading in all public schools for its ache and beauty.

The letter recalls the furor surrounding Chambers' congressional testimony that the dapper New Dealer Alger Hiss had been (and might still be) a communist agent. The furor almost swallowed the witness himself.

Why so willingly in this particular case? Because the Hiss case involved nothing less than "the two irreconcilable faiths of our time — Communism and Freedom ..."

"The Communist vision," as Chambers understood, "is the vision of Man without God. It is the vision of man's mind displacing God as the creative intelligence of the world ..."

The case enveloped the nation; it enveloped the Chambers family as Hiss' friends and well-wishers (who saw the case as in part an attack on liberalism and the New Deal) counterattacked. Chambers' morale sank. One day, after the milking on his quiet farm, he contemplated suicide. The voice of his young son — "Papa! Papa!" — called him back to life.

"Pappa," he cried and threw his arms around me, "don't ever go away."

Then, a few steps farther on, this sublimity: "My children, when you were little, we used to go for walks in our pine woods ... you used instinctively

to give me your hands as we entered those woods, where it was darker, lonelier, and in the stillness our voices sounded loud and frightening. In this book, I am again giving you my hands. I am leading you, not through cool pine woods, but up and up a narrow defile between bare and steep rocks from which in shadow things uncoil and slither away. It will be dark. But, in the end, if I have led you aright, you will make out three crosses, from two of which hang thieves. I will have brought you to Golgotha — the place of skulls."

"This is the meaning of the journey. Before you understand, I may not be there, my hands may have slipped from yours. It will not matter. For when you understand what you see, you will no longer be children. You will know that life is pain, that each of us hangs always upon the cross of himself. And when you know that this is true of every man, woman, and child on earth, you will be wise."

There is nothing more beautiful in American writing — perhaps nothing as beautiful. And 800 pages follow!

Poor Alger Hiss. What could he say, in lawyerly rebuttal to such all-seeing eloquence? Forget the Woodstock typewriters and prothonotary warblers that transfix students of the case. In *Witness*, a book of such depth and richness no liar could have written it, Whittaker Chambers won the Hiss case forever.

May the God whom communists deny give rest to Alger Hiss. Whatever his defects and disloyalties, one service he performed: inadvertently inspiring the greatest moral testament of the late 20th century.

'Dalmatians' tops box office chart, makes Disney Thanksgiving champion for third straight year

By LYNN ELBER
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Holiday timing and a massive marketing campaign helped overcome some lackluster reviews for Disney's 101 Dalmatians, which brought in a record \$45.1 million over the holiday weekend.

The huge returns make Disney the Thanksgiving box office champion for the third straight year. The winning streak was started by *The Santa Clause* (\$27.4 million) in 1994, followed by *Toy Story* (\$38 million) in 1995.

101 Dalmatians, a remake of an animated 1961 Disney film, swiped the record for a five-day Thanksgiving opening from *Back to the Future 2*, which debuted in 1989 with \$43 million.

The No. 2 movie for the extended weekend was *Star Trek: First Contact*, which grossed \$25.5 million. *Space Jam*, the Michael Jordan cartoon-live action feature, took in \$17.4 million for third place.

Mel Gibson's *Ransom* grossed \$17.3 million to pass the \$100 million mark in its fourth week.

The weekend's other debuts were for a trio of limited-release films: *The Crucible*, which earned \$101,600 at one theater, and *Ridicule* (\$59,800) and *Sling Blade*

Rank	Title	Weekend Gross (millions)	Weeks	Gross per location
1	101 Dalmatians	\$45.1	1	\$45.1
2	Star Trek: First Contact	\$25.5	1	\$25.5
3	Space Jam	\$17.4	1	\$17.4
4	Ransom	\$17.3	4	\$4.3
5	Jingle All the Way	\$17.25	1	\$17.25
6	The Mirror Has Two Faces	\$11.7	1	\$11.7
7	The English Patient	\$8.1	1	\$8.1
8	William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet	\$6.8	1	\$6.8
9	Set It Off	\$4.4	1	\$4.4
10	Sleepers	\$3.4	1	\$3.4
11	Shine	\$2.8	1	\$2.8
12	Independence Day	\$2.7	1	\$2.7
13	The First Wives Club	\$2.7	1	\$2.7
14	Swingers	\$2.7	1	\$2.7
15	Michael Collins	\$2.7	1	\$2.7
16	Big Night	\$2.7	1	\$2.7
17	First Kid	\$2.7	1	\$2.7
18	The Ghost and the Darkness	\$2.7	1	\$2.7
19	That Thing You Do!	\$2.7	1	\$2.7
20	Shine	\$2.7	1	\$2.7

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. AP

locations, receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc.:

- 101 Dalmatians, Buena Vista, \$45.1 million, 2,794 locations, \$16,132 average, \$45.1 million, one week.
- Star Trek: First Contact, Paramount, \$25.5 million, 2,812 locations, \$9,063 average, \$60.9 million, two weeks.
- Space Jam, Warner Bros., \$17.4 million, 2,650 locations, \$6,581 average, \$67.4 million, three weeks.
- Ransom, Buena Vista, \$17.3 million, 2,588 locations, \$6,686 average, \$105.1 million, four weeks.
- Jingle All the Way, Fox, \$17.25 million, 2,404 locations, \$7,176 average, \$30.8 million, two weeks.
- The Mirror Has Two Faces, Sony, \$11.7 million, 2,489 locations, \$3,249 average, \$33.5 million, three weeks.
- The English Patient, Miramax, \$8.1 million, 593 locations, \$9,360 average, \$9.3 million, three weeks.
- Set It Off, New Line, \$4.4 million, 1,016 locations, \$4,351 average, \$30.4 million, four weeks.
- William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet, Fox, \$3.4 million, 1,422 locations, \$2,365 average, \$39.8 million, five weeks.
- Sleepers, Warner Bros., \$3.4 million, 1,075 locations, \$1,340 average, \$50.9 million, seven weeks.
- The First Wives Club, Paramount, \$2.7 million, 620 locations, \$950 average, \$101.3 million, 11 weeks.
- Swingers, Miramax, \$2.7 million, 164 locations, \$3,217 average, \$2.7 million, seven weeks.
- Big Night, Orion, \$2.7 million, 177 locations, \$2,827 average, \$10.2 million, 11 weeks.
- First Kid, Buena Vista, \$2.7 million, 893 locations, \$529 average, \$25.4 million, 14 weeks.
- Michael Collins, Warner Bros., \$2.7 million, 221 locations, \$1,223 average, \$10.5 million, eight weeks.
- Independence Day, Fox, \$2.7 million, 383 locations, \$1,073 average, \$305.9 million, 22 weeks.
- The Ghost and the Darkness, Paramount, \$2.7 million, 402 locations, \$924 average, \$37.4 million, eight weeks.
- That Thing You Do! Fox, \$2.7 million, 415 locations, \$854 average, \$24.7 million, nine weeks.
- Jack, Buena Vista, \$2.7 million, 409 locations, \$777 average, \$58 million, 17 weeks.
- Shine, New Line, \$2.8 million, 10 locations, \$28,429 average, \$484,600, two weeks.

Officials investigating legality of Indian casino games

EL PASO (AP) — The governor's office has asked federal authorities to examine Texas' two Indian casinos after a state investigation concluded their card games and gambling machines may be illegal.

If officials turn up any wrongdoing, Gov. George W. Bush's general counsel has urged the U.S. attorney's office in a Nov. 25 letter to take "appropriate steps, including prosecution, to stop the illegal activity."

The governor's request is being evaluated, Daryl Fields, spokesman for James Blagg, U.S. attorney for the Western District of Texas, said Tuesday.

The governor's office is specifically troubled by poker and

(\$36,600) on three screens each.

The top 20 movies at North American theaters Wednesday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater

blackjack games and gambling machines at casinos operated by El Paso's Tigua Indians and the Kickapoos of Eagle Pass, according to the letter to Blagg.

"We do not have independent knowledge of what exactly is going on," governor's spokeswoman Karen Hughes said. "Gov. Bush is concerned by reports that gaming that violates Texas gaming laws may be occurring."

Tigua Gaming Commissioner Vince Munoz said his tribe's games conform with Texas regulations. The Tiguas offer blackjack, poker, pull-tab machines and slot machines. They also have a high-stakes bingo operation whose legality

has never been questioned. Kickapoo tribal administrator Robert De La Garza said the tribe believes "anything going on here is all legal." The Kickapoos offer poker, pull-tab machines and a card game similar to blackjack.

If a federal investigation does get under way, it won't be the first time the Tigua's casino has come under official scrutiny in its three-year existence.

The El Paso County District Attorney's office previously looked into the Tigua's card games and determined they are likely illegal, but could not pursue a case because its jurisdiction does not extend to the reservation.

Newly installed slot machines at the Tigua casino may also be illegal, according to state officials.

The Tiguas' machines accept \$1 tokens and return tokens to winners which can then be redeemed for money. The largest jackpot is \$20,000.

Judge orders Hawaii to recognize same-sex marriages

HONOLULU (AP) — A judge's ruling that Hawaii must issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples didn't clear all obstacles for Ninia Baehr and Genora Dancel to get married on the slopes of Maui.

The state plans to continue turning away gay couples seeking marriage licenses pending its appeal.

Nonetheless, advocates of same-sex marriages nationwide were overjoyed by the ruling in a case that has already led Congress to allow other states to refuse to recognize such unions.

Baehr, on hearing the news, began sobbing, and Dancel held her.

"I knew I would cry if it was a bad decision. I didn't think I would cry if it was a good decision. But this was a big day for us," said Baehr, who now lives in Baltimore with Dancel.

The two, among three same-sex couples who sued the state, plan to return to Hawaii to get married.

Circuit Judge Kevin Chang's decision Tuesday concurred with a 1993 state Supreme Court ruling that Hawaii's ban on same-sex marriages violates the state constitution, which prohibits gender discrimination.

The state asked for a stay of the injunction, and Chang scheduled a hearing on the request for today.

"The law does not discriminate on the basis of sex. It makes distinctions on the basis of sexual orientation, not sex," said Deputy Attorney General Rich Eichor, who represented the state during a two-week trial in September. "Nothing in the constitution prohibits such distinctions."

Eichor has argued that the state's marriage law is intended to promote the best environment for the procreation and rearing of children who thrive best when raised by their biological parents.

President Clinton signed a law in September that says the federal government will not recognize gay marriages and allows states to refuse to recognize such unions licensed in other states.

But if the Hawaii ruling is upheld, gay activists would try to build upon the success and overturn the law, said David Smith, spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign, a gay rights group based in Washington, D.C.

"A major bridge has been crossed, but the battle will continue," he said.

Sixteen states have passed laws against gay marriages and two states have executive orders in place forbidding them, Smith said.

Some gays sought to take immediate advantage of the ruling: David Dudley and Edward Koh, tourists from Boston, requested a marriage license Tuesday from the state Department of Health. They were denied.

State briefs

Use of public land for private purposes questioned

NACOGDOCHES (AP) — County employees and their families are hunting on taxpayer-owned land that is closed to use by the general public, according to a published report.

The Daily Sentinel reported today that the legality of the land use has been questioned.

The newspaper reported that several hundred acres of Angelina County land purchased by Nacogdoches County and set aside as mitigated wetland is being used as a private hunting lease for county employees, with taxpayer money being used to clear roads and do work around cabins on the property.

The county paid \$300,006 in 1994 for 852 acres just across the Angelina River bridge on Highway 7 west as part of the effort to build Lake Nacogdoches.

The county purchased the land because environmental laws require that any wetlands that are destroyed be replaced. The land was to replace the wetlands that would be destroyed if Lake Nacogdoches is built.

Gloria Taylor, the boy's grandmother managed to stab the dog to death, but suffered hand injuries and was treated at Harris Methodist Fort Worth hospital and released.

Police said the boy was playing unattended the back yard of Taylor's home at the time of the attack.

Karen Klingelhofer, a next-door neighbor who witnessed part of the attack, said she was horrified to see the boy's head in the dog's mouth.

Disciplinary action urged in race harassment case

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Civilians workers at Kelly Air Force Base accused of racially harassing two black aircraft mechanics have been recommended for punishment, military officials say.

But a lawyer for Kevin Harris and Phil Head, mechanics at the 433rd Airlift Wing at Kelly, also wants the removal of a number of wing supervisors and con-

tends racial harassment at Kelly is prevalent.

Among other complaints, Harris and Head say they were taunted Sept. 16 by a group of co-workers who rode in a government van and wore pillowcases that looked like Ku Klux Klan hoods.

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Boy suffers massive face injuries in pit bull attack

ARLINGTON (AP) — A five-year-old boy suffered massive facial injuries after he was attacked by a pit bull in his back yard, authorities say.

Damien Carr was listed in critical condition late Tuesday at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth.

Community Calendar

Note: Civic clubs, organizations, church groups and others wanting their special meetings and activities listed on the community calendar should contact the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce office, 200 N. Ballard, or call 669-3241, at least two weeks before the scheduled event.

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

CLEAN AIR AL-ANON will hold weekly meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon at 810 W. 23rd. For more information, call 669-0407 or 669-3988.

VFW POST #1657, 105 S. Cuyler. Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. Public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS of the Texas Panhandle Inc. has an office open in Pampa. For information as a volunteer, or if you have a child who would qualify for the program, call 665-1211.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE CHARITY BINGO every Monday at 7 p.m. at the Moose Lodge, 403 E. Brown. Doors open at 6 p.m. Public welcome. License #1-751616469-0.

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION presents "CHRISTMAS PAST" during the month of December. For more information, contact Ronnie Holmes at 665-2631.

6-30 — CHRISTMAS IN LIGHTS — Drive-Through Christmas Lighting Tour. Recreation Park and other locations, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. For more information, contact Seleta Chance at 669-5790.

5 — HISPANOS UNIDOS monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m., 824 S. Cuyler. Members are urged to attend. For more information, contact Victoria Davis at 665-0828.

5 — ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP meeting at 7 p.m. at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 2225 Perryton Parkway. For more information, contact Chrys at 665-0356.

6 — CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS lighting ceremony, 6 p.m., Recreation Park.

6-8 — FESTIVAL OF TREES, M.K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center. Friday, open from 1-9 p.m. Saturday, open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, open from 1-5 p.m. For more information, contact Forrest Cloyd at 665-4186.

6 — TOP O' TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE ASSOCIATION regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., at 1507 W. Kentucky. For more information, contact George Clark at 665-1917.

7 — CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS PARADE, 10 a.m. Parade forms at Coronado Shopping Center parking lot at 9 a.m.

7 — TASTE OF PAMPA, Pampa Mall, 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Children 12 and under, \$3. Adults, \$5. Proceeds go to Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens. New automobiles on display. Casting for Kids Contest to be held.

7 — THE NUTCRACKER, 25th season, performed by the PAMPA CIVIC BALLET at 7:30 p.m. at the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Students \$3, adults \$5. For more information, contact Jeanne Willingham at 669-6361.

7 — COWBOY CHRISTMAS JUBILEE at the Stokes Barn. Music starts at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Carolyn or John Stokes, 665-0190 or 665-7896.

7-10 — "THAT NIGHT" CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR at Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. For free ticket information, call 665-1631.

8 — CHRISTMAS CANTATA, First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, 10:50 a.m.

8 — FIRST PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, 1700 Alcock, hosts "Singing," from 2-4 p.m., with the public invited. For more information, contact Mina Towery at 665-3361 or 665-8529.

8 — TWENTIETH CENTURY COTILLION HOLIDAY HOME TOUR. Tickets are \$10. For more information, contact Fran Morrison at 665-0818.

8-13 — "TOGETHER IN LOVE" MARRIAGE SEMINAR with Ray Mossholder, 7 p.m. nightly, First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler. No registration fee, but an offering will be received. For more information, call 665-5941 or 665-6060.

10 — TOASTMASTER INTERNATIONAL CLUB regular meeting, 5:30 p.m., Coronado Inn dining room. For more information, contact Daniel Silva at 669-6351 or Gary Casebeer at 665-4214.

10 — PAMPA DESK AND DERRICK CLUB meeting at the Pampa Country Club. Doris Odom, Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs president, will be the guest speaker. For more information, call Linda Slaybaugh at 669-7884.

12 — CHRISTMAS DANCE AND GYMNASIICS RECITAL by Madeline Graves, 7 p.m., M.K. Brown Auditorium, free admission.

12 — CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT, Pampa High School and Pampa Middle School choirs, 7 p.m., First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson.

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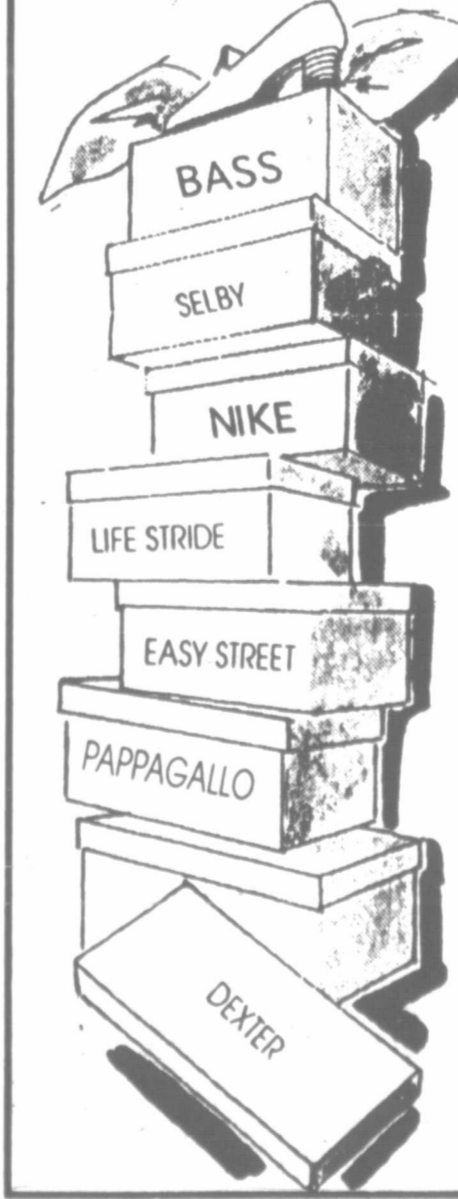
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Compromise Is Best Game Plan For Marriage To Sports Fanatic

DEAR READERS: Yesterday I printed some of the many responses to the letter from "Mateless in Milwaukee," whose husband was obsessed with football. Today I'll share more of the excellent letters I received:

DEAR ABBY: When I met my husband, he, too, filled his time with sports events six days a week. My interest in sports was limited.

After we had dated a while, I asked him to compromise by leaving two nights a week free for me. When we became more serious, he voluntarily gave up a third night of his sports activities. When we got married, he cut down a bit more, and after we bought our house he cut down even more. After 13 years of marriage, my husband is still very interested in sports — but his priorities are different.

However, I have done some serious compromising myself: When he participated in sports, I would go along to watch. I learned the names of the teams and what cities they were from. We used to play a trivia game where he'd name a city and I would name all the teams that played there. Today I read or do crafts in the living room while he watches games or listens to sports news, and I have learned a lot more about players and strategy than I ever thought I'd want to know.

You can't expect a sports nut to give up sports completely. I still know not to talk during the sports

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

analysis on ESPN. Think of it this way: At least it's not wine, women or song.

LEARNED TO LOVE IT
DEAR ABBY: Having recently wrestled with the same problem as "Mateless," I can give you some specifics:

1. Her husband's sports obsession is a poorly disguised attempt to limit intimacy of all kinds other than what his needs dictate.
 2. His sports addiction is stealing from you and your marriage.
 3. This is a gambling addict masquerading as an all-American guy enjoying an all-American pastime.
 4. Save your breath. If you mean it — leave. Nothing short of that will get his attention.
- My husband, a "wonderful guy," got lost in the same maze. He always defended himself intellectually, but after more than five years of fights, dishonesty and empty promises, I had had it. A second-class life was not a reflection of my worth, and my self-esteem was suf-

fering. I changed the locks and demanded counseling. We both went, but separately. I had to rebuild my shattered self-esteem. He also joined Gamblers Anonymous. We have been happily married for more than 20 years. It took a lot of work, but now we have many activities that we enjoy together.

It wasn't easy, but there is life beyond sports.

WIFE OF A RECOVERING SPORTS JUNKIE
DEAR ABBY: Please share our advice with "Mateless in Milwaukee" and her husband. (We were in the same boat when we first married.)

TO THE HUSBAND: Cut back one league. Have a separate phone line for your football messages. Make football fun for your wife — get the guys and their wives to meet at a nice sports restaurant on Sundays and watch the game over pizza and beer.

Take a road trip with another couple to see a game: get a hotel, have a tailgate picnic, sightsee, etc.

TO THE WIFE: Buy his team T-shirt and wear it on game day. Learn about his favorite players and discuss them with him. Place small wagers with him. Encourage Sunday sports outings with other couples. Take turns with other couples hosting game parties.

TO BOTH: Go out of your way to make your marriage fun for each other.

We did all of the above and we're ... **HAPPY IN CHESAPEAKE BEACH**

Horoscope



Your Birthday

Thursday, Dec. 5, 1996

If the year ahead, you will discover many new opportunities, and this will enable you to build a more stable financial future for your family.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Make today a special day for you and the person you love. Plan something different from what you usually do and create a lasting memory. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing \$2 and SASE to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Make sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not fear challenging developments today. You will have the skills necessary to overcome opposition and remove obstacles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Even though you might not be aware of it, you'll be closely observed by admirers today. Relax and just be yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You will be a winner today in situations where you are more strongly motivated to achieve than others. Be single-minded and keep your eyes focused on the prize.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your ability to succeed will be enhanced considerably today if you treat others as you would like to be treated.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not settle for an unproductive situation today. You will have the ability to improve something which is outdated. Use your ingenuity to accomplish this task.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try to be an astute observer today and watch how someone you admire handles an abrasive person. Later you may need to use

her techniques.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You won't be content today if you fail to utilize your time and talent in a constructive manner. Helping others could produce surprising rewards.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may have to assume the post of social director today. You will be more qualified to organize something fun than your colleagues will be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today, others will be inspired to do things that will augment your finances. This will provide them with a way to repay you for previous favors.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You could be extremely fortunate today in arrangements you direct. Instead of delegating authority to others, maintain total control yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) In business deals today let your adversary make the opening move. Bide your time until this person has played all of his high cards, then flash your trump card.



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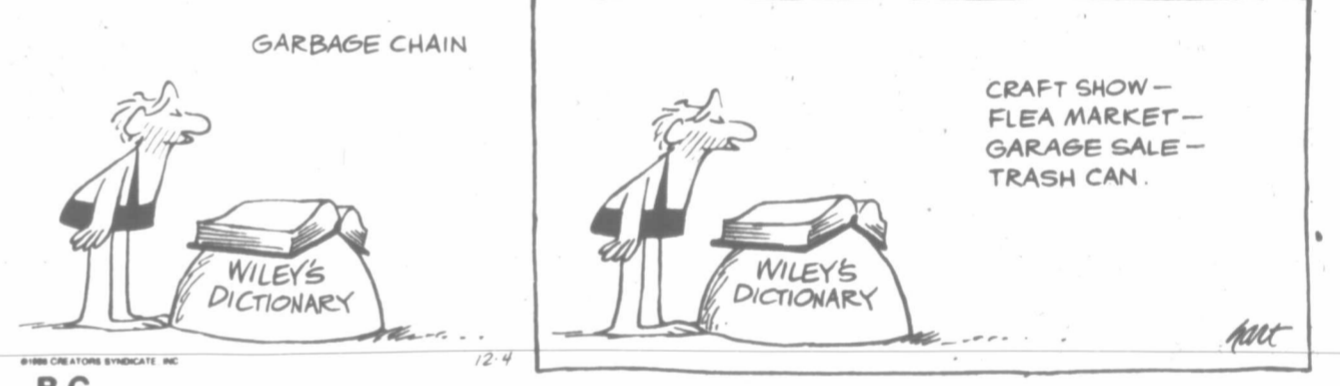
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"When God designed the giraffe, I think he made a mistake."



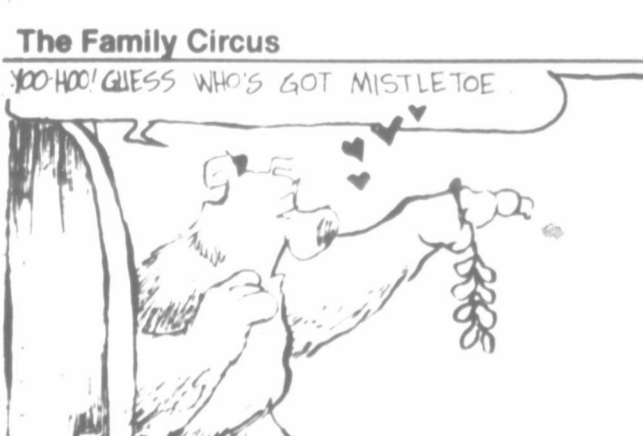
"See, I told you so. He likes it better up here in the front seat."



B.C.



Eek & Meek



Grizzwells



Marmaduke



The Born Loser



Alley Oop



Frank And Ernest



Peanuts



Mallard Filmore

Notebook

BASKETBALL

Pampa and Dumas played middle school girls basketball games on Monday night. Results are as follows:
 8th grade A
 Dumas 44, Pampa 29
 Pampa — Kandy Odom 10, Charity Nachtigall 10.
 8th grade B
 Dumas 35, Pampa 31
 Pampa — Destiny Engel 8.
 7th grade A
 Pampa 53, Dumas 16
 Pampa — Cali Covalt 11, Jennifer Lindsey 10.
 7th grade B
 Pampa 45, Dumas 13
 Pampa — Morgan White, Stephanie Gattis, Samantha Ford and Allison Earl, 4 each.

FOOTBALL

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Gene Stallings' replacement as Alabama coach will be announced Monday, athletic director Bob Bockrath said.
 Stallings announced his resignation Nov. 23, effective at the end of the season. The No. 15 Crimson Tide face No. 4 Florida on Saturday in the Southeastern Conference championship game.
 Defensive coordinator Mike Dubose and offensive coordinator Woody McCorvey have interviewed, and Colorado's Rick Neuheisel also is believed to be under consideration along with Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer, Miami's Butch Davis and Florida State defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews.

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — Ron Vanderlinden, who helped turn around Colorado and Northwestern, has been hired to do the same thing at Maryland.
 Vanderlinden, 40, the defensive coordinator at Northwestern since 1992, received a five-year contract. He succeeds Mark Duffner, dismissed last week with a 20-35 in five seasons at Maryland.

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Pat Hill, an assistant coach with the Baltimore Ravens, returned to Fresno State as the successor to Jim Sweeney.
 Sweeney retired at the end of this season after becoming the 16th major college coach to win 200 games. Hill, 44, was Fresno State's recruiting coordinator and offensive line coach from 1984-89.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — No. 22 Syracuse accepted an invitation to play Houston in the Liberty Bowl on Dec. 27 in Memphis, Tenn. The Orangemen (8-3) tied Miami and Virginia Tech for the Big East title.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — Catcher Joe Girardi opted to stay with the New York Yankees, agreeing to a \$5.5 million, two-year contract.
 Girardi, 32, hit .294 with two homers and 45 RBIs last season. He gets a \$500,000 signing bonus, \$2 million next season and \$2.6 million in 1998. The Yankees have a \$3.4 million option for 1999 with a \$400,000 buyout.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Padres agreed to a \$2.5 million, two-year contract with catcher John Flaherty, who earlier avoided salary arbitration by signing a one-year deal.

Flaherty, 29, who made \$275,000 last season, hit .303 with nine homers and 41 RBIs for the Padres following a June 18 trade with Detroit. He had a 27-game hitting streak, the second-longest ever by a catcher.

MIAMI (AP) — Free-agent outfielder Jim Eisenreich agreed to a \$3 million, two-year contract with the Florida Marlins.

Eisenreich, 37, who hit .361 with three homers and 41 RBIs for Philadelphia last season, gets \$1.4 million in each of the next two seasons. Florida has a \$1.4 million option for 1999 with a \$200,000 buyout.

Texas offense must back up Brown's words

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas quarterback James Brown has done the talking. Now, the Longhorns' offense has to deliver against Nebraska in Saturday's Big 12 championship game.

After Brown predicted a three-touchdown victory over the third-ranked Huskers (10-1, 8-0 Big 12) on Monday, the Longhorns (7-4, 6-2) were left to figure out a way to move the ball against the nation's fourth-ranked defense.

"Defensively, they bring so much pressure on the quarterback and the run game, it's going to be a full day's work," said Texas tight end Pat Fitzgerald.

That day's work got even

longer for the Longhorns after Brown was asked about being a near-three touchdown underdog and replied, "I think we're going to win by three touchdowns."

Brown made the statement to reporters in a surge of confidence that also included the comment, "Nebraska tries to intimidate people with their crowd and with their winning tradition. They have to beat me to intimidate me."

What's surprising is that Brown made the statements after having watched tape of the Nebraska defense devouring Colorado quarterback Koy Detmer in a 17-12 victory on Friday that clinched the Big 12 North title for the Huskers.

"They have big, strong ath-

letes. They just overpowered Colorado's offensive line," Brown said. "They just pushed them back in the backfield. They sacked Detmer on three-step drops and five-step drops."

"We might get in the shotgun some plays, but if they play us man-to-man, they're going to have to hold Wane (McCarthy) and Mike (Adams), and with receivers like that, it's easy to beat man-to-man," Brown said.

It's not that Texas can't move the ball. The Longhorns lead the Big 12 in total offense, averaging 456.5 yards per game, including 241.2 yards through the air.

But Nebraska's defense, which is ranked in the top seven nationally in all four statistical

categories, is putting up impressive numbers:

— 47 sacks for 304 yards in losses. The Huskers are just two sacks short of the school record (49 sacks for 383 yards in losses) set in 1985.

— 21 interceptions (second nationally), with 350 yards in returns and four touchdowns.

— Ninth nationally in turnover margin at plus 11.

The first-team defense has given up only five TDs in 11 games, none on the ground. The front seven boasts a list of awards candidates, including ends Grant Wistrom and Jared Tomich, tackle Jason Peter and linebacker Jamel Williams.

When Texas coach John Mackovic was asked if he

thought Nebraska would go heavy on the blitz Saturday, he said, "Who needs to blitz when they send four guys and they're in the backfield all the time?"

The Longhorns figure to use short drops and quick passes to tight end Fitzgerald and to running backs Ricky Williams, Shon Mitchell and Priest Holmes.

But the key may well be Brown's ability to scramble away from pressure and get up field.

"I watched the Colorado game and they sacked Detmer every other time he dropped back to pass. To sack me, they're going to have to catch me," Brown said. "If I have to run, I will. Otherwise I'll stand in the pocket and pass."

PD holds off Harvesters

AMARILLO — Pampa came close to upsetting a powerful Palo Duro team in boys' basketball action Tuesday night.

Sparked by sophomore guard Shawn Young, the Harvesters staged a second-half comeback only to fall short, 68-65.

The Dons are now 7-2 on the season while the Harvesters are 2-6.

Young had a season-high 22 points with a half-dozen 3-point goals. He is a cousin to former all-state guard Raymond Young, the leading scorer on last season's Pampa state championship team. Young has seen limited playing time this season because of asthma problems.

August Larson followed with 17 points while Kaleb Meek

chipped in 13 for the Harvesters.

There were 15 lead changes in the game, but Palo Duro led by as many as 12 points. Pampa trailed by nine (30-21) at half-time, but came back to take the lead by two (46-44) going into the fourth quarter. The lead switched three times in the final stanza before Palo Duro went ahead to stay.

Charles Cunningham was high scorer for the Dons with 15 points while Frankie Walzier added 12.

Also scoring for Pampa were Lynn Brown with 7 points and Gabe Wilbon 6. Wilbon was Pampa's leading rebounder with 6 while Meek had 5.

Pampa's next game is on the homecourt against Liberal, Kan. at 7:30 Tuesday night.

PHS girls drop close one

AMARILLO — Palo Duro held off Pampa, 49-44, in a non-district girls' contest Tuesday night.

Geronica Tucker paced the Lady Dons with 13 points while Monica Trimble added 11.

Jennifer Jones was Pampa's leading scorer with 18 points while Kristi Carpenter followed with 15.

"It was a disappointing game to lose, but at the same time we played pretty good. We shot 83 percent from the foul line (15-18) and I felt real good about that. We were 39 percent from the floor, which could have been a little better. I felt like if we had shot 40 percent, we could have won the game," said Pampa coach Mike Jones.

The score was tied five times in the first half, but Palo Duro broke on top, 35-28, going into the fourth

quarter.
 "Both teams battled back and forth. We've had some good games over the years with Palo Duro," Jones said.

Candice Nachtigall had 3 points, Chandra Nachtigall 2, Yvette Brown, McKinley Quarles, and Jamie Wells 2 each for the Lady Harvesters. Jones and Quarles led Pampa on the boards with 6 rebounds apiece. Candice Nachtigall had 2 rebounds, Chandra Nachtigall 4, Brown 1, Wells 2, Tina Dwight 3 and Faustine Curry 2.

Palo Duro is now 6-2 on the season while Pampa is 4-3.

The Lady Harvesters defend their title later this week in the Clayton, N.M. Tournament. Their first game is 1 p.m. (Texas time) Thursday against Navaho Prep.

Groom lands five players on first-team all-district six-man football squad

Five players off Groom's district champions have been named to the All-District 1-A First-Team Six-Man Football Team.

Sean Crowell, Scott Weinheimer and Justin Ritter were named to the first team on both offense and defense for Groom. Brad Sustaire was first-team offense and Toby Burgin made the first-team defense.

The all-district team was selected by district coaches.

1996 All-District 1-A Six-Man Team

First Team Offense
 Center: Sean Crowell, Groom, sr.; Ends: Jared Neighbors, Miami, sr.; Scott Weinheimer, Groom, sr.; Quarterback: Brad Sustaire, Groom, sr.; Running backs: Justin Ritter, Groom, sr.; Marshall Flowers, Miami, jr.; Spreadback: Marshall Flowers, Miami, jr.; Joe Thomas, Follett, Soph.; Kicker: Shane Mitchell, Miami, sr.

Second Team Offense

Center: Ashley Schoenhals, Follett, sr.; Ends: Shane Mitchell, Miami, sr.; Courtney Frazier, Follett, jr.; Quarterback: J.B. Gex, Follett, sr.; Running backs: Nathan Deal, Higgins, jr.; Jammy Murray, Miami, jr.

First Team Defense

Lineman: Scott Weinheimer, Groom, sr.; Jared Neighbors, Miami, sr.; Sean Crowell, Groom, sr.; Linebacker: Olin Gibson, Follett, jr.; Courtney Frazier, Follett, jr.; Toby Burgin, Groom, jr.

Safety: Justin Ritter, Groom, sr.; Marshall Flowers, Miami, jr.; Punter: Dustin Howard, Miami, jr.

Second Team Defense

Lineman: Nathan Deal, Higgins, jr.; Leo Britten, Groom, sr.; Shane Mitchell, Miami, sr.; Linebacker: Dustin Howard, Miami, jr.; Brad Sustaire, Groom, sr.; Dusty Baker, Higgins, jr.; Safety: Troy Foster, Follett, sr.; Blake Hurst, Miami, soph.

Lett draws one-year suspension

NEW YORK (AP) — Dallas Cowboys defensive tackle Leon Lett was suspended a minimum of one year — effective immediately — by the NFL on Tuesday for violating the league's drug policy.

Lett was suspended for four games in 1995. At the time, he was informed that any further violation would result in a minimum one-year suspension without pay.

Lett is Dallas best defensive lineman and a former Pro Bowl starter. The defending Super Bowl champion Cowboys (8-5)

are tied for first place in the NFC East, and his loss creates a huge hole in their defense.

The 28-year-old Lett is the second high-profile Cowboy to receive a drug-related suspension this season. All-Pro wide receiver Michael Irvin was suspended for the first five games of the season after pleading no contest to drug charges stemming from an arrest.

Lett was recently informed that he had violated the policy, NFL spokesman Greg Atiello said. Lett appealed the penalty to NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue, who denied the appeal.

Victory song



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa's football team and their fans sing the school song in Texas Stadium after the 25-21 win over Azle in the Class 4A quarterfinals. The championship trophy can be seen in the middle of the photograph. The Harvesters will try and add another trophy to their collection against Grapevine at 7:30 Saturday night in the Class 4A state semifinals in Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium. Grapevine is ranked No. 1 in 4A with a 13-0 record.

Pampa gymnasts have dual with Dumas

PAMPA — Gymnastics of Pampa team members recently participated in a dual meet with the Flip Flop Shop from Dumas. The competition was held at Gymnastics of Pampa. Amanda McKendree took top honors for Pampa in the Level 5 division by winning first place all-around with a 33.60 score. She also placed first on floor exercise (8.75), first on balance beam (8.75), second on bars (8.5) and third on vault (7.6).

Jaclyn Spearman, first-time competitor, took second all-around (32.25) in the Level 5 division. She placed first in vault (7.75), second on floor exercise (8.5), third on bars (8.0) and fourth on balance beam (8.0).

The Pampa gymnasts in Level 4

competition were all first-time competitors.

Rebecca Middlebrook won first all-around in the 9-10 year-old Level 4 division with a 31.75. She was second on floor exercise (8.5), second on vault (8.0), third on balance beam (7.75) and second on bars (7.5).

Also competing in the Level 4, 9-10 year-old division were Natalie McVay, Ashlee Ferguson and Ashley Zimmer. McVay was fourth in all-around (30.25), third on vault (7.5), third on floor (7.75), third on bars (7.25) and fourth on beam (7.5). Ferguson was fifth in all-around (29.25), first on bars (7.75), fourth on floor (8.5), third on bars (8.0) and fourth on balance beam (8.0).

Zimmer was sixth in all-around

(28.95), third on vault (7.5), fourth on bars (7.0), fifth on floor (7.25) and fifth on beam (7.2).

In Level 4, 8-year-old competition, Amy Youree won first in all-around (31.75).

She also won first place on floor exercise (8.25), first on vault (8.0), second on beam (8.0) and second on bars (7.5). Lacie Long was third in all-around (30.30), second on vault (7.75), third on floor (7.75), third on beam (7.5) and third on bars (7.3). Chandon Wilson was fourth in all-around (27.95), fourth on floor (7.5), fourth on bars (7.25), fourth on beam (7.2) and fourth on vault (6.0).

The Pampa gymnasts will now prepare for competitions which begin in January.

Tech's Hanspard is like 'breath of fresh air'

DALLAS (AP) — Byron Hanspard won't admit he's among the top college running backs, and he never would have voted himself No. 1 in the nation.

Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes says that modesty is precisely what makes Hanspard such a great player.

"Being a complete football player is hard to do, because so many players are so self-centered. I believe Byron is the least self-centered player I've ever been around," Dykes said Tuesday.

"I sense a real feeling of togetherness on our football team that was not there before he arrived. And when it comes to carrying a football — well, that speaks for itself."

Dykes accompanied Hanspard to Dallas to formally pick up the 1996 Doak Walker Award as the nation's top running back. The award was announced Monday.

Hanspard, only the sixth back in NCAA history to run for more than 2,000 yards in a season, edged fellow juniors Troy Davis of Iowa State and Darnell Autry of Northwestern for the award, named for the former Southern

Methodist and NFL great.

Walker said the award committee took Hanspard's character into account along with his athletic abilities.

"Productivity is important, but being a good person, being a leader, having the respect of your teachers, your coaches, your teammates, your opponents — those are things that are considered very seriously," Walker said.

Hanspard, a licensed Pentecostal minister who preaches at a Lubbock church, said it was a blessing just to be considered for such awards as the Doak Walker Award and, possibly, the Heisman Trophy.

"If you want to tell me I'm an elite player, fine, but I would never vote for myself. I don't really feel I'm at my peak. I think there are still a lot of things I need to achieve," said Hanspard, who already is the Red Raiders' career rushing leader.

Hanspard gave no clues about whether he'll remain at Tech next year or jump to the NFL.

"It depends on where God leads me. We're praying about it. The decisions I make, the Lord directs me in. When you use the

Lord as your guide, you won't go wrong," said Hanspard.

"When I told people I was in the shower when the Lord directed me to go to Texas Tech, people thought that was funny. But I talk to him just like I'm talking to you right now."

Dykes admitted he's also praying — praying that Hanspard remains in Lubbock.

"I'd be lying if I said I wasn't," Dykes said. "I'd have a hard time denying it. Byron brings a lot to the table. He's been elected captain of our football team the last two years. As a sophomore, that's a pretty good honor."

Dykes said Hanspard is unlike any other player he has coached.

"Byron has a lot of Tony Dorsett in him, I think. Some of his greatest runs have been six-yard runs. When people hit him and he goes to the ground, he's got some sixth sense, and he ends up another two yards down the field," Dykes said.

Hanspard led the Red Raiders to a 7-4 season and a second-place finish in the Big 12 South. Texas Tech is expected to be in Hawaii on Christmas Day to play in the Aloha Bowl.

Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

National Football League

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
New England	9	4	0	.692	355	269
Buffalo	9	4	0	.692	287	215
Indianapolis	7	8	0	.538	232	274
Miami	6	7	0	.462	285	266
N.Y. Jets	1	12	0	.077	221	368

Central

Pittsburgh	9	4	0	.692	299	211
Houston	6	7	0	.462	283	288
Jacksonville	5	8	0	.385	290	318
Cincinnati	5	8	0	.385	290	318
Baltimore	4	9	0	.308	320	369

West

Kansas City	9	4	0	.692	282	230
San Diego	7	6	0	.538	277	323
Oakland	6	7	0	.462	274	234
Seattle	5	8	0	.385	250	317

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	L	TPct.	PF	PA		
Dallas	8	5	0	.615	254	201
Philadelphia	8	5	0	.615	303	265
Washington	8	5	0	.615	291	251
Arizona	6	7	0	.462	248	323
N.Y. Giants	5	8	0	.385	230	250

Central

Green Bay 10	3	.789	346	191		
Minnesota	7	6	0	.538	243	245
Chicago	5	8	0	.385	202	248
Detroit	5	8	0	.385	263	289
Tampa Bay	4	9	0	.308	153	243

West

San Francisco 10	3	.789	325	198		
Carolina	9	4	0	.692	292	164
St. Louis	4	9	0	.308	246	334
Atlanta	2	11	0	.154	234	393
New Orleans	2	11	0	.154	184	291

x-clinched division title

Thursday's Games

Kansas City 28, Detroit 24
Dallas 21, Washington 10

Sunday's Games

Minnesota 41, Arizona 17
Indianapolis 13, Buffalo 10, OT
Green Bay 28, Chicago 17
Jacksonville 30, Cincinnati 27
Philadelphia 24, New York Giants 0
Baltimore 31, Pittsburgh 17
Carolina 24, Tampa Bay 0
Denver 34, Seattle 7
Houston 35, New York Jets 10
Oakland 17, Miami 7
St. Louis 26, New Orleans 10
New England 45, San Diego 7

Monday's Games

San Francisco 34, Atlanta 10
Thursday, Dec. 5
Philadelphia at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 8
Atlanta at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
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Dallas at Arizona, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 9
Kansas City at Oakland, 9 p.m.

Texas High School Playoff Pairings

Class 6A
Division I
Region I-II
Semifinal
Lewisville (13-0) vs. Killeen Ellison (11-2), 4 p.m., Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Region III-IV
Semifinal
Converse Judson (12-1) vs. Galena Park North Shore (13-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Rice Stadium, Houston

WESTERN CONFERENCE

West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Seattle	11	3	0	.789	312	212
San Diego	10	4	0	.714	313	212
Denver	7	7	0	.500	282	282
San Antonio	7	7	0	.500	282	282
San Francisco	6	8	0	.429	282	312
San Jose	5	9	0	.357	282	312
Los Angeles	5	9	0	.357	282	312
Portland	4	10	0	.286	282	312
Minnesota	3	11	0	.214	282	312
San Antonio	2	12	0	.143	282	312

Division I

Austin Westlake (13-0) vs. San Antonio Churchil (11-2), Saturday, 7:30 p.m., Alamodome, San Antonio

Division II

Texas City (11-2) vs. Hays Consolidated (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Kyle Field

Division III

Highland Park (12-1) vs. Dallas Lincoln (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium, Irving

Division IV

Friendswood (12-1) vs. La Marque (11-2), 5 p.m., Friday, AstroDome

Division V

CC Calallen (13-0) vs. Waco University (12-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Gustafson Stadium, San Antonio

Division VI

Ft. Worth (12-1) vs. Aledo (11-1-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Sweetwater

Division VII

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Division VIII

Coldspring (12-1) vs. Cameron (12-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kyle Field, College Station

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Division XII

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Division XIV

Gordon (13-0) vs. Milford (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Glen Rose

Division XV

Milwaukee

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Division XV

Milwaukee

Mustangs go against another unbeaten team in 1A playoffs

WHEELER — Head coach Jim Verden wasn't shocked at Wheeler beating Munday in last weekend's Class 1A quarterfinals, but he was somewhat shocked at the score.

"I sure thought it would be a lot closer," said Verden after the Mustangs routed previously-unbeaten Munday, 41-19, Friday night in Childress. "I went into the game with the idea that we would have to keep them from throwing the ball to stay in it. They ended up throwing the ball only two times."

Munday, which ended its season at 12-1, went into the game averaging around 400 rushing yards per game. A Mustangs' defense, sparked by linebacker Aaron Dunnam, lineman Josh Lee

and defensive back Jason Porton, held Munday to just 138 total yards. Wheeler's defense forced two turnovers.

"It was a total team effort," Verden said. "The kids executed their game plan to perfection and shut them down."

Wheeler's balanced rushing attack had a trio of three backs — Jeremy Davis (116), Bryan Judd (112) and Travis Stevens (103) — with over 100 yards each.

"All of our backs did a super job of execution. The kids were well-disciplined in running our offense and did the things necessary to win the game," Verden added.

Wheeler, 10-3 for the season, goes against another unbeaten team in No. 1 Windthorst (13-0) in the state semifinals at 7:30 Friday night in Vernon.

"Windthorst is big and they're experienced," Verden said. "They've got 11 seniors starting on offense and 6 on defense and most of them started last year."

Windthorst blanked Springlake-Earth, 20-0, in the semifinals.

"It's going to be a challenge for our kids. We're going to have to pick it up a couple of notches and overcome their size with our quickness. Windthorst has 9 or 10 kids on their roster who are 6 foot 1 or better, so they definitely have a big physical advantage on us," Verden said.

Wheeler has a lot of football tradition on its side. The Mustangs won state championships in 1987, 1979 and 1977.

Mercer, Duncan lead wins for Kentucky, Wake Forest

CHICAGO (AP) — If Kentucky was weary, the Wildcats didn't show it. Pressing and forcing mistakes, the defending national champions had plenty of energy to beat Purdue in the Great Eight tournament.

"There's no time to get tired," said Ron Mercer, who scored a career-high 30 points to spark a 101-87 victory for the sixth-ranked Wildcats on Tuesday night.

In the opener of the tournament, No. 2 Wake Forest got 19 points, 17 rebounds and four blocks from Tim Duncan to rout Mississippi State 74-43.

In the final two games tonight, Massachusetts and Georgetown, who met in the NCAA tournament last spring, have a rematch; and in the nightcap, No. 4 Cincinnati faces top-ranked Kansas.

In the only other games involving ranked teams Tuesday night, No. 13 Fresno State outscored Western State 127-92 and No. 17 UCLA routed Cal State Northridge 95-73.

Mercer and his Kentucky teammates were coming off a victory in the Great Alaska Shootout and were just one day removed from an all-night flight to Chicago.

"We flew from Alaska without sleep. We're in Seattle at 6 a.m., and there are guys laying on the floor. This isn't first class. It's guys laying on the floor in coach, trying to sleep," coach Rick Pitino said.

On Monday there was no game — just some practice — and when they hit the United Center on Tuesday night, the Wildcats were ready. They forced 28 turnovers by Purdue, leading to 31 points.

"We got a little rest and it picked us up," said Mercer, who hit 13 of 16 shots, many of them dunks, to get his 30 points.

"You're going to shoot 13-of-16, you're getting a lot of easy baskets. But we created some easy baskets with our defense," Pitino said.

"Derek Anderson is our best basketball player, we know that," the coach added. "Ron is a super sophomore with great potential. As his defense gets better, his game will take off. He might have one of the great careers ever for a Kentucky basketball player."

Purdue (3-2) trailed only 46-43 at the half, but couldn't deal with the relentless Kentucky pressure. The Boilermakers also lost their two big men as Brad Miller and Brian Cardinal fouled out.

Pitino's team has scored 87, 104, 92 and 101 points in winning four games since opening with an overtime loss to Clemson.

"There are no selfish players on this team. That's what makes it fun," Mercer said.

Jared Prickett scored 17 points for the Wildcats, who have played every game on neutral courts this season.

Michael Robinson scored 20 points and Chad Austin 18 for the Boilermakers, who dropped their second straight game.

Wake Forest's Duncan could be in the NBA, but chose to stay in school.

The Demon Deacons (5-0) ran off 19 straight first-half points, withstood a mild rally by the over-matched Bulldogs and then took control early in the second half.

"We're 5-0, but in all honesty we can be better than we're showing," coach Dave Odom said.

Mississippi State got 12 points from Tyrone Washington.

Georgetown (4-0), like Kentucky, likes to use pressure defense. And the Hoyas haven't forgotten the 86-62 drubbing they took from Massachusetts in the East Regional final last season.

Masachusetts (1-2) has lost three of its starters and coach John Calipari, but that doesn't matter to Georgetown.

"It's personal this time with UMass," Georgetown guard Victor Page said.

"We're going to go out and put it to them the whole 40 minutes strong. We're just going to go out and play nice, hard defense and let the game come to us. It's payback this time, baby."

No. 13 Fresno St. 127, Western St. 92

The Bulldogs (5-0) matched their best start since 1981-82 season, but all five games have been at home, and they play their next 10 on the road. Kendrick Brooks had 24 points and Chris Herren added 21 as Fresno State matched the second-highest score in school history, falling six points shy of the record.

The Division II Mountaineers (3-3) led for the last time at 17-16 before the Bulldogs went on a 40-12 run. Dominic Martinez scored 32 points and Nate Allen had 31 for Western.

No. 17 UCLA 95, CS Northridge 73

Interim head coach Steve Lavin won his first game as the Bruins (1-1) played for the first time since losing at home to Tulsa in their opener in the Preseason NIT.

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<h3>1 Public Notice</h3> <p>NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CITY OF PAMPA, TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION</p> <p>TAKE NOTICE that the City Commission of the City of Pampa, Texas, shall convene at 6:00 o'clock P.M. on the 16th day of December, 1996, at its regular meeting place in City Hall, 200 W. Kingsmill, Pampa, Texas, and during such meeting, the City Commission will consider the passage of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of certificates of obligation in an amount not to exceed \$4,315,000 for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for (i) solid waste disposal system improvements, including the opening and closing landfill facilities, municipal auditorium improvements and renovations, and a sewer line extension to the City's municipal golf course, and (ii) the purchase of materials, supplies, equipment and machinery for city departments, including solid waste, street and fire departments, and (iii) professional services rendered in relation to such projects</p>	<h3>1 Public Notice</h3> <p>and purposes and the financing thereof such certificates to be payable from ad valorem taxes and a lien on and pledge of the net revenues of the City's Solid Waste Disposal System. The certificates are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of V.T.C.A.,</p>
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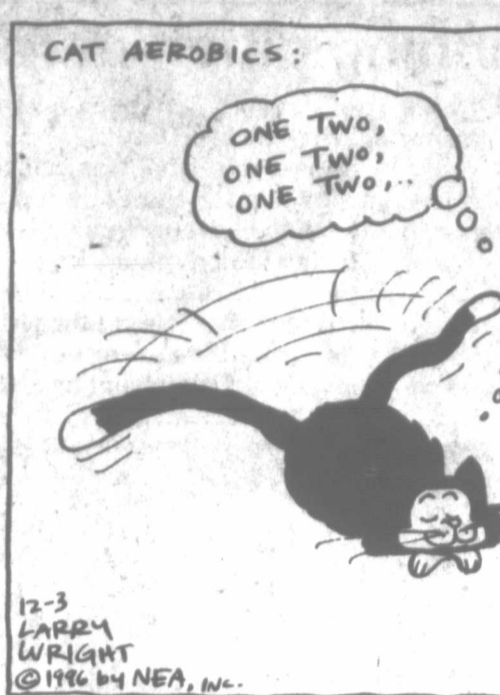
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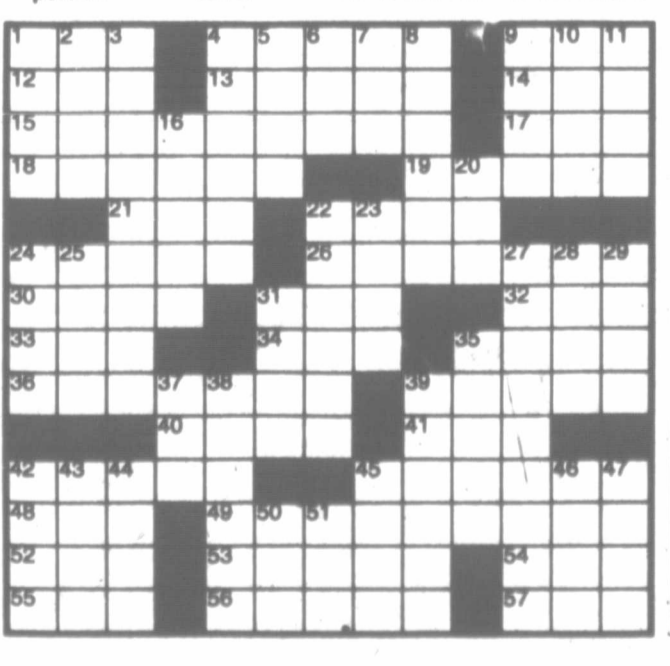
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Report: Lottery chairwoman says Linares now describing different relationship with Moeller

AUSTIN (AP) — The chairwoman of the Texas Lottery Commission says lottery director Nora Linares now describes her relationship with Mike Moeller differently than she did when first asked about her ties to him. Moeller, a convicted former state agriculture department official, was paid \$30,000 by GTECH, the private company that operates the Texas Lottery.

Lottery Commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers of Dallas told the *Austin American-Statesman* she doesn't recall the exact words Linares used. But she says she's certain they offered a different picture of the relationship with Moeller than the one the lottery executive director presented last week. "It is my opinion that her relationship

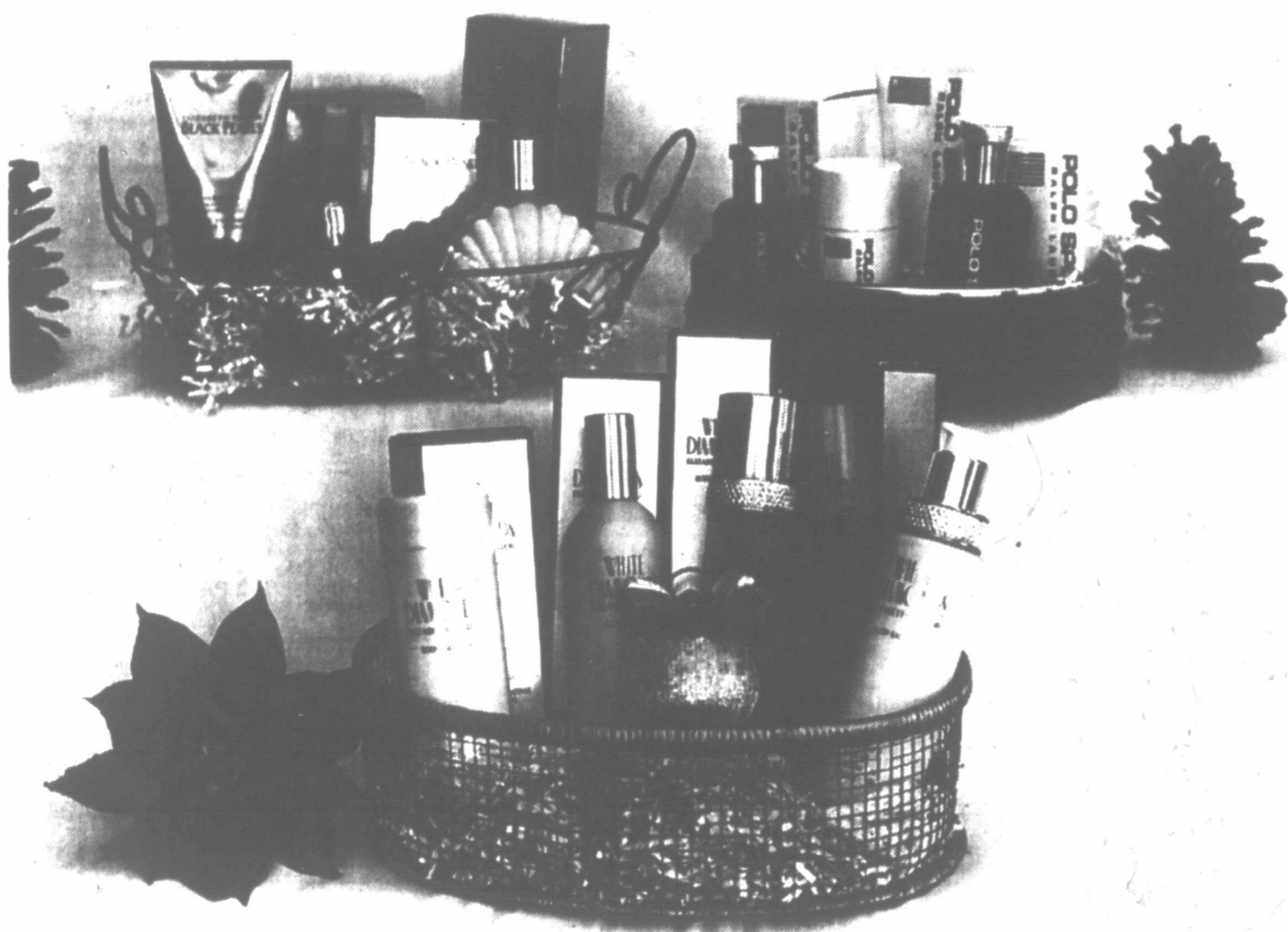
now is closer than I understood it back then," Miers told the newspaper in Tuesday's editions. "I came away from those discussions with the opinion that her relationship with Moeller was not as close as I now understand it to be." Linares recently has characterized Moeller as a "close friend." She had no comment on the newspa-

per's report, lottery spokesman Steve Levine said Tuesday. Miers said she first asked Linares about Moeller eight to ten months ago, after fielding anonymous letters about Moeller. Anonymous letters to lottery officials have alleged romantic links between Linares and Moeller. Miers said she doesn't put much stock in unsigned letters, but felt compelled to

ask Linares about her links to Moeller. "The current procedures and policies of the lottery commission do not prohibit the association with someone with a conviction," Miers said. "Should it? I guess that's an issue the commission can consider. But I don't know of any restriction that says someone can't be friends with and be seen with someone who has a criminal record."

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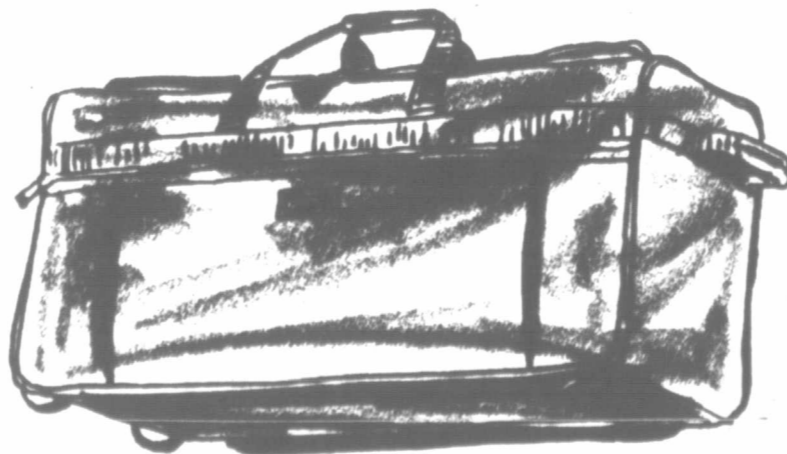


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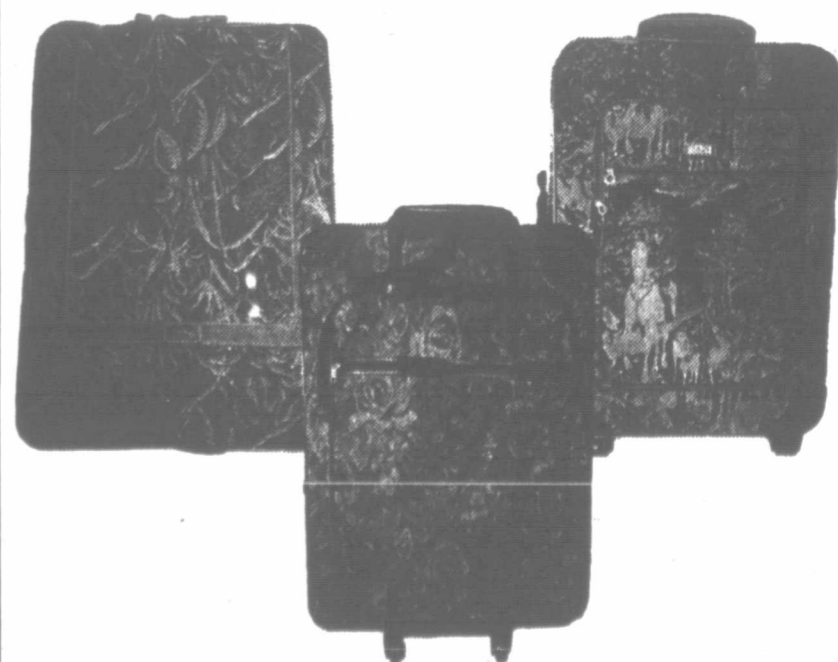


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