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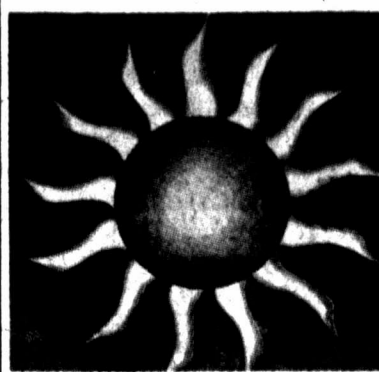
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PAMPA — Katrina Bigham Executive Director of the Pampa United Way reported that this year's \$325,000 was successfully met, and then some. She and the United Way Board of Directors wish to thank the Pampa community for the support and donations that made this year's "The Power of U" campaign a successful one.

In addition, upon hearing the news of the Red Cross failing heating system, Bigham said she and the board scheduled a meeting today to discuss and vote on how much of the leftover funds from the drive could be donated to the Red Cross.

This decision will be voted on at noon today.

PAMPA — The Family Support Group of the Texas Army National Guard in Pampa will hold a quilt raffle at Wal-Mart. Tickets will be on sale Dec. 5, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The tickets sell for \$1 each or six for \$5. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program. The rest of the proceeds will go to the guards family support group fund in Pampa. The drawing for the quilt will be held on Dec. 14. For more information call Carla Smith at 669-3128 or Tina Fowler 665-6871.

PAMPA — New blue and white voter certificates for 1998-99 were mailed out December 2, and 3, 1997. Sammie Morris the Gray County Voter Registrar asks voters to check the new cards as soon as they receive them. If there is an error on the card call the Voter Registrars office immediately at 806-669-8018.

Voter registration cards can not be forwarded to a new address so if a resident has moved and not changed their address they will not receive the new cards. After the cards are returned to the Registrar's office a confirmation letter will be sent which the voter will need to return. Voters who do not receive the card because of a move should go to the county tax office. Voters must be registered to vote 30 days before an election, the next one in Pampa is the PEDC election on Jan. 17 followed by a Gray County election Feb. 9.

- Richard L. "Pat" Bullock, 93, retired farmer, car salesman.
- James Holly Gray, 89, former owner Grays Trucking Company, retired farmer, rancher.

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Undercover drug bust gets two Pampanos

Members of the Pampa Police Department assigned to the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force combined with other members of the task force to arrest two Pampa men Wednesday night.

Adrian I. Martinez, 23, and Aaron Guerra, 20, were arrested in Amarillo on delivery and facilitating delivery of seven ounces of cocaine.

Both men are currently being held in the Potter County Jail awaiting arraignment. Police report that the arrests were the culmination of an undercover operation that began in Pampa.

Sgt. Terry Young of the Pampa Police Department could not comment on other operations that may be under way.

"This just highlights the connection that exists between Pampa, Amarillo and the rest of the Panhandle and shows that the multi-jurisdictional nature of the regional task force is needed," Young said.

Henry no stranger to problem of crime

By JEFF WEST
Staff Writer

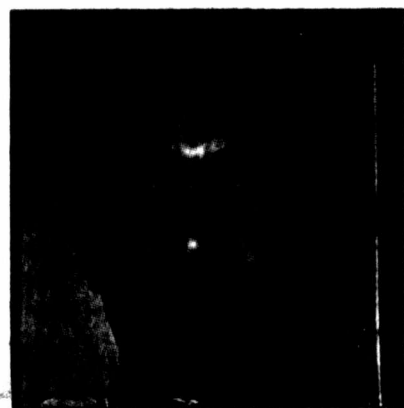
A Pampa man has been appointed to the Texas Youth Commission and he's no stranger to the problem of crime. Charles R. Henry spent 29 years with the Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Agency and he retired as the assistant Special Agent in Charge from the City of Houston.

He had worked in cities such as Baltimore, Dallas, Los Angeles and even had a temporary assignment in New York City. He moved to Pampa when he retired in 1996 because his wife still has family here.

Besides working as the newest member of the Texas Youth Commission Henry is involved with the Pampa Youth Service and the Federal Retired Employees. But mostly he says he's enjoying retirement.

Henry started his professional life working with youth but in a completely different way, as a teacher in the sixties here in Pampa and at an reservation in New Mexico. His jump to the DEA was to fulfill his 'spirit of adventure,' he said.

He says one of the priorities of the Texas Youth Commission is trying to reduce repeat offender rate of young people. Right now, over 50 percent of the people in



Charles Henry

the youth facilities make return trips. Henry supports the Commission's effort to include more job training and education. Offering training to get high school diplomas or GEDs. "And to offer training like TSTI did, welding, painting, and electrical training."

"In Texas we've got to become more actively involved," he said. "Parents, schools, churches and businesses and at the very bottom of the list should be law enforcement. Right now law enforcement is too near the top of the system. They should be near the bottom."

When asked why he's getting involved with the TYC his answer is clear. "I believe in tomorrow. And if there's going to be a tomorrow it's not based on Charles Henry. It's based in the youth of this state."



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Standing next to the bucking chutes at Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla., Danny, Robert and Billy Etbauer gather here near Robert's home to host a rodeo school each spring.

Three brothers in battle for NFR saddle bronc title

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The battle for the Saddle Bronc World Championship is a battle between Oklahoma and Montana.

More specifically, it's between Montana riders and three brothers who ride the rodeo circuit from their Goodwell, Okla., base.

The Etbauer brothers, Robert, Billy and Dan, sit second, fourth and sixth, respectively, in the Crown Royal rankings as they prepare for the National Finals Rodeo Dec. 5 through 14 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Leading the Saddle Bronc division with \$144,029, is former World Champion Saddle Bronc rider Dan Mortensen of Manhattan, Mont.

Robert Etbauer with earnings of \$94,033 this year is ranked second. The oldest of the Etbauer brothers, Robert was World Champion Saddle Bronc rider in 1990 and 1991.

Sitting between Robert and Billy Etbauer in the rankings is Ryan Mapston of Arlee, Mont.

Reigning World Champion Saddle Bronc rider Billy Etbauer is ranked fourth in the world going into the National Finals Rodeo with winnings this year of \$85,823.

Jess Martin of Dillon, Mont., is ranked fifth with winnings this year of \$71,954 followed by the youngest of the Etbauers, Danny, with winnings of \$69,579.

Although born in Huron, S.D., the Etbauer brothers ended up gathering in Goodwell, Okla., after Robert moved there to attend Panhandle State University. Robert still ranches near Goodwell. Although Billy calls Edmond home and Danny lists Guthrie as his residence, all three maintain strong ties to the Oklahoma Panhandle. Each spring they volunteer their services along with others from Goodwell and Panhandle State to stage a saddle bronc riding school to raise money for the university's rodeo program.

Active in the school are Bret Franks of Goodwell, who is ranked 10th in Saddle Bronc riding with earnings of \$63,240 going into the NFR, and Craig Latham of Texhoma, who is ranked 11th with earnings of \$59,877.

Inside the arena during each round of the NFR's roughstock events will be pickup men Billy Ward of Lagrange, Wyo., and Paul Peterson of Texhoma. Each man was selected by a vote of the top 30 bareback and saddle bronc riders of 1997. It is the first NFR appearance for both Ward and Peterson.



(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

From left are Betty Dills, LaQuita Smith, Elsie Gerik, Pennie McCormick, Maudie Wheeler. They are involved in making a quilt being raffled to raise money for their retirement village. Tickets are \$1 and can be purchased at the Pam Apartments 1200 N Wells.

Judge Waters seeks re-election

Lee Waters, Judge of the 223rd District Court of Texas, serving Gray County, announced today that he has filed for re-election.

"I have worked hard to provide a competent and fair court and will continue to do so if re-elected. Fifteen years as a trial attorney and seven years as judge have provided me the experience and qualifications necessary to handle the complex litigation of the state court," Waters said.

During his seven years as trial judge, Waters has handled over 6,000 cases, he said.

"I am a conservative Democrat who understands the problems and needs of the people of the area," Waters said. "However, I believe that partisan politics should have no place in the election of judges. In my opinion, judges should be elected based upon their qualifications and experiences."

Waters promised to continue to administer justice fairly to all, following the laws the state legislature enacts.

He said he has saved the county more than \$10,000 by begin-



Judge Lee Waters

ning a new system of answering machine announcements to those called for jury service, telling them whether they need to attend on the particular day summoned. He said this has also been more convenient for the citizens.

Waters also ordered a fee schedule for court appointed attorneys. He said this has provided additional savings for the county.

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Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BULLOCK, Richard L. "Pat" — 1:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Floydada.

Obituaries

RICHARD L. "PAT" BULLOCK

FLOYDADA — Richard L. "Pat" Bullock, 93, a former Wheeler County resident, died Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1997. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Wendell Horn and the Rev. Lupe Rando, pastor of Primera Iglesia Bautista, officiating. Burial will be in Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Rose-White Funeral Home.

Mr. Bullock was born at Egan. He attended school in Hall County. He married Mary Lou Cardwell in 1928 at Matador; she died in 1991. The couple were residents of Wheeler County from 1928 until moving to Floydada in 1951. He was a car salesman at City Auto for many years. He retired from farming in 1968. He was a member of First United Methodist Church and Masonic Lodge #721.

Survivors include a daughter, Judy Biggs of Panhandle; a sister, Minnie Barton of Amarillo; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First United Methodist Church, 203 W. Kentucky, Floydada, TX 79235; or Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

JAMES HOLLY GRAY

James Holly Gray, 89, of Pampa, died Thursday, Dec. 4, 1997, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Gray was born Oct. 14, 1908, at Winchester, Ky. He married Millie Mae Epperson in 1926 at Winchester; she died in 1947. He had been a Pampa resident since 1930, moving from Winchester. He married Alice Ingram Cockrell on Jan. 1, 1948, at Pampa. He formerly co-owned-operated Grays Trucking Company and was a longtime Gray County farmer and rancher. He was a member of First Christian Church and Top O' Texas Rodeo Association, serving as past president of the association.

Survivors include his wife, Alice, of the home; a daughter, Vivian White of Pampa; three sons, James Gray and Buddy Cockrell, both of Pampa, and Lee Cockrell of Panhandle; two sisters, Christine Castle and Ruby Thomas, both of Winchester; three brothers, Eddie Gray of Pampa, Ernest Gray of Winchester and Aubra Gray of Memphis, Tenn.; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Christian Church.

Calendar of events

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A blood pressure check and blood sugar tests offered from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Friday in the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. A donation is accepted to cover expenses.

ALEUTIAN ISLAND MILITARY VETERANS REUNION

The Aleutian Island military veterans will have a reunion in Austin, Texas, December 5, 1997. All Service branches veterans and spouses welcome. 1996-97 videos of veterans revisiting the Aleutian Islands will be shared. Send self addressed, stamped envelope to Al King, P O Box 130327, Sunrise, FL, 33313 for registration blank no later than November 21, 1997.

PANHANDLE PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD

The Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild members will participate in Camp Wanna-Quilt. (members only) And the Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will also be hosting a Christmas party for members only, at 6:30 p.m. at Chaney's Cafe, 716 W. Foster, on Dec. 4th. For more information, call 669-0568 or 665-4718.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SINGLES DEPARTMENT

The First Baptist Church of Pampa, will host a Christmas banquet for single adults of the area on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Entertainment will be provided by "Simple Faith." This will be a non-denominational time of fellowship for any single adult. The meal is free but reservations need to be made by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3. Call the church office, 669-

1155, to reserve your place.

LAKE MEREDITH MUSEUM CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Lake Meredith Museum Christmas Bazaar is Dec. 5 and 6 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., and Dec. 7 from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. There will be baked goods, Christmas decorations, and other hand crafted items. There will be a "Special Room" for the children to do their Christmas Shopping for family, friends, and teachers. The gifts will be wrapped free of charge and ready to go under the Christmas tree. Santa will be at the museum on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. to visit with the kids. For more information call Lake Meredith Museum at 857-2458.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, December 3

A gas drive-off was reported at the Citgo gas station at 1534 N. Hobart. Twenty-one dollars in gas was taken. No suspects have been apprehended.

A domestic assault was reported in the 1100 block of Huff. No arrests have been made in the case.

A report of criminal mischief was reported at 1313 Alcock. No suspects have been apprehended.

Sheriff's Office

The Pampa Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, December 3

Daniel M. Jimenez, 24, of 1225 E. Francis, was arrested on violation of probation on a DWI.

Accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, December 3

Lisa Ann Dwight, 16, 1124 Darby, was cited for failure to yield right of way when her Pontiac Grand Prix attempted to make a left turn from the south bound lane of Duncan onto Kentucky and struck the Chevrolet Impala driven by Cathy Ann Hearon, 36, of 505 Yeager, who was traveling north on Duncan. No injuries were reported.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, December 3

8:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Columbia Medical Center and transported one to a private residence.

3:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

8:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 500 block on N. Wells, on a medical call and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

10:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 1100 block of Huff Road on a medical call and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Thursday, December 4

3:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of N. Dwight, on a medical call and transported one to Columbia Medical Center.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.98	Chevron	78	dn 9/16
Milo	4.21	Coca-Cola	65 7/8	up 1/16
Corn	4.80	Columbia/HCA	30 11/16	up 3/16
Soybeans	6.41	Enron	39	up 1/2
		Halliburton	56 1/8	up 1 5/8
		IRI	18 1/4	up 1 5/8
		KNE	46 1/4	up 1 3/4
		Kerr McGee	65 5/8	dn 1 3/8
		Limited	24 15/16	up 3/16
		Mapco	42 31/32	up 5/32
		McDonald's	48 7/16	up 3/16
		Mobil	83 13/16	up 5/16
		New Atmos	26 13/16	dn 1/8
		New Cent. Ene.	44 5/8	up 1/8
		Pennsey's	65 1/4	NC
		Phillips	49 3/16	dn 3/8
		Pioneer Nat. Res.	30 7/16	up 1/16
		SLB	83 13/16	up 1 3/4
		Tenneco	44 15/16	up 7/16
		Texaco	55	dn 7/8
		Ultramar	31 9/16	up 11/16
		Wal-Mart	41	up 1/8
		New York Gold	295.50	
		Silver	5.23	
		West Texas Crude	18.80	

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

Occidental	29 3/4	NC
Magellan	100.25	
Puritan	19.95	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

Amoco	28 3/4	dn 1/8
Arco	79 1/2	dn 1/8
Cabot	27 3/4	up 13/16
Cabot O&G	21	dn 1/16

Film may have influenced teen

WEST PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — The boy accused of opening fire on classmates, killing three of them, may have been influenced by a 1995 Leonardo DiCaprio film in which the character has a dream scene in which he imagines shooting schoolmates and teachers, a prosecutor said today.

"These movies are a factor. People come up with some of these ideas," said Commonwealth's Attorney Timothy Kaltenbach.

He said the movie was "The Basketball Diaries," a 1995 film based on the life of Jim Carroll, a high school basketball player who turned to drugs and violence.

The film includes a dream scene, in which Carroll, played by DiCaprio, shoots classmates and a teacher, and several scenes depict religion in a negative light.

Michael Carneal is accused of opening fire on a group of fellow Heath High School students Monday morning as they wound up an informal hallway prayer session. Kaltenbach said the boy had mentioned to investigators that he had seen the school shooting scene in "The Basketball Diaries."

Three girls died and five other students were wounded.

Without going into specifics, the prosecutor said evidence has surfaced that Carneal had planned the crime for as long as a year. Kaltenbach said others possibly knew of plans for the shootings and another

arrest was possible in the case.

"If someone engaged in the planning process, they will be punished," he said.

Sheriff Frank Augustus said Wednesday that he had a "gut feeling" the shooter didn't act alone in Monday morning's shootings.

"I don't believe this boy planned this out by himself," Augustus said. "I believe there is somebody else in the background that we need to talk to. I think it's other students. I may be totally out of whack, but I just believe there's others involved."

Augustus said he wondered whether the five guns carried into the school were for accomplices.

"He did bring five guns. Is he the only one who was supposed to be there?" the sheriff asked. "Are there more people involved in this who maybe chickened-out or used him as a patsy?"

The boy remains in a juvenile detention center in another part of the state, charged with murder, attempted murder and burglary. Authorities say he stole the guns from a neighbor's garage on Thanksgiving Day.

Kaltenbach, who vowed to seek the maximum penalty of life without parole for 25 years for Carneal, said the boy has shown little emotion during interviews with investigators.

"The thing that struck me was the lack of emotion to acknowledge what he had done to the victims and to himself ... and to his parents," he said.

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Honderich candidate for Gray District Clerk

(Editor's note: Due to an editing error Sunday, this story did not run in its entirety. It is rerun here.)

Gaye Honderich announced her intent to file for the office of Gray County District Clerk, seeking the Republican nomination in the March primaries.

Honderich has been employed by the District Clerk's office since 1993, serving as Deputy District Clerk. She has worked in all areas within the office, which include indexing and recording the minutes of the court, monthly financial reports to County and State agencies, child support collection, preparing transcripts to the Court of Appeals in civil and criminal cases, passport applications, and summoning juries for civil and criminal court.

She is seeking the post to be vacated by incumbent Yvonne Moler who has announced her pending retirement.

Honderich stated, "Yvonne



Gaye Honderich

Moler has greatly improved the efficiency of the clerk's office by implementing new and modern methods." She continues by saying, "I promise a conservative approach to spending tax dollars while continuing to embrace this new technology which will help keep costs down."

"I have enjoyed working in the District Clerk's office and find it very rewarding. The work of the office is very involved and challenging. There are many laws which govern the duties of this Office and must be followed carefully. It is necessary to stay current with changes in legislation and court rules in order to be in compliance with the law. I have attended conferences in College Station and Austin becoming familiar with recent changes in procedure and law that directly affect the operations of the District Clerk's office."

Honderich has lived in Pampa since 1990, moving from Amarillo. She and her husband, Jim, have been married for 30 years and have one daughter. They attend the Bible Church of Pampa. She is a member of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and is active in the Top O'Texas Republican Women's Club.

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. Low 20. Northeast wind 10-20 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy. High 42. East to southeast wind 10-15 mph. The overnight low was 26.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS — Panhandle — Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy. Low around 20. Northeast wind 10-15 mph. Friday, mostly cloudy. High around 40. East to southeast wind 10-15 mph. Low Rolling Plains — Tonight, fair. Lows in the lower to mid 20s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 40s. Permian Basin/Upper Trans Pecos — Tonight, fair. Lows in the mid 20s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs 50-55. Concho Valley/Edwards Plateau — Tonight, fair. Lows in

the upper 20s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Far West Texas — Tonight, fair. Lows in the upper 20s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Guadalupe Mountains/Big Bend Area — Tonight, fair. Lows under 20s to near 40. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs under 50s mountains to lower 70s along the Rio Grande.

NORTH TEXAS — Tonight, partly cloudy south. Mostly clear elsewhere. Cold with lows 26 to 32. Friday, partly cloudy and cooler. Highs 48 to 55.

SOUTH TEXAS — Hill Country and South Central Texas — Tonight, fair skies and cold. Lows in the mid 20s to near 30 hill country, 30s south central. Friday, mostly sunny to partly cloudy. Highs in the 50s Hill Country to near 60 south central. Southeast Texas and Upper Texas Coast — Tonight, fair

skies. Lows in the 30s inland to 40s coast. Friday, mostly sunny to partly cloudy. Highs in the 50s to near 60. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains — Tonight, fair skies and cold. Lows near 50 coast to the 40s inland. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 60s.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO — Tonight, becoming mostly cloudy northeast, fair skies elsewhere. Lows zero to 20 mountains, mid teens to lower 30s lower elevations. Friday, partly to mostly cloudy and cooler east. Mostly sunny west. Highs in the 30s to mid 40s mountains and north to lower 60s southwest.

OKLAHOMA — Tonight, partly cloudy and cold. Lows in the mid teens northwest to mid 20s south. Friday, mostly sunny and colder. Highs in the upper 30s to mid 40s.

City briefs

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— Harley Knutson, 665-4237, mobile 663-6476. Adv.

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COUNTRY CHRISTMAS Jubilee at Stokes Barn - featuring North Fork Band, 7 p.m. Dec. 6. \$3 admission. 665-0190, 665-7896. Concession available. Adv.

ANOTHER LOAD of Orchard Fresh paper shell pecans, also squirrel pecans. 665-5696. Adv.

CHANEY'S CAFE - Thursday, 5-8 p.m. Chicken & dumplings, fried pork chops, bar-b-q Polish, chicken fried steak. 716 W. Foster. Adv.

EYECARE PLUS and Dr. Randal Jentzen invite you to an open house, Friday, December 5, 1997, 12:00-5:30 p.m. at 1916 N. Hobart (669-2824). Refreshments, prizes, free glaucoma screening. Adv.

HOLIDAY PARTIES - A wide variety of cheese, assorted meats, fresh fruit & vegetable trays. Free delivery. Hoagies Deli, Coronado Shopping Center, 665-0292. Adv.

OPEN HOUSE Downtown Merchants 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7th. Adv.

GOLF SALE at Hidden Hills great selection of ladies and mens complete sets of clubs at low prices, spikeless golf shoes, by Nike and Foot Joy, Nike shirts, Izod jackets, and all sorts of winter caps and mittens. Select your Christmas presents now. Call 669-5866. Adv.

ANTIQUES - **FIRST** Anniversary Customer Appreciation Open House. Granny Had One. Fri. evening 5:30-8:00. Register for door prizes. 1337 N. Banks. Adv.

DOUGLAS FINA, 200 N. Hobart, convenient to Downtown. Wash & vac, state inspection, oil changes, full service. 669-9534. Adv.

SEW WHAT / Embroidery Open House Dec. 7, 2-5 p.m. Upstairs at Sands Fabric. Adv.

FREE CHRISTMAS Bag with any purchase at Silver Creek Collection. 121 S. Houston. 665-5000. Adv.

OPEN HOUSE Meredith House Sunday, Dec. 7th, 2-4 p.m. 812 W. 25th, behind Homeland. 665-5668. Adv.

COLLECTORS HEAVEN - Thimbles, owls, music boxes, antiques & etc. Shop Booth 3 Fri. & Sat. at Granny Had One. Adv.

ANTIQUES - **OPEN** Fri. & Sat. til Christmas 10:5-3:30. Granny Had One. 1337 N. Banks. Adv.

ARTIFICIAL TRIMLINE trees, silk poinsettias, swags, collector Santas, music boxes, hundreds of unique ornaments. Watson's Feed & Garden, Hwy. 60 East. Adv.

LET US Do Your Holiday Cleaning. JoAnn 665-3524 Tammy 669-1332. References. Adv.

Realtors tour elementary schools



(Community Camera photo)
Pampa ISD Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr, (third from right) visits with Pampa Realtors in a classroom at Lamar Elementary. The Realtors toured the newly expanded and renovated elementary schools and Austin, Travis and Lamar. They are (from left) Pat Kennedy, Becky Baten, Susan Ratzlaff, Diana Sanders, Gail Sanders, Heidi Chronister and Janie Shed.

Dozens of Valley residents accused of welfare fraud

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — Authorities have arrested 57 Hidalgo County residents and issued arrest warrants for 30 others on charges of illegally obtaining more than \$140,000 in welfare benefits.

The crackdown comes two months after 89 people were indicted on welfare fraud charges in Cameron County.

"We want to ensure that taxpayers' money goes to helping needy families, not crooks," said Jacinto Rodriguez, a supervisor with the Texas Department of Human Services' Office of Inspector General.

The suspects, from Pharr, Mission, Weslaco and Mercedes, are accused of providing false information on welfare applications about their income, assets or family members. They were arrested Wednesday before several local justices of the peace.

"These are cases in which either they don't give us the information on purpose or they lie about the information or they don't report information about their income or resources," said DHS spokesman Michael Uhrbrock. Arrest warrants were issued for another 30 people who did

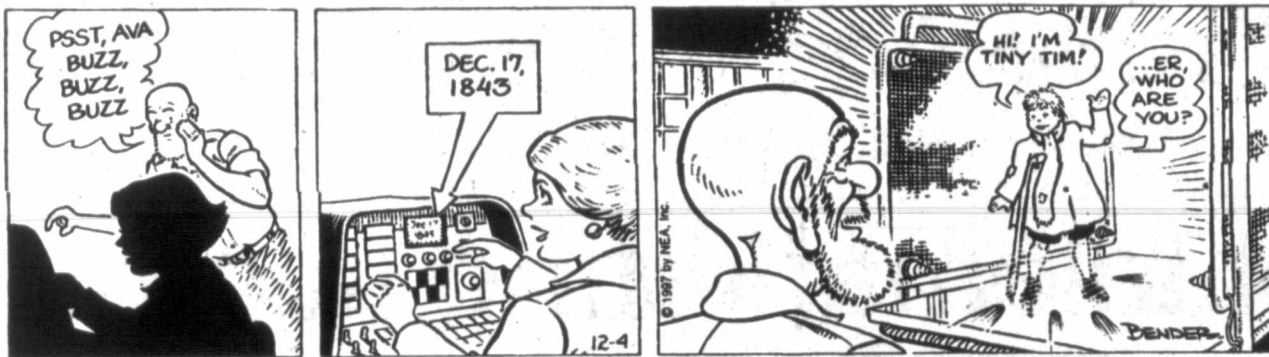
not appear for their arraignments. An additional 13 people are scheduled to be arraigned Thursday in Edcouch on similar charges, Uhrbrock said.

The cases will be turned over to the Hidalgo County district attorney's office.

Welfare fraud is a state jail felony, punishable by up to two years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. A defendant can be disqualified from assistance programs and forced to pay back the stolen benefits.

In September, 89 people were indicted in Cameron County on charges of illegally taking \$345,000 in benefits. Among those indicted were 20 people accused of using Texas birth certificates to obtain welfare for children born in Mexico.

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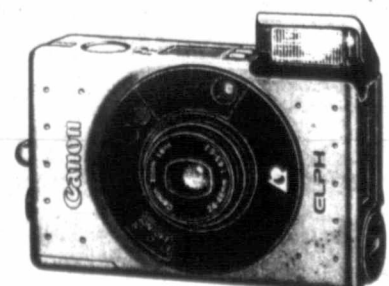


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L.W. McCall
Publisher

Kate B. Dickson
Associate Publisher/Editor

Opinion

Charities rely on seasonal giving

The end of November marks the beginning of the unofficial "prime-time charity season."

There is no time, of course, that is better than any other for giving to charity, but Thanksgiving/Christmas time usually is when the most Americans remember to give a little to help those less fortunate. At any time of the year, of course, any voluntary donations that go to help the downtrodden ideally would lessen the burden on taxpayers, who always end up being the involuntary donors.

The private sector tends to be more efficient and more caring when it comes to helping people who need a boost in improving their lot in life.

So a dollar that is given to a private agency goes a lot further than any bucks that are filched in the form of taxation. Charities tend to be staffed by volunteers and maybe a few paid helpers. Government "charity" sifts through many bureaucratic hands before a small portion reaches the people who truly need the assistance.

And government distribution of funds or assets always seems to have inadequate screening, meaning that some people are taking advantage of help that they don't need nearly as much as those who need and deserve help. A private charity is going to be much more judicious in its screening process because of the accountability factor in hopes of getting future donations from the same sources.

But anyway, back to the time of year. During the holiday season, it is much easier for charitable agencies to get people to open their pocketbooks and purses.

At a time when many are keenly aware of their own blessings, they tend to take time to consider the less fortunate.

So from now until the end of the year, any number of top-notch charities will be doing a bustling business.

Whether it be the Empty Stocking Fund, which this newspaper sponsors in conjunction with the Salvation Army to raise money to provide food baskets for families and toys for needy children, or any number of other well-run programs, area residents will have ample time and opportunity to dig deep for contributions.

The reward, naturally, is enjoyed in individual ways. For some, giving toys or other items that are on poor children's wish lists lends a deeper meaning to the holidays. Others tend not to share their inner gratification, choosing to keep their feelings as a fond reminder of the holiday spirit.

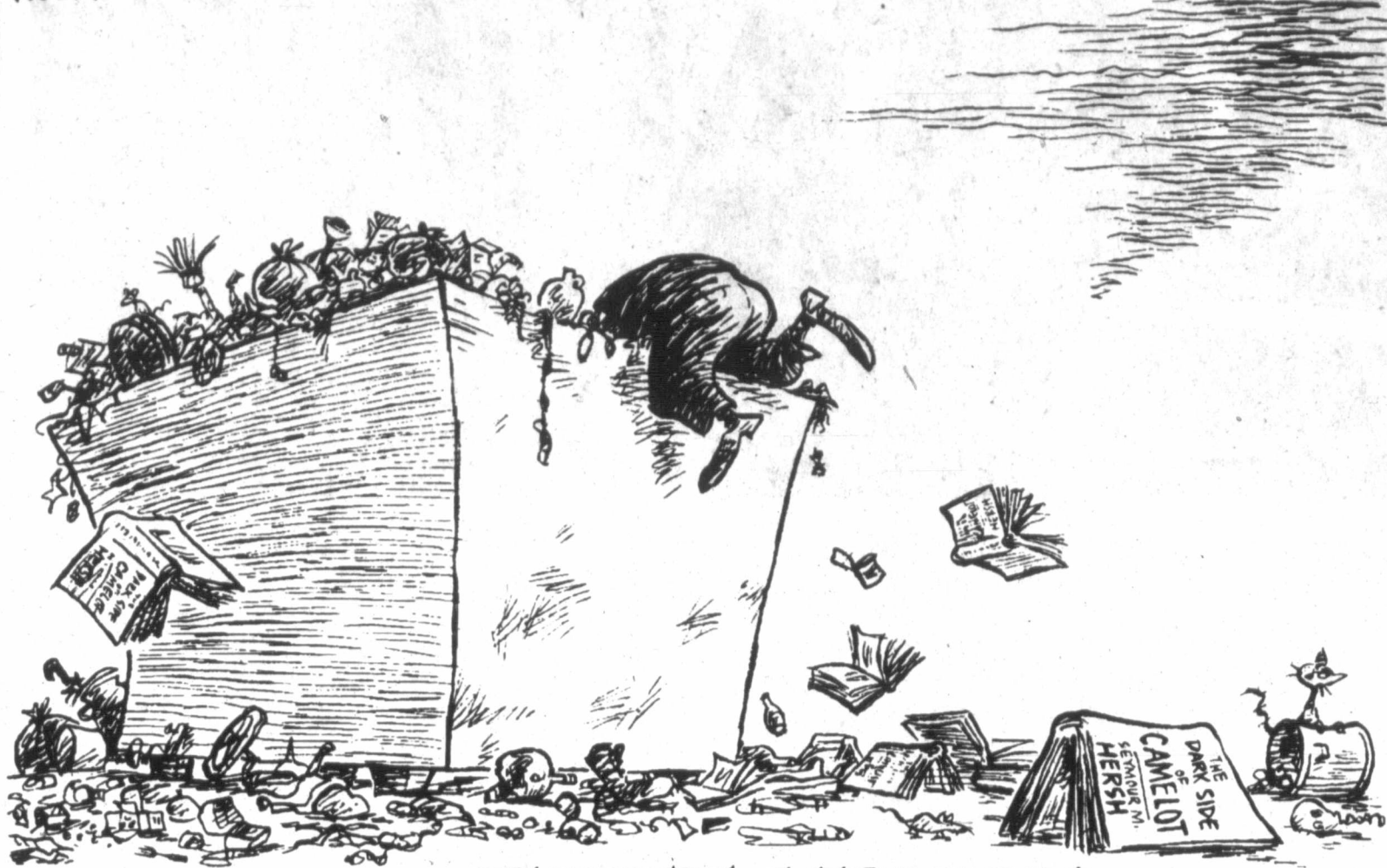
And the giving temperament doesn't have to be a one-time experience. Even some loose change or an occasional bill dropped in the Salvation Army kettles stationed at many retail outlets throughout the area can make a big difference when they are all lumped together.

The choice of charities doesn't really matter. In a way, they are competing. But in the bigger picture, they all are working to make the community better. What matters, though, is that enough people experience the rosy feelings that the holiday season tends to generate and use that as an excuse to do something to help people who may need only a little help to turn their lives around.

Giving can be infectious. And at this time of year, we can only be glad when this particular "bug" rages through the populace in epidemic proportions. Catch it now and avoid the holiday rush.

—Odessa American

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THE DARK SIDE OF SEYMOUR HERSH

Beware of telemarketing scams

CONGRATULATIONS! You can win a car worth \$35,000; \$10,000 in cash; a European vacation; or a diamond necklace worth \$2,000. Your purchase today of our fabulous vitamins will automatically enter you into this amazing sweepstakes.

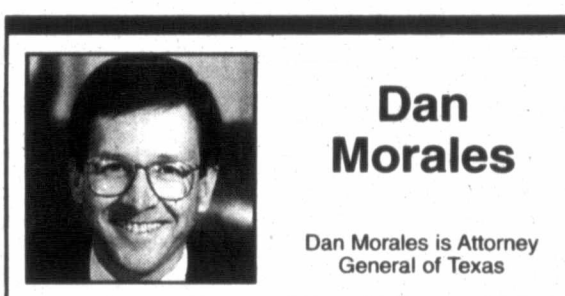
What's wrong with this pitch? A prize must be free. It's the law. The caller must tell you how to enter the contest without making any purchase. The caller must also inform you of the odds that you will actually win the prize.

Telemarketers prey on seniors. If you are over 50, you may get a call from a dishonest telemarketer with an offer that sounds too good to be true. The American Association of Retired Persons says 56 percent of the people telemarketers call are age 50 or over.

You may have already gotten a call congratulating you on winning a prize. For instance, you may have won a free vacation, but you may have to pay \$1,000 or more for the airfare to get there.

You may have been promised help to qualify for that loan you thought you would never get. Or you may have been assured you could get late payments removed from your credit record.

The seniors preyed upon by dishonest telemarketing companies are often well educated and socially active, with above-average incomes. The sales pitches telemarketers use are appropriately sophisticated, including phony prizes, illegal sweepstakes, sham



Dan Morales
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investments and crooked charities.

Since 1995, our office has recovered more than \$4 million for consumers by successfully suing or settling suits with 37 telemarketers. I am proud of our successful enforcement of laws against fraudulent telemarketing. We have been working hard to identify and prosecute these scam artists.

Last year, the OAG answered 2,258 consumer complaints related to telemarketing, refunding \$90,882 to consumers after 729 mediations. It would be so much better to prevent seniors from being victimized in the first place. The most effective method of combating telemarketing fraud is prevention.

This fall, we are cosponsoring "Operation Fight Back" throughout Texas in partnership with Seniors Against Fraud - Texas (SAF-T). This is a prevention strategy to fight telemarketing fraud.

Operation Fight Back can educate seniors to

protect themselves from telemarketing fraud. Senior volunteers, many of them former victims of scams, will run "reverse boiler rooms." Boiler rooms are the hot, noisy rooms with multiple phone lines where telemarketers sit to make their high-pressure sales calls.

These senior volunteers may be dialing your number to warn you about telemarketing scams and tell you how to avoid them. Please take the time to listen to their pitch. These callers are offering you a truly valuable prize: the low-down on how to separate truth from fiction when dealing with telemarketers.

The SAF-T coalition sponsoring the operation combines the fraud fighting resources of the OAG, American Association of Retired Persons, Southwestern Bell Pioneers, Texas Retired Teachers Association, National Association of Retired Federal Employees and the Texas Department on Aging.

If you can, call AARP in your area to volunteer to make some of these reverse boiler room calls yourself. For information on when reverse boiler rooms are scheduled in various areas of the state, call our Consumer Education and Elder Outreach Division at (800) 806-2092.

We also provide information to seniors on our web page. Our monthly newsletter, *Elder Alert*, is available online at <http://www.oag.state.tx.us>.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 4, the 338th day of 1997. There are 27 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

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

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 Wilson set sail for France to attend the Versailles Peace Conference.

In 1942, President Roosevelt

ordered the dismantling of the Works Progress Administration, which had been created to provide jobs during the Depression.

In 1942, U.S. bombers struck the Italian mainland for the first time in World War II.

In 1945, the Senate approved U.S. participation in the United Nations.

In 1965, the United States launched

Gemini 7 with Air Force Lt. Col. Frank Borman and Navy Cmdr James A. Lovell aboard.

In 1977, Jean-Bedel Bokassa, ruler of the Central African Empire, crowned himself emperor in a ceremony believed to have cost more than \$100 million. Bokassa was deposed in 1979; he died in November 1996 at age 75.

Politics: Waiting for something big

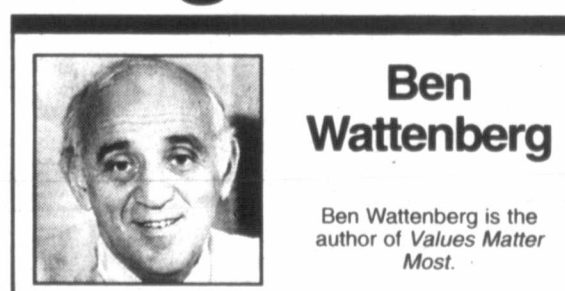
Boring. America is bored with politics. Everyone knows it. But something big may be going on. Next year there will be a major election. What's going to happen in boring 1998?

The nub of the political moment is that things are going very well. American troops are not at war. The corrosive social issues seem to be on the mend: Crime is down, welfare is down, illegitimacy is beginning to come down. The economy does no wrong. The so-called "Misery Index" (unemployment rate plus inflation rate) is under seven percent, far lower than in recent decades. The stock market is not the economy, but it loosely reflects the economy. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was at 3200 in 1992 when Clinton was elected. It was at 3800 when the GOP Congress was elected in 1994. Now it's at 7800.

That is a healthy climate for incumbents. Indeed, the few big elections held this November were all won by Republican incumbents or those filling the seat of a Republican. In New York City, Mayor Rudy Giuliani trounced his Democratic rival. Republican Jim Gilmore solidly won the governorship of Virginia. In New Jersey, GOP Governor Christie Whitman won by a whisker, which still counts.

And the former Staten Island seat of Republican Susan Molinari was won big by a new young GOP face, Vito Fossella, over solid Democratic veteran Eric Vitale, 62 percent to 38 percent. Not coincidentally, the Republican National Committee spent \$1.2 million for their guy, while the Democratic National Committee, with a \$15 million debt, sent ZERO to their fellow.

So what about the boring election year? The GOP now leads 55 to 45 in the Senate. Most every election observer agrees that the Republicans will keep control, insuring at least a veto power over any potential runaway Democratic legislation. Republican governors,



Ben Wattenberg
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claiming credit for all things wonderful, should do well, perhaps very well.

The big question is the House, where the GOP lead is a slender 20 seats. A switch of 11 seats yields a Democratic House. But if it is an incumbent's year, the Republicans are the incumbents. If it's a money year, the Republicans have the money. In a novel finding, some polls now show that more Americans think favorably about Congress than think unfavorably of it.

Other facts: Money is not just for television advertising. The RNC can recruit top-notch House candidates by offering them a jumpstart on campaign funding. Almost all of the governors elected in 1998 have four year terms and will be key players in the reapportionment battles after the Census of 2000, which would likely yield some GOP seats. Moreover, theoretically, governors can help a presidential candidate in their states.

The current betting around Washington is that the Republicans will probably keep control of the House. A recent Gallup Poll shows that when all adults are asked which party's candidates they lean toward, the Democrats lead 46 percent to 44 percent. When only registered voters are counted, it's 46 percent to 46 percent. And among "regular voters" (registered voters who voted in the last nonpresidential election), the Republicans lead 48 percent to 44 percent.

This will not likely lead to just another boring election. Up through 1992, for many decades, with the important exception of the office of the presidency, America was pretty much a Democratic country. The "people's House" of Congress was Democratic for 40 straight years. But in 1994 the GOP captured the House and the Senate. Back in 1976 Democrats held 68 percent of the state legislative seats. Today it is 53 percent. From 1992 to 1997 the partisan composition of governors switched from 30-18 Democratic to 32-17 Republican. GOP is now in power in states with almost 75 percent of the population.

There has been a long argument in the political science community about whether a "realignment" is going on, from liberal to conservative, from Democratic to Republican. Most observers have been looking for a sharp signal, something like President Franklin Roosevelt's big wins in 1932 and 1936, when the Depression shifted voters by the many millions. But no such sharp signals have been sighted.

Maybe it's time to look at not-sharp signals. Assuming the Republicans hold on in 1998, that will have been three consecutive elections ('94, '96, '98) where the GOP has been moderately besting the Democrats, and conservatives have been moderately besting liberals — except for the re-election of incumbent Clinton, who is a moderate whatever.

Three election cycles is not a long time as these things go, but neither is it nothing. The case can be made, confirmable in 1998, that America is going through a slow-motion realignment from moderately liberal to moderately conservative. That change, over the years, with twists and turns, can have a deep effect on everything from welfare to warfare, from Social Security policy to sexual orientation policy. That's not boring. Stay awake.

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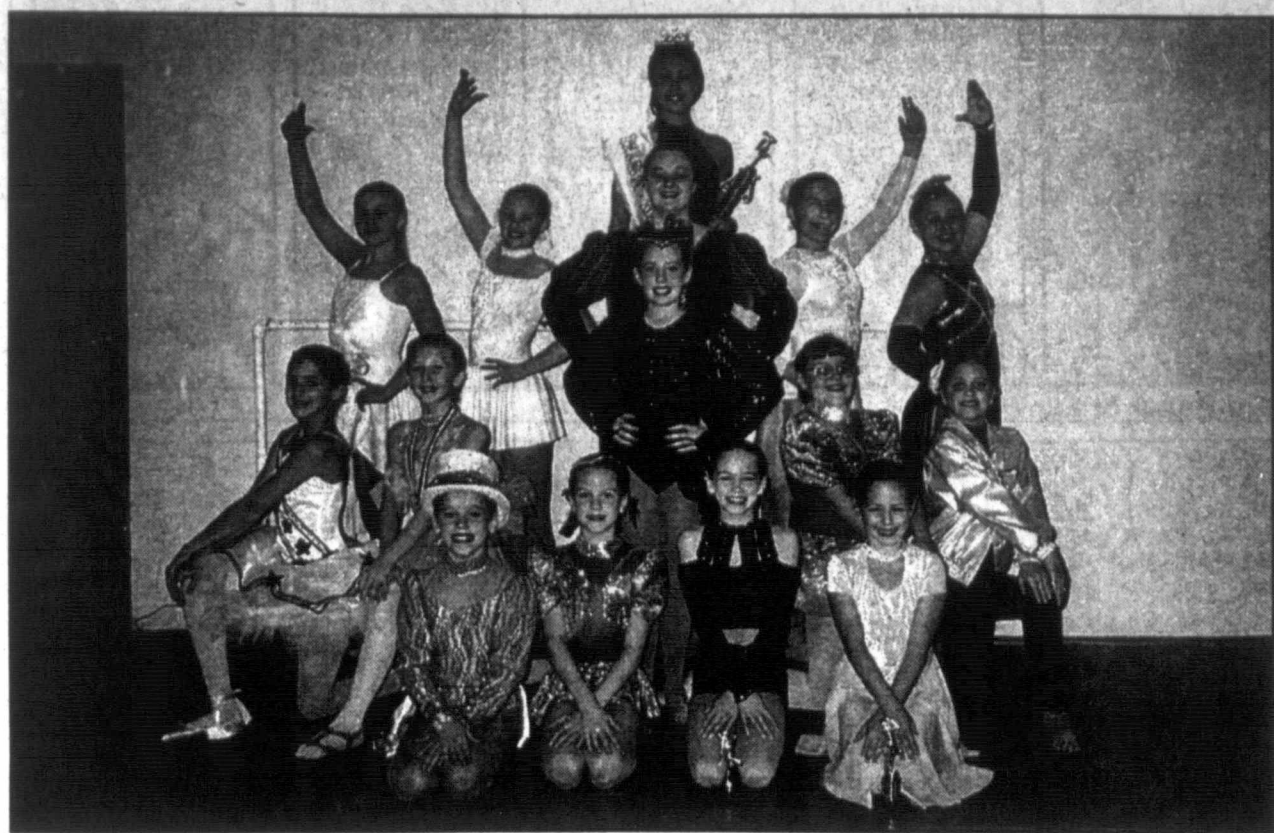
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(Community Camera photo)
Winners and Runners-up (from left) Musetta Carver, Kaylee Greenhouse, All Caudle, Kristen Hagg, Staci Clay, Brianna Bailey, Kaylee Keith, Audrey Dunn, Kaylie Brewer, Nikki Brown, Lauren Denney, Kathryn Campbell, Megan Poole, Briana Russell, Summer Ferguson and Kellie Stokes.

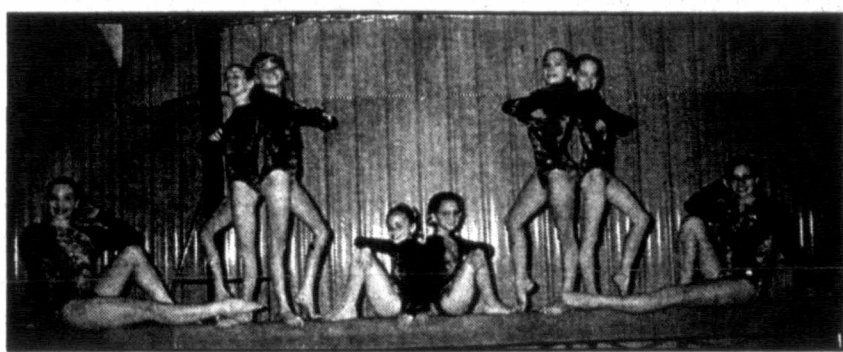
Madeline Graves dance, gymnastics students participate in Dance Masters of America competition

Students from the Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Canter competed in the Dance Masters of America, Chapter #35 competition Nov. 7-8-9th.

Musetta Carver was crowned Miss Dance 1998, of Chapter #35 and will compete in New York for the title of Miss Dance of America.

In the petite solo division All Caudle was 2nd runner-up and Kaylee Greenhouse was 4th runner up. The Junior Miss division had 32 competitors, vying for the title of Junior Miss dance. Placing in the Junior Miss division was Kaylee Keith, 4th runner up; Brianna Bailey, 5th runner up; Staci Clay, 9th runner up; Kristen Hagg, 11th runner up; and Holly Miller, 14th runner up.

The performing Arts groups, lines, duet, trio competition was held Saturday morning at M.K. Brown auditorium. Placing was a Petite duet "Grease for Two" performed by Audrey Dunn and Kristen Hagg, they received a silver medal. Junior Duet "Count on Me" received a silver medal was performed by Staci Clay and Kaylie Brewer. Junior Group "I'm a Brass Band," performed by Nikki Brown, Lauren Denney, Kathryn Campbell, Megan Poole, Brianna Russell, and Brianna Bailey received a silver medal. A teen duet performed by Musetta



(Community Camera photo)
M. G. Flyers (from left) Level 4 — Monica Eakin, Rhiannon Casados, Nakayla Courter, Nichole Dyer and Kaylie Brewer; Level 5 — Staci Clay, Carrie Clay, and Kaylee Greenhouse.

Eakin placed 4th on vault, 3rd on beam, 2nd on bars and floor; Rhiannon Casados received 4th on vault, 3rd on bars, beam, floor. At the Lubbock Meet Monica Eakin received a 3rd on vault, bars, beam and 2nd on floor; Nichole Dyer received 4th on beam, 3rd on vault, 2nd on floor; Rhiannon Casados received 4th on bars, 3rd on vault and beam, 2nd on floor; Kaylee Greenhouse placed 4th on vault in level 5.

All the dancers and gymnast are taught and coached by Madeline Graves and Shauna Graves Munsell. Madeline Graves has taught in Pampa for many years, and has had many winners in both dance and gymnastics Shauna

Graves-Munsell, a former Miss Dance of Texas, Miss Pampa, Miss Wheatheart and Twice a contestant in the Miss Texas pageant (winning a special judge's award) has moved back to Pampa to go into business with her mom, Madeline Graves.

Shauna started dancing at the age of 3 and went on too minor in dance, on scholarship at Oklahoma City University. She is a member of Dance Masters of America, a National organization of dance teachers from across the U.S. and Canada. She has operated her own studio for the past 6 years and has coached such gymnastic greats as Shannon Miller.



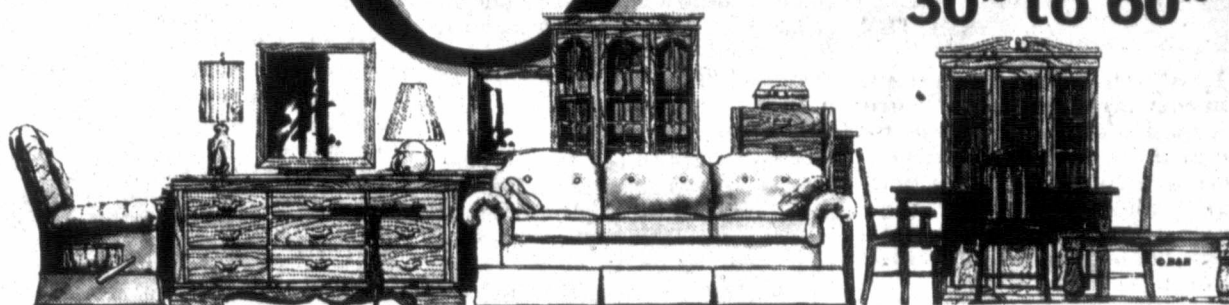
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Competition Competitors (from left) Jacklyn Cargill, Lauren Denney, Audrey Dunn, Nikki Brown, Carrie Clay, Kaylie Brewer, Kathryn Campbell, Megan Poole, Meagan Clark, Kristin Parnell, Briana Russell, Whitney Watts, Summer Ferguson.

Carver and Summer Ferguson received a silver medal and a teen group performing a lyric routine to "Reach" performed by Kellie Stokes, Musetta Carver, Staci Clay, Kaylie Brewer and Summer Ferguson received a silver medal. Summer Ferguson also received a Jazz Scholarship from Dance Masters.

Members of the M.G. Flyers competitive gymnastics team have been traveling and competition since September. At the Odessa Meet Nakayla Courter received a 4th on bars and a 3rd on beam; Monica Eakin received a 4th on bars, 3rd on vault and beam, 2nd on floor; Rhiannon Casados received ribbons for a 4th on vault, bars, floor and a 3rd place on beam; Kaylie Brewer received 4th place on vault and bars, 3rd place on beam. At the Big Spring meet Rhiannon Casados received 4th on vault, 3rd on floor and bars, 2nd on beam; Kaylie Brewer received 4th on bars and vault, 3rd on beam and floor; Nakayla Courter received 4th on vault and bars, 3rd on floor, 2nd on beam; Monica

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Happily Married Mom Confesses To Disturbing Fantasies Of Teen

DEAR ABBY: I am the happily married mother of two teen-agers. Something disturbing has happened recently. I find myself attracted to my daughter's boyfriend. He is 19 and I am 46.

I'm no "Mrs. Robinson," and I would never reveal how I feel. When he's here, I behave in nothing but an adult, motherly manner. However, my thoughts and fantasies about him are far from "motherly." This has bothered me for months.

This has never happened before. I know I have to cope with it like anyone else with a secret crush, but I feel like such a fool.

Am I abnormal? Have you ever heard of a mom falling for a kid the age of her children? Please don't make fun of me; I feel silly enough already. And please don't even mention which state this letter came from.

SMITTEN

DEAR SMITTEN: You are not abnormal, and yes, I have heard of women falling for men the age of their children. I suspect there are many adults (of both sexes) who have found themselves attracted to their children's friends, but would never admit it.

The important consideration is not that you have these feelings, but that you neither reveal nor act on them. As long as your fantasies remain fantasies, they are harmless.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

DEAR ABBY: I recently read the letter from "Troubled Tourist," who asked, "Aren't there more options for a single person than cruises that penalize one for traveling alone?" He wanted to travel alone or as part of a group, but pay a single rate and have a private room.

Abby, to give the lowest price to those who are coupled is outrageous! It is akin to saying married is good and single is bad. It is cruel to imply that, when more than 75 million people are divorced, widowed or never married.

I can afford to pay for a cruise, and can afford to travel to Europe alone, but in this couples' world, it is still sometimes painful. I refuse to pay that exorbitantly higher rip-off price for traveling alone! It's time travel agents and hotels wised up and realized they are losing a tremendous amount of business. If condominiums and apartment buildings can accommodate the needs of singles, then so can cruise

ships and hotels.

ELEANOR CARLSON,
ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

DEAR ELEANOR: Meeting the needs of the single traveler may be an idea whose time has come. Many travel agents wrote to offer roommates, singles cruises and discounted rates to "Troubled Tourist," but that was not his question. Perhaps the answer to traveling alone inexpensively is to check several travel sources and plan creatively. Bon voyage!

DEAR ABBY: What is the advantage, and to whom, of an envelope with a window in it?

Half the time, I get my reply in backward, and I'm sure that my wasted time is typical. Who benefits?

GERALD STROHM,
FRESNO, CALIF.

DEAR GERALD: You do. It takes only a moment to ensure that your reply is placed in the envelope correctly. It would take more time to address an envelope. With a window envelope, there is no chance of making an error in the name and address.

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Horoscope

Friday, Dec. 5, 1997

In the year ahead you will profit from knowledge you've gained from personal experience in the past. These will fuse together compatibly and help you achieve impressive objectives.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Take advantage of any offers from old friends today who want to introduce you to new acquaintances or endeavors. Exciting things could happen in this mode. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10158.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Instead of clinging to something that has proven

to be unproductive, initiate new endeavors today. Use the past as your starting point, not your objective.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) You are apt to step out of character today and readily discard old ideas for new and better ones. This is a productive approach that promises good results.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Improvements in your financial affairs are probable at this time. Starting today, payoffs might be generated from previously futile arrangements.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An important personal matter that has been managed by another could come under your direct control at this time. You will not let it slip past you again!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You are in a cycle where the good deeds you've done for others might be repaid. In some arrangements you will receive more than you gave.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Two dear friends of whom you've not seen much lately may re-enter your life simultaneously today. In each instance you will

pick up where you left off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Elevate your sights a bit higher today and don't consider settling for second best. Victory is in your mind-set, and you can win if you're dedicated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) As of today, you might start revising your plans for the future in more promising ways. Your new-found ideas will be better than those you'll discard.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A person with whom you've had successful arrangements in the past might have a new proposal for you today. It could be even more impressive than the old ones.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Keep your eyes peeled for an ingenious ally in a partnership arrangement. Together you'll make a great team and complement each other well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) New projects you'll launch at this time could have excellent chances for success. If something large and exciting comes up, give it everything you've got.

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"Life isn't always fair. Be glad you learned that now instead of waiting 'til you were five."

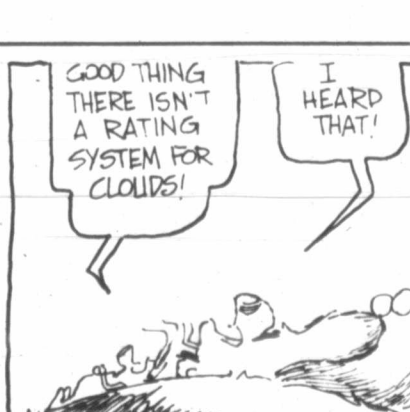
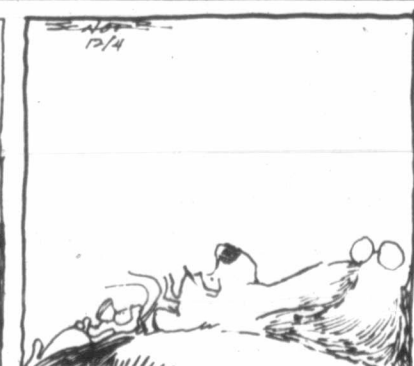


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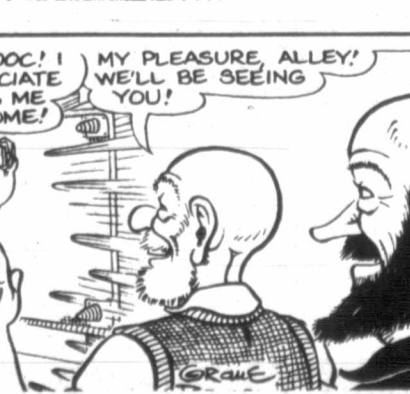
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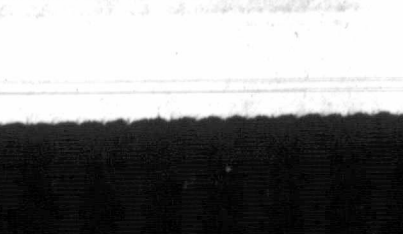
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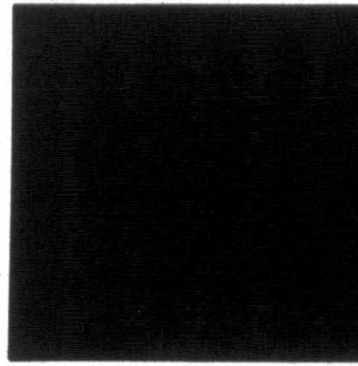
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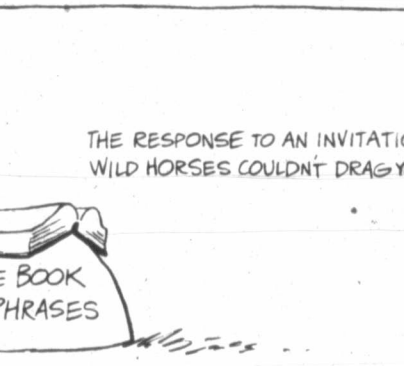
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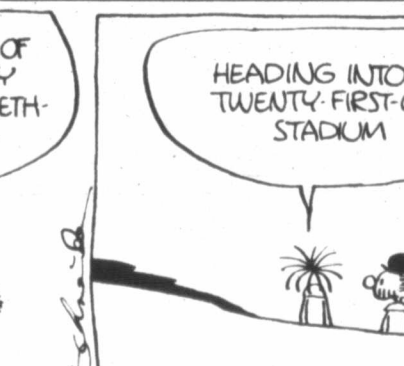
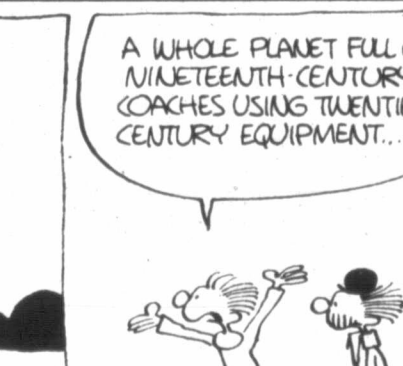
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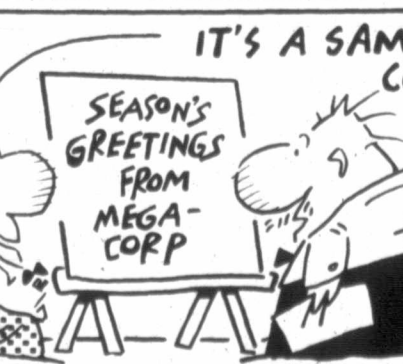
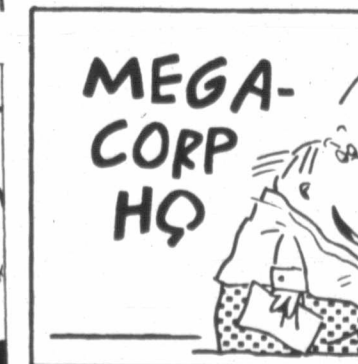
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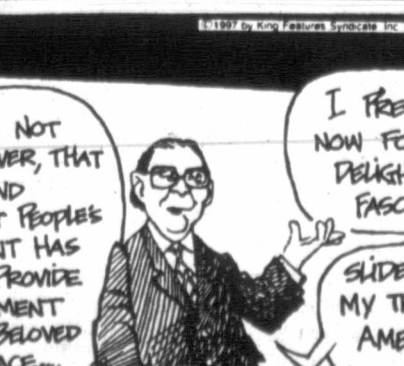
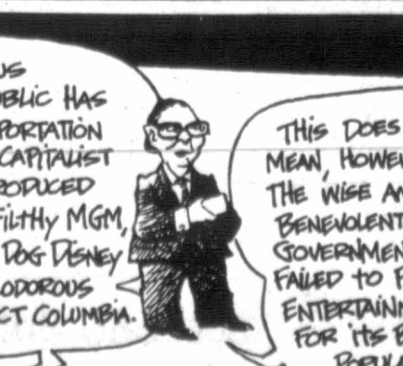
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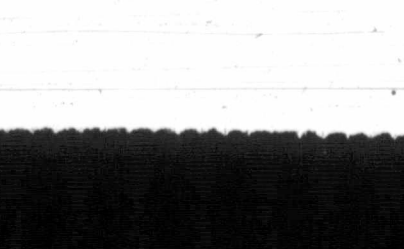
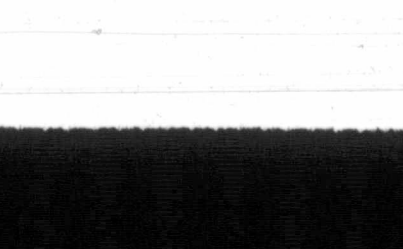
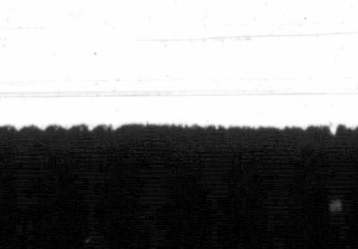
The Born Loser



Frank And Ernest



Mallard Filmore



SPORTS

Notebook

CROSS COUNTRY

BRISCOE — Brothers Tanner Smith and Curt Smith of Fort Elliott were named to the All-District 5-1A boys' cross country team this year.

Blake Hurst, Miami, was also named to the all-district team.

Others named to the all-district team were Dirk Robinson of Follett and Marshall McIntire of Allison.

Named to the all-district girls' team were Jaicee Herren and Hattie Grayson of Allison; Chayenne Oldham of Sannorwood; Rebecca Robertson and Stephanie Arnall of Follett.

RODEO

LOVINGTON, N.M. — Guy Allen, often referred to as 'The Legend,' continued his assault on the steer roping record books last weekend when he clinched his 12th world steer roping championship and set a National Finals Steer Roping earnings record. The 39-year-old cowboy, who has earned seven straight gold buckles since 1991, also set a PRCA record for the most consecutive world titles.

Allen of Lovington, N.M., won the 10-head average race at the \$94,250 NFRS, Nov. 28-29 in Guthrie, Okla., and collected \$23,925. Previously, the most money earned at the NFRS was \$17,136, earned by Arnold Felts in 1993. Allen's record-breaking payoff brought his year-end earnings to \$84,324, which shatters the previous record set by Allen in 1995 of \$67,610.

"I didn't set a goal of winning \$20,000 here, but I really felt like a guy could do it here this year," Allen said. "I didn't know it could be like this. I looked back on what I had done in past years when I won the average title and just tried to do that again."

Allen entered the '97 NFRS with a \$20,000 lead over second-ranked Jim Davis of Abilene, Texas.

After the first night of competition, Allen sat in ninth place in the average race with 81.2 seconds on five steers. Marty Jones of Hobbs, N.M., led the pack with a five-run time of 62.4 seconds.

Four rounds later, however, things were looking up for 'The Legend'. With just one round left, Rocky Garnett of McAlester, Okla., was the only man standing between Allen and the NFRS average title. In round 10, Garnett watched the average title slip away as he missed his first loop and settled for a 26.9-second run.

"When Rocky went out in the 10th round, that really opened the door for me in the average," said Allen, whose 11.5-second run in round 10 brought his average total to 136.2 seconds. PRCA Commissioner Lewis A. Cryer presented Allen with his 12th gold buckle immediately following the last round of competition. The 1997 NFRS was Allen's 21 consecutive qualification to the prestigious event.

Trevor Brazile of Decatur, Tex., finished second in the NFRS average race in 143.6 seconds and earned \$15,950 during the two-day event. Garnett landed in third place in the average race in 151.6 seconds and left Guthrie with \$7,613. J.B. Whatley of Gardendale, Tex., finished fourth in 161.5 seconds and earned \$4,713.

FOOTBALL

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brad Johnson was scheduled to undergo surgery this morning to remove a pea-sized portion of a herniated disk in his neck.

The bulge has caused weakness in his throwing hand, a condition that has worsened steadily since he first woke up with pain in his neck before the Vikings' 27-11 loss to Green Bay on Monday night.

Cowboys still in playoff picture, barely

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys keep getting second and third chances. They figure Monday night against Carolina will be their last chance to stay alive in the NFL playoffs.

The Cowboys were headed for the NFC East's boot hill after a 27-14 loss to the Tennessee Oilers on Thanksgiving Day plunged them to a 6-7 record, the worst since the 1990 season.

Then came their sweet Sunday in which the New York Giants and Washington Redskins both lost. The Giants are now 7-5-1, while the Redskins and Philadelphia Eagles are 6-6-1.

"The NFC East is getting to be like the old NFC Central," said offensive tackle Nate Newton. "You don't know what's going

to be there at the end of the year."

The Cowboys have won five consecutive NFC East titles.

"This league can't survive without the Cowboys," Newton said. "We need to be in the drama somewhere. We've tried to give this thing to the Giants and Redskins, but they don't want it."

So, we'll take another chance against Carolina and see if we want it."

Defensive tackle Tony Casillas said the Cowboys are getting the feeling that 1997 might still be their year.

"The teams that are in position either don't know what to do with it, or don't want it," Casillas said.

"Obviously, something is pointing in our direction as far as going and still having a

chance to be in it after what has happened bad."

Wide receiver Michael Irvin said it's amazing the Cowboys are still in the playoff picture after they've played so poorly.

"You can call it a blessing or a punishment, whichever way you're looking at it, we've still got a shot," Irvin said. "I was praying for Washington and New York to win it to put me out of my misery. I don't really want to sit here and say, 'What if, what if, what if.' That's a serious way to go through the next few weeks."

Irvin said the Cowboys are due some luck.

"I'm convinced we can make the playoffs," he said. "I think we've just got to come together. The offense has to step up and pull its weight."

The Cowboys face a task they haven't accomplished all year: winning three consecutive games.

"The rule of thumb says if

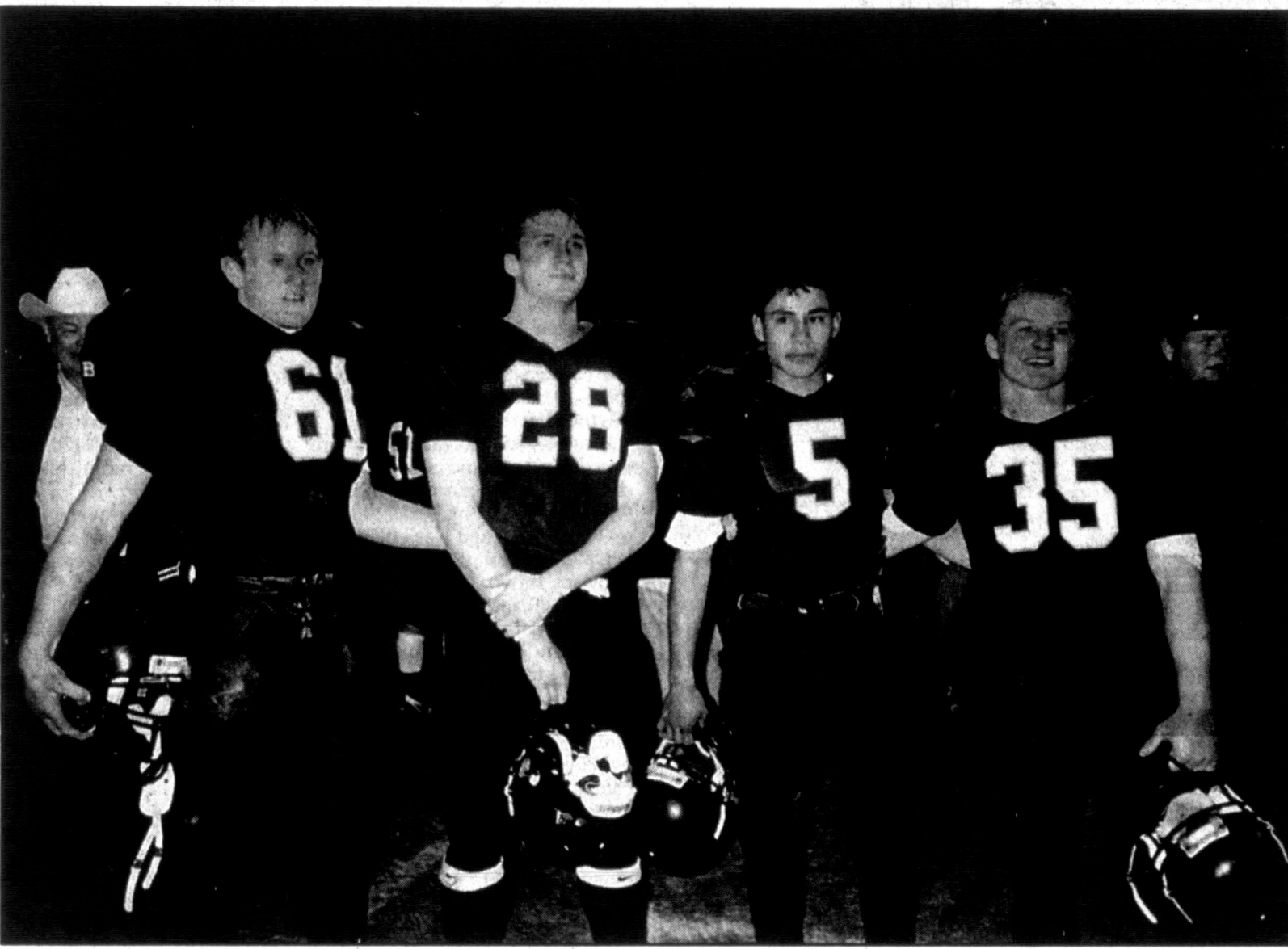
you haven't done it yet, what makes you think you can do it now?" Irvin said. "But it's as realistic as we make it. It's just a matter of us getting it done."

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE							W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
East													
	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	N.Y. Giants	7	5	1	.577	226	227
New England	8	5	0	.615	308	233	Philadelphia	6	6	1	.500	247	296
Miami	8	5	0	.615	294	242	Washington	6	6	1	.500	244	199
N.Y. Jets	8	5	0	.615	293	282	Dallas	6	7	0	.462	260	240
Buffalo	6	7	0	.462	217	296	Arizona	3	10	0	.231	216	288
Indianapolis	1	12	0	.077	222	348	Central						
Pittsburgh	9	4	0	.692	307	248	Y-Green Bay	10	3	0	.769	343	245
Jacksonville	9	4	0	.692	334	269	Tampa Bay	9	4	0	.692	282	200
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	284	242	Minnesota	8	5	0	.615	285	289
Baltimore	4	8	1	.345	260	286	Detroit	7	6	0	.538	322	250
Cincinnati	4	9	0	.308	267	353	Chicago	2	11	0	.154	215	377
West							West						
San Francisco	11	2	0	.846	383	215	X-San Francisco	11	2	0	.846	384	193
Kansas City	10	3	0	.769	291	212	Carolina	6	7	0	.462	214	240
Seattle	6	7	0	.462	281	301	Atlanta	5	8	0	.385	290	312
San Diego	4	9	0	.308	263	344	New Orleans	5	8	0	.385	170	258
Oakland	4	9	0	.308	294	347	St. Louis	3	10	0	.231	225	301
NATIONAL CONFERENCE							x-non division title						
East							y-clinched playoff berth						

x-won division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Wheeler seniors



(Special photo)

The Wheeler High School Mustangs, under the senior leadership of (l-r) Josh Lee, Bryan Judd, Jorge Salas and Jeremy Davis, are in the Class 1A state semifinals. The Mustangs (10-3) meet Munday (10-3) at 7:30 Friday night in Childress. It will mark the sixth time in 13 years these two schools have met in the football playoffs. Last season, Wheeler defeated Munday, 41-19, in the quarterfinals.

Cold weather means the start of big-bass fishing on Lone Star lakes

By RAY SASSER
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Cold weather means the start of big-bass season. From now through April, bass records will be rewritten on many Texas lakes.

What do you consider a big bass? For argument sake, I'm drawing the line at 10 pounds, though many Texas fishermen have yet to reach the old standard of eight pounds.

Literally dozens of Texas lakes have produced double-digit weight bass. In fact, a check of Texas water-body records indicates 128 public lakes and rivers with bass records of 10 pounds or more.

Many of these waters are not exactly household names. Lake Alan Henry, near Lubbock, for example, has a bass record of 12.41 pounds. Baylor Lake, near Amarillo, has produced a 14.88-pounder and Lake Bryson, near Wichita Falls, has an official bass record of 11.91 pounds.

"These days, you might catch a 10-pounder just about anywhere," Texas Parks and Wildlife fisheries biologist Paul Seidensticker said. "There are a few lakes where the odds are much higher."

One of the top big bass lakes is in Seidensticker's district. It's Sam Rayburn, one of the original East Texas giants, that put Texas on the national bass fishing map.

"Ten-pounders are pretty common at Rayburn," Seidensticker said. "I've already heard reports of several 10-pounders this fall."

Perhaps more than any lake in Texas, Rayburn's fortune was rebuilt by the stocking of Florida-strain bass. Genetic analysis of fish from several East Texas lakes this year revealed that Rayburn has a higher Florida-bass influence than even Lake Fork.

Neil Ward, the biologist who did the genetic workups with yearling bass, said the bass from Fork and Rayburn were noticeably healthier than those from any other lake that he sampled.

"The yearlings from Fork are chunkier than the bass from any other lake I've seen," Ward said. "Rayburn yearlings look very good. In fact, the Rayburn fish have a tendency to be exceptionally long."

Lake Conroe is another Texas lake that's experiencing a bass-fishing renaissance. Conroe produced three big bass last year for the Bud ShareLunker program and fishermen reported numerous 12-pounders that fell just short of the 13-pound ShareLunker minimum size.

That's a vast improvement from the 1980s, when a disastrous grass carp experiment approved by the Texas Legislature eliminated hydrilla and all other vegetation from Conroe and cratered the fishing.

The Lake Conroe Association deserves a lot of credit for habitat improvement and also for a private stocking program that helped restore Conroe's prominence.

There are dozens of lakes where you might catch a 10-pounder. Here are my picks for lakes that

offer the best odds:

1. Lake Fork. This 27,000-acre lake about 90 miles east of Dallas is the undisputed big-bass champ of Texas. Fork has slowed in its production of bass bigger than 15 pounds, but it may be the best public lake in the nation for catching a 10-pounder.

2. Lake Sam Rayburn. At 114,000 acres, Rayburn is the largest lake totally within the boundaries of Texas. Impounded in 1965, Rayburn has never been better for big bass, as evidenced by the lake-record 16.80-pounder caught there May 31, 1997. Had the fish been caught in January or February, it could have weighed 18 pounds.

3. Richland Chambers Lake. Now 10 years old, Richland Chambers will yield plenty of double-digit bass in 1998. Though the initial stocking of Florida-strain bass at Richland Chambers was fumbled by the old Texas Parks and Wildlife fisheries regime, the lake near Corsicana is still very good. At 44,000 acres, Richland Chambers can withstand considerable fishing pressure.

4. Lake Conroe. This may be the best sizable urban bass lake in Texas. Conroe is close enough to Houston to rank as a suburb. The 22,000-acre lake cranked out three Bud ShareLunkers last season, second only to Lake Fork during that period. Conroe anglers also reported numerous 12-pound bass, so this is a lake to watch.

5. Cooper Lake. Cooper, just north of Sulphur Springs, is a young lake on its way up. It was

impounded in 1991 and already has produced 12-pounders, including the 12.56 pounds lake record caught last year by fishing guide Larry Barnes. Watch for Cooper to move up in prominence among Texas bass lakes.

6. Lake Bob Sandlin. Not exactly a household name among big bass fanatics, this scenic 9,400-acre lake near Mount Pleasant is a sleeper. Impounded in 1977, Bob Sandlin is young enough to be dynamic and it's tied for third behind Fork and Sam Rayburn in Bud ShareLunker bass. Bob Sandlin has six of those lunker fish to its credit. The lake record is a 14.31-pounder.

7. Cedar Creek Lake. Here's another old lake (impounded in 1965) that refuses to show its age. Though Cedar Creek is not a lake that produces large numbers of bass, it has traditionally produced big bass and continues to do so. The best bass habitat is near the dam. The Cedar Creek bass record is 14.65 pounds caught in 1993.

8. Lake Tyler. This one looks like a misprint but it's not. Lake Tyler is a 5,000-acre lake that's really benefited from Florida bass genetics. Last January and February, the Lake Tyler Marina weighed 75 bass that weighed 10 pounds or more. That's 75 double-digit bass in two months.

9. Lake Ray Roberts. Ray Roberts is a 29,000-acre lake north of Denton that's never lived up to its advance billing as the next Lake Fork. Ray Roberts is still a good all-around fishing lake, however, and a good bet for a big bass.

McLean girls 3-0

McLEAN — The McLean girls basketball team is off to 3-0 start this season.

Their latest victim, Higgins, proved to be quite a challenge Tuesday night.

The Tigerettes, led by Vanessa Glass and Rachel Galley, held off Higgins for a 43-42 victory.

Glass and Galley each had 10 points for McLean.

Stephanie Smith led Higgins with 14 points.

Higgins came out on top in the boys' game, 57-44.

Garrett Barton had 20 points and Jared Miller 11 to lead Higgins.

McLean's Ike Hanes was the game's high scorer with 22 points. Erik Vega followed with 8.

PERRYTON — Canadian outlasted Perryton, 39-34, in boys' basketball action Tuesday night.

Albert Lusby was high scorer for the Wildcats with 11 points while teammate Chad Carr added 9.

Shae Cunningham led Perryton with 15 points, followed by Jordan Bailey with 6.

Perryton won the girls' contest, 59-38.

Leading Perryton in scoring was Leigh Ann Ogden with 16 points. Lori Beth Francis had 15 points for Canadian.

SHAMROCK — Shamrock dealt White Deer a pair of losses Tuesday night.

Shamrock boys posted a 46-41 win.

Brian Doss had 18 points to lead the Irish. Nick Knocke was high scorer for the Bucks with 11 points.

Shamrock won the girls' game by a 65-55 score.

Laci Russell and Starla Angton had 18 points to lead Shamrock scorers.

Amanda Freeman had 14 points for White Deer.

Frost warning

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Coach Tom Osborne compares Scott Frost with some of the best Nebraska quarterbacks — Jerry Tagge, Turner Gill, Tommie Frazier.

So why was Frost a third-team choice on the All-Big 12 team selected by the league's coaches? Big 12 officials said the voting was confidential, so coaches couldn't be surveyed.

Frost said he doesn't have the answer.

"It's something I don't agree with," he said. "I feel I don't get a lot of credit for much around here."

On Saturday, Frost gets a shot at redemption when No. 2 Nebraska (11-0) meets No. 14 Texas A&M (9-2) in the Big 12 championship game.

"It definitely provides motivation. Definitely," Frost said. "I react well when I feel that I have something to prove."

Coaches made Corby Jones of Missouri — who led the Big 12 in total offense with 231 yards per game — the first-team quarterback. Kansas State's Michael Bishop was second team.

What was the criteria? Frost won the head-to-head competition, as the Cornhuskers gave No. 10 Kansas State its only loss of the season — a 56-26 defeat on Oct. 4.

Nebraska needed a miracle catch to beat Missouri on Nov. 8, but Frost led the Huskers on a 10-play, 67-yard drive that began with 1:02 left, and it was Frost who scored on a 12-yard run in overtime.

Scoreboard

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Wednesday's Major College Basketball Scores

EAST
Connecticut 88, West Virginia 75
Drexel 65, Delaware 63
Hofstra 64, Towson 62
Holy Cross 63, Dartmouth 62
Iona 90, St. Peter's 72
Md.-Baltimore County 87, Washington, Md. 79
New Hampshire 75, Vermont 66
Penn 75, Lehigh 73
Princeton 63, N.C.-Wilmington 50
Rhode Island 75, Brown 57
Syracuse 80, St. John's 73
Villanova 73, Georgetown 69

SOUTH
Alabama 81, Texas A&M 64
Cent. Florida 73, Winthrop 68
Clemson 79, Charleston Southern 69
Coastal Carolina 68, Mercer 63
DePaul 56, Louisiana Tech 54
Duke 93, UNC-Greensboro 37
Florida 99, Duquesne 66
James Madison 89, Morgan St. 79
N.C. Charlotte 72, Old Dominion 44
N.C.-Asheville 64, E. Tennessee 61
S. Carolina 83, N. Carolina A&T 72
SE Louisiana 92, Loyola, Mo. 53
South Florida 81, St. Francis, N.Y. 66
W. Kentucky 58, Butler 49
Wake Forest 61, Davidson 56
William & Mary 80, Furman 57

MIDWEST
Cincinnati 90, Alcorn St. 76
Creighton 67, Grand St. 51
Detroit 73, Bowling Green 62
Fairleigh Dickinson 75, Youngstown St. 69
Indiana 91, Notre Dame 80
Kansas St. 71, Mo.-Kansas City 50
Kentucky 89, Purdue 75
Michigan 71, Fla. International 62
Minnesota 65, E. Michigan 58
North Carolina 81, Louisville 72
Ohio St. 64, Toledo 74
Saint Louis 78, Vanderbilt 74
St. Joseph's 65, Akron 62
W. Michigan 106, Chicago St. 62

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 73, Arkansas St. 68
Texas 78, American U. 62
Texas Christian 138, Delaware St. 75
Texas Tech 80, George Washington 57

FAR WEST
Arizona St. 87, N. Arizona 76
Boise St. 85, Idaho St. 68
Cal Poly-SLO 117, UC Santa Cruz 71
Denver 76, Loyola, Ill. 67
Idaho 70, W. Montana 54
Loyola Marymount 81, UC Santa Barbara 68
New Mexico St. 82, W. New Mexico 65
Washington 70, Portland 68
Wyoming 67, Utah St. 61

PRO BASKETBALL

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Miami	11	5	.688	—
Orlando	12	6	.667	—
New York	10	6	.625	1
New Jersey	10	7	.588	1 1/2
Boston	7	10	.412	4 1/2
Washington	6	11	.353	5 1/2
Philadelphia	6	10	.286	6
Central Division				
Atlanta	15	2	.882	—
Charlotte	10	5	.667	4
Cleveland	10	6	.625	4 1/2
Indiana	9	6	.600	5
Chicago	10	7	.588	5
Milwaukee	9	7	.563	5 1/2
Detroit	7	11	.389	8 1/2
Toronto	1	16	.059	14
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	11	6	.647	—
Houston	9	5	.643	1 1/2
San Antonio	10	7	.588	1
Minnesota	7	9	.438	3 1/2
Vancouver	7	12	.368	5
Dallas	4	12	.250	6 1/2
Denver	1	14	.067	9
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	14	2	.875	—
Seattle	4	7	.378	1
Phoenix	4	7	.378	1
Portland	6	6	.500	2
Sacramento	5	12	.294	9 1/2
L.A. Clippers	2	14	.125	12
Golden State	1	14	.067	12 1/2

Tuesday's Games
Charlotte 121, Sacramento 102
Washington 95, Seattle 78
Phoenix 90, Milwaukee 86
Atlanta 112, Dallas 79
Houston 112, Denver 101
San Antonio 90, New York 84
Orlando 89, Portland 88

Wednesday's Games
Chicago 97, Boston 87
Seattle 93, New Jersey 89
Miami 94, Philadelphia 90
Indiana 94, Minnesota 89
L.A. Lakers 107, Denver 89
Detroit 108, Phoenix 103, 3 OT
Utah 115, Toronto 98
Orlando 101, Vancouver 97
Cleveland 95, Golden State 67

Thursday's Games
Sacramento at Washington, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

FISHING REPORT

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; low. Black bass are slow. White bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are slow to fair on minnows and jigs fished over deep brush around baited holes. Catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with live shiners and shad.

KEMP: Water fairly clear; low. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are fair on live bait in deep water and on diving baits. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with Bob's Cheese Bait.

O.H.I.V.E.: Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries; Black bass and smallmouth to fair on plastic ringworms fished around deep water drop offs. Crank baits are taking fish in deep water as well. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows fished in deep water. White bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair to good on trotlines baited with live perch and cut bait baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair to good on trotlines baited with live perch in the river.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; low. 52 degrees; Black bass to 5 pounds are fair on spinners fished in 10 feet of water and on jigs. Carolina-rigged worms. Striped and white bass are fair on slabs and live bait. Crappie are good on minnows fished around the docks. Catfish are good on rod and reels baited with cut bait and on shad and night crawlers.

TRANSACTIONS

Wednesday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Re-signed RHP Jim Coner to a one-year contract with an option year.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Fired Dave Nelson, first base coach. Named Al Bumbry first base coach.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with LHP Wilson Alvarez on a five-year contract. Named Andrew Maransiss media relations manager.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Matt Whitehouse on a one-year contract. TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Named Gary Matthews batting coach, Eddie Rodriguez third base coach and Sal Butera bullpen coach.

National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Promoted Brian Butterfield to third base coach and infield instructor.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Signed OF Trent Hubbard to a one-year contract. **PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES**—Named Leon Lee hitting coach for Reading of the Eastern League.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Named Jose Oquendo manager and Joe Rigoli pitching coach for New Jersey of the New York-Penn. League.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Named Jim Davenport manager, Joel Horlen pitching coach, Joe Lefebvre hitting coach, and Donna Papangelis trainer of Fresno of the Pacific Coast League; Mike Hart manager, Todd Oakes pitching coach, Frank Cacciatore hitting coach, and Ben Potenza trainer, of Shreveport of the Texas League; Shane Turner manager, Bryan Hickerson pitching coach, and David Groeschner trainer, of San Jose of the California League; Frank Reberger manager, Shawn Barton, pitching coach, and Rick Fuhrman trainer, of Bakersfield of the California League; Carlos Lezcano manager, Keith Comstock pitching coach, Curt Hunter hitting coach, and Eric Reisinger trainer, of Salem-Keizer of the Northwest League.

National Basketball Association
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Terminated the contract of G. Latrell Sprewell and placed him on waivers. Activated F Duane Ferrell from the injured list.

MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Placed F Jeff Nordgaard on the injured list.

HOCKEY

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Philadelphia	15	9	5	35 80 66
New Jersey	17	9	0	34 74 49
Washington	14	10	4	32 83 73
N.Y. Islanders	11	13	4	26 75 79
N.Y. Rangers	8	12	9	25 73 79
Florida	8	14	5	21 63 80
Tampa Bay	5	17	4	14 52 87
Northeast Division				
Montreal	16	3	3	35 87 68
Pittsburgh	15	9	5	35 83 71
Boston	12	12	5	29 70 78
Carolina	12	13	4	28 80 80
Ottawa	11	13	4	26 72 70
Buffalo	8	12	6	22 68 74

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Central Division				
Dallas	19	7	4	42 99 66
Detroit	18	6	5	41 97 66
St. Louis	16	9	3	35 81 62
Phoenix	13	12	2	28 77 75
Chicago	10	13	4	24 59 69
Toronto	8	13	4	20 50 70
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Colorado	14	6	8	36	84	70
Los Angeles	12	10	5	29	85	73
Anaheim	11	13	6	28	68	83
Vancouver	9	14	4	22	77	90
Edmonton	8	15	6	22	67	90
San Jose	9	16	2	20	73	91
Calgary	6	16	7	19	73	91

Tuesday's Games
Ottawa 4, N.Y. Islanders 2
Washington 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT
St. Louis 3, New Jersey 1
Anaheim 3, Toronto 3, tie
Colorado 4, Edmonton 2

Wednesday's Games
Buffalo 4, Anaheim 0
Boston 3, Philadelphia 0
Carolina 5, N.Y. Islanders 3
Montreal 2, Chicago 0
Tampa Bay 2, Phoenix 1
Dallas 4, Edmonton 1
Detroit 4, Calgary 3

Thursday's Games
New Jersey at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

DALLAS (AP) — High school football playoff pairings:

CLASS 5A
Division I
Region III Semifinals
Duncanville (12-1) vs. Longview (13-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium
Region IIIIV Semifinals
Katy (12-1) vs. SA Taft (6-6), 5 p.m. Saturday, AstroDome

DIVISION II
Region I Final
Flower Mound Marcus (11-2) vs. Abilene Cooper (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium
Region II Final
Richardson Lake Highlands (11-2) vs. Tyler John Tyler (11-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Region III Final
Beaumont West Brook (11-2) vs. Alief Hastings (12-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, AstroDome
Region IV Final
SA MacArthur (11-2) vs. New Braunfels (12-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Alamogordo Stadium

CLASS 4A
Division I
Region I Semifinal
Canyon Randall (10-3) vs. Corsicana (11-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Wichita Falls' Memorial Stadium
Region II Semifinal
Texas City (12-1) vs. Waco Midway (12-1), 8 p.m. Saturday, AstroDome

DIVISION II
Region I Final
Denison (13-0) vs. Sweetwater (13-0), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Wichita Falls' Memorial Stadium
Region II Final
Mount Pleasant (8-5) vs. Terrell (13-0), 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium

Region III Final
LC-Mauriceville (11-2) vs. La Marque (10-3), 8 p.m. Friday, AstroDome
Region IV Final
CC Cassel (13-0) vs. Edouard-Elsa (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, McAllen

CLASS 3A
Region I Final
Aledo (12-1) vs. Breckenridge (13-0), 8 p.m. Saturday, Bedford's Pennington Field
Region II Final
Linden-Kildara (12-1) vs. Commerce (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium

Region III Final
Alto (13-0) vs. La Grange (11-2), 11 a.m., Saturday, AstroDome
Region IV Final
Cuero (11-2) vs. Seely (13-0), 8:30 p.m. Friday, AstroDome

CLASS 2A
Region I Final
Lockney (12-1) vs. Stanton (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Region II Final
Celina (11-2) vs. Italy (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Bedford's Pennington Field

Region III Final
Alto (13-0) vs. Elysian Fields (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Kilgore's R.E. St. John Stadium
Region IV Final
Rogers (12-1) vs. Refugio (11-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos

CLASS 1A
Region I Semifinal
Wheeler (10-3) vs. Munday (10-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Childress
Region II Semifinal
Celeste (13-0) vs. Granger (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Glen Rose

Sixman
Region I Semifinal
Lazbuddie (12-1) vs. Borden County (13-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wolforth-Frenship
Region II Semifinal
Panther Creek (12-1) vs. Trinidad (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Glen Rose

National Finals Rodeo kicks off this weekend in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS — The richest rodeo in the world the \$3.4 million National Finals Rodeo kicks off its first of 10 performances this Friday at Las Vegas' Thomas and Mack Center.

The top 15 athletes in each of seven events bareback riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, saddle bronc riding, team roping (heading and heeling), bull riding and WPRA barrel racing qualify for the lucrative season finale event.

Among the qualifiers is three-time world champion saddle bronc rider Dan Mortensen of Manhattan, Mont. The 28-year-old cowboy enters the NFR with a commanding lead in the world saddle bronc riding standings with \$144,029 nearly \$50,000 more than second-ranked Robert Etbauer of Goodwell, Okla.

Though Mortensen qualified for the 1997 NFR exclusively in the saddle bronc riding, the more than \$9,000 he earned riding bulls in the '97 regular season also made him a prime contender for this year's all-around title. In fact, Mortensen enters the NFR ranked first in the world all-around standings. His closest challenger for the all-around race is Texas calf roper Cody Ohl, whose second event is steer roping, has \$113,414 in all-around earnings. Immediately behind him in the all-around standings is two-time defending world all-around

champion Joe Beaver of Huntsville, Tex. Beaver, a calf roper and team roper, is the only contestant to qualify for the NFR in two events, which greatly increases his chances of earning a third consecutive all-around title.

Both Ohl and Beaver will gun for a world title in the calf roping event. Ohl leads the calf roping standings with \$99,464, while Beaver sits in the seventh-place spot with \$65,419. Stran Smith of Tell, Tex., is ranked second and trails Ohl by less than \$4,000. Fred Whitfield, the 1996 world champion calf roper from Hockley, Texas, looks for a repeat title as he enters the world title race in fifth place with \$66,961.

In the steer wrestling event, Rope Myers of Van, Tex., enters the NFR in first place with \$73,297 less than \$3,000 ahead of Frank Davis of Blackwell, Tex. Myers and Davis traded in and out of the top spot for much of the 1997 regular season. However, with a total steer wrestling payoff of more than \$484,900, each man knows that no lead is comfortable at the NFR.

Bareback rider Denny McLanahan finished the regular season leading his event. The Canadian, Tex., cowboy enters the Finals with \$90,109, while second-ranked Larry Sandwick has \$70,351.

The reigning world champion bareback rider, Mark Garrett of Nisland, S. D., is ranked seventh

with \$56,374. Oklahoma ropers Charles Pogue and heeler Britt Bockius lead the race for the world team roping title with \$63,900 each in regular season earnings. In order for each to clinch his first world title, Pogue and Bockius must fend off challenges from defending world champions Steve Purcella of Hereford, Tex., and Steve Northcott of Odessa, Tex. Purcella and Northcott are ranked second with \$59,682 each.

The door looks wide open to the 1997 world bull riding title as only \$12,000 separates the first-ranked bull rider Wade Joyal of Okotoks, Alberta, from the 15th ranked cowboy. Also, a slew of qualifiers, including Joyal, enter the NFR having recently suffered severe injuries.

Sherry Cervi, the 1995 world champion barrel racer from Midland, Tex., has a headstart at earning her second world title as she enters the Finals in the lead with \$106,612. However, Kristie Peterson of Elbert, Colo., and her horse Bozo, who carried Peterson to her second world title last year, are ranked immediately beneath Cervi with \$97,312. At the 1996 NFR, Kay Blandford of Sutherland Springs, Tex., earned nearly \$79,000 more than any other '96 NFR contestant. Blandford and her horse Llave return to the Finals in third place with \$83,080.

Source: Mack Brown to be next coach at University of Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — North Carolina's Mack Brown will be named as the next head coach at the University of Texas, a source told The Associated Press Wednesday night.

Brown, whose Tar Heels are ranked seventh and are still a candidate for an Alliance Bowl berth, was interviewed by Texas officials on Wednesday and was offered the job later in the day, the source said. "Mack Brown has committed to come to Texas," the source said, adding that a news conference with the announcement was expected to be called in Austin by Saturday.

Brown didn't immediately return a message left at his home by the AP. He didn't attend the Tar Heels' practice on Wednesday. Messages left at the home of North Carolina Athletic Director Dick Baddour also weren't immediately returned.

Brown would become Texas' 28th coach, replacing John Mackovic, who was fired and reas-

signed Saturday after finishing his sixth season at 4-7.

Brown would also receive a considerable pay raise. The Texas job pays roughly \$625,000 per year. Brown's base salary at North Carolina was about \$170,000, not including TV, radio and shoe deals.

The Tar Heels went 1-10 in Brown's first two seasons (1988-89). But UNC has averaged nine victories over the last six years, including three 10-win seasons. They went 10-2 last year and made it to the Gator Bowl. They are 10-1 this season.

Carolina's 45 wins over the past five years are second-best in the Atlantic Coast Conference behind Florida State. The Tar Heels have made five consecutive bowl appearances, winning three. They lost to Texas 35-31 in the 1994 Sun Bowl.

Early focus in the Texas search had been on Northwestern's Gary Barnett. But the source said, "The search committee didn't interview

Barnett after talking to Brown."

Barnett issued a statement through Northwestern late Wednesday saying he had "taken my name out of consideration."

"I will not comment further on this subject, and I would appreciate it if the media and others would respect my privacy in this matter," Barnett said.

Speculation had also focused on Miami's Butch Davis, but he too withdrew from consideration on Wednesday.

"I have not been contacted, nor do I anticipate being contacted by any school in reference to a coaching vacancy," Davis said. "I am fully committed to being at the University of Miami."

An offensive coach for most of his career, Brown's defenses at North Carolina have gained national recognition.

The Tar Heels are second in the nation in total defense, giving up 209.3 yards per game. Only Michigan (206.9 yards per game) is ahead of them.

Stars defeat Edmonton, despite injuries

DALLAS (AP) — Mike Modano has been a dominant player for the Dallas Stars over the first third of the season. Now their depth will be tested with the star center sidelined for four to six weeks by a knee injury.

Modano, who started Wednesday night as the league's

top scorer, was injured on a first-period hit from Edmonton defenseman Bryan Marchmont in the Stars' 4-1 victory over the Oilers.

The Stars also lost left wing Benoit Hogue for seven to 10 days because of a hairline ankle fracture.

"You hate to lose key guys like that, but this team has faced adversity time and time again," said Stars center Joe Nieuwendyk, who scored his 15th goal to tie Modano for the team lead. "Our game is not going to change. We get our offense from our defense and that will stay the same."

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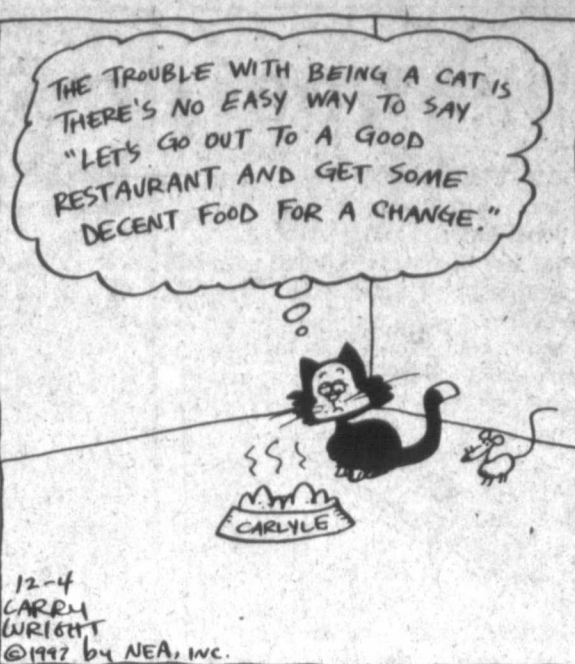
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AARP warns against fraudulent telemarketers

AUSTIN — 'Tis the season to be jolly, and carefree, and giving. But this year can end on a sour note if you're caught in a scam. During the holiday season, requests for charitable contributions increase significantly. While most are legitimate, fraudulent telemarketers use the seasonal spirit to take advantage of people's good will and generosity by ripping them off. The Department of Justice estimates that Americans are bilked out of more than \$40 billion every year by fraudulent telemarketers, who specifically target older people.

"Most of us want to help those less fortunate than ourselves, but we need to be careful," warns American Association of Retired Persons Texas State President Cathy Greene. "The telephone can be a weapon in the hands of a con artist. We must always remember," she continues, "that fraudulent telemarketers are criminals and we

should make every effort not to fall for their telephone lines."

Law enforcement agencies nationwide urge consumers to make wise decisions when donating to charities. At the beginning of each year, try making a plan for giving, specifically designating the charities that you want to financially support. Contact the organizations, and ask for information, including a statement that describes how and where charitable contributions are used. Legitimate charities will have written materials that include their name, address and telephone number.

If you receive a telephone call asking for a charitable donation, think about your personal plan for charitable giving, and decide whether the solicitor's charity should be included. Don't respond to high pressure tactics. Give yourself time to investigate the organization, and make a wise, thought-

ful decision. Never give your credit card or bank account number over the phone to a solicitor and never send cash.

"So many legitimate charities need our support, and welcome the opportunity to provide us with information about their activities as well as how our contributions are used," says Greene.

"Especially during the holiday season, when fraudulent telemarketers are working overtime to take advantage of our giving spirit, we must all be very careful to make sure our donation does count. One of the best ways to be certain that the charitable organization asking for your support is deserving," she concludes, "is to become involved. Speak to the charity's organizers, participate in events, volunteer. By contributing directly to these charities, you can be sure your money is doing the most good."

For more information, or to

check out a particular charity, call the National Fraud Information Center at 1-800-876-7060. For a free fact sheet on telemarketing fraud, call the AARP Texas State Office at (512) 480-9797.

Activity centers to open at Camp Don Harrington

AMARILLO — Camp Don Harrington will unveil four new Cub Scout program activity centers from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. Each center is unique in theme and in purpose — a ship, a stockade, an Indian village and a castle. The event will include special characters in period costumes for each program center, guided tours and refreshments.

"Cub Scout World is an imagination land with a purpose," reports Bob McGinnis, Scout executive. "Each center will have a specifically designed program for teaching the values of Cub Scouting."

Sandy Crawford currently chairs the seven person task force designing the program curriculum of each center. Program details will be released March 28 at Frank Phillips College in Borger during "University of Scouting" training for Scout leaders.

Cub Scout World is a gift from Sybil B. Harrington. Harrington has remained a committed supporter of the Boy Scout program and the values it teaches young people. Three Golden Spread Council board members — Mack Wattenburger, Bill Esler and Paul Harpole — have worked closely with Harrington's office in overseeing the construction of the project at Camp Don Harrington.

'The Nutcracker'



(Special photo)

Anna Johnson of Pampa will portray Clara, while Michael Eskridge of Pampa will be the Nutcracker Prince. The Civic Ballet will present *The Nutcracker* at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in the M.K. Brown Memorial Auditorium. Advance tickets are available at the Beaux Arts Dance Studio, Kids Stuff or from any of the dancers in the Civic Ballet.

Clean up of Reese AFB expensive, officials say

LUBBOCK (AP) — It will cost as much as \$100 million to clean up decades of pollution at the now-shutdown Reese Air Base, officials say.

Officials said Wednesday it will cost the Air Force between \$10 million and \$20 million a year for two years and \$2 million to \$3 million a year for the next 20 to 25 years.

Until the contamination is cleared, the Lubbock-Reese Redevelopment Authority will have difficulty selling the base, said Tim Brecheen, interim site manager for the Air Force Base and Closure Agency.

Noncontaminated areas can be sold after the authority gets possession of them from the Air Force. But any part of the land can be leased indefinitely as soon as the authority obtains it from the Air Force, Brecheen said.

It shouldn't be a problem to get the Air Force to approve the cleanup money, he said.

"The money is flowing pretty heavily right now," he said. "Funding is not an issue."

He noted that if Air Force doesn't clean up the contamination, it can be forced to by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The worst pollution reportedly is in the tower area where Air Force employees used to pour hazardous solvents down leaky drains, conta-

minating a three-mile pocket of groundwater, including some private drinking wells.

State officials "took them (Reese officials) to task and slammed them with fines," Brecheen said. "There's not too many Air Force bases with a problem like this."

It will cost the Air Force about \$6 million to increase the number of wells in the area from eight to 48. The wells will pump 20 million gallons of water a month, reaching down to 180 feet underground.

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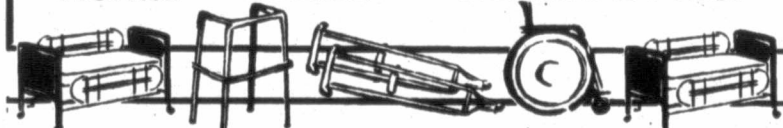
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