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Big
Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m, 1607 E.
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Optimist Club, 7 a.m.,
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9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
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Howard College Cactus Room.
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Father, daughter celebrate first holiday together in 37 years By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer
Debra Jackson and her father
have reason to celebrate this
Christmas.
Sitting in restaurants compar-
ing ears, showing pictures of a
third-place goat from a youth
stock show, measuring smiles,
and checking for natural red
hair color may not be tradition-
alamily activities at
al
Christmas.
But thats just what Jackson
and her father Herman Houston
Farmer are doing this
Christmas, as they celebrate
their first holiday together after
nearly four decades.
Their story spans 37 years and
2,200 miles, from Port Lavaca,
Texas to Santa Rosa, Calif. A
"messy divorce" separated the
children and their father when
Jackson was about 3 , she said.
And I was told horrible
things about him. When I first
talked with my step-sister
Robbie, I asked her, 'what is he
like? Is he mean?
"And now I know he's not.
He's really just a big teddy
bear," Jackson said.
Jackson and her sister, were
adopted by their step-father,
and their name was changed.
Ironically, in 1972, when
Farmer visited his uncle in
Odessa, Jackson and her sister
lived in a home right across the
street.
For years, she never told any-
one about her father, not even
her high school best friends.
But as she grew older, Jackson
said wanted to know more than
the stories she had heard.
ed to find him, and I did," she
said. soid. Jackson and her husband Robert began searching for her of a friend. Once they logged on to Knowx. Com, Robert was able to locate Farmer. The initial search is free, and
when they told me they something with his name they had the $\$ 6.95$ with a credit card for the information," Robert said. county tax information on
Farmer, including a telephone Farmer, including a telephone
number. Jackson quickly called number. Jackson quickly
and asked about her father.
"He had kept "He had kept the same tele
phone number for 35 years, jus phone number for 35 years, just
on the chance that we would See REUNITED, Page 2A


Father James Liggett of St. Mary's Episcopal Church prepares the nativity scene in the sanctuary for the annual Christmas Eve serivce.
Churches are planning special services on eve of Christ's birth

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Edit

Big Spring churches are plan-
ning candlelight, carols and communion
Christmas $\underset{\text { ine }}{\text { in }} \begin{array}{r}\text { special } \\ \text { services }\end{array}$ tonight.
Holiday traditions in many families include attending a special church service togeth-
er. From early evening mass er. From early evening mass or
carols and Bible lessons to communion at midnight, local
churches have something churches have something for
everyone. St. Mary's Episcopal Church
plans a candlelight service of lessons and carols beginning at
10:30 p. 10:30 p.m. Service of Holy
Communion is also planned Christmas day at 10:30 a.m. At Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathoic Church, a children
mass is planned

## Weather should make Santa jolly

By JOHN H. WALKER

Santa Claus should feel righ at home as he makes his rounds hrough West exily Friday as tonigh tures are expected to remain below the freezing mark.
"Highs will not be out of the "Highs will not be out of the cloudy skies and wintry mix will $\begin{gathered}\text { skies and wintry mix } \\ \text { continue }\end{gathered}$ will continue Wednesday
Thursday and Friday," said Ray Fagen, meteorologist with th Midland.
Fagen said temperatures Fagen said temperatures,
which have dipped to 12 degrees twice this week already, are
expected to remain in the 20s and low 30s through Christmas ay before a warming trend
begins on Saturday But even with the cold weath-
er forecast, Santa shouldn't
have trouble rounds, as there miking his rounds, as there will be only a
minimal chance for light snow or freezing rain that could pos sibly interfere with Rudolph's navigational skills.
Fagen said Fagen said the cold /pattern moisturs ist, but not too much
moected with lowered temperatures.
"We may have occasional We may have occasional
spits of light precipitation, and spits of light precipitation, and slight chance of light snow or light freezing rain," he said.
TToday and highs should reach only to the highs should reach only to the
lower 30s, still falling short of
breaking through the breaking through the freezing mark, he said, adding that any

The accumulation should be nil, but with freezing rain and
these low temperatures, that can cause slippery conditions," he said.
"Weak through im the jet moving Thursday and Friday might
cause the critical time of light cause the critical time of light
precipitation. Fagen said precipitation, "Fagen said. night should remain in the teens, he said. Thursday and Friday night lows will be in the
20s. Highs will be in the 30s. 20s. Highs will be in the 30s.
Saturday and Sunday the wi try weather may retreat somewhat, with highs expected in
the 50 s, he said he 50 s, he said
cern for city officials, who are keeping a close watch on broken water lines across the com-
munity.


Herman Farmer and his daughter Debra Jackson photo/Marsha Sturdivan recently, celebrating finding, each other after 36 years. Jackson
wears the locket her dad gave her, and said she never takes it off.

## Tiniest lives

Sacred Heart reaches out to make sure local babies' needs are met
by marsha sturdivant "We are totally depen-
 them in a wooden crib near the Blaskets. bottles. clothes.
altar in the church.
Then, these presents provided
booties. crib sheefs. diapert and
other by donation to the church will $\begin{aligned} & \text { wrapped in Christmas pape } \\ & \text { and placed in the wooden crib }\end{aligned}$
be given to Birthright Wellt take all the presents too . Sometimes they even bring
Birthright after Christmas, car seats. Rocha said
around the New Year so folks $\begin{array}{ll}\text { around the New Year. so folks } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Birthright Volunteer } \\ \text { still have time to } \\ \text { gift, } \\ \text { Rocha said. }\end{array} \\ \text { bring their }\end{array}$
 ago. when the teachers oy we. told ecame here were women
CCE classes decided the want
ed to do something special with and girls unved mothers. who
and their students for Christmas.
Margie Rodrigue began the
needed these things." Rocha said.
first baby Jesus presents within
we do it.
"We bring baby presents for her class, and through the past the baby Jesus, and it has gone
five years the program has really well." she said. grown to include parishioners
and community members. "They usually bring presents nancy testing and counselin at Christmas Mass." Rocha said. for pregnant women.
Christmas Eve Mass will be Celebrated Dec. 24 at 5 and 9 .
ip.m. Christmas Day Mass will See BABIES, Page 2A

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This erib near the altar at Sacred Heart Catholic Church is fis filled with prosents for baby jesus. These eifits will be collected through


Ray Avers Harlen



 service station owner
Survivors in include: three


 dren; and 11 great- trandchil Memorials may be sent to the Association. Amican Heart Arrangements under the
direction of tarrell Funeral Duval R. Wiley




 in Pocahontas, Ark.: and mar ried Wanda Neel in in Big Spring. Mr. Wiley came to Big Spring
in 1937 from Lubbock. He lived in 1937 from Lubbock. . lived
in Albuquerque in the early
70's and was a manager for Ace 20's and was a manager for Ace
Auto Parts there until he He had belonged to the First Che hialian Church in in Bis Spring
and served in the United States Army during World War II.
Survivors include: his wise Wanda Wiley of Albuquerque,
N.M.; a son and daughter-in. law. Cliff and Calleen Wiley Wilewten dauehtentid eonnintwo Albuquerque, N.M. and grand-
son, Brad Near of Tempe, Ariz.; nd granddaughter and her Metzler of Albuquerque NM Arrangements under the
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## BABIES

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## REUNITED

call someday: Jackson said. Rosa was answered, Jackson said she hesitated slightly. him, and I asked if he had eve
lived in Texas." Jad lived in Texas," Jackson said. Her new-found step-sister
Robbie shouted, "I've found my ister!' Jackson said.
Farmer and his wife of 35 years, Phyllis, were in bed that
night when the phone rang Phyllis answered and said to
Jackson, "He's right here. He's been waiting 36 years for this
phone call."
phone call." $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jackson picks up the story }\end{aligned}$ then. "He had health problems, she knew he was okay with the
call. Then, she raced to the
Farmer said he sat straight u
Farmer said he sat straight up
in bed when he realized it was
is daughter calling "That wad his daughter calling. "That was he best phone call I've ever had
in my life. We talked for four
hours. I didn't want hours. I didn't want to hang up,"
Farmer, 61 , said. Farmer, 61, said.
He said he never
He said he never gave up hope him. Their infant brother died in 1961, and Farmer drove 34 Caurs straight through from That was the last time he sew
his girls, until March 19 of thi year. But he and Phyllis of thay part of their lives.
"When we build was designed with the idea that he girls might some day live And she tells of the many
instances in the past 36 years when she woke in the middle of crying, as he sat on the side of
the bed, missing his daughters "When he gotso cick ho said ing them Phyllis said. Farmer
has had three major-surgeries
this year, and suffers from a heart condition.
Robert said during the first month of reunion, the two of month of reunion, the two of
them talked two or three times
a day. "Our phone bill was $\$ 500$, a day. "Our phone bill was $\$ 500$
and that was only half of the and that was only half of the
bill, because they were making
On May 1, their anniversary,
Robert and Debra flew to
Robert and Debra flew to
California for a reunion of father and daughter. The air where the Jackson's had been "We looked out at Las Vegas
kissed and said 'Happy Anniversary.' That was our cel
ebration," Jackson said.
'By the By the time airplane landed in
Oakland, Jackson's excitemen was contagious.
-The other passengers let me off first, for their own safety. A
first I was walking through the
terminal, then jogging and then terminal, then jogging, and then
flat out running. "And the first time I saw him,
he was sitting in a wheel chair
carrying a bouquet of a dozen carrying a bouquet of a dozen
pink roses," Jackson said.
II got to the airport that day
about two hours early. I didn't about two hours early. I didn't
want to be late," Farmer said.
Both were nervous, and the want to be late, "Farmer said.
Both were nervous, and they
laugh as they recall how Jackson nearly wrecked how the
wheel chair, narrowly avoidin wheel chair, narrowly avoidin
toppling them both, as they hur ried out of the terminal.
"This is a fantastic "This is a fantastic ending and
it's so sad that we couldn't be it's so sad that we couldn't be
together all these years. I know
if I had been around, she wouldn't be so ornery," Farmer said.
Along with a certain shape of crooked smile, father and daughter share a well rounded sense of humor.
He wasn't there when I had my he wasnt there when I had my
first date," Jackson said. "Which is probably a good thing," Farmer joked.
And now that Farmer, Phyllis and Robbie's son Matthew
Woosley have traveled by motor home to Texas, more family gatherings are planned. *The ST~ Theatre $*^{*}$ You've Got Maill (PG) Dallyi 2:00-4is0-7i00-9930



Ice, cold weather hinder travelers
LUBBOCK (AP) - For many
North Texans, heading home for the holidays proved to be a Nature as icy conditions forced flight delays and cancellations
Wednesday, leaving many trav elers stranded.
American Airlines canceled
half its morning and early half its morning and early
afternoon flights, but expected to do better as the day went on, said spokesman Tim Smith.
The Fort Worth-based airline The Fort Worth-based airline
runs about 2,200 flights in and out of Dallas-Fort Worth
International Airport. Texa oads also were problematic for dents closed many major high ways at different periods of the morning.
At Lubbock International
Airport, 74 -year-old Sydney Larsen sat patiently reading a
newspaper as she awaited the arrival of the plane that was
supposed to take her fo taltis
several hours before. several hours before
Appaneathy the plane was
being de-iced in Dallas and was being de-iced in Dallas and was
scheduled to arrive within the next two hours.
"If the weather is bad and
they are having problems, they
can take all the tion can take all the time they like,"
Mrs. Larsen said as she sifted Mrs. Larsen said as she shifted
uncomfortably in her seat. "Im uncomortably in her seat. "I'm sure she would appreciate them
rying to be safe.". trying to be safe.
Norice Craven
Norice Craven, 42, anxiously
awaited her parents' arrival on waited her parents' arrival on
another flight delayed out of
Dallas. "We're not sure when they're "We're not sure when they're
going to get here," Mrs. Craven
said. "They keep delaying the light. It's a good thing (my par-
ents) are so patient." The terminals at DFW filled throughout the morning with travelers stranded by flight
cancellations. cancellations.
"Getting to the airport was
just a nightmare. With the interstate closed, you have to
take access roads - forget it," said Joe Koenieczka. Wichita,
"I'm going to Kansas, and they've canceled 'm trying to get close enough so that somebody can pick me
up - maybe in Oklahoma or in
Kansas City," said Constance McSarthing., said Constance
"We definitely didn't expect
this," said passenger his, said passenger Jame
Talley. "Twenty-five degrees we thought they said Celsius.
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But they said Fahrenheit." But they said Fanrenheit."'
Delta Air Lines, which Delta Air Lines, which ha
125 scheduled arrivals at DFW 125 scheduled arrivals at DFW
canceled 90 percent of its morn ing flights and expected to cancel 50 percent of its afternoon
flights, spokesman Willis Uggen said.
At
Dallas
At Dallas Love Field,
Southwest Airlines had no can cellations, spokeswoman departures were being delaye a bit for de-icing, she said.
Not only were holiday Not only were holiday fliers
stymied, but eo were com stymied, but $O$ were com-
muters and truckers. The pro-
fessionals knew what icy roads


## A big spring



Anthony Hernandez, 2, cries to get off the lap of Santa, Pasqual Porras, at Lakeview Headstart. The school had a surprise vistit from Santa for all of ts student.

-Alcoholics Anonymous, 61
Settles, noon open meeting. -A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit sup about attention deficit disorder earning disorders and dyslex
a. Meets second Thursday ia. Meets second Thursday of January, February, March April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland. -Alzheimer's support group. noon, Scenic Mountair Medical month. Call Janice Wagner a ${ }^{263-1211 .}$ death of a loved one. Call,
Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264 . ${ }^{6523 .}$ Support Aror's Association Support Group, last Thursday
of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway
7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza a
267 -9459. -Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m
St. Mary's Episcopal Church Call 268-4189 (pager no

## Due to the



p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical -Turning FRIDAY
T. M., St. Mary's A., 8.9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal
Church, 10th and Goliad. Open hurch, 10th and Goliad. Open -Alcoholics Anonymous, 615
Settes, noon open meeting and p.m. Big Book Study.

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GROUP LISTING, PLEASE GROUP LISTING, PLEASE
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## Briefs

JURX DUTY FOR DEC. 30,9
a.m., for the Howard County a.m.. for the Howard County
Justice of, the Peace Court,
Precinct 2, has been canceled.

## THE BIG SPRING

 EVENING Lions Club has freeyeglasses for all adults the sec
nd Saturday ond Saturday of each month
from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third.
All adults needing eyeglasses All adults needing eyeglasses
who don't have the income to who don't have the income to
purchase the exam or glasses purchase the
are welcome. For more information call
Janis Dean at THE TEXAS DEPART
MENT OF Health will be giv.
ing flu shots every Wednesday
 (October-February) to those 18
years or older. The cost is $\$ 5$ years or older. The cost is $\$ 5$
for those not on Medicaid The for those not on Medicaid. The
hours will be from $8: 30$ to $11: 30$ hours will be from 8:30 to 11:30
a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Call 2639775 for more information.
SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, will
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this goal Jones. I've worked very hard to achieve
this goal, but as my business has grown, it has become more challenging. That is
why I'm so pleased to announce that a
second investment representative, Barbara Brumley has joined me in my

Barbara will work with me in my offic for the next 18 months, serving the needs of existing clients and extending our services to new investors. She will then open another Edward Jones office
here in Big Spring. here in Big Sprin

Tm very pleased to be working with Barbara, and I'm sure you will be as impressed with her professionalism and
integrity as I am. Should she contact integrity as I am. Should she contact you, I hope you will extend the same warm weicome 1 have received. As
always, if we can be of service, please call or stop by the office anytime.
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## Five traffic deaths already, linked to freesing weather


#### Abstract

people were killed on ice-glazed roads Wednesday as drizzle combined with freezing temperfic in North, Central and South Texas. In Austin, 59 vehicles were involved in two pile involved in two pileups on both a.m. A 30 -year-old man and 19 -year-old woman were killed the chain collision In other fatal acciden - A 7 -month-old baby was killed . Wednesday morning when the car in which he rode when the car which he rode Seguin, the Guadalupe Authorities said many of the

County sheriff's department said. A man was kiled and his wife was in critical condition after their car swerved on patch of ice and veered into oncoming patch of ice and veered into oncoming traffic on Interstate 10 in San Antonio, police said. 10 in San Antonic, policee said. - In Fort Worth, police say - In Fort Worth, police say one person was killed early Wednesday when a vehicle slid on ice and into a fence. - In Duncanville, Charles Thomas, 33, of Dallas was killed when his car skidded on an when his car skidded on an Interstate 20 ice patch and

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Music lovers band together in Christmas spirit | ARANSAS PASS Ann | staffers at the home were look- |
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| Gladen wants her musicians to | ing for new ways of encourag. |
| know the joy of traveling on the | ing residents to interact and |
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| rocrese. Exercise, especially, |  |

slammed into a large highway $\begin{gathered}\text { parts of Interstates } 35 \text {, } 30 \text { and } 20 \\ \text { and the Dallas North Tollway. } \\ \text { sign standard. } \\ \text { Authorities said many of the } \\ \text { "All you need } i s \text { one person to }\end{gathered}$
predawn wrecks were caused by
motorists being deceeved by
"black ice," which is as clear as glass. "One problem is that people "One problem is that people really fartiliar with driving realy familiar with driving
under these conditions," said
Dallas streat Dallas street department
spokesman Coy Evans. Ice and traffic accidents
closed many major highways at closed many major highways at different periods of the morning, especially at rust hour. In
North Texas, tractor-t tiler rigs had trouble navigati 1 g glazed parts of Interstates $35 ; 30$ and 20
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Southwest Airlines spokes-
woman Christie Kerr said,
ooperations are routine,"
Homeless
coats, stocking caps, gloves,
heavy socks and sweaters to "operaions are routine." give to the homeless.
Homeless Homeless shelters
packed to overflowing, were "We've given out more than packed to overflowing, sand 500 coats in the last two weeks,
trucks were mobilized to treat
he told the Houston Chronicle. iccy roades, and holiday shoppers "We're starting to have to turn bundled up as Texans braced Tuesday against the coldest
blast of the season. "We were at overflow
(Monday) night and probly Monday) night and probl shrimpers off the water kept will be for the rest of the week "On days like this, it's just too but we won't turn anyone but try and stay warm, kill time Tor of the Star of Hown, direc- and find other things to do," Shelter in Houston. Hope Men's said shrimper Ted Scheuer, Brown also was worried about
running out of donated winter drinking coffee
ing cinnamon rolls.
Three students with ties to Texas win British Marshall Scholarships HOUSTON (AP) - Three stu- Spires, who plans to pursue winners
of Scholarships, the British equiv- in biochemistry and French at alent to Rhodes Scholarships. UT. Spires' research focuses on The government grants allow finding a cure for paralysis and college for at least two years mental retardation caused by college for at least two years. nerve damage.
They cover tuition, books, trav.
UT graduate el and living expenses. DeFrance, who plans to study Justyna
straight-A $\begin{gathered}\text { Gudzowska, }\end{gathered}$ a in Oxford's joint program in straight-A student at Rice math and philosophy, is pursu-
University, plans to study eco- ing a doctorate in structural nomics at Cambridge enginering at Cornell
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University. The Polish immi- University. She plans to teach grant says she aspires to help aspiring engineers and scienEastern European countries tists. solve economic problems.
The University of Texas' Tara Britain Marshall Scholarships in 1953.
Icy weather delays last-ditch Christmas shoppers
 Christmas shoppers Wednesday $\begin{gathered}\text { But some mall officials said } \\ \text { they expected their stores to }\end{gathered} \begin{aligned} & \text { dry, I think it'll be pretty busy," ment stores' vice president, said } \\ & \text { she said of Christmas Eve shop- long. }\end{aligned}$ the hazardous streets and traffic $\begin{array}{llll}\text { - but not for long. } & \text { they expected their stores to } & \text { she said of Christmas Eve shop- } & \text { the hazardous streets and traffic } \\ \text { Shoppers who heeded warn- } & \text { empty out early as shoppers } & \text { ping. "It really depends on how } & \begin{array}{l}\text { snarls interrupted } \\ \text { ings to stay home and off slick }\end{array} \\ \text { worry about roads becoming icy } \\ \text { frozen the roads are." } & \text { been a week of solid Christmas }\end{array}$
 roadways began returning to
North Texas shopping malls North Texas shopping malls "I think it'll taper off around said a secretary at a North . "Crowds definitely were $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { around noon, apparently decid- } & \text { six," said Donna Evans, front- } & \text { Dallas Foley's department store. } & \text { smaller than usual for the sea } \\ \text { ing that rain or ice can't stand } & \text { desk receptionist at Northpark } & \text { "It is easy to stroll up and down } & \text { son this morning," he said. }\end{array}$


Flaw in rail, communication lapse suspected in derailment ARLINGTON
Amtrak train
derailed
may mave have forgot to try again to report it, derailed because of poor com- officials said.
munication concerning a kink
Later, westbound Amtrak in the track, according to feder- Texas Eagle 21 traveled over the al officials. $\begin{array}{ll}\text { The engineer of a Union } & \text { its } 13 \text { cars derailed, injuring } 17 \\ \text { Pacific freight train reported a } \\ \text { rough patch in the }\end{array}$ rough patch in the rail to a dis- bers. The crash caused an estipatcher two hours before the mated $\$ 1.35$ million in damage
Amtrak derailment Sunday, to the rail cars and tracks James Southworth, lead investi- to the rail cars and tracks. gator for the National Union Pacific Railroad has The engineer saia it felt like circumstances to ro no traster Dunn, a safety board senior than 10 mph . Before the onew investigator.
The dispatcher warned east- $\begin{aligned} & \text { did not have to require slow } \\ & \text { travel over rough spots }\end{aligned}$ bound Amtrak Texas Eagle 22 of the rough patch, causing the train's engineer to slow down to noticed a kink in the rail and tried five or six times to report it by radio, but was unable to reach the dispatcher, Dunn
said.
The engineer said he became regarding track conditions.

## Houston bar that fought

Elvis Presley's estate closing

| HOUSTON (AP) - It's heart | to be tacky, a satirical jab at theme restaurants and the |
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| elvet Elvis bar. | nation's growing obsession with |
| After fighting - and losing | celebrity. |
| trademark battle with Elvis | The bar prevailed before a fed- |
| resley's estate, the little | eral judge in Houston, who said |
| Houston saloon is closing for | the owners had not "stepped on |
| od on Dec. 30 | the plaintiff's blue suede |
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| ment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; |
| or a bridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or |
| the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to peti- |
| tion the Government for a redress of grievances." |
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## Our Views <br> Yes, Virģinia, there is a Santa Claus

 Tr take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communicaour great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:"Dear Editor:
I am 8 years old.
Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.
$p_{\text {pnt }}$ arrs 'If you see it in the Sun it's so.
the truth, is there a Santa Claus?
Virginia O'Hanlon,
Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are liftle. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as
compared with the boundless world about him, as compared with the boundless world about him, as
measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the truth and knowledge.
binia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as as love and generosity and devotion exist, its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as eary as if there were no Virginias. There would be
childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make able this existence. We should have no enjoyntt, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with uished.
ished.
Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire
men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's fairies dancing on hare not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wònders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what make the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding
No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.
"Is there a Santa Claus?" is the question Virginia, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Phillip F. O'Hanlon, put to the editor of the (New York) Sun in September, 1897.
Her letter was received by Edward P. Mitchell, who turned who turned it over to his associate, Francis Pharcelius Church, to answer.
With some reluctance Mr. Church undertook the assignment. The product of his fine nature, mellow wisdom and sound craftsmanship was the editorial article "Is there a Santa Claus?" - the most famous editorial article that has ever been written. It first appeared in the New York Sun in 1897 and has since been produced in every conceivable form, in every quarter of the globe.
The publication of Virginia's question and Francis Pharcelius Church's response is an annual tradition at the Herald. We hope you enjoy it.

## Anti-religious fanatics carry it too far



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America. Well, they haven't quite suc. ceeded. At least in one little corner of small-town America, a creche adorns a public space
unchallenged. I won't say where, lest I put the site on the ACLU', Christmas Eve hit list, but it's there. I've seen it with my own
itself.
The scene is simple: a stable,
a child in a manger, kneeling a child in a manger, kneeling
figures and nothing else No figures and nothing else. No
ridiculous reindeer or silly
snowmen, the secular symbol
the Supreme Court has insisted
accompany any religious disaccompany any religious dis-
play on public property. So far, at least, there's been no poblic
outcry over the exhibit, suitsry over ther exhibit, and no
Other Other towns haven't been a lucky this year. In St. Ann, Mo., the 'ACLU won a restrain-
ing order preventing the city ing order preventing the city
from erecting a nativity scene on public property. In trict court ordered the removal of a government-sponsored Christmas display, even though Claus, wreaths and trees, in addition to the nativity scene. "There is no superabundance of secular symbols to dilute the religious message of the
creche," the judge complaine But even the inclusion of a superabundance of non-religious symbols doesn't guaran
tee that someone won't plain about a public creche anyway. In San Jose, Calif.,
earlier this month, an atheist earlier this month, an atheist
group launched a protest group launched a protest
march against the city's march against the city's, despite the elves, reindeer and the Aztec serpent god Quetzalcoatl, which accompa-
nied the traditional nativity scene in the Plaza de Cesar

Chavez. (One wonders wh
intensely devout Roman:Catholic Chavez would have
thought of a pagan god erected thought of a pagan god erected in the park named in his
And in Parker County, Texas, a local atheist won the right to hang a 4-by--8-foot sign reading, REAL reason for the season, Real reason for the season,' display.
Tor the county issued the permit for the sign as part of a settlethe local crechit challenging che local creche.
But it's not just Nativity But it's not just Nativity
scenes that are endangered. scenes that are endangered.
Some public officials worry that any mention of the word Christmas by a government
official is official is enough to run afoul
of the First Amendment. Man -- if not most - school districts around the country no longer rather Winter breaks. And woe to the teacher or parent who dares decorate or the classroom with symbols of the season. A friend who serves as a
school volunteer in nearby Fairfax County, Va.., tells me she's been officially warned not to bring red and green napkins
to her son's Winter Holiday party, nor anything decorated
with holly, poinsettias or any other identififiable Christmas symbol. Candy canes are espe-
cially forbidden, I'm told, since cially forbidden, I'm told, since
they represent the staffs car they represent the staffs, car-
ried by the shepherds who stood watch in Bethlehem that special night so long ago. This is anti-religion fanaticertainly not what the certainly not what the
Founding Fathers intended The Founders would be words of the First Amendment which were meant first and foremost to protect the right o religious observance, are no
being used to strip religion being used to strip religio What is more, it won't work. Americans are too religious a
people to allow anti-religion people to allow anti-religion
bigotry to dictate civic life. A quickly as the ACLU censors one public creche, dozens more appear.
paign seem, what the ACLU cam
plished is a proliferation of
religious symbols, as many
orating menorahs, commem orating the Jewish holiday of
Hanukkah, alongside their creches. A nation founded creches. A nation founded by
those fleeing religious persecu thon will not long allow reli-
tion gion itself to become a pariah


## A soldier's Christmas

## Christmas, he lived all alone, In a one bedroom house made of plaster and In a one bedroom h. of plaster and stone.

I had come down the chimney
with presents to give with presents to
And to see jus
home did live.
I looked all about, a stra sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents, not

No stocking by mantle, just
boots filled with sand On the wall hung pictures of far distant lands.
With medals and badges, awards of all kinds,
A sober thought came through my mind

## For this house was diff It was dark and dreary

 I found the home of a soldThe soldier lay sleeping,
silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor in this
one bedroom home.

The face was so gentle, the
room in such disorder,
Not Not how I pictured a United The soldier awakened and I
States Soldier Was this en shata don't dry, this life is just read? Curled up on a poncho, the
floor for a bed? I realized the families that I
saw this night Owed their lives to these sol-
diers who were willing to fight.
Soon round the world, the
hildren would play And grownups would celeA bright Christmas Day. They all enjoyed
month of the year month of the year, Because of the soldiers, like

## couldn't help wonder

 many lay alone, On a cold Christmas Eve in aland far from home. The very th tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees and
started to cry.

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Four die in Manhattan fire that starts in Culkin family apartment

NEW YORK (AP) - Fire
broke out today in two apart
papers as ithe in in 1997 court ments of a Manhattan high-rise that neighbors said were occu-
pied by the family of Macaulay Culkin. Four people were killed. A publicist for the Culkin family said all family members
were safe. The dead, two men and two women, were found on the 27th and 29 th floors, according to Fire Commissioner Thomas Von Essen.
New York strikes down part of death penalty law ALBANYY, N.Y. (AP) - The three-year-old death penalty law because it may unfairly encourage guilty pleas from defendants hop
injection.
The Court of Appeals unani. mously ruled unconstitutional the provision in the law which gain for life-in-prison sentencés in exchange for not having to face a death penalty prosecu
Chief Judge Judith Kaye said Tuesday that the U.S. Supreme Court decided 30 years ago that such a choice could tend to
unfairly encourage guilty pleas violating a citizen's rights to a jury trial and against self incrimination.
A defendant can be executed in New York only after being found guilty at trial and then sentenced to death by a jury. Defendants who plead guilty to
capital murder cannot be executed. "the death penalty
Thus, hangs over only those who exercise their constitutional rights Study: AIDS care costs less than thought, researchers say LOS ANGELES (AP) - Care
for AIDS patients in the advent of AIDS drug
cocktails that have proved pow for AIDS patients in the United cocktails that have proved pow.
States. is less expensive than erfully effective in fending off
gene
 accoud to a sthdy that tries, we.the study was conducted in the cost. The study estimated a total
cost of $\$ 67$ billion less than' 1 percent of all U.S. medical expenditures patients.
on all kinds of other things it' just not that much money" for the government to spend, said A. Bozzette, a health care researcher at RAND, the Santa Monica, Calif., think tank oversoered research the The $\$ 20,000$ tab is roughly onethird of the estimates from the early 1990s, when firm figures

Studies show opposite conclusions WASHINGTON (AP) - Could indigestion are caused by bacte-
sia and not, say, stress and spicy food?
Two new studies came to opposite conclusions, leaving Indigestion, which plagues 25 percent to 40 percent of people in Western nations, is only Its symptoms - burning, gas nausea and pain - can be caused by stress, stomach of the esophagus and eating to much, too fast or eating spicy or fatty foods. Treatment may
include avoiding stress and

they're all safe. The family is
very sad about the tragedy,"
ved very sad about the tragedy,
Bloch said.
"I ran down the stairway "I ran down the stairway ...
and saw the Culkins in the lobby," said Steve Young, one of hundreds of residents who evacuated the smoke-filled building.
It was not clear which members It was not clear which members
of the family Young saw Von of the family Young saw. Von
Essen said firefighters did not find anyone inside the apartments where the blaze began,
19D and 19E.
The actor, who was raised in ments where the blaze began, hallways.
The dead were not immediate-
19D and 9 E .
The actor, who was raised in ly identified. The mayor indi-

## Christmas OnThe Farm



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the apartment, recently moved
out after getting married but
often returned to often returned to visit.
Four firefighted but injured in the blaze. White smoke billow. White smoke billowed from be seen standingidents could conies outside their on the balconies outside their apartments. Residents were urged by fire-
fighters to stay in their apartments to avoid the smoke-filled
cated they were found in the
halls. "If people had stayed in
their apartments. their apartments, we might
have come away without serihave come away without seri-
ous injuries," Mayor Rudolph Gus injuries," Mayor Rudolph
Giuliani said.
The lower The lower 10 floors of the
building include rented building include rented office space for many physicians from
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital
Center, which is across the street. Hospital spokeswoman
Kathleen McGovern said Kathleen McGovern said
patients and staff on all 10 of patients and staff on all 10 of
those floors were safely evacu-

The building is in a desirable section of Manhattan, steps rom Lincoln Center and Central Park. A studio apart-
ment there rents for $\$ 1,800$ a month. The rent for the Culkins apartments was so high that cawyers in a 1997 child custody the childrens' father, Christopher "Kit" Culkin, told a udge then

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State Department orders expulsion of Cubans
WASHINGTON (AP) - The diplomatic code words for spy- "This action was taken as a Cuban mission 24 hours to
State Department Wednesday
ing.
result of evidence developed State Department Wednesday
ordered the expulsion of three Cuban diplomats at the United
Nations for spying activities. It said two other Cubans who were alleged to have engaged in similar activities left the coun-
try on their own several weeks
ago.
State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the Cuban mission was informed that the
three were being expelled "for

## activities incompatible with their diplomatic status" <br> Almeida E Silva said the three must leave by 5 p.m. on Dec. 28 .

## Class-action suit takes aim at gun industry

NEW YORK (AP) - A lawsuit
accusing the gun industry of letaccusing the gun industry of let-
ting, weapons fall into crimi-
nals' hands goes to trial next month in a groundbreaking attempt to use the same legal
weapon that proved so effective against Big Tobacco.
The class-action liability suit was brought in 1995 by the famThey are seeking unspecified They are
damages.
Previous Previous lawsuits against the
firearms industry have blamed shootings on gun defects or have alleged that guns are inherently dangerous. Courts have consistently thrown out
inherently-dangerous claims, and the defective-gun
cases have had cases have had mixed success.
This case is the first to the industry of negligent mar keting. It alleges gun makers

| WASHINGTON (AP) - While last-minute shoppers frantically crowd the malls, Marguerite Smalls sits at her office desk and with a click of the mouse ticks off the gifts on her list. | "I just don't like standing in line." <br> - Marguerite Smalls |
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| The Disney Store. Clothes for others from Spiegel. Maybe some shoes for herself. <br> I just don't like standing in | ping, consumer experts believe <br> People are always talkin about shopping in that tone of voice, like, 'How do I beat the |
| line," said Smalls of Greenbelt, | system?,'" said Mona Doyle, |
| Md. | author of the Shopper Report, which surveys consumers about |
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| the Internet: They're expected | Not all shoppers are comfort- |
| end $\$ 2.3$ billion onli |  |
| more than double last year's | I'll never buy online again," |
| \$1.1 billion, according to | said Daniel Ho, a student in Los |
| research firm Jupiter | Angeles who purchased a prod- |
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| Although that remains just a | Internet and eagerly awaited its |
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stood at 299 .
Would the Baltimore police be able to hold the number of
homicides this year below 300 for the first time in nine years?
Mayor Kurt Schmoke had said keeping a lid on the hurder hundred was a threshold he did n't want to cross again.
Officers were didOfficers were pulled from
desk jobs and called in on overadministrative functions were cops worked the streets.
The reply came in the form of 16-year-old Donte Brooks, who
was found bleeding to death
from multiple gunshot wounds early Mondtipley. gunshot wounds
der victim No. Hecame mur"If you just look at our mur-
der rate compared to New York City, it really makes you Yick,"
said Gary McLhinney, presi-
dent of Baltimore's police union. "The bodies in in
Baltimore are stacking up high-

## Conataine CDs

Many shopping online, but some have concerns "'The com have to read what's in the man-
ual - not the specifications on ual - not the spec
After much prodding by Ho
and the Better Business Bureau, the company finally agreed to take the item back. But Ho still
wasted $\$ 20$ on shipping. Now he figures it's just as easy to go to said. I can return it, he
To avoid such problems, experts recommend that con-
sumers stick with stores they sumers stick with stores they
already know or look for signs already know or look for signs Among those signs are a site's privacy statement, which
explains how the company will explains how the company will
use any information it gathers, such as the customer's address.
Consumers need to look for Consumers need to look for
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get to trial, you have a chance
to win. And if you win, the
whole face of the industry
would change." Jack Adkins of the American Shooting Sports Council, an
Atlanta-based trade association, Atlanta-based the case is "another attempt to shift blame where it doesn t belong. It wont work.
In urging Weinstein to dis-
miss the case, defense attorneys said that nearly all guns are sold and owned legally. They
also noted that the plaintiffs also noted that the plaintiffs
have never conclusively linked the weapons used to kill their relatives to specific gun manu-
facturers. "There is a total disconnect
here," said Smith \& Wesson attorney James Dorr.

## The lead attorney for the

 plaintiffs, Elisa Barnes,responded that the "chain title" is irrelevant. What mat-
ters is that the industry as a with indiscriminate marketing she said.
Barnes
with a study by armed herself consulting firm, the National Economic Research Associates
that concludes that gun makers oversupply states with weak handgun laws such as Florida,
thus feeding a pipeline of illegal hus feeding a pipeline of illega
guns to states with strict conThe like New York. The study also found that
manufacturers have substantially increased production of
guns popular with criminals such as 9 mm semiautomatic pistols.
Despite that evidence, the
industry "would have us believe that the shootings ... are strange occurrences that happen because of matters beyond (their) control," Barnes said.
Barnes previously women claiming injury from health products.
never (shopped online) before have heard rumors, but don't
know what they're supposed to
be afraid of," said Anne Jennings, marketing communications manager at TRUSTe, a nonprofit group that offers
third-party oversight program. About 400 companies carry
the TRUSTe seal the TRUSTe seal, which tells
customets they have some customets they have some
recourse in disputes with the The business bureau started giving out its own online seal in check out the physical location make susesses with Web sites to and is legitimate
As the number of shoppers bigger stores have begun setting up Internet shop. Kmart leapt onto the online
retail bandwagon early in the


Displaced steel workers put pressure on administration WASHINGTON (AP) day before Thanksgiving,
Displaced steel mill worker
Ken Houser and others like tion's desire to administraKisplaced see and others like tion's desire to promote free
Kim Houser behind the growing trade globally. Houser simply
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to take more aggressive steps to block steel imports.
They are also placing the "Clinton is stuck in the mid
administration Houser, 44 , who has They are also placing the de," said Houser, 44, who has
administration in a quandary
worked in steel mills for a the recent surge in imports, the world economy and every blamed for thousands of layoffs thing, but when it comes down
and other cutbacks across the and other cutbacks across the to the American workers, he's $\begin{array}{ll}\begin{array}{l}\text { country. Congress has } \\ \text { the administration until Jan. } 5\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { got to stand up for } \\ \text { feel they are doing it }\end{array}\end{array}$ Complaints have been filed
Houser, who lost his job at against Japan, Russia and USX Corp.'s Fairless Works
plant near Philadelphia the Brazil, but rulings are no


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Check out Santa's list of noughty celebrities on the Web
LUBBOCK (AP - While some
people have President Clinton listed as "naughty" this holidiay
season, Santa still has the season, Santa stil has me com under the "nice" column. But
his status could change in the his status could change in the
next few days. A recent check of the Naughty $\& \quad$ Nice Archives at
www.claus.com, Clinton's status is teetering times," was the response received when the president's name was typed into the archives.
The Web page is one of man holiday Internet sites that computer users can check out while taking a break from Christmas shopping. And for those who are a little late on sending their wish list to the North Pole, the
site even allows you to send mail to St. Nick.
In addition to checking your status at the Naughty \& Nice Archives, www.claus.com also village with games, holiday

Philadelphia: Rocky's hometown is no longer a city on the ropes

PHILLADELPHIA (AP) - In
1996, Mayor Ed Rendell con-
vened a meeting of area busivened a meeting of area bus
ness leaders and politicians and announced the city would try to land both the Democratic and Republican national convenThey stared at him in disbelief. "Philadelphia hadn't though t those at the meeting Tom Muldoon, chairman of the city's tourism bureau. "To say skey fticism was running high wo uld
be an understatement." Why would the GOP pick a
Northeastern city wit/a a Democratic mayor cl osely
aligned with aligned with the Clinton a dmin-
istration? More fundamentally, who
would wanto come tot
ingdog, dould want to come tontingdog, city whose folk hero was an
inarticulate boxer wh.o exists only in the movies, a place whose reputation for colossal
incompetence was sealed in 1985 when police ciropped a bomb on the radical group MOVE, burning mcire than 60 houses 11 people? gillind and Last month, Renclell was vindicated.
The Republican's decided to here, and the spotilight was sud. denly cast on a city that is making a comeback from the days whe stop between Washington and New York.
Hundreds of millions of dol-
lars worth of development is lars worth of development is under way, 4,000 new hotel
rooms are being built, and rooms are being built, and
downtown F'hiladelphia is full
of life. of life. The turna round is a sweet vic-
tory for R ? $n d e l l$, a perpetually upbeat, ove srweight, rumpled exfistrict a'torney who in 1992 look over a city that had little to
offer asid e from the Liberty Bell offer asid.e from the Liberty Bell"
and a setting for "Rocky" sequels.
At the time, Philadelphia was


## Mismanagement caused city

 bs onds to be downgraded to junkstcatus. City workers did not know if their next paychecks whites clear. Businesses and whites headed for the border.
Rendell slashed city spending Rendell slashed city spending,
turned over union work at City Hall and city jails to private contractors, and got unions to agree to a nearly three-year
wage freeze. wage freeze. inherited $\$ 250$ million budget deficit into a $\$ 169$ million surplus, freeing up money to pro-
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tity destination. laughingstock for the way the city operated, its financial cone
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one of the hottest cities in the one of the hottest cities in the
country,"Rendell said. Restaurants - fine restau-
rants, with no Phily rants, with no Philly cheesesteak on the menu - are opening up all over downtown. center and a new sports arena, First Union Center. Reading
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was renovat-
After losing a startling 230,000 jobs in 30 years, the city had a
gain of 10,000 jobs in the last
two. just the past month,
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company, announced it is movcompany, announced it is moving its headquarters here from
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Disney Co. disclosed plans for
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to draw 1 million visitors a year.
Philad Philadelphia "is an incredible lourist destination and a bur-, said Art Levitt, president of Disney Regional, Entertainment. "We really wanted to showcase
our product here." our product here."
In run-down neighborhoods like north Philadelphia, crum-
bling buildings are being replaced with new single-family homes and townhouses. Library city pools reoen ex "The city just seems like a more comfortable place," said
free-lance writer Tom Starner, 46, who moved to Philadelphia
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still problems. Philadelphia's still problems. Philadelphia's
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## CHURCH NEWS

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## Mother's love shows girl true meaning of Christmas

## Giving God credit

Family thankful for every day of life for baby born at border of viability

## FORT WORTH (AP) - She came out a little, purple ball, with hands flying and feet kicking furiously in

 all directions, Baby Zoe's mother recalls. As a "border baby," born at just 23 weeks gestation, doctors gaveher a 1 percent probability of surviving beyond her her a 1 percent pr
Perhaps because she refused to uncurl those tiny legs and hold still, Zoe Caldwell's length at birth was
estimated at 6 inches. She was officially still under 12 inches when she was measured at one month, according to records at Harris Methodist Fort Worth, where months of her life.
Now, in an effort to enable her to walk, Zoe, not quite 22 months old, is immobilized in a body cast th
extends from just under her arms to the tips of her still-tiny toes.
 never completely formed, and to fit her leg properly in
the new socket so that she can learn to crawl and

Ten years ago, premature babies like Zoe had much slimmer chances of surviving - let alone thriving and drugs have not only helped increase the odds of survival for preemies, but pushed back the age of viabili-
ty to as early as 23 weeks gestation. These very prematy to as early as 23 weeks gestation. These very
ture infants often, like Zoe, continue to struggle, undergoing extensive surgery, taking medication

## mature t

she was zoe barely made it to 23 weeks gestation. When she was born
pound 3 ounce
"I had never seen anything like her," her mother Tina Caldwell, recalls. "Her head looked like a smal. te fingernail at the pencil lead with the tiniest lit very transparent end of each one. Her skin was visible." Clay Caldwell, Zoe's father and a professiona chef, was equally surprised. "The doctor cut my wife open for the $\mathbf{C}$-section and suddenly pulled out this little purple baked potato pretty pink baby Ididn't know that purple poted pretty pink baby. I didn t know that purple potato was
my child." While Clay was collapsing in disbelief against the anesthesiologist, his wife was praying out "oud. was imploring Goa to breathe the breath of tife into our, baby and suddenly the name 'Zoe' just came
to me," says clay, a longtime student of theology. "It means 'the breath of God.
From the start, Zoe's life has depended on modern
medicine - and her parents say miracles. As soon as Zoe was born, the neonatologis suctioned out the baby's mouth and throat and imme diately tried to insert the smallest breathing tube
available down to her tiny, premature lungs. "He was saying the tube was too big and her throat
was too small, and he couldn't get it down," recalls

## Tina Caldwell. "Then, my sister, who was standing

 "I could hear her praying 'Lord you mat loud. 'I coutd hear her praying, 'Lord you make a waywhere there is no way,' and suddenly the tube just slipped on in." Even with the breathing tube, Zoe wasn't given much hope, except by her parents who say they wer everything over to God.
Since her birth, Zoe has had surgeries to re-inflate a collapsed lung, to repair a ruptured small intestine and to correct her vision. And she has been treated fo amazingly well for a baby born on the border of viabil
Last February, the family celebrated Zoe's first birthday with an open house for more than 100 friends and neighbors.
They designed the invitations with a picture of Zoe
lying in a big bowl of salad greens and the words,

## Lettuce Rejoice

Today, says her mother, baby Zoe is "Just as fiery and who lives where, and she loves people." Life is at last becoming normal for Zoe and the Caldwells. Meanwhile, father Clay, who is chief chef
for Kenneth Copeland Ministries Inc. in Fort Worth, takes full credit for the fact that Zoe's favorite food is
broccoli. He gives God credit for all the rest.

## Temple leader finally gets bar mitzvah

DALLAS (AP) - The cantor $\quad$ On Dec. 5, the rabbi did what event. "I am the rabbi. I control telling Rabbi Roseman
introduced him as "the big bar
any 13-year-old would do. He the pulpit. What goes on in the doing what he's doing. introuuced him as the big bar
mitzvah."
And big he was. Six feet 4 he
stood towering over the pulpit.
His voice boomed through the
sanctuary.
Nobody had ever seen any-
thing like it or ever thought
they would. The rabbi was
being bar mitzvahed.
On a Saturday night at
Temple Shalom, it was stand-
ing room only. The women
wore velvet and spangles. The
men had their suits fres
pressed.
His age, he says, is $591 / 2$. . He
has preached and taught and
lived the Torah for more than
three decades.
But Rabbi Kenneth D.
Roseman never went through
the most important ceremony
of a Jewish child's adolescence.
Because he lived in Greece
when he was 13 and his family
was on the left edge of Judaism
and didn't put much stock in
such ceremonies, he never offi-
cially became a bar mitzvah,
which means son of the com-

teling Rabbi Roseman
Rabbi Roseman waing. about his own speech. "Sure, absolutely, "" he said when
asked if the idea of the talk gave him the jitters. But speaking before the congregation
always causes his heart to beat fast, he said. He never forgets that he
stands before God and the peo-
ple. "Nerves are a human ple. "Nerves are a human
response that tell you that you are doing something out of the
ordinary and important," he ordina
said.
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On bar mitzvah night, he told the congregation that to lift
the Torah out of the ark and to touch its yellowing parchment, to read its archaic print, to
identify with its legacy-this is identify with its legacy - this is
something mystically special to momething mystically special to
".To re-enact what Jews have done every Shabbat in every place where they have lived, in
good times, but even under the most oppressive persecutions,
even in the Nazi death camps. even in the Nazi death camps.
This in an almost indescribably
religious experience for me."


For Your Information

BIRTHRIGHT IS NEEDING DONATIONS o layette items for newborns: sleepers, booties,
disposable diapers, baby toiletries, large gift bags, flannel fabric. Items may be delivered to
Simpler Pleasures, 1305 Grey Center (northeast door) of First Baptist Church, 8-
12 a.m., $5-8$ p.m., Mondays, Tuesday and 12 a.m., 5-8

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will be giving flu shots every Wednesday throughout the winter (October-February) to those 18 years or
older. The cost is $\$ 5$ for those not on Medicaid. The hours will be from $8: 30$ to $11: 30$ a.m. and 1

The Last Word

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Samuel Taylor Coleridge

## Shared experience creates bond in families <br> QUESTION: As a father accomplish with my son in anse then years? <br> 

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years can pass in relative tranyears can pass in relative tran may
recall a'song written by an Fogelberg that tells about father who shared his love of music with his son. It is called
Leader of the Band," and its message touches something deep within me. The son talks of a father who "earned his
ove through discipline, a thundering, velvet hand." The ather's "song is in my soul." "he son himself has become a
the band." you see this man going visit his aged father today, witth a lifetime of love passing
竍 been what God had in mind Wher. hé gave dads'tobdys Ley directi'y: What common round impre ssionable son? Some
fathers s build or repair cars father:s build or repair cars
with them ; some construct small models or make things in a wood shop. My dad and hunted and fished together. There is no way to describe
what tho se days meant to me what tho se days meant to me
as we entered the woods in the How could I get angry at this me? We hard wonderful talks
while comirng home from a day of laughter and fun in the
country. Itried to maintain Son. cate openly a nd build the
father-son relat ionship have to be created. It's a goal that's
worth whatever it takes to achieve.
QUESTION: Can you give
me a simple definition of menopause?
DR. DOBSON. It is a time of transition in a woman's life
when the reproductive capacity is phasing out. Menstruation
gradually stops and hormonal changes occur. Specifically, the
ovaries produce only about ovaries produce only about
one-eighth the estrojen that only the reproductive $s$ ystem, If you are having irreegular periods, if you frequent l'y cry
for no apparent reason, if you are having "hot flashes", or
night sweats, if your interest in sex has diminished, if you See DOBSON, Page 9A

## Holiday Meals

After arguing over Jesus, scholars tackle Paul's legacy NEW YORK (AP) - You may
have heard about the "Jesus
year, three intriguing titles Seminar.". This group of sever- a al dozen Bible professors spent
years taking ballots on all the years taking ballots on all the
sayings and incidents from the
life of Jesus as recorded in life of Jesus as recorded in the
New Testament Gospels, in New Testament Gospels, in
order to proclaim which were order to proclaim which
fact and which were fiction. Since the group worked from
liberal to radical assumptions, it was no surprise that its ver
dicts were strongly negative The seminar, operated by a little think tank in Santa Rosa,
Calif., has been hailed by Calif., has been hailed by some
as the cutting edge of scholarly as the cutting edge of scholarly ed as the ultimate in modern
Invigorated by all the publiciInvigorated by all the publici-
ty, the seminar has lately moved on from its search for the "historical Jesus" to figure sure about the "historical
Paul."
The Jesus Seminar strikes many ordinary Bible readers as ject. Don't we know a whole lot about Christianity's first great missionary from the New from Paul's own epistles? Things are rarely that simple, however, in the inner sanct Many modern-day pros at universities and the more advanced theological seminarlies question whether Paul actually wrote a number of the epis-
ales attributed to him. More important, they treat Acts as more a propaganda piece than a solid work with the technical New Along with the technical New
Testament scholarship, biogra-
phis of the apostle have been piling up, too. In 1996 Jerome MurphyO'Connor produced "Paul: A
Critical
Life" appeared: "Paul Between Antioch and Damascus"' by
Martin Hengel and Anne-Marie Schwemer (Westminster John Knox); "'Paul: The Mind of the
Apostle" by popular writer Apostle" by popular writer A.
N. Wilson (Norton); and "What Saint Paul Really Said"
Salton (Erdmans) by N. T. Wright, a vigorous critique of the skepti-
cism of Wilson, his fellow
Briton. The latest conservative Protestant entry is "'The Paul Quest: The Renewed Search for
the Jew of Tarsus', the Jew of Tarsus'"
(Inter Varsity Press) by Ben Witherington IIII of Kentucky's Asbury Theological Seminary.
He contends it's quite plausible

## 'Son of Sam' killer

 offers religious videosTHE ASSOCIATED PRESS $\quad \begin{gathered}\text { prisoners in the Bible studies s. } \\ \text { He's seen men literally changed }\end{gathered}$

New York's "Son of Sam" ser-
rial killer, David Berkowitz, says devil worship made him a murderer. Ten years later, a
pocket-sized Bible led him to Jesus. Now, he aims to be a
behind -bars Christian role model for criminals and wayward youth.
That is the story told in two
evangelical videos being offered to prison chaplains and youth counselors around the
country. The videos' message is simple: If this guy can repent, so can you.
Taking the "Son of Sam/Son of Hope" video to a local
prison, the Rev. J.D. Golden of prison, the Rev. J.D. Golden of
the Church of God in Scottsboro, Ala., said he told
inmates: "You saw what the inmates: "You saw what the
grace of God could do for him." Their response? "Every one
of them stood to accept Christ," Golden said. "Son of SampSon of Hope",
was produced for ICN was produced for
Ministries Inc. of Pensacola,
Fla "The Choice is Yours with Fla. "The Choice is Yours with
David Berkowitz"' was produce for Gospel Films Inc. of
Muskegon, Mich., which dis tributes Christian movies around the world.
The companies say Berkowitz ak they only undertook the projects when they were er-
tain the videos could not be used to help him win parole. man who terrorized New York 21 years ago, killing six people and wounding seven others,
should be anyone's spiritual guide. "I think it's over the top," said Graceann Smigiel, victim assistance coordinator for the
New York attorney general's New Y
office.
"The
These people aren't imper-
tank. We give them importance tank. We give them importance
by telling their tale, whatever by telling their tale, whatever
their tale may be, What is important are the people who
have been left in the wake of ICN spokesman Scott Yolk said Berkowitz's video is appropriate. "I feel for the families who
have been affected forever" have been affected forever," he
said. "But he's affecting lives of

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that Paul wrote the disputed letters that bear his name, though probably with the help of a secretary. And he proposes
a 53 -point chronology of Paul's career to harmonize Acts with events in Paul's letters. Witherington complains that
too many writers treat Paul as though he were a doth century figure instead of a first century rabbi. He is enthusiastic about
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arship, respects Murphyarship, respects Murphy-
O'Connor but has problems with his theories, and finds
Wilson biased and out of touch Wilson biased and out of touch
with the best research. Also entering the Paul debate lately is a major figure in U.S. Catholic scholarship, Joseph A.
Fitzmyer, a Jesuit priest and Fitzmyer, a Jesuit priest and
professor emeritus at the Catholic University of
America. He has just produced America. He has just produced
an 830 -page commentary on an 830-page commentary on
Acts for Doubleday's Anchor Acts for Doubleday's Anchor li wrote the commentary on the Gospel of Luke, and he
agrees with the tradition that agrees with the tradition that
Luke wrote both the Gospel

About 4,000 copies of "Son of
Sam/Son of Hope", which cost Sam/Son of Hope," which costs
$\$ 15$, have been sold or donated, Yolk said. Gospel Films would not release sale figures for
"The Choice is Yours," priced Berkowitz, 45 , admitted to the murders in 1978. His nickname
came from not er came from a note he left at the
sixth of eight 'shooting scenes sixth of eight 'shooting scenes
which read, "I am a monster. I am the Son of Sam."
Serving six consecutive 25
years-to-life prison terms years-to-life prison terms at
Sullivan Correctional Facility in Fallsburg, N.Y., Berkowitz said he converted to

## The videos don't gloss over his crimes. "Son of Sam/Son of

 his crimes. "Son of Sam/Son ofHope" has the look of a horror
film.


St. Mary's Episcopal Church Jesus, on the other hand, loves you' regardless of whether you're naughty or nice.
maxima called the action a moral and diplomatic failure.
"The bombing of Iraq is a
matter of international disgrace matter of international disgrace
that reaches far beyond narrow partisan interests,", said the
Rev. Tho White W Rev. Tho White Wolf Fassett,
staff executive of the United staff executive of the United
Methodist Church's Board of Church and Society. He said the church considers war "incompatible with the teach-
ings and example of Christ." ings and example of Christ."
"Previous bombings and punitive international sandlions have failed to force the Iraqi government to comply
with international and United with international and United
Nations disarmament efforts," he said.
The Rev. Paul H. Sherry, president of the United Church
of Christ said the church has a =


## Briefs

Expected House speaker
rates with the religious right
wis WASHINGTON (AP) - The presumed next Speaker of the
U.S. House of Representatives, Dennis Hastert of Illinois, earned a 100 percent rating in he most recent voter guide
from Christian Coalition, the religious right lobby.
The 15 House votes in the
organization's ratings covered organization's ratings covered
such issues as abortion, homosexuality, public needle exchanges, religious persecution overseas, aid for private
school families, funding for the school families, funding for the
National Endowment for the National Endowment for the
Arts, and a proposed religion amendment
Constitution.
Constitution.
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DeLay, also posted 100 percent DeLay, also posted 100 percent
ratings with the Christian Coalition. And so did outgoing Speaker Newt Gingrich and
Bob Livingstone, who was in Bob Livingstone, who was in
line to succeed Gingrich until line to succeed Gingrich until he announced plans to re
from the House Saturday.
Church leaders decry Church leader
bombing of Iraq
WASHINGTON
Christian church (leaders weighed in on the bombing of
"sacred responsibility" to expressed frustration that only protest the attack. "For the two of the eight choices for
most vulnerable people of president - Bannister and Iraq." he said, "'a remote con- Abuom - were women, despite
trol" war by missiles and the WCC's stated bombers is but a more overt 50 percent women in its repro form of the war they have been experiens." N ifs Most Rev. Thomas E , McCarrick, archbishop of
Newark and chairman of the Newark and chairman of the
International Policy Committee of the U.S. Catholic Conference
said, "It is regrettable that the said, "It is regrettable that the
international community has not succeeded in enforcing by peaceful means the cease-fire
resolutions that ended the Gulf War, but war is not the
Wens answer." Kansas Methodist named to
World Council of Churches presidium
HARARE;
The Rev. Kathryn Be (AP) The Rev. Kathryn Bannister
the pastor of four small Methodist congregations in
Rush County, Kan., was elected Rush County, Kan., was elected
one of eight regional presidents
of the World Churches last week at the end of its eighth international
assembly.
Bannister will serve seven Bannister will serve seven
years as North America's representative in the honorific coun-
cit presidium, alongside bette cl presidium, alongside better
known church leaders: former council official Agnes Abuom from Kenya; Anglican Bishop
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Orthodoxy's Ecumenical
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Argentina's Methodist Bishop Argentina's Methodist Bishop Protestant Bishop Eberhardt Benz.
Ban n Bannister, 29, was chosen
after a strong push by youth
delegates to delegates to see one of their own elected as a president. The practice began at the last World
Council assembly in 1991 when delegates elected a youth dele gate from Sri Lanka as a pres i
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## Catholic church reaching out to immigrants <br> tration, Gomez said. It is one stumbling block to new imm

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Covington.
December birthday honorees
were Dorothy Coleman, Marie
Gillihan, Joe Stroup, Callie
Bennett, Joy Fortenberry and
Emily Pike.
There were 23 members
attending the meeting.
On Thursday night Dec. 17,
20 members and guests made
the Christmas Light tour of Big
Spring.
Van drivers were Garland
Rudd and Jessie Jones.
Next meeting will be Jan. 19,
1999. Guests are welcome.

HOUSTON (AP) - To the
Rev. Miguel Angel Solorzano there are two worlds in every
major U.S. city: the English. speaking and the Spanishspeaking.
Between vast - at times worlds lies a expanse of culture and tradi-
tion. Catholic churches are often beacons for Hispanic immigrants searching for a familiar
place in a strange, new land place in a strange, new land. immigrants and to generations of American Hispanics whose
roots may be found in a cross section of Latin American To reach them, the church is earning a new language and ing with such issues as dis crimination and poverty in mmigrant communities. Key Hispanic priests.
"Hispanic priests can bring not only the Spanish language heritage and perspective," sai
Jorge Delgado, new director the office of Hispanic ministry for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Galveston-Houston. A
Hispanic priest understands Hispanic priest understands
how other Hispanics think, act and react, he said.
Houston-based Sacerdotes Hispanos (National Association of Hispanic Priests) grappling with the rising country. That increase is influ ncing the American church and the small band of Hispanic members. Some of those priest are foreign-born- some were born in the United States. The church's challenge is to train ing community
mated 32 million Hispanics in the United States are Catholic said the Rev. Jose H. Gomez are only about 2,400 Hispanic priests to help minister to hat by 2010, half of the American Catholic Church will Galveston-Hou the Diocese of ed 40 percent to 45 percent 2 million Catholics, including parish, are Hisped with a Gomez estimates anic. But Hispanics live within the dio ese's geographic boundaries.
The transition fre ily Anglo church to a primarHispanic church is a heavily lessing, Gomez said. Most dio Southwest United States now equire priests and seminarians to learn Spanish Hispanics feel they are not wel comed (in American parishes), aid Gomez, who works with atholic organization, in Rouston. Delgado, a Puerto atholic Church does not give won't come back.
rants is of Hispanic imm Mexican border vigilance despite Mark Zwick of Casa, said Diego, an immigrant and
refugee center on Houston's

## CHURCH

or R.T. Havener's message this unday morning at First Lancaster.
In the evening service at 6 , continue with New Years will Determination.
Special music will be a part New Years Even there will be a "Watchnight" service begina.m. on Friday 1999

This service will include a Sing" from 9 to 10 , followed by ne hour of refreshments and lose with. The activities will 11 which will include testimonies, a message "All things are New," and praye
The congregation invite you they close out in fellowship as 1999.

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north side. Already, Central Americans who are escaping are trek
States.
But But learning Spanish is not the same as understanding the

culture, said Gomez who also ministers to the Hispanic community of St. Bartholomew One goal of the association is to sensitize English-speakers about the cultural differences | and expectations of Hispanic | $\begin{array}{l}\text { the spiritual needs of } \\ \text { Hispanics, then ask for regis- }\end{array}$ |
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way the association can be a grants. "The small evangelica bridge between cultures, Gomez fundamentalist churches tend
said. Increasingly, American
parishes are accommodating be small and have support,
ive, creative communities, the spiritual needs of Hispanics hrough Spanish-language Masses and adapting to cultural traditions like Christmas
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feast day of Mexico's patroness, feast day of Mexicos patroness,
Zwick said the large size of ive, creati
Zwick said.
"(Many leaders of the American Catholic Church) are not aware of what is taking place in the Spanish-speaking
community of their own community of their own ciate pastor at St. Pius the Catholic Church in Pasadena. many Catholic parishes is a Thursday, December 24, 199

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## Boxing's big drama was in a hearing room

starter for the biggest game o
the season.
in the fourth quarter of the
Dec. 5 matchup, Stewart drove them to a $36-33$ double over-
time victory and spoiled the
Wild Wildcats chances to play for
national championship.
Now Stewart is the her who will lead the Aggies o
New Year's Day against Ohi New Year's Day against
State in the Sugar Bowl. Everyone is saying it could
n't have happened to a nice
"Throughout my career,
may have gotten some unjusti may have gotten some njusti-
fied criticism," Stewart said
"I think a lot of people rea ized that a lot of times, the
magnitude of that attention was a little more than was jus-
tified
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ens "I gess they wanted some-
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and tney, are glad to see that
happen." It was better than good.
Stewart threw three touch-
down passes, including the down passes, including the
game-winner in the second
overtime. He completed 15 of 31 passes for 324 yards against
the stunned Wildcats. It was a small exam what was a small example of
After a sparkling high allong.
Achool career at Stephenville
Stewart
transferred to A\&M and ignited the hopes o
the Aggie faithful. But he and McCown shared the starting
job, before coach RC, Slocum job, before coach R.C. Slocum
finally settled on his rival. went to college with high
expectations. Going through the thing at Tennessee got
more notoriety," Slocum said "Then he comes here and h I'm going to lead you to th that about him. Throughou and
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New uniforms won't be intro duced until sometime in the Tennessee Oilers in 1997. He
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to play in the Pro Bowl will be new nickname, would be the to play in the Pro Bowl will be new nickname, would be the
dressed in the familiar white, Titans, the original nickname of red and Columbia blue.
Adams agreed in July to Ame New York Jets in the old
Amen Football League, NBA Lockout
Owners' proposal gains another player as Stern prepares to cancel season By VINA. Cherwoo $\qquad$
 view that the NBA's latest con- ing "all they did was make the
tract offer was "fair," Willis
called for playsers look great, but it's not
secret ballot. $\begin{array}{lll}\text { sen majority would vote for } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Dwight }\end{array} \text { Manley, dismissed } \\ \text { rumors that Malone and is }\end{array}$ to start playing ball again,", the wofking with Jazz teammate
Toronto Raptors forward said John Stockton to bring the ownTuesday, defying his union
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wait for the negotiating co
mittee to recommend a deal "To me, I feel the deal is
almost done," the Utah star said
Saturday before playing in the See NBA, Page 2B

On the AIr TODAY:
COLLEGE BASKETBALL Washington (Fox Southwest). CHRISTMAS DAY:
COLLEGE FOOTBA COLLEGE FOOTBALL
11 a.m. - Blue-Gray 11 a.m. -
Classic (ABC) 2:30 p.m. - Aloha Bowl
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(ESPN).
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- Bethune-Cookman vs. - Bethune-CBO 7 p.m. - Insight.com Bowl (ESPN). NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE 11:30 a.m. - Minnesota
Vikings at Tennessee Oilers Vikings
(Fox).
3 p.m.
Chiefs at Oakland Raiders
college basketball
Noon - Kentucky at Louisville (CBS

Shanahan confident slumping team will regain its edge DENVER (AP) - Through 11
games, they were the class of
the NFL, knocking off oppo-
nents with ease. Through 13
games, despite sudden break-
downs, they remained undefeat-
ed.
Now, the Denver Broncos
have lost two straight games.
Fans calling sports talk shows
are panicking, and Broncos
players are beginning to doubt
themselves.
Not to worry, coach Mike
Shanahan insisted less than 24
hours after the Broncos'
loss to to the Miami Dolphins.
The unflappable Shanahan
said his team, which on Dec. 6
clinched homefield advantage
throughout the playoffs, has
momentarily lost its edge as it
closes out the regular season
with some meaningless games.
Monday night's game in
Miami would have had huge
imptioations if the Broncos had
taken an unbeaten record into
$\qquad$ home against Seattle (8.7).
Shanahan said Elway devel-
oped a strained hip flexor mus-
cle during the game that limited
his mobility, and Davis was
slowed by bruised ribs - nei-
ther of which should bother
either player next week.
But he made it clear that
injuries weren'the cause of his.
team's latest loss.
"Dan made some great
throws, and their receivers
made some big plays in man
coverage," Shanahan said.
"Defensively, there were a num.
ber of times when we weren't in
the right spot. Offensively, we
had some opportunities we did-
n't take advantage of.".
It marked the fourth straight
sub-par performance for a
Broncos team that heretofore
had appeared invincible.
"You lose your edge a little bit

## Scoreboard <br>  <br> NBA <br> 

Is the Fiesta Bowl the only one that matters College football wants a
national title game，and just about has one when No． Tennessee（12－0）plays No． 2
Florida State（11－1）in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan． 4. While the winner will be crowned national champion in
the USA Today／ESPN coaches poll，No． 3 Ohio State still has an outside shot at finishing No． 1 in The Associated Press＇
media poll．
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Alamo Bowl（Dec．29）
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en our relationship with the NBA or the many NBA players we＇re partnered with，＂Mooney he
said．＂But as a business，we up
have to make common sensp have to make common sense，
fiscally responsible riscally responsible de oisions．
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US Fila USA also is taking that
action，but Adidas，another footwear manufacturer，has not footwear man
followed suit．

## STEWART

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Continueal from Page ib sive force．Instead，he made the most of his reps in practice． Then McCown broke his col
larbone Nov．27，scoring a touchdown late in the Aggies＇ touchdown late to Texas．The break
wasn＇t diagnosed until the fol－ wasn＇t diagnosed until the fol－
lowing Wednesday at practice ＂I told Shane（Lechler）before practice that Wednesday I did－ n＇t think I＇d play again because Randy was playing so good，＂
Stewart said．＂He came back Stewart said．＂He came back
（after practice）and said，＇Man， you spoke too soon．＂＇
It was $\approx$ break for Stewart as
this bowl season？

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TEXAS TECH， 28.14


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## Rose Bown（Jan．1） No． 6 UCL （minus 91／2）ve．No． 9

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Buckeyes 2.7 in bowls under coach
John Cooper．．．．OHIO STATE，31－23．
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Salt Lake investigation NEW YORK (AP) - The formally opened an investiga
tion today into alleged impro prieties in Salt Lake Cfty's successful bics.
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cutor met in Salt Lale prose- City oday with FBI and other law ccusations officials looking at he Utah bid conmitttee used and favors to and other gift nternational
Committee members. Olympic tion into allegations of improprieties in connection with the Salt Lake City Olympics bidi," Marlin said in Washington. Marlin would not elaborate on the possible charges or areas of investigation.
Until now, th said only that it was conducting a preliminary review. But after ment officials decided they had enough information to broaden
the investigation, law enforcement sources said on the condiThe formal starts immediately. The Justice Department refused to com ment on the scope o
of the investigation. USA Today, in today's edireview had focused on possible extortion and tax and wire Shaud.
to bring a tax fraud case, according to USA Today, they would be required to show that
Salt Lake organizers misused tax exempt funds by buying the lavish gifts or by financing
scholarships for relatives of The federal probe is the
fourth inquiry inte the sal Lake allegations, and only one
of them is expected to be finished by the time the IOC meets
to discuss another major issue - doping.
wrap up its own probe by Jan. 23, at least two of the other
inquiries won't finish until after a worldwide drug summi On Tuesday, the U.S. Olympic Committee appointed a fifie
member panel headed by for member panel headed by for-
mer Senate majority leader Mitchell, who helped frame the Northern Ireland peace accords and is expected to play Clinton's impeachment defense. said the panel would hold its
first meeting next week and fin first meeting next week and fin
ish by the end of February. "We have to be thorough, but this promptly," Mitchell said. The Salt Lake Organizing Committee, meanwhile, said an
investigation by its ethics investigation by its ethics
board would report its findings
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hand, and why," said Gordon Hall, a former Utah Supreme
Court' justice who heads the Court justice "who heads the
SLOC probe. "I don't envision hat it will take a long time to do that.' and allegations of more scandal pread corruption in are wide spread corruption in awardin IOC over the past two weeks; a
leading member said the doping summit set for Lausanne,
Switzerland, would not b delayed. schedule will no change," 10 C vice presiden Mitchell said the goal of his nvestigation was to ensur future Olympics in the United States are as cleen as fans and "I believe the Olympic move ment holds a special place in
the hearts and minds of Americans and people around to investigate what happened in he past and make recommendations to assure that the selec future Olympics is fair and bove reproach.

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On this date:
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In 1524, Pate: Vasco da Gama, who had dis Africa to India, died in Cochin In 1814 , the W or In 1814, the War of 1812 offi
cially ended as the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium. In 1851, fire devastated the Library of Congress in
Washington, D.C., destroying about 35,000 volumes.
In 1865, several veterans of
the Confederate the Confederate Army formed a
private social club in Pulaski, private social club in Pulaski
Tenn., called the Ku Klux Klan. In 1871, Giuseppe Verdi's
opera "Aida" had its world preopera "Aida" had its world premiere in Cairo, Egypt, to cele-
brate the opening of the Suez Canal. In 1906, Canadian physicist Reginald A. Fessenden became the first person to broadcast a from Brant Rock, Mass.
In 1920, Enrico Caruso gave
his last public performance, singing in Jacques Halevy's
"La Juive" at the Metropolitan Opera in New York.
In 1943, President Roosevelt appointed Gen. Dwight D
Eisenhower supreme comman der of Allied forces as part of Operation Overlord.
In 1951, Gian Carlo Menotti's In 1951, Gian Carlo Menotti's
"Amahl and the Night ten specifically for television was first broadcast by NBC TV In 1980, Americans remem-
bered the U.S. hostages in Iran by burning candles or shining lights for 417 seconds - one second for each day of captivi
ty. Bush yoars ago: President-elect Bush nominated Elizabeth H.
Dole, onetime transportation secretary, to be his secretary of Five years ago: The Rev Norman Vincent Peale, who
had blended Christian and psyhad blended Christian and psychiatric principles into a mes-
sage of "positive thinking," sage of "positive thinking,"'
died in Pawling, N.Y., at age 95 . One year ago: Ilich Ramirez
Sanchez, the aging revolutionary known as "Carlos the Jackal," was sentenced by a
French court to life in prison French court to life in prison
for the 1975 murders of two French investigators and a Lebanese national. Japanese
actor Toshiro Mifune died in actor Toshiro Mifune died
suburban Tokyo at suburban Tokyo at age 77 . Today's Birthdays:
Songwriter-bandleader Dave Bartholomew is 78. Federal health administrator Anthony S. Fauci is 58. Recording com pany executive Mike Curb is
54. Rock singer-musician Lemmy (Motorhead) is 53.
Actress Sharon Farrell is 52. Actor Clarence Gilyard ("Walker, Texas Ranger") is 43
Actress Stephanie Hodge is 42

