

OBITUARIES

DOUGLASS EUGENE MEDLEY
1959-2002

Dougllass Eugene Medley, 43, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002. Services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Lonny Robbins, pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Medley was born April 9, 1959, at Pampa and had been a lifelong Pampa resident. He was a mechanic for Williams Appliance and attended Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Church.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Billie Ray Medley, on Aug. 25, 2002.

Survivors include six daughters, Angela Medley of Amarillo, Caryn Kalka of Houston, Ashley Medley, Nikki Medley and Jackie Medley, all of Pampa, and Sarah Medley of Stinnett; two sisters, Cindy Young of Pampa and Cynthia Timmons of Newark, Calif.; three brothers, Nelson Medley of Pampa, Jimmie Ray Medley of Fort Smith, Ark., and Dennis Medley of Springfield, Mo.; eight grandchildren.

The family will be at 2614 Seminole and requests memorials be to American Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

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NELLIE S. THOMAS
1921-2002

Nellie S. Thomas, 81, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m., Friday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Charles Lowry of Fellowship Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Thomas was born March 22, 1921, in Ochiltree County. She moved to Pampa in

1958 and married Loyd Thomas in 1959; he died in 1968.

She was a waitress in restaurants in the Perryton area for many years and belonged to Zion Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Paul Wayne Trollin, in 1987.

Survivors include special friend, Orville Terry of Pampa; and two half-sisters.

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WINNIE RACHELLE 'MEEMAW' MEDLEY
1933-2002

Winnie Rachelle "Meemaw" Medley, 69, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2002. Services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Medley was born Jan. 13, 1933, at Munday and had been a lifelong Pampa resident. She married Jimmie Medley on Dec. 23, 1952, at Sayre, Okla.; he died Jan. 22, 1988.

She was preceded in death by a son, Billie Ray Medley, on Aug. 25, 2002.

Survivors include two daughters, Cindy

Young of Pampa and Cynthia Timmons of Newark, Calif.; three sons, Nelson Medley of Pampa, Jimmie Ray Medley of Fort Smith, Ark., and Dennis Medley of Springfield, Mo.; two sisters, Frances Conner of Pampa and Patsy Morrel of Grand Prairie; four brothers, Duane Hankins of Austin, Robert Hankins of Garland, Jessie Skinner of Pampa, and James Skinner of Tyler; 24 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 2614 Seminole and requests memorials be to American Cancer Society or American Heart Association.

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HIRAM ARTHUR WHITENER
1924-2002

WHEELER — Hiram Arthur Whitener, 78, died Monday, Dec. 16, 2002, at Tyler. Services will be at 2 p.m., Saturday in Wheeler First Baptist Church with Dr. Toby Henson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home.

Mr. Whitener was born Aug. 5, 1924, at Wheeler, to C.A. and Altha Mae Whitener. He had been a lifelong Wheeler resident and married Mary Elizabeth Barnes on June 20, 1969, at Amarillo. He was retired as post master of the post office in Wheeler and was a member of American Legion, Masonic Lodge, and First Baptist Church.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran,

serving during World War II. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Gordon Whitener and Herman Whitener; and two sisters, Novella Vanpool and Dealva Rhine.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; a son, Jamie Whitener of Pueblo, Colo.; a daughter, Judy Keyton of Richardson; two stepdaughters, Sherry Mickler of Jacksonville and Gwen McCain of Wheeler; a brother, Herbert Whitener of Tyler; a sister, Louise Whitener Plowman of Garland; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of Wheeler.

SERVICES TOMORROW

THOMAS, Nellie S. — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department reported today the following arrests and incidents.

Friday, December 16

Police took a report at Pampa High School regarding damage to a pick-up. Damage estimate was \$600.

Wednesday, December 18

Howard Havard Mitchell, 60, 904 E. Scott, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Ian David Spencer, 17, 941 South Faulkner, was arrested for burglary of a habitation.

Jacob Michael Albus, 17, 315 Doyle, was arrested for burglary of a vehicle and posses-

sion of marijuana in a drug-free zone.

Misty Humphrey Lee, 27, 822 N. Somerville, was arrested for forgery of a financial instrument.

Cherrie Anne Coleman, 36, 822 N. Somerville, was arrested for forgery of a financial instrument.

Pampa Police are investigating theft from vehicles at Pampa High School along with drug and narcotic violations.

Shoplifting a carton of cigarettes at a convenience store in the 1000 block of West Wilks is under investigation by PPD.

Police took a report of forgery in the 600 block of North Somerville.

FIRE

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

Wednesday, Dec. 18

8:49 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 1100 block of East Foster. None was found.

4:39 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a vehicle fire in the 700 block of North Hobart. A 1989 Jaguar owned by

Vickie Ogden sustained moderate damage in the engine compartment.

5:22 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a trash fire in the 400 block of Roberta. Residents were burning trash and leaves.

6:21 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a grease fire on a kitchen stove in the 1100 block of South Sumner. The fire was out when firefighters arrived.

AMBULANCE

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

Wednesday, Dec. 18

10:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center; one patient was transported to Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

12:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block North West; no patient contact made.

9:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Sumner; one patient was transported to PRMC.

Thursday, Dec. 19

3:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of South Henry; one patient was transported to PRMC.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of Pampa.		VLO	36.66	-0.10
Wheat	3.71	Halliburton	20.21	+0.66
Milo	3.98	Triad Hospitals	31.51	+0.21
Corn	4.46	NOI	22.50	+0.29
Soybeans	4.80	KMI	41.07	-0.33
Sunflowers	8.25	XCEL	10.80	NC
		Kerr McGee	46.58	+0.23
		Limited	13.98	-0.70
		Williams	2.47	+0.05
		McDonalds	15.70	-0.26
		Exxon Mobil	35.48	-0.06
		Atmos	23.65	+0.02
		Pioneer Nat	26.06	+0.06
		Penney's	23.59	-0.09
		COP	49.12	-0.16
		Schlumberger	43.31	-0.19
		Tenneco	3.82	-0.08
		CVX	67.12	-0.33
		Wal-Mart	50.86	+0.48
		OKE	19.01	+0.08
		NS Group	6.70	+0.01
		BP	39.81	+0.06
		Celanese	22.52	-0.33
		Cabot Corp	26.20	-0.07
		Cabot Oil Gas	25.38	+0.25
		Coca Cola	44.20	-0.34
		New York Gold	344.50	
		Silver	4.70	
		West Texas Crude	30.55	

SHERIFF

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

Wednesday, December 18

Jimmie Ray Fitzer, 41, 524 N. Lefors, was arrested on probation violation. Original charge was causing bodily injury.

Christopher John Bybee, 22, Lefors, was

arrested on a fugitive warrant for aggravated assault on a family member causing bodily injury.

John Wolfgang Minnett, 25, Skellytown, was arrested on probation violation. Original charge was assault causing bodily injury.

WEATHER

This afternoon, partly sunny. Highs in the mid 40s. Northwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 20s. West winds 5 to 10 mph. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. West winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 20s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

Sunday night, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of snow. Lows in the lower 20s. Chance of snow 20 percent. Monday, cloudy. Chance of rain and snow. Highs in the lower 40s. Chance of rain and snow 30 percent. Monday night, cloudy. Chance of snow. Lows in the mid 20s. Chance of snow 40 percent. Tuesday, cloudy. Chance of rain and snow. Highs in the lower 40s. Chance of rain and snow 30 percent. Tuesday night, cloudy. Slight chance of snow. Lows in the lower 20s.

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AUDIT

cost to the county to be minimal.

In other business, commissioners approved reappointing three members to the 11-member White Deer Land Museum Board of Directors. Current board members Sue Fatheree, John Forister and Angela Spearman were reappointed to three-year terms.

Duane Harp will also join the board for a full three-year term. He is replacing outgoing board member Howard Graham.

Commissioners approved deeding a 30-foot by 125-foot property to the City of Lefors for volunteer fire department training. The property is located adjacent to the Lefors Fire Station.

Peet said the property was offered at a recent sheriff's sale due to back taxes, but there were no bidders on it. He said value of the property is estimated to be \$300 and back taxes are \$937.

County Tax Collector Sammy Morris said Lefors Independent School District has approved the transfer of the property to the City of Lefors. She said the fire

department has used the property in the past for training exercises.

The commission members present at the meeting voted unanimously to deed the property to the City of Lefors. They were Commissioners Gerald Wright, James Wright and Joe Wheeley along with Judge Richard Peet. Commissioner Jim Greene was not at the meeting.

Commissioners plan to evaluate whether to continue to rent county annex rooms to the public after a report that the areas are sometimes damaged and not cleaned following use.

Peet said a county employee checked a room after it had been rented last weekend and found extremely dirty floors from mud on shoes, a couple of beer cans and evidence of smoking in the county building. As it is a county building, Peet said it is a non-smoking facility.

Extension Agent Joan Gray told the commission there are rarely problems in connection with the use of the rooms, but occasionally there are damages. She asked that the commission establish guidelines.

She said rentals are usually for family reunions, showers,

birthday parties and similar functions.

County Treasurer Scott Hahn said the room rents for \$20 and a \$100 deposit is required each time the room is rented. His office has received fees for seven rental times totaling \$140 for 2002. Hahn added that one \$100 deposit had been forfeited due to damages.

Commissioner Joe Wheeley said he would meet with personnel in the Extension office to determine updating required guidelines and evaluate the situation.

Wheeley said he has mixed feelings about the continued rental of the annex.

"A lot of things are ruined because of one bad apple," he said. "I'd like to see if we can work something out."

He said he would report back to the commission in January.

In other business, the county commission:

- Approved a request regarding a crossing by K.W. Land Specialists;
- Approved payment of \$197,294.90 for payroll and \$211,268.62 for bills; and
- Granted routine line item budget transfers.

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forwarded to the TWDB in early January.

In other business, the Modeling Committee of the planning group will review responses they received in the selection process for a groundwater consultant.

In addition, Mesa Water, Inc., and the Palo Duro River Authority were added to the list of designated Wholesale Water Providers in the region.

They join the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, City of Borger, City of Cactus, Phillips Petroleum, Greenbelt Municipal Industrial Water Authority and the City of Amarillo as wholesale providers of water.

Mesa Water is applying for a fresh water supply district in Roberts County and has announced their intention to sell water down state.

"There are possibly going to be others," Atkinson said. Atkinson said the designa-

tion would be used for planning purposes and that each wholesaler would be viewed, for planning purposes, as a municipality.

A wholesaler is anyone who sells or contracts or that the planning group expects to contract to sell a 1,000 acre-foot of water or more a year.

The next meeting of the Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group will be 1:30 p.m., Jan. 22, at the PRPC building, 415 W. 8th, in Amarillo.

City Briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement.

1/2 PRICE on selected merchandise. Lots of childrens, womens, and mens clothing, Tralee Resale Shop.

50% OFF all Christmas items including Poinsettias. Lazy S Feed & Garden, 516 S. Russell.

BAKE SALE to benefit CASA of the High Plains. Fri., Dec. 20th, Hughes Bldg. Lobby. 8:00 a.m.-?

CELEBRATIONS, NEW Year party supplies, horns, noise makers, confetti, plates, napkins, hats 35% Off. 665-3100, Coronado Center.

CHANEY'S, 716 W. Foster, Thur. night: Swiss steak, ch. fr. steak, ch. spaghetti, cheeseburger pie. All You Can Eat 5-8 p.m., \$8 (incl. tea, salad bar, dessert)

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL 2-2 hr. massage gift certificates for \$90 & receive 1 massage for yourself for \$35. Call The Golden Touch, 665-9711 or Danny Degner, 665-6850. Only 25 specials will be sold!

DAVID'S GOLF Shop at Hidden Hills for all of your Christmas golfers needs, get a Free Tiger Woods Bobble Head with purchase of 1 doz. Nike T.A. Golf Balls @ \$36 per doz., also all Golf Shoes from 25% to 50% Off reg. price. All gloves, balls, sweaters and jackets also reduced!

EARLY DEADLINES for classified line ads, in Pampa News for Thurs.-Dec. 26th, is Tues.-Dec. 24th 10 a.m. Merry Christmas!!

LIFESTYLES DEADLINE (weddings, engagements, baby, club news, newsmakers, etc.) in the Pampa News for Sun., Dec. 29th, is Tues. Dec. 24th, before noon. Happy Holidays to everyone!!

LONE STAR Country Club presents Kris Gordon and Southern Sky this Fri. and Sat., and again for New Year's Eve. Wild Rose Karaoke every Wed. Pool Tournament every Thurs.!

FRESH CHRISTMAS Trees! Your Choice \$10 Franks Thriftway, 300 E. Brown or Franks True Value 401 N. Ballard.

MASSAGE THERAPY Gift Certificates X-mas Specials. Cathy Potter 669-0013.

MOVING! REFRIGERATOR for sale. 669-1630

NEW CHRISTMAS hours at All Its Charm, Mon.-thru Fri. 10-8 p.m., Sat. 10-4 p.m. & Sun. 1-5 p.m.

PAMPA SENIOR Citizen's Annual Christmas Dinner, Fri., Dec. 20th, 10:45-12:45, \$5 ea., Members & Guests. Take-outs call Thurs. 19th or early Fri., 669-7414.

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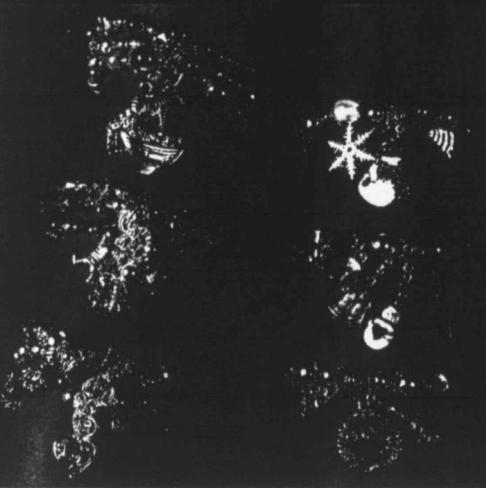
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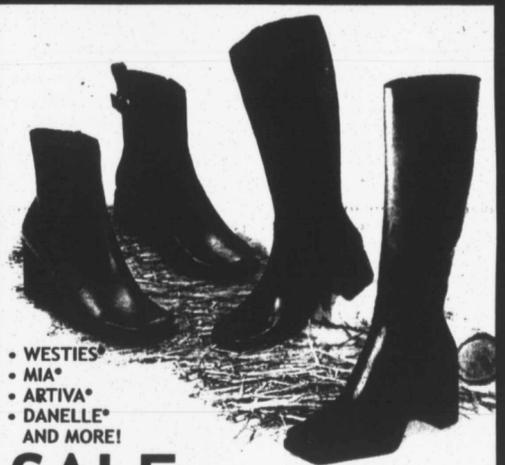


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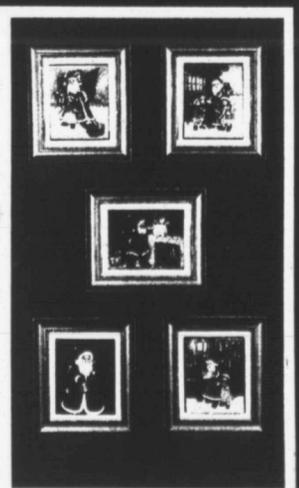
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VIEWPOINTS

Yum-yum Christmas gumdrop tree

Back in December 1999, I wrote a column about a childhood Christmas memory which stood out in my mind. Several months ago I learned that one of my cousins had read it, and mailed it to a sister. It seems this column made it to several who had similar memories of the "Gumdrop Tree," so I'm sharing it again. I'm sure many of you have such memories from childhood.

Christmas memories — those wonderful memories of days gone by.

My childhood memories of Christmases past are filled with the family gathering, church programs, Christmas caroling, the Christmas decorations, the opening of presents and the aroma of holiday cooking permeating the air on Christmas Day.

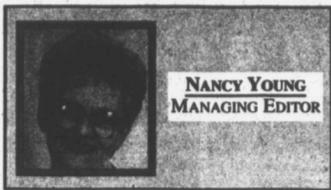
Even though I am now a mother and grandmother, I still have my memories of the days when I was a child during the holidays.

On Christmas Eve, my immediate family would go to my paternal grandmother's home gathering with dozens of family members before we went to the ranch west of town to spend Christmas Day with my maternal grandparents.

Mama Christian's home would be filled with children of varying ages on Christmas Eve. Eight of my grandmother's children lived to adulthood so her home would be overflowing with the descendants before the evening was over.

Home-cooked dishes prepared by my aunts filled the cabinet tops and tables. The traditional holiday meal consisted of turkey, ham, vegetables, salads and my mother's angel food cake which was always enjoyed by the relatives.

Even though the traditional Christmas tree was always brightly decorated as it stood in front of the windows in the living room greeting us as we arrived, sitting at the center of the dining room table



NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

each year was a special tree to me — a Gumdrop Tree.

It was a simple, inexpensive plastic tree — about one foot tall — with sharply pointed ends at the end of each branch, but it was special to me. Colorful gumdrops of varying shades were inserted on each point making it a very attractive decoration as well as tasty.

Year after year as we arrived at the home of my grandmother, whom we all called "Mama," my eyes darted to the dining room table checking out the gumdrop tree.

What made it so special to me, I don't know. I just know that it was always there — maybe it was partly the continuity year after year, but I think it was largely because I loved gum drops.

My aunts kept a watchful eye and replenished those branches as my cousins and I devoured them.

After I married and began establishing holiday traditions of my own, I located and purchased one of those inexpensive plastic trees because of the warm memories it invoked in me.

During the Christmas season the plastic tree was always placed in the center of my dining room table each year, always decorated with gum drops. My four children seemed to eat more gum drops than I could keep in stock.

After the children began to leave home, I began to decorate my home less. The gumdrop tree was one of the decorations which just seemed to need children

around, and didn't make it out of the decorations box for several years.

But in 1999 as I was searching through a box of outdoor lights (which haven't been put on the house in many years), my granddaughter, Peyton, who was 5 years old at the time, saw something shining and reached into the box. She had found the plastic tree which was intertwined with several years of wiring.

She waved it in the air, as she erratically jumped around. Her mother, M.E., grabbed the tree and exclaimed, "This is a special tree. Be careful!" As my youngest daughter began telling her daughter how special this gumdrop tree was to her as a child, I realized she had many fond memories, too. I drifted into the past thinking how this family tradition was established many years ago.

The gumdrop tree again claimed its spot on the dining room table. A few days later my son, Bob, dropped by and commented about the tree reappearing.

Each family has their own Christmas traditions and memories. The gumdrop tree is one of those traditions in our household which has lasted through several generations, and who knows how many more generations it will continue.

The gumdrop tree isn't on my table this year. After being taped, glued and stuck together since 1999, it was beyond reviving this year, and I haven't been able to locate another one.

Hopefully, I'll find one before Christmas so the grandchildren will enjoy the tradition.

All we can leave our children are memories — let's leave them the good ones. Merry Christmas to everyone. Let there be peace on earth and may it begin with me.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Dec. 19, the 353rd day of 2002. There are 12 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 19, 1843, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, was first published in England.

On this date:

In 1732, Benjamin Franklin began publishing "Poor Richard's Almanac."

In 1776, Thomas Paine published his first "American Crisis" essay.

In 1777, Gen. George Washington led his army of about 11,000 men to Valley Forge, Pa., to camp for the winter.

In 1907, 239 workers died in a coal mine explosion in Jacobs Creek, Pa.

In 1932, the British Broadcasting Corporation began transmitting overseas with its "Empire Service" to Australia.

In 1957, Meredith Willson's musical play "The Music Man" opened on Broadway.

In 1972, Apollo 17 splashed down in the Pacific, winding up the Apollo program of manned lunar landings.

In 1974, Nelson A. Rockefeller was sworn in as the 41st vice president of the United States.

In 1986, the Soviet Union announced it had freed dissident Andrei Sakharov from internal exile, and pardoned his wife, Yelena Bonner.

In 1998, President Clinton was impeached by the Republican-controlled House for perjury and obstruction of justice (he was later acquitted by the Senate).

Ten years ago: More than 400 suspected Muslim fundamentalists deported by Israel were confined to a makeshift refugee camp in a "no man's land" in Lebanon because of the Lebanese government's refusal to accept them.

Five years ago: A SilkAir Boeing 737-300 plunged from the sky, crashing into an Indonesian river and killing all 104 people aboard. In Milwaukee, postal clerk Anthony Deculit killed a co-worker he'd feuded with, wounded a supervisor and injured another worker before taking his own life. James Cameron's epic "Titanic," the highest grossing film ever made, opened in American movie theaters.

One year ago: Argentina's president, Fernando De la Rúa, decreed a state of siege as his country's economic crisis triggered violence. The fires that had burned beneath the ruins of the World Trade Center in New York City for the previous three months were declared extinguished except for a few scattered hot spots.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Bill Carlisle is 94. Country singer Little Jimmy Dickens is 82. Actor James Booth is 72. Actress Cicely Tyson is 69. Rhythm-and-blues singer-musician Maurice White (Earth, Wind and Fire) is 61. Actor Tim Reid is 58. Paleontologist Richard E. Leakey is 58. Rock singer Alvin Lee (Ten Years After) is 58. Actress Elaine Joyce is 57. Musician John McEuen is 57. Singer Janie Fricke is 55. Actor Mike Lookinland is 42. Actress Jennifer Beals is 39. Actor Robert McNaughton is 36. Rock musician Kevin Shepard (Tonic) is 34. Actress Kristy Swanson is 33. Actress Amy Locane is 31. Actress Rosa Blasi is 30. Actress Alyssa Milano is 30. Actor Jake Gyllenhall is 22. Actress Marla Sokoloff is 22.

Thought for Today: "And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God Bless Us, Every One!" — The closing line of "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens (1812-1870).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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Lott's gaff answers Democrats' prayers

During World War II, ex-Ku Klux Klansman, now U.S. senator, Robert Byrd vowed never to fight "with a Negro by my side. Rather I should die a thousand times, and see Old Glory trampled in the dirt never to rise again, than to see this beloved land of ours become degraded by race mongrels, a throwback to the blackest specimen from the wilds."

Just a couple of years ago, Byrd lectured us on the floor of the Senate that "there are white niggers. I've seen a lot of white niggers in my time." I wonder whether he was talking about whites who act like blacks.

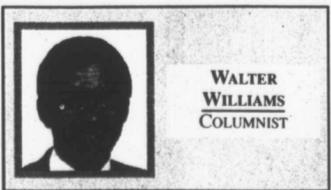
San Francisco's esteemed mayor Willie Brown once described a successful legislative battle this way: "We beat those old white boys fair and square."

Spike Lee said in disapproval of interracial marriages: "I give interracial couples a look. Daggers. They get uncomfortable when they see me on the street."

The National Association of Black Social Workers drafted a position paper calling white adoptions of black children "cultural genocide." They warned against "transculturation ... when one dominant culture overpowers and forces another culture to accept a foreign form of existence."

Donna Brazile, Al Gore's presidential campaign manager, called Republicans "white boys" who seek to "exclude, denigrate and leave behind."

At a celebration for retiring Sen.



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., said that Mississippians were proud to have voted for Thurmond in his 1948 presidential campaign "and, if the rest of the country had followed our lead, we wouldn't have had all these problems over all these years."

Which among the above statements are the most racist, which have received the most media coverage and which caused the most angst? Clearly, Lott's statement received the most media coverage and created the most angst, but it doesn't begin to qualify as the most racist.

You say: "Williams, that's different. High officials shouldn't honor and praise racists or ex-racists." Then what about Bill Clinton's acknowledged political mentors - former Arkansas Sen. J. William Fulbright and former Arkansas Gov. Orville Faubus - who were both rabid segregationists? Yet the former president highly praises Fulbright and bestowed upon him the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award.

By the way, Fulbright was one of 19 senators who issued a statement titled,

"The Southern Manifesto," condemning the 1954 Supreme Court decision of Brown vs. Board of Education and defending segregation. That's a bit more recent than Thurmond's run for the White House. Does Clinton's praise of Fulbright mean that he supported "The Southern Manifesto," just as the assertion that Lott's praise of Thurmond means he supported Thurmond's segregationist stand in 1948? If so, why not also condemn Clinton?

I have several possible theories on the responses to Lott's rather stupid remarks - stupid in the context of our politically correct world.

My first theory is that conservatives are held to higher standards of decency, conduct and decorum than liberals. In other words, it's like behavior that's tolerated in the case of children but ostracized when adults do the same thing. That theory might also explain why racist statements made by blacks are excused.

Another theory is that since 9-11 and President Bush's public popularity, both appointed and unappointed black leaders have had no platform and been paid no attention. Lott's gaffe gives them platform, voice and mission.

Finally, the Democrats, having lost all branches of national government in the recent elections, are desperate to get something on Bush and the Republicans, and Trent Lott's statement is the answer to their prayers.

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scores and limiting students' educational opportunities.

PHS teachers and staff met several times since November, Kendall told the board, and have come up with a number of strategies they believe will help the high school reach "exemplary" status, the state's highest designation, in four years.

- Reading and writing in all subject areas;
- Testing skills for students and teachers;
- Algebra I offered as year-long class;
- Conduct Exemplary TAKS (ET) tests every three weeks to monitor how students are doing;
- Every class become involved in TAKS testing;
- Teach study skills;
- Involved parents through committees, support groups, meetings. Kendall said he and Pampa Middle School Principal Evan Smith plan to begin meeting with parents in different areas starting in January.
- Improve attendance;
- Teach vocabulary skills across the curriculum
- Remediation classes
- Reading classes
- Continue freshman support programs to enhance transition from middle school to high school.

PHS teachers and administrators recommended keeping the block schedule in some form.

"If after implementing the changes identified in this document, and with strong commit-

ment by the campus administration to insure that all staff used the 90-minute blocks fully and effectively, the high school does not reach 'recognized' status or the equivalent by the 2004-2005 school year," Kendall's report states, "the high school administration will recommend movement to a seven-period day."

"To me you're hamstringing yourself," commented Dr. Jay Johnson, the school board member who brought concerns about the block schedule to the board in August.

Johnson said he felt the high school was using a "Honda to win the Indy." He cited TEA studies where no exemplary schools were on a block schedule, but a number of the low performing schools were.

"This data is not conclusive," he said, "but it does show a trend."

He also reiterated that in a block schedule, a student graduates from high school with 780 hours less instruction time than those who went through four years in a traditional schedule.

Orr said the board may need to refine some of its policies to help the high school meet its goals.

"You'll need to deal with the fact that fear of affecting the grade point average causes students to not take classes," he said.

"I have a student going to college in January because there's nothing being offered (at PHS), that won't hurt his GPA," said Charles Smith, a parent attending the meeting.

Board members may also want to limit the number of physical education credits given for activities outside of regular class time and setting

an accountability standards for teachers, Orr said.

At the board's suggestion, Orr agreed to form a team of educators, school board members, and citizens by January to visit exemplary schools in districts comparable to PISD.

Mark McVay, assistant superintendent for finance, presented the preliminary 2001-2002 annual financial report and the 2002-2003 quarterly financial report. He said 2001-2002 financial figures are to be audited in January.

PISD increased its fund balance by approximately \$500 during the 2001-2002 fiscal year to \$2,319,448 from \$1,562,881 in 2000-2001, McVay said. The additional funds came from a shortened school calendar, lower workman's compensation claims and a large prior claim settlement, lower-than-budgeted utility costs, and savings from staff reduction.

At McVay's request, the board designated \$500,000 of the district's fund balance for future facility renovation and capital expenditures.

They also awarded the following bids:

- \$11,000 to Designer Tree Service of Amarillo for trimming trees throughout the district;
- \$7,490 to B&B Solvent for constructing concrete slopes and drains at Pampa Middle School (PMS);
- \$19,950 to G.W. James Inc., to remove existing asphalt in the play area at PMS, and resurfacing the area so that it slopes to the north.

The board approved hiring two teachers — Misty Hood at Austin Elementary and Lisa Gibson at Pampa Middle School.

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get him to go inside where it was warm, but the youth kept coming back and helping.

"To make matters worse," Lockridge said, "somebody had stolen his bicycle a few days earlier, and we haven't recovered it yet. He had no reason to help a police officer, but he did."

She said she was greatly impressed by the young man and appreciated his assistance. She and Montgomery showed their appreciation Tuesday afternoon.

At 4 p.m. Tuesday, in a brief ceremony at the police station, Montgomery presented Eric with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Pampa Police Officers Association. Lockridge was on an investigation and unable to attend.

Freelen also received a \$25 gift certificate to Wal-Mart.

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Lubbock for the autopsy on Wednesday.

Pampa Police and Pampa Fire Department personnel along with Rural/Metro emergency medical personnel responded to the call on Tuesday.

Pampa Fire Department personnel disconnected the utilities (natural gas) from the home and then ventilated the residence.

First Pentecostal planning public candlelight service

First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, presents its Christmas candle lighting service at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20.

Theme of the service will be "Jesus, the Light of the World," and includes carols sung by choir, congregation, soloists and groups, meditation and worship.

Everyone present will hold a lighted candle in the darkened church before the service concludes.

"To give our community a better opportunity to share the experience, this year the service will be on Friday night rather than

Sunday," said Pastors Albert and Mary Maggard.

Developed by Mary Maggard, the service — a church tradition — varies from year to year.

In some years, young people of the church perform the speaking parts. Other years have featured men of the congregation, while still others have seen the women filling these roles.

"This is our congregation's Christmas gift to Pampa," the Maggards said. "We welcome everyone to attend."

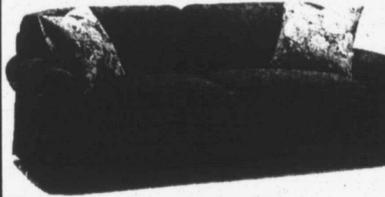
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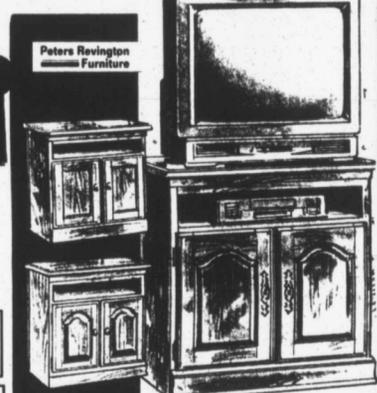
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Celebration of Lights running short on volunteers

BY DARLENE BIRKES
FOR THE NEWS

A hippo and elephant playing tennis, a fisherman catching a whale, Santa pitching hay — it's all at the Celebration of Lights, open nightly through New Year's Eve at Recreation Park east of Pampa on Highway 60.

Thousands of lights beckon visitors to drive through and enjoy painted cutouts, lighted displays, and some animated "cartoons," accompanied with Christmas music.

"We would like everybody to come out to the show and support the project," urged Rae Bagley of the Celebration of Lights committee. "There's no \$5, \$8, or \$10 admission fee, as in some parks, but we do need donations to keep the event going. There's a candy cane for the donors," she added.

"We have had so many good comments this year and hope that

the show can continue because everyone enjoys it so much."

She noted that weekend viewers included people from Borger, Canadian, and other Panhandle towns.

The show is quite varied with displays that are religious to patriotic, and also feature snowmen, Mr. and Mrs. Clause, a farmer and his house, wife, and dog, a dinosaur, carousel, Santa on skis, little tin soldier cut-outs, an elephant on a ball, a hot air balloon, poinsettias, Santa elves, and more.

"We still need evening workers," said Colleen Eskridge, volunteer coordinator.

These volunteers greet the visitors and hand out pamphlets. Volunteers should contact Eskridge at 665-6025. Michael Eskridge is in charge of turning on and off the lights every evening.

AFS exchange student Claudia Benassi of Italy, living with the Eskridge family, is assisting.

"We have a lot of lights in my home town, Reggio Emilia, but they are in the city, at the churches, historic places, and some private homes. We do not have parks full of lights," Benassi said. "My family is involved, so I go to help with the lights, too," he added, as he hurried to turn on the lights at another display.

Making the show possible this year was the Hoover Fire Department, in their third year of erecting the displays.

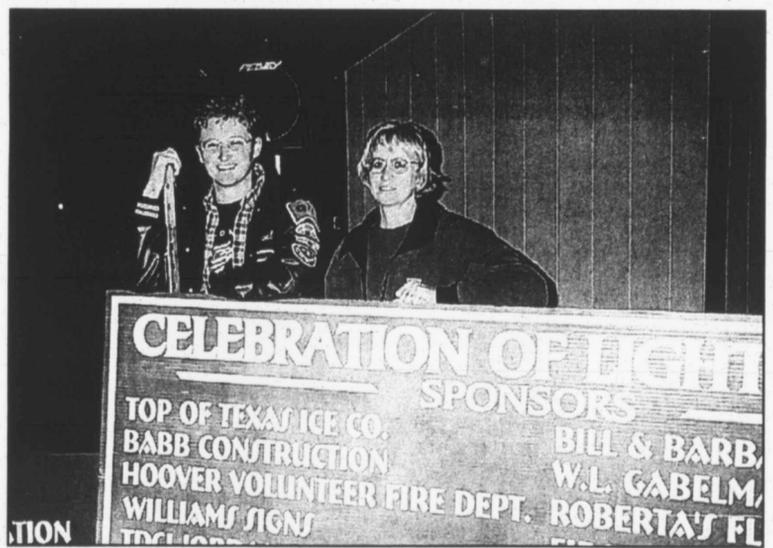
"We average 320 hours putting up the show and a little over 100 hours taking it down," said Joe Millican of Hoover Fire Department. "We have streamlined the procedure. Midway through the summer we make a master plan to redesign the display so that it is different each year. Then we go over the design with the Celebration of Lights committee," said Millican.

Originally men of the Jordan Unit helped cut out, paint and erect the displays. They could work only one week this year.

"We must have more volunteers to set up the displays, to repair and touch them up, replace bulbs, weld, and make new displays," said Kathleen Chaney.

"All the historic nativity display pieces have been duplicated, primed, and are ready to paint," she added. "All we need are volunteers."

The original pieces of the historic display are too fragile to erect any longer but hopes are to display



(Courtesy photo)

Dirk Swope, a student at Pampa High, and Rae Bagley, Celebration of Lights committee member, at one of two sponsors' signs advertising the display at Recreation Park.

them in a vacant store window. The committee needs organizations to help.

"Rotary members changed out the bulbs two Saturday afternoons," said Millican. "Some of our wives come out and change out bulbs."

Considerable time is spent in simply repairing displays, he noted.

One incentive the committee developed for volunteerism is a

college scholarship plan. The recipient is chosen on the basis of community volunteerism plus grade requirements. The student and or family must have helped to either set up, take down, or work during the season with the Christmas display. This scholarship is awarded annually.

On tap for the future is a building where they can store the displays and which they can use during the December event said Chaney. Babb Construction Co. has built and loaned them a shed each year, then he sells it at a reduced price.

"We have appreciated his contribution immensely, but we need to erect a building that we can use

for display storage during the year and then in December," said Eskridge. They added that building chairman Pat Bagley needs assistance in erecting the building.

Work begins in earnest as the weather warms near the end of March, said Rae Bagley. Notices are published in *The Pampa News* and work sessions are held every Monday night. Bill Hildebrandt is the liaison between the Celebration of Lights committee and the City of Pampa.

Designing, creating, cutting out the figures, painting, replacing hundreds of light bulbs, rewiring — all can be fun, but after eight years, committee members are wanting more new faces.

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Pro-government candidate Roh wins South Korean presidential election

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Pro-government candidate Roh Moo-hyun won South Korea's presidential election Thursday in a vote that could affect relations with the United States and communist North Korea.

Roh has said he wants a more "equal" relationship with Washington, a key ally, and advocates dialogue with the North. Opposition candidate Lee Hoi-Chang, who was critical of the government's "sunshine" policy of engaging Pyongyang, conceded defeat.

With almost 95 percent of the votes counted, Roh had 49 percent and Lee 46.5 percent. That lead was insurmountable, television stations said. "Thank you my dear fellow countrymen, who have elected me as president," Roh said at his party headquarters. "I will try to become a president, not just for the people who supported me, but also for the people who opposed me in the election."

Lee, who also lost the 1997 presidential election, said, "I did my best, but I fell short."

Turnout among the nation's 35 million eligible voters was 70.2 percent, almost 11 percent lower than in the 1997 presidential election.

In a wintry chill, voters lined up at 13,400 polling stations throughout the country of 48 million people. The day was declared a national holiday, so some people showed up to vote in hiking clothes or ski outfits.

In the campaign, Roh and Lee espoused roughly similar positions on the economy, but disagreed on another domestic issue — Roh's proposal to move some government offices out of Seoul. Lee opposes the plan.

The vote took place amid a surge in anti-U.S. sentiment, fueled by the recent acquittals in U.S. military trials of two American soldiers whose armored vehicle hit and killed two South Korean teenage girls in June in a road accident.

Roh, 55, supports President Kim Dae-jung's policy of engaging North Korea, and believes dialogue is the best way to resolve concerns over North Korea's nuclear weapons programs.

Lee, 67, says Kim's policy has failed, and prefers a tougher approach more in line with that of President Bush.

"I think it should be give-and-take in dealing with North Korea," said Kyle Kim, a 32-year-old engineer who voted for Lee. "We have given them a lot, and nothing has changed."

Many South Koreans believe Bush, who has ruled out talks with Pyongyang unless it abandons its nuclear development, is an obstacle to reconciliation with North Korea. Roh, who wants South Korea to be less dependent on Washington, had been expected to benefit from growing unhappiness with the 37,000 U.S. soldiers stationed in the South.

"Bush is a trigger-happy man," said Kim Han-sik, a 32-year-old voter. "We need a leader who can say no when we think we should say no. Our country has been too subservient to the United States."

Roh won despite a last-minute setback when a key backer withdrew his support late Wednesday. Chung Mong-joon, the popular architect of South Korea's successful co-hosting of the soccer World Cup this year, said he was upset over a comment Roh made on the campaign trail Wednesday.

"If the United States and North Korea start a fight, we should dissuade them," Roh had said.

Chung, a former presidential candidate who dropped out of the race to support Roh, said the United States was a close South Korean ally and had no reason to start a fight with North Korea.

Local media, citing Chung officials, said the soccer chief was angry after Roh indicated he would not back Chung for the presidency in 2007. Chung had counted on Roh's backing.

In recent weeks, tens of thousands of young South Koreans have taken to the streets to protest the acquittals of the U.S. soldiers for the road deaths and demand more South Korean jurisdiction over U.S. troops in their country.

The soldiers were acquitted of negligent homicide charges, but many South Koreans believed the trial was unfair. U.S. military officials apologized repeatedly for the deaths.

Kim's five-year term ends in February. Under South Korean law, he was barred from seeking re-election.

Rebels take major Ivory Coast city

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — Rebels took the largest city in Ivory Coast's coffee-rich far West on Thursday after a day and night of fighting, rebels, residents of the city and Western military sources said.

Residents reported rebels patrolling the city of Man at daylight Thursday, with no government forces in sight.

"We have taken control of Man," rebel commander Felix Doh said by telephone from Man. "There are still pockets of resistance, and we'll be taking care of them soon."

Locals in Man, a city of 135,000, said the insurgents were Liberians, speaking only English — making them members of the latest and most-feared faction in the three-month-old rebellion that has shattered this once-stable West African nation.

"The fighting went all night," said one man reached by telephone at his home in the center of Man. "The only soldiers in town are rebels. There are no loyalists."

Residents said the insurgents also held the city's airport. Western military officials confirmed that rebels controlled Man, and rebels boasted Ivory Coast's vital commercial capital in the south was next.

"Our objective is to get to Abidjan and control the whole country," Doh said.

Government soldiers backed by foreign mercenaries, tanks and helicopter gunships had made Man one of the most heavily defended and fought-over sites in the growing war splitting a country that is the world's largest cocoa producer, and a leading coffee producer.

French forces evacuated foreigners from Man on Nov. 30 after rebels took the city in a surprise attack days earlier.

On Dec. 1, government forces reclaimed the hill-ringed town. Rebels since have carried out several ambushes south of the city, and Wednesday attacked full force to retake it.

Fighting in the West last month opened a new front in the war, and introduced Liberians to the fight — ill-disciplined, often drugged fighters much feared by residents.

Ivory Coast's rebellion broke out Sept. 19 with a failed coup attempt, and quickly saw rebels seize the northern half of the once tranquil country. Rebels are demanding that President Laurent Gbagbo resign, opening the way for new elections.

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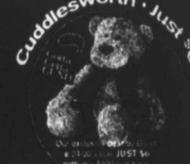


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Prairie Rivers Musical in offing

CANADIAN —Prairie Rivers Musical in Canadian is the place for live music and a knee-slapping good time. This month's performance will kick-off at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 21 in the Canadian Middle School Auditorium.

"We are expecting most of the regular performers to be at this show," Director Jay Godwin noted. "The show is quite close to Christmas but that seems to be a plus for our performers. Several families, such as ours, will have children or others in Canadian that night."

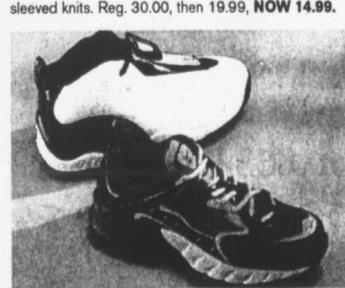
As usual, a big part of the music will consist of classic country, western swing, rockabilly, and some gospel as well as traditional Christmas songs and hymns in keeping with the holiday season.

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Jobless claims drop last week but market still sluggish

By JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — New claims for unemployment benefits dropped last week, but even with the decline the level of layoffs was still high and suggested that the job market was sluggish, reflecting companies' concerns about the uneven economic recovery.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that new claims for jobless benefits fell by a seasonally adjusted 11,000 to 433,000 for the work week ending Dec. 14. Yet, even with the drop, claims remained above the 400,000 mark, a level associated with a lackluster job market.

The decline, which was smaller than analysts were predicting, came after new claims shot up by 86,000 in the previous week, the biggest one-week gain since the work week

ending July 25, 1992. But private economists and Labor Department analysts cautioned not to read too much into the jump, saying it was exaggerated by difficulties adjusting for seasonal factors.

The more stable four-week moving average of claims, which smoothes out weekly fluctuations, rose last week to 400,750, the highest level since the beginning of November.

And, the number of unemployed people continuing to draw jobless benefits also went up by 229,000 to 3.5 million for the work week ending Dec. 7, the most recent period for which the data is available.

The economic recovery has been advancing this year, but in fits and starts, an environment that has made businesses wary about making big commitments in hiring and in capital investment. Fears about a war with

Iraq, the turbulent stock market and other economic uncertainties have weighed heavily on companies and made workers who still have jobs anxious about keeping them.

President Bush recently said he wants the new Congress to extend unemployment insurance benefits for jobless workers soon after it convenes next month.

Extended federal aid for the jobless runs out Dec. 28. Congress last March approved a 13-week extension in federal unemployment aid. That extension is to run out for people who have exhausted the 26 weeks of payments they typically receive through states.

Efforts to continue the benefits fell victim to partisan wrangling between Senate Democrats and House Republicans in late November's final days of the last congressional session.

Democratic leaders had urged Bush to ask

House Republicans to pass the more generous Senate extension plan. The White House remained on the sidelines throughout.

After slashing short-term interest rates by a bold half-point in November, Federal Reserve policy-makers last week decided to hold short-term interest rates steady at a 41-year low of 1.25 percent. They suggested that such low rates will help foster economic growth.

By leaving rates at low levels, Fed policy-makers hope to encourage consumers to spend more and for businesses to ramp-up investment, forces that would help the recovery.

The nation's unemployment rate jumped to 6 percent in November, matching an eight-year high set in April. Companies slashed 40,000 jobs during the month. Economists believe the jobless rate will stay in the range in the coming months.

Halliburton reaches multibillion dollar settlement to cover all current, future cases nationwide

PITTSBURGH (AP) — In a deal that would settle about 300,000 current and future asbestos cases nationwide, Halliburton Co. has agreed to pay about \$4 billion in cash and stock.

The Houston-based industrial giant once led by Vice President Dick Cheney announced the deal Wednesday in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Pittsburgh.

The lawsuits mostly involve people exposed to asbestos while work-

ing at plants that produced the material or in places where asbestos was used, such as steel mills.

"This settlement is the kind of model that other companies and asbestos attorneys should be looking at to resolve company liability in the future," said Perry Weitz, the lead negotiator for the plaintiffs. "The settlement shows that companies can quantify their asbestos exposure and conduct business without a cloud of asbestos liability to provide compen-

sation sooner than later."

Halliburton inherited most of the claims four years ago when the oil-field services, engineering and construction conglomerate acquired Dresser Industries Inc. for \$7.7 billion.

The settlement was outlined in Pittsburgh because most of the asbestos claims were filed against a former Dresser subsidiary, Pittsburgh-based Harbison-Walker Refractories Co., that filed for

Chapter 11 bankruptcy last February.

The settlement includes about \$2.8 billion in cash and 59.5 million shares currently worth about \$1.2 billion. The amount paid to individual claimants and their families would vary according to the injuries suffered.

Asbestos is used for fireproofing and insulation. Inhaling asbestos fibers can cause lung cancer and other deadly respiratory ailments, sometimes decades later.

More than 75 percent of the plaintiffs agreed to the deal, which was required for a settlement.

Dave Lesar, Halliburton chairman, president and chief executive, said: "This agreement in principle represents good news for our shareholders, customers, vendors, employees and everyone else with whom we do business. If this transaction is completed, it will resolve a major issue that has been clouding our future."

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Church leader supports settling lawsuits

By DENISE LAVOIE
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PRESS WRITER

BOSTON (AP) — The interim leader of the Boston Archdiocese supported efforts to settle hundreds of lawsuits accusing church officials of turning a blind eye to sexually abusive priests, as more church files were released showing priests allegedly molesting youngsters.

Bishop Richard G. Lennon said Wednesday he would not rule out sending the archdiocese into bankruptcy as the church struggles to find a way to resolve more than 400 lawsuits that claim the church failed to protect children from abusive priests. It was an option that was first weighed by Cardinal Bernard Law before he resigned last week.

In his first news conference since being named Friday as Law's temporary replacement, Lennon said he was hopeful that the church could settle the lawsuits by selling some of its real estate holdings and by using insurance money.

Lennon called on church lawyers and attorneys for alleged victims to suspend all day-to-day activity on the lawsuits — except actions mandated by the court — so both sides can "actively pursue" settlement of the cases.

"I will support efforts to arrive at a settlement of claims which will be fair and equitable for all the victims of sexual abuse," Lennon said.

Lennon's proposal received a cool reception from victims' lawyers, who said they would continue to participate in ongoing settlement discussions but weren't prepared to suspend the hectic pace of work on the lawsuits.

"Delay at this point is not feasible," said attorney Mitchell Garabedian, who has filed approximately 40 lawsuits and plans to file another 70 within the next month. "Evidence disappears, memories fade and the statute of limitations is a concern."

Roderick MacLeish Jr., whose firm represents more than 200 alleged victims, said he wants to give Lennon a chance, but said he is not willing to interrupt his lawsuits.

"We want to study and analyze what Bishop Lennon said, but we are not suspending litigation when it's legally necessary to protect our clients' interests," MacLeish said.

Lennon, 55, stressed his desire to help victims of clergy sexual abuse. He offered to sit down with any victims who request a meeting with him.

"Respectfully listening to them, I hope to learn the depth of their suffering. I will extend to each of them my apology on behalf of the church for the abuse which they have suffered," he said.

According to documents released

FDA to let food makers advertise 'qualified' claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — Food makers may advertise "qualified" descriptions of the health benefits of their products now that the Food and Drug Administration has loosened a requirement requiring scientific consensus on such claims.

The first pitch expected after Wednesday's FDA announcement: salmon and other fatty fish contain omega-3 fatty acids that are thought to — but not proved to — reduce the risk of heart disease.

Until now, the FDA standard for health claims about food has been rigid. Before oatmeal could claim to be good for the heart, for instance, there had to be scientific consensus that oatmeal's fiber helps maintain low cholesterol levels.

The new hurdle is similar to the one the courts have established for dietary supplements. They are allowed to carry "qualified health claims" — meaning there is no consensus, but a lot of scientific research supporting a particular nutrient's effect.

Food makers, irked by the disparity between the previously rigid standards governing them and what the \$17 billion dietary supplement industry could claim, welcomed the plans.

The steps are "leveling the playing field for conventional foods," said Rhona Applebaum of the National Food Processors Association.

"This breaks a logjam," added Gene Grabowski of the Grocery Manufacturers of America.

But consumer advocates decried the move.

A qualified food claim is comparable to the airline industry saying, "this airplane may be safe," said Bruce Silverglade of the Center for Science in the Public Interest. "Most consumers ... don't like wishy-washy advice from health agencies."

The FDA also promised more crackdowns on dietary supplement makers who make fraudulent claims.

U.S. marshals acting on an FDA request this week seized \$100,000 of a supplement called EverCLR that was sold illegally as a treatment for herpes and other viruses. Federal law prohibits dietary supplements from being sold as disease treatments, and the FDA spent two years trying to persuade EverCLR's maker to stop its marketing voluntarily.

"FDA will not tolerate fraudulent schemes that deceive or endanger the pub-

lic," the agency said in a report outlining plans to enforce often-neglected laws against false health claims.

It is the strongest warning so far after a year of signals that the agency increasingly is frustrated with cases of deception in the industry.

"We're putting manufacturers on notice about what is coming," new FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan said Wednesday. "We had a major seizure this week, and you can expect more coming."

The agency cautioned that makers of foods and dietary supplements must get FDA approval before putting those claims on their products.

Both plans "will help consumers get accurate, science-based information" necessary

to improve their health, McClellan said after a brief White House visit to discuss the changes with President Bush.

The FDA's main authority over supplements is ensuring that health-related claims on labels and in ads are truthful.

Dr. Sidney Wolfe of the consumer group Public Citizen said he hopes the pledge turns out to be "more than just public relations." Overall, he said, "what the FDA's done in the area of enforcement of dietary supplements is appalling, it's dangerous."

Congress exempted dietary supplements from most federal regulation in 1994, allowing them to be sold without proof that they are safe or benefit health. The FDA can try to force risky supplements off the

market only after the agency has proof of people being injured.

The agency is embroiled in controversy over whether it should force one supplement, ephedra, off the market or restrict sales because of reports linking the pills to heart attacks and strokes.

Annette Dickinson of the Council for Responsible Nutrition, the trade group that represents mainstream dietary supplement makers, said a misleading claim hurts consumers and is an "unfair business practice for the responsible industry that doesn't make those claims."

Calls to Halo Supply Co. of San Diego, which made the EverCLR supplement that was seized, were not immediately returned.

Police: Mother faked daughter's cancer to bilk money for supposed treatment

URBANA, Ohio (AP) — Police say a woman tried to trick her daughter and community into thinking the girl had cancer so she could raise money, even going so far as to shave the 7-year-old's head, give her sleeping pills and put her in counseling to prepare to die.

No charges had been filed against Teresa Milbrandt, 35, as of Wednesday. Her daughter, Hannah, has been taken from her and placed in the custody of relatives.

"By the time we get done, there's going to be a lot of charges here," Sgt. David Reese said.

Reese said Milbrandt admitted this week to county officials that the cancer was a hoax. He said police have collected coffee cans placed at businesses to seek donations that would supposedly go toward treatment. Police also found fliers with photos of the girl inviting people to fund-raisers, and a color TV donated as a raffle prize.

Milbrandt's husband, Robert Milbrandt, 44, is also under investigation, but no charges have been filed against him, police said.

Robert Milbrandt said he and his daughter never knew the cancer was faked. He said he took his wife to a mental hospital Tuesday.

"I don't know how you can be married to someone for so long, them lie to you and you

not know," he told the Urbana Daily Citizen.

The Milbrandts' telephone number is unpublished and The Associated Press could not locate them for comment Wednesday night.

Reese said Mrs. Milbrandt allegedly researched the effects of leukemia and gave her daughter sleeping pills and shaved her head to make it appear she was receiving chemotherapy.

He said Mrs. Milbrandt placed a bandage on the girl's back to cover a supposed "port" where chemotherapy was administered.

Reese said the girl does have some illnesses but police have determined none are life-threatening.

Police began investigating the child's illness about a week ago when employees at the girl's school noticed that her hair was cut or shaved, not falling out. They reported the situation to the county Department of Job and Family Services, and the agency contacted police.

Investigators have not been able to calculate the amount of money collected or the number of fund-raisers that have been held, but at least one church gave \$2,200 and two agencies gave \$500 each.

Reese said people in the community were shocked to hear the woman faked her child's illness.

MOW fund-raiser



(Courtesy photo)

Donna Reynolds and Joe Autry each recently contributed items for a drawing conducted by Pampa Meals on Wheels as a fund-raiser. Reynolds donated a quilt and Autry a trunk. The fund-raiser netted approximately \$1,000 for the organization. MOW is currently offering cookbooks for sale as part of yet another fund-raiser, each features recipes from board members, staff, and volunteers. For more information or to place an order, call 669-1007.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Young Lovers Must Grow Up Before Trying to Be Grown-Ups

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing regarding the letter from "Totally in Love" about his relationship with a 13-year-old girl. You advised him that if "things went too far," he could find himself in legal trouble. That's an understatement. I am a probation officer. Last Friday, I sat in court while a client of mine was sentenced to three years (the low end of the guidelines) for having consensual sex with a 13-year-old. The girl had told him she was 15 and said so in court. Once released from the penitentiary, he will have to register as a sex offender for the rest of his life. That 18-year-old needs to watch himself. He also needs to ask himself why he can't date girls his own age. Here in Virginia, if an 18-year-old has sex with a 13-year-old, he's a sex offender — whether or not the girl was willing.

CONCERNED IN MANASSAS

DEAR CONCERNED: I hope "Totally in Love" sees your letter. Its message is sobering. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Totally in Love" was great, but you left something out. I'm 19, and don't profess to know everything, but someone needs to explain to him about how 13-year-olds think. At that age, none of us had any idea what love was. Puberty struck most of us full-force and our hormones were going nuts — way too early to

make lifelong commitments, especially to an 18-year-old guy. The girl's mind is going to change so much as she grows up and finds out who she is and what she wants. She may not like him anymore when she gets a little older, and if she says it won't change, she's lying to herself and to him. Abby, that guy needs not only to come clean about his age to her mother, but also not dream too far ahead in the future. He should wait until she grows up before lifelong commitments come into the picture.

A WOMAN WHO REMEMBERS THAT AGE

DEAR REMEMBERS: It's unfortunate that 13-year-old girl doesn't have a sister like you. You have given sage advice.

DEAR ABBY: While I agree with your advice to "Totally in Love," I feel there is a bit more to say. From personal experience, I have found that if young people (such as his 13-year-old girlfriend) have an "exclusive" relationship, what happens is that she is excluded from the normal passages of youth. I cannot see how what people feel at 13 could possibly be what they want at 18, 21, etc. And if the relationship does "go too far," then what? Two children with a child? That young girl may well regret and resent the exclusiveness of the relationship she had when she was young.

I hope the parents of both these young people help them to see that it's better to allow each other time to grow-up. If they're truly meant to be together, no amount of time will change their feelings for each other, and eventually they'll be able to share life experiences they'll never have in the relationship they have now. I wish them the best.

AN EXPERIENCED OLDER PERSON

DEAR EXPERIENCED: You have a wise and compassionate perspective. Several readers also pointed out that the age difference between this young man and the girl is so great that it is not a relationship of equals. Few girls that age can say no to someone that much older and more experienced.

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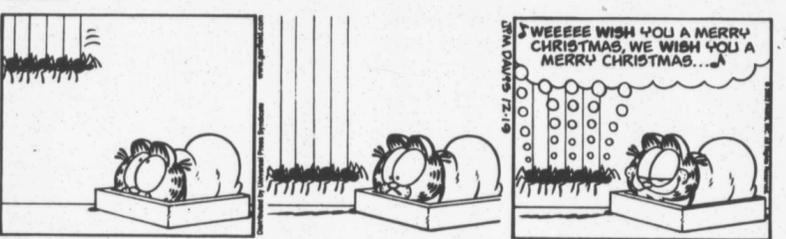
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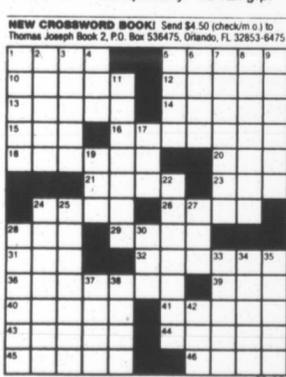
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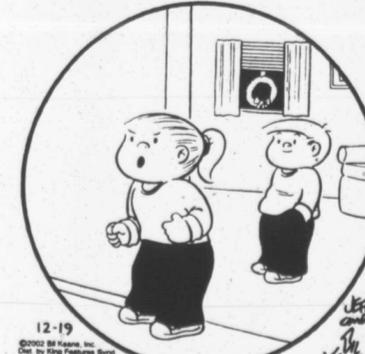
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BASEBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeff Kent and the Houston Astros agreed to a \$18.2 million, two-year contract, a move that forces Gold Glove second baseman Craig Biggio to move to the outfield.

The 34-year-old Kent, who won the NL MVP award two years ago, hit .313 last season with 37 homers and 108 RBIs, helping San Francisco win its first NL pennant since 1989.

BASKETBALL

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The NCAA on Wednesday narrowed the list of prospective Final Four sites for 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011 to six cities.

The Men's Basketball Committee will select from four cities — New Orleans, San Antonio, St. Louis and Indianapolis — that are scheduled to host the championships during the next four years. Also on the list are Detroit and Houston.

The committee will announce its decision for future sites in June. Atlanta is scheduled to host the 2007 national championship.

The committee also announced host cities for the 2006 NCAA tournament. Washington, Atlanta, Minneapolis and Oakland, Calif., will host regionals. Philadelphia, Dallas, Salt Lake City, Jacksonville, Fla., San Diego, Greensboro, N.C., Auburn Hills, Mich., and Dayton, Ohio, will host first- and second-round games.

Seven finalists also were named as possible hosts for the Women's Final Four starting in 2008. NCAA officials will choose from Denver, Minneapolis, San Antonio, St. Louis, Tampa and San Jose, Calif.

OLYMPICS

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A paper presented by Greece's main conservative opposition party claims the planned roofs for the Olympic stadium and velodrome may not be safe.

New Democracy Deputy Marios Salmas, who monitors 2004 Olympic preparations for the organization, said Thursday the planned steel-and-glass domes that will cover both facilities need to be adjusted.

Salmas claims the paper, obtained by The Associated Press, was written by technical advisers to the Athens 2004 organizers. The technical advisers refused to discuss any issue related to the Athens Olympics.

The Olympic stadium design, one of Athens' planned showpieces, includes two steel arches above the stadium. But the paper claims one of the problems in the design of the stadium's roof is "significant overstress on a length of both arches" and suggests the design be altered by changing the diameter and thickness of the steel tubes.

The 5,000-seat velodrome is also "overstressed" in some areas and the roof must be fixed to "prevent the local instabilities under seismic loads."

Greece is an earthquake-prone country. In 1999, a magnitude 5.9 quake struck a few miles north of the stadium, killing 143 people.

Cowboys' Hutchinson gets ready for tough Eagles' D

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys quarterback Chad Hutchinson often talks about how much he enjoys the brutality of football, even saying that absorbing the pounding is part of the reason why he gave up the relatively safe haven of a pitcher's mound to play in the NFL.

Then he should really be excited about playing the Philadelphia Eagles and their blitz-hungry defense Saturday night.

The Eagles have 46 sacks, second-most in the NFL, and have knocked down quarterbacks another 63 times. They had three sacks when they played the

Cowboys earlier this season when Quincy Carter was the starter.

Hutchinson isn't as mobile as Carter and is still learning the nuances needed to avoid being sacked. He has gone down 22 times in seven games, with at least three sacks in five games. Those hits have led to seven fumbles, five of which were lost.

The Eagles have certainly seen what worked for others, and they will have a few of their own wrinkles planned. Philadelphia (11-3) comes in on a roll, having won five straight to win the NFC East for the second straight season.

Wins in the final two games would clinch home-field advantage in the playoffs.

Dallas (5-9) has lost two straight and is trying to avoid a third straight season with at least 10 losses.

"They blitz everyone, and they will blitz us, too, until we show we can pick it up," Hutchinson said. "Part of the game is getting hit. I don't mind. For me, it's not a big issue."

Hutchinson is playing football for the first time since he was a sophomore at Stanford five years ago. He spent the past four summers as a pitcher in the St. Louis Cardinals organiza-

tion.

This week he's taking a crash course in the Philadelphia defense, trying to figure out who will be coming from where. He knows that the quicker he can read the defense, the better chance he has to avoid winding up on his back.

"It'll be a mixed bag," Hutchinson said. "We'll see some different things. They put pressure with their front four, so they don't always have to blitz as much."

Dallas' goal is to turn Philadelphia's aggressiveness against them. When Hutchinson sees an area

about to be vacated, he has a chance to make a big play by throwing in that direction.

"Everyone thinks that way going against them, but not many teams have gotten that done," receiver Joey Galloway said. "That's why they're so good. They come after you and their corners are good. We've got to pick that stuff up and make them pay."

Hutchinson has made seven starts, the same number Carter made before being benched. While their numbers are pretty similar, the team is committed to Hutchinson the rest of this season and beyond.

Bonds baseball

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Neither of the men fighting for Barry Bonds' historic 73rd home run ball will get to keep the souvenir that was hit into the stands at Pacific Bell Park last year.

Judge Kevin McCarthy ruled Wednesday that Patrick Hayashi and Alex Popov would have to sell the ball and split the money — perhaps more than \$1 million.

Since it landed on the last day of the 2001 baseball season 14 months ago, the ball has been locked in legal limbo and a safe-deposit box.

With Solomonic wisdom, the judge ruled that Popov — who gloved the ball for an instant — and Hayashi — who ended up it — each has a legitimate claim and neither should get the ball outright.



Jennifer Sprouse (22) of Lefors moves in for a possible rebound after a free throw attempt.

Miami, Groom High cagers win non-district outings

MIAMI — Miami swept McLean in a basketball double-header Tuesday night.

Jeff Browning tossed in 25 points to lead Miami to a 69-62 win in the boys game. Chris Brewer added 22.

High scorer for McLean was Zane Richardson with 20 points. Jay Wallis followed with 17.

Miami jumped out to an early lead to win the girls game 52-24.

Kaylie James had 14 points to lead the Miami attack. Tatum Butler and Julie Davenport had 10 each.

Danielle Daupier and Shaley Steel had 10 each for McLean.

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LEFORS — Groom win a pair of basketball games against Lefors in non-district action Tuesday night.

Lance Ollinger had 13 points and Cody Babcock 11 to lead Groom to a 62-42 win in the boys' game.

Joshua Garcia was high scorer for Lefors with 23 points. Ricky Vaughn followed with 13.

Groom won the girls' contest by a score of 52-22.

The Tigerettes' leading scorer, was Amanda Conrad with 16 points.

Staci Britten chipped in 12 points.

Katie Barnes topped Lefors with 8 points, followed by Samantha Ceniceros 6.

Last weekend, the Lady Pirates placed fifth in the Sunray Tournament by beating Hartley 37-32.

Barnes led Lefors with 20 points, followed by Savannah Smith 9, Lindsay Duckworth 4, and Ceniceros 3.

College Bowl Glance

All Times EST Tuesday, Dec. 17 New Orleans Bowl \$750,000 North Texas 24, Cincinnati 19	\$780,000 Toledo (9-4) vs. Boston College (8-4), 5 p.m. (ESPN) Insight Bowl At Phoenix \$750,000 Oregon State (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (8-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)	Wisconsin (7-6), 8 p.m. (ESPN) Continental Tire Bowl At Charlotte, N.C. \$750,000 West Virginia (9-3) vs. Virginia (8-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN2)	\$1.3 million Colorado State (10-3) vs. TCU (9-2), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN) Silicon Valley Classic At San Jose, Calif. \$750,000 Fresno State (8-5) vs. Georgia Tech (7-5), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN2)	\$1.6 million Notre Dame (10-2) vs. North Carolina State (10-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC) Capital One Bowl At Orlando, Fla. \$11-13 million Penn State (9-3) vs. Auburn (8-4), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Wednesday, Dec. 18 GMAC Bowl Mobile, Ala. \$750,000 Marshall 38, Louisville 15	Friday, Dec. 27 Houston Bowl \$750,000 Southern Mississippi (7-5) vs. Oklahoma State (7-5), 1 p.m. (ESPN) Independence Bowl At Shreveport, La. \$1.2 million Nebraska (7-6) vs. Mississippi (6-6), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)	Monday, Dec. 30 Music City Bowl At Nashville, Tenn. \$750,000 Minnesota (7-5) vs. Arkansas (9-4), 2 p.m. (ESPN) Seattle Bowl \$1 million Wake Forest (6-6) vs. Oregon (7-5), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)	Peach Bowl At Atlanta \$1.6 million Maryland (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN) San Francisco Bowl \$800,000 Air Force (8-4) vs. Virginia Tech (9-4), 10:30 p.m. (ESPN2)	Rose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif. \$11-13 million Washington State (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (11-2), 5 p.m. (ABC) Sugar Bowl At New Orleans \$11-13 million Georgia (12-1) vs. Florida State (9-4), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)
Monday, Dec. 23 Tangerine Bowl At Orlando, Fla. \$750,000 Clemson (7-5) vs. Texas Tech (8-5), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)	Wednesday, Dec. 25 Las Vegas Bowl \$800,000 UCLA (7-5) vs. New Mexico (7-6), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN) Hawaii Bowl At Honolulu \$750,000 Tulane (7-5) vs. Hawaii (10-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)	Tuesday, Dec. 31 Humanitarian Bowl At Boise, Idaho \$750,000 Iowa State (7-6) vs. Boise State (11-1), Noon (ESPN) Sun Bowl At El Paso, Texas \$1.35 million Washington (7-5) vs. Purdue (6-6), 2 p.m. (CBS) Liberty Bowl At Memphis, Tenn.	Wednesday, Jan. 1 Outback Bowl At Tampa, Fla. \$2 million Michigan (9-3) vs. Florida (8-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN) Cotton Bowl At Dallas \$3 million LSU (8-4) vs. Texas (10-2), 11 a.m. (FOX) Gator Bowl At Jacksonville, Fla.	Thursday, Jan. 2 Orange Bowl At Miami \$11-13 million Southern California (10-2) vs. Iowa (11-1), 8 p.m. (ABC) Friday, Jan. 3 Fiesta Bowl At Tempe, Ariz. \$11-13 million Miami (12-0) vs. Ohio State (13-0), 8 p.m. (ABC)

Karl Dorrell hired as new football coach at UCLA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — UCLA, passing over a pair of more experienced candidates, chose one of its own as the Bruins' 15th head football coach.

Karl Dorrell, who played wide receiver for the Bruins in the 1980s, was hired by his alma mater Wednesday night, becoming the fourth black coach in Division I.

In his third year as wide receivers coach for the Denver Broncos, Dorrell succeeds Bob Toledo who was fired nine days earlier.

"I believe that Karl is the man who can build UCLA football to the elite level and we are excited to begin that process," first-year athletic director Dan Guerrero said. "I know our alumni and fans will rally in support of Karl and our program."

Dorrell and Guerrero were scheduled to hold a campus news conference on Thursday. No details of Dorrell's contract were disclosed.

The other black head coaches in Division I are Tyrone Willingham at Notre Dame, San Jose State's Fitz Hill and New Mexico State's Tony Samuel.

"Obviously, I am privileged and honored to be the new football coach at UCLA," said Dorrell, who landed the job on his 39th birthday. "It has always been a dream of mine to someday return to campus as the head coach at this great university. I can't wait to get started."

The head coaching job will be the first for Dorrell, who coached 12 years at the collegiate level, including seven as an offensive coordinator,

before being hired by the Broncos.

"Karl Dorrell is an outstanding fit for UCLA," Guerrero said. "Everyone with whom I spoke held Karl in high regard in the areas of leadership, coaching, relating to players, recruiting and dealing with media and alumni."

UCLA spokesman Marc Dellins said Dorrell will conclude his coaching duties with the Broncos following Sunday's game at Oakland, but won't coach the Bruins (7-5) against New Mexico (7-6) in the Las Vegas Bowl three days later.

Ed Kezirian, assistant director of academic services at the university, was named interim coach the day Toledo was fired.

Kezirian, a Bruins assistant from 1982-92, will handle the

administrative end of coaching in the Las Vegas Bowl, with other members of the coaching staff handling the decision making.

New Orleans Saints assistant coach Mike Riley, 49, had been considered the leading candidate for the job, and turned down an offer from Alabama late last week when the Crimson Tide asked for an immediate decision.

As it turned out, Dorrell was hired a day after Alabama tabbed Washington State coach Mike Price.

Kansas City Chiefs assistant Greg Robinson, a 51-year-old former UCLA assistant, was also interviewed for the job.

But Dorrell, a former offensive coordinator at Colorado and Washington and a finalist for the San Diego State head

coaching job last year, won out.

"Karl is a man of high principles whom I feel is well-suited to the college game," Guerrero said. "The fact that he enjoyed an outstanding career as a Bruin gives him an appreciation for what a special place UCLA is."

Toledo's teams went 49-32 over seven seasons, but lost four straight games to crosstown rival Southern California — the last two by a combined 58 points.

Guerrero said the day Toledo was fired that he wanted to hire someone who "knows something about rivalries and the importance of those kinds of things in a city like Los Angeles."

Dorrell earned his bachelor's degree from UCLA following the 1986 season.

Emmett leads Texas Tech past New Mexico, 98-71

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — A different Andre Emmett showed up Wednesday night to lead Texas Tech to a 98-71 victory over New Mexico.

Emmett scored 31 points against the Lobos after playing poorly in Tech's sole loss this year, to Wyoming on Saturday.

"I think he played very well tonight, but he did not play very well on Saturday," Tech coach Bob Knight told ESPN after the game.

"There's a continuity of good play he has to develop, and he hadn't had it yet. Tonight, he was active, he moved. When he moves, he creates opportunities for other guys."

Knight did not attend the post-game press conference.

Kasib Powell added 22 points for Tech.

The Lobos couldn't keep up with the pace of Emmett and Powell, who crafted points off turnovers and steals that often ended in easy dunks.

Emmett, who was 13-of-16, scored 12 of his points in a three-minute stretch midway through the second half before leaving the game.

The Red Raiders never trailed, taking an 8-0 lead from which New Mexico never recovered.

Tech (6-1) widened its lead gradually, extending it to 31 with 14:58 remaining in the game. New Mexico (3-4) could come within only 21 at the 2:50 mark after consecutive 3-pointers by Mark Walters.

"I was proud of our group," Lobo coach Ritchie McKay said. "We never showed an ounce of quit. I didn't think we matched up well man-to-man. Their motion is sensational. They react to what you give them."

Tech led 56-32 at halftime, its highest first-half total of the season.

Coming off its only loss, Tech started hot, shooting better than 71 percent on 15-of-

21 through the first 11 minutes of the game. The Lobos, who were without their starting guards because of illness and injury, shot 34 percent on 12-of-35 field goals.

Bob Knight made a change in his starting lineup after a 67-62 loss to Wyoming, starting Nick Valdez and Ronald Ross instead of Will Chavis and Pawel Storzynski.

Ross characterized his team as playing "like turtles" against Wyoming.

"After losing to Wyoming, we came out with a lot more intensity," he said. "We played with pride and with passion. This game meant a lot more to us."

Chavis came off the bench late in the first half to contribute five points during a 13-5 run.

Ruben Douglas scored 23 points and Jeff Hart added 14 for New Mexico.

"They played all of us hard," Douglas said. "They just basically picked us apart."

Mavericks hold off Nuggets

DENVER (AP) — Michael Finley scored 31 points and Steve Nash added 14 of his 18 points in the second half Wednesday night as the Dallas Mavericks dealt the undermanned Denver Nuggets their sixth consecutive loss, 80-75.

Finley shot 12-for-27 and had 27 points after three quarters. Nash was 8-for-8 from the free throw line as Dallas defeated the Nuggets for the fifth straight time.

Juwan Howard led the Nuggets, who dressed 10 players, with 21 points. Denver shot only 36 percent and had difficulty in its first game without James Posey, the team's second-leading scorer who was dealt to Houston earlier in the day in a three-team trade.

Denver opened the fourth quarter with baskets by

Rodney White and Mark Blount to trail 64-55, but Nick Van Exel made a 3-pointer to put the lead back to double digits, 69-57 with 8:36 left.

Dirk Nowitzki, 1-for-9 through three quarters, hit a 3-pointer with 5:53 remaining to put the Mavericks ahead 74-60. After Finley's 3-pointer pushed the lead to 77-65, Donnell Harvey's dunk and a basket and two free throws got the Nuggets within 77-71 with 1:57 left.

Nash converted two free throws, but Denver managed only a free throw by Harvey and Nikoloz Tskitshvili's 3-pointer in the last 1:05.

After leading by five at the half, Nash and Finley hit pull-up jumpers to extend the Mavericks' lead to 46-37. Denver failed to score on its first seven possessions in the third quarter before Harvey's

free throw with 8:33 left in the quarter.

Vincent Yarbrough followed with a finishing dunk, but Nash and Finley accounted for the remaining 18 of Dallas points in the quarter. The Mavericks took a 69-57 lead into the fourth quarter after Finley made two shots in last minute.

Finley scored seven points as Dallas closed the first quarter with a 11-2 run to lead 20-14. The Nuggets, 5-for-25 in the period, went over six minutes without a field goal.

The Dallas lead was 42-37 at halftime as Finley went 4-for-8 and had 10 points in the second quarter.

Notes Van Exel, formerly of the Nuggets, was soundly booed when entering the game with 3:24 left in the first quarter and every time he touched the ball.

Scoreboard

FOOTBALL

National Football League
At A Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	9	5	0	.643	337	254
New England	8	6	0	.571	337	292
Buffalo	7	7	0	.500	352	378
N.Y. Jets	7	7	0	.500	287	302

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	9	5	0	.643	326	311
Indianapolis	9	5	0	.643	302	256
Jacksonville	6	8	0	.429	305	267
Houston	4	10	0	.286	200	317

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	8	5	1	.607	339	307
Baltimore	7	7	0	.500	272	306
Cleveland	7	7	0	.500	306	291
Cincinnati	1	13	0	.071	250	416

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	9	5	0	.643	398	288
Denver	8	6	0	.571	339	309
San Diego	8	6	0	.571	283	312
Kansas City	7	7	0	.500	443	353

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Philadelphia	11	3	0	.786	381	228
N.Y. Giants	8	6	0	.571	266	245
Dallas	5	9	0	.357	200	282
Washington	5	9	0	.357	261	341

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Tampa Bay	11	3	0	.786	324	179
New Orleans	9	5	0	.643	413	358
Atlanta	8	5	1	.607	350	275
Carolina	5	9	0	.357	224	282

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	11	3	0	.786	371	286
Chicago	4	10	0	.286	267	340
Minnesota	4	10	0	.286	332	389
Detroit	3	11	0	.214	255	377

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-San Francisco	9	5	0	.643	330	306
St. Louis	6	8	0	.429	275	319
Arizona	5	9	0	.357	241	363
Seattle	5	9	0	.357	294	331

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Saturday's Games

Miami at Minnesota, 1:30 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 5 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Detroit at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Houston at Washington, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Carolina, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
St. Louis at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 4:15 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at New England, 8:30 p.m.

Monday's Game

Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 28

Philadelphia at New York Giants, 1:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 29

Cincinnati at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Green Bay at New York Jets, 4:15 p.m.
Seattle at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 30

San Francisco at St. Louis, 9 p.m.
End Regular Season

BOWLING

Harvester Lanes
League Results
Casino League
(Week 12)

Team	Won	Lost
4-Skins	33	15
Peggy's Place	31	17
Ma's Funtime	30	18
Cellular Connection	26 1/2	21 1/2
Lee Ann's Grooming	26 1/2	21 1/2
Clemens Home Repair	24	24
L.&L. Welding	24	24
Team One	23	25
Team Eight	22 1/2	25 1/2
King's Row	19	9
The Fun Bunch	17	31
Williams Appliance	13	35
Team Five	13	35

High scratch game: Ralph West 256; High scratch series: Ralph West 266; High handicap game: Bonnie Clemens 243; High handicap series: Peggy Chase 656.

WOLLEYBALL

City of Pampa
Fall Mixed Volleyball
(Final Standings)

Competitive A	Wins	Losses
Calhoun-Stowers	8	0
WW Sports Bar	5	3
Southwest Collision	3	5
Mac Supply	3	5
A.S.S.I.	1	7

Competitive B	Wins	Losses
Gators	6	2
Easy's-Dominos	6	2
Rick's Body Shop	3	5
Market Square Thriftway	3	5
A&K-Bel-Mart	2	6

BASKETBALL

Wednesday's Major College Basketball Scores

By The Associated Press

EAST

Duquesne 61, Youngstown St. 56
Pittsburgh 69, Ohio St. 49
Quinnipiac 81, Dartmouth 72
Rider 62, Princeton 59
West Virginia 82, W. Carolina 55

SOUTH

Charlotte 80, S. Illinois 67
Costal Carolina 67, Newberry 48
Florida St. 93, Stetson 76
Georgia 94, South Alabama 82
Kent St. 89, Chattanooga 84
Louisiana-Lafayette 81, Bethune-Cookman 55
Miami 79, Ark.-Pine Bluff 42
Middle Tennessee 74, Christian Brothers 57
Mississippi St. 78, Georgia St. 54
Robert Morris 93, Md.-Eastern Shore 74
SE Louisiana 83, Loyola, N.O. 56
Tennessee St. 87, Morris Brown 78
The Citadel 78, Southwestern, Texas 50
W. Kentucky 64, Southern Miss. 54
Wake Forest 100, S. Carolina St. 57

MIDWEST

Cent. Michigan 74, Bradley 71
DePaul 72, Fla. International 57
Illinois St. 74, Jacksonville 50
Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 90, Cleveland St. 74
Northwestern 66, Elon 51
Purdue 78, Belmont 61
SW Missouri St. 72, Arkansas St. 65, OT
Saint Louis 83, Grambling St. 54
UCF 99, Chicago St. 83
Wichita St. 92, Lamar 73

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 78, Sam Houston St. 67
Oklahoma St. 85, UMKC 61
Rice 106, St. Edward's 48
Texas Tech 98, New Mexico 71

TOURNAMENT

Billy Minardi Invitational
Championship
Louisville 89, Manhattan 62

Third Place

Wright St. 75, E. Kentucky 61

E. Illinois, McNeese St. each land three on AP 1-AA All-America team

By RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Football Writer

A third-teamer last year, Tony Romo stepped up in 2002.

The Eastern Illinois quarterback was among three Panthers selected to The Associated Press' I-AA All-America team on Wednesday.

Romo, the three-time Ohio Valley Conference offensive player of the year, was joined on the 26-player team by running back J.R. Taylor and linebacker Nick Ricks.

McNeese State, which plays Western Kentucky for the I-AA national title Friday night, also had three players on the team — strong safety Hadley Prince, linebacker Roderick Royal and center Jason Davis.

Romo, a 6-foot-3, 215-pound senior, threw for 2,950 yards and 33 touchdowns in leading Eastern Illinois to an 8-4 record and a playoff berth. Two losses were against I-A bowl teams — Kansas State and Hawaii. In a 48-9 playoff loss to Western Illinois, Romo threw for 215 yards and a TD.

Villanova quarterback Brett Gordon made the second team, and Grambling State's Bruce Eugene was on the third team. Romo made the third team in 2001.

Taylor ran for 1,522 yards and 18 touchdowns for Eastern Illinois, which averaged 37.7 points per game. Ricks, the QVC's top defensive player, had 149 tackles, including 20 for losses.

Jay Bailey of Austin Peay was the other All-American running back. The 6-0, 205-pound senior led I-AA in rushing with 1,687 yards and 18 TDs. He was third nationally in all-purpose yards with 179.42 per game.

The receivers were Tramon

Douglas of Grambling State, Carl Morris of Harvard and Willie Ponder of Southeast Missouri State.

Douglas caught 91 passes for 1,704 yards and 18 TDs, including two scores in Grambling's 31-19 win over Alabama A&M in the Southwestern Athletic Conference title game.

Morris had 90 catches for 1,288 yards and eight TDs; Ponder had 87 catches for 1,453 yards and eight scores.

McNeese State (13-1) was among the top defensive teams this season, led by Prince. The 5-9, 195-pound senior was the Southland Conference player of the year with 100 tackles, 14 1/2 for losses. Royal had 82 tackles, 13 1/2 for losses.

Joining Davis on the offensive line were Chris Price of Western Kentucky, Charles Clarke of Georgia Southern, Dylan McFarland of Montana and Dwight Beard of William & Mary.

Northern Iowa's MacKenzie Hoambrecker, who led the nation in field goals (25-of-28), was chosen as the kicker, and Delaware State's DaShaun Morris was the all-purpose player.

Morris averaged 28.3 yards per kick return, taking three for touchdowns. He also caught 34 passes for 564 yards and five scores.

Alabama A&M's Robert Mathis led the defense: The end set an I-AA sack record with 20, and forced 10 fumbles. The other linemen were Josh Jeffries of Appalachian State and Freddy Pesqueira of Georgia Southern — two of three repeaters from last season — and Roy Locks of Northwestern State.

Joining Ricks and Royal at linebacker were Sherrod Coates of Western Kentucky and Stephen Cooper of Maine, the

other two-time All-American.

Rashean Mathis of Bethune-Cookman, who led the nation with 14 interceptions, Mark Kasper of Dayton and Trey Young of Montana were the other defensive backs.

Mike Scifres of Western Illinois was the punter. During the regular season, he averaged 48.7 yards per punt, with an average above 50 in six of the team's games.

There were 21 senior and five juniors on the team. The Gateway, Ohio Valley and Southland conferences led the way with four players each.

2002 I-AA All-America Team

FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

Quarterback — Tony Romo, Eastern Illinois, 6-3, 215, senior, Burlington, Wis.

Running backs — Jay Bailey, Austin Peay, 6-0, 205, senior, Clarksville, Tenn.; J.R. Taylor, Eastern Illinois, 6-2, 215, senior, Mount Zion, Ill.

Receivers — Tramon Douglas, Grambling State, 6-1, 205, junior, Baton Rouge, La.; Carl Morris, Harvard, 6-3, 200, senior, Sterling, Va.; Willie Ponder, Southeast Missouri State, 6-2, 195, senior, Tulsa, Okla.

Linemen — Dwight Beard, William & Mary, 6-4, 300, senior, Shippensburg, Pa.; Charles Clarke, Georgia Southern, 6-2, 280, senior, Pace, Fla.; Jason Davis, McNeese State, 6-0, 319, senior, Lake Charles, La.; Dylan McFarland, Montana, 6-6, 290, junior, Kalispell, Mont.; Chris Price, Western Kentucky, 6-0, 290, senior, Indianapolis

Place-kicker — MacKenzie Hoambrecker, Northern Iowa, 6-0, 202, senior, Davenport, Iowa

All-purpose — DaShaun Morris, Delaware State, 6-0, 175, junior, Orange, N.J.

DEFENSE

Linemen — Josh Jeffries, Appalachian State, 6-2, 265, senior, Rougemont, N.C.; Roy Locks, Northwestern State, 5-11, 240, senior, Orange, Texas; Robert Mathis, Alabama A&M, 6-0, 227, senior, Atlanta; Freddy Pesqueira, Georgia Southern, 6-1, 241, senior, Acworth, Ga.

Linebackers — Sherrod Coates, Western Kentucky, 6-2, 225, senior, Boynton Beach, Fla.; Stephen Cooper, Maine, 6-1, 220, senior, Wareham, Mass.; Nick Ricks, Eastern Illinois, 6-0, 200, junior, Deerfield Beach, Fla.; Roderick Royal, McNeese State, 6-1, 241, junior, Baton Rouge, La.

Backs — Mark Kasper, Dayton, 6-1, 193, senior, Brecksville, Ohio; Rashean Mathis, Bethune-Cookman, 6-2, 185, senior, Jacksonville, Fla.; Hadley Prince, McNeese State, 5-9, 195, senior, Sulphur, La.; Trey Young, Montana, 6-0, 195, senior, San Diego

Punter — Mike Scifres, Western Illinois, 6-2, 230, senior, Norco, La.

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

Quarterback — Brett Gordon, Villanova

Running backs — Gary Jones, Albany (N.Y.); P.J. Mays, Youngstown State

Receivers — Casey Cramer, Dartmouth; Chas Gessner, Brown; Aryvia Holmes, Samford

Linemen — Buster Ashley, Western Kentucky; Mike Brigandi, Hofstra; Kevin Hill, Eastern Illinois; Terry Riley, Grambling State; Jeff Santacrose, Lehigh

Place-kicker — Jesse Obert, Dayton

All-purpose — Chaz Williams, Georgia Southern

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 DEC. Special for Military Servicemen's Wives (called to Active Duty only). Appli. Repairs -No Serv. Charge, parts & tax only! Williams Appli. Service, 665-8894.

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14n Painting
 50 yr. exp. We paint, dry-wall, texture, comm/ residential. Free Estimates. Happy Painters 665-3214

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White House Lumber
 101 S. Ballard
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HOUSTON LUMBER
 420 W. Foster
 669-6881

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 20, 2002.
 You find that others often present you with a myriad of options, whether you want them or not. Be open to possibilities and new opportunities, especially after August 2003. Emphasize better relating on all levels this year, be it with co-workers, friends, family or your sweetie. You will strengthen your bonds as a result. Take the first half of 2003 to restructure your finances and make them much stronger, if possible. Refinance if need be. Check your insurance policies. Make sure funds are more like you want them to be. If you are single, a key relationship will enter your life this birthday year, adding to your happiness. You will want to relate intimately on a one-on-one level. If you are attached, you will learn to give your partner more say in your life. Together you become quite a team. CANCER often tests his or her limits with you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 Pace yourself; recognize that you only have so much energy. Last-minute errands might have you running here and there. Establish your limits, and you will be less likely to fry your nerves and overwhelm yourself. Tonight: At home. Relax over a hot apple cider.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 Others express their needs. Feel free to add your two cents. Join friends or associates and call this an early day. A get-together for the holidays or finishing off your errands will make you smile. Your gentle and caring nature wins someone over to your camp. Tonight: Enjoy the holiday season.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Others want to hear from you, though they might not agree with your thinking. Forge ahead while keeping a clear eye on spending and what must be done. Demonstrate your unique thinking. A celebration could be quite spontaneous. Tonight: Deal directly.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 Keep up the good work, knowing that you will achieve what you want. Creativity and a good heart meet. Others sense your good intentions and vibes. Take an opportunity that seems too good to say "no" to. Romance and children highlight the scenario. Tonight: Play away.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 Know when it's appropriate to say little. Your intuition concerning a domestic matter could make a substantial difference in upcoming events. Your good nature needs to manifest itself with family or a loved one. Tonight: Do your thing.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Friends point, but only you can decide to follow their suggested direction. Join others. Go where people are, even if you don't know them. You will not do well alone. Socialize and flirt till you hear's content. Know what you want. Tonight: Where the action is.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 A take-charge attitude backfires, especially when it impacts your gift-giving. An office party or some other prestigious get-together gives you plenty of time to strut your stuff. Others might see through some of your "show." Tonight: Out and about.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 Remember the intrinsic message of the season, and express it in a manner that others can and will hear. Music feeds the mood, as do all the holiday get-togethers. Put yourself in a place where you can relish what is happening.

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 Pampa Nursing Center has an opening for a REGISTERED NURSE in the position of Charge Nurse. Starting pay is \$24.00 an hour plus we offer a \$2000 Sign-On Bonus
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EXPERIENCED COOK
 Morning Shift Great Benefits & Hours
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69a Garage Sales
 MOON'S Trading Post, 2214 Alcock, 2 new Estates came in, lots of xmas deco., some antiq. Open every Thurs. Fri. Sat.

FREE RENT!
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 AXYDLBAAXR
 is LONGFELLOW
 One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

12-19 CRYPTOQUOTE
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 YFXQ LTT HVVP CXQ LQP
 MSEX FLNX KSXDXQGX VO
 CWQP LQP KSXDXQMD WQ
 CWQP - LEMFVS EQZVYQ
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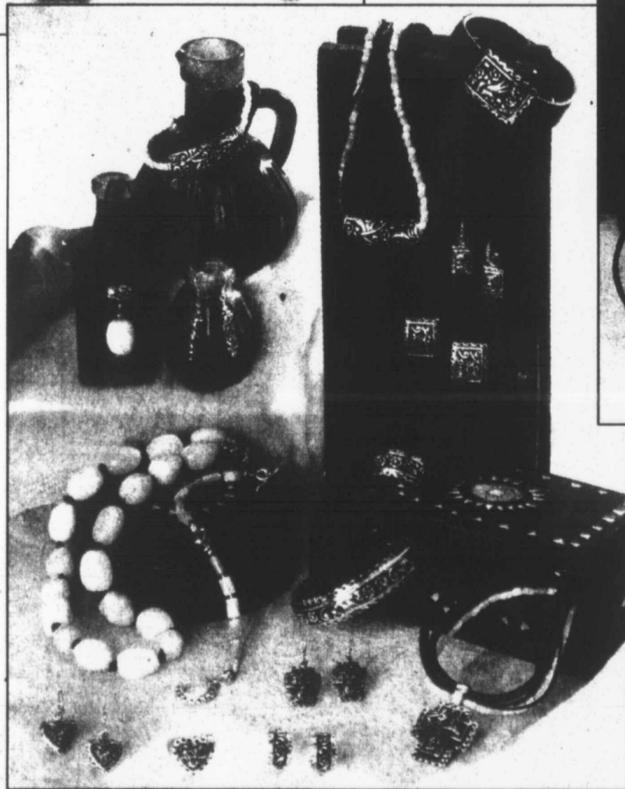
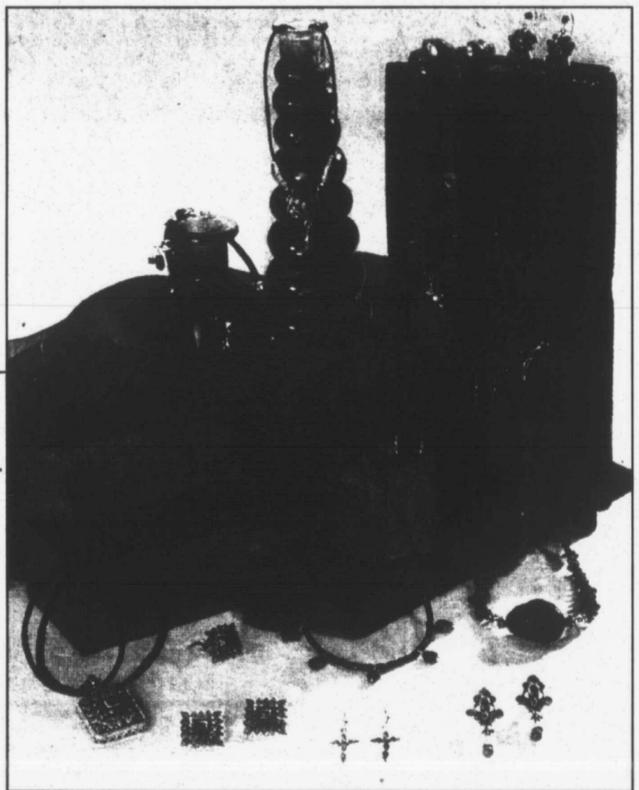
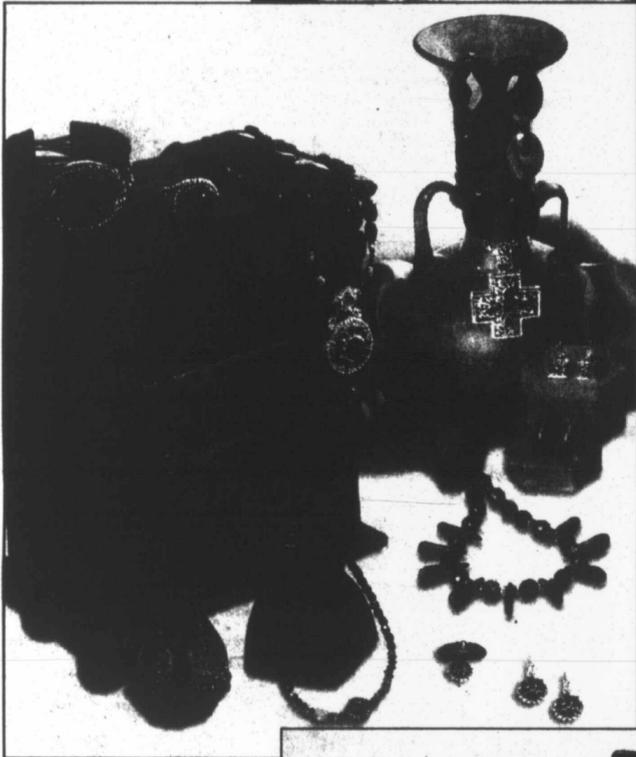
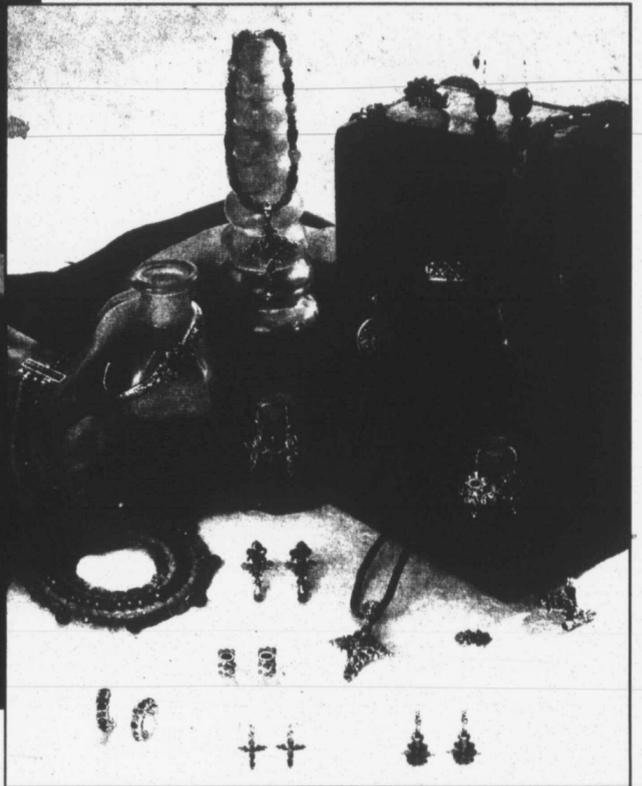
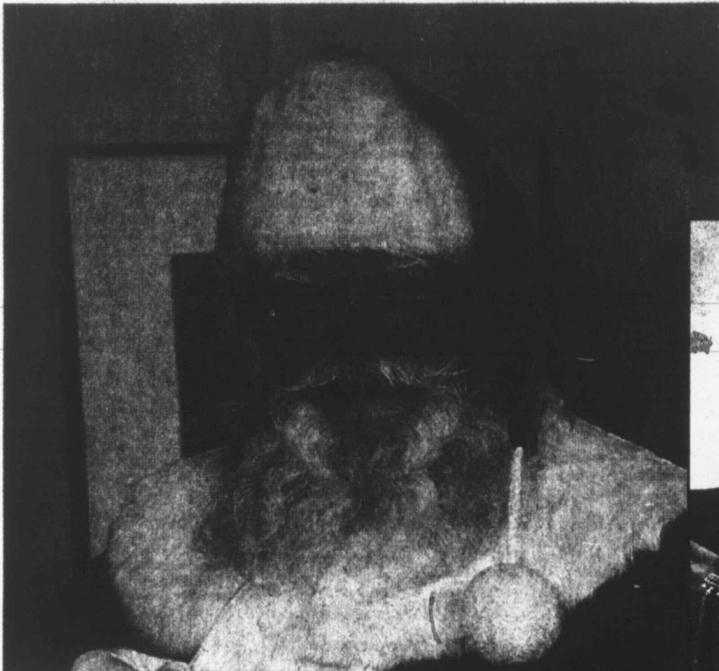
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