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AP TOP 10

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top story

The death of Princess Diana in a Paris car crash was the biggest story

of 1997, according to the annual

Associated Press poll of news

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story, after the conviction of

Oklahoma City bomber Timothy

McVeigh. He received the death

Other stories in the Top 10, in

The bullish U.S. markets, the

cloning of a Scottish sheep, the birth

of septuplets in Iowa, the \$368 billion

tobacco deal, NASA's Pathfinder

mission on Mars, fundraising

scandals that dogged the Democrats

and the suicide of 39 members of the

This was the 61st year that the AP

Here are the top news stories of 1997, as

selected by 190 Associated Press newspaper

editors and broadcast news directors in the

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Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh

5. The cloning of a Scottish sheep

6. Birth of McCaughey septuplets

9. Fundraising scandals dog

10. Suicide of Heaven's Gate cult

The top 10 international news stories of

1997, as chosen by 119 newspaper, radio,

television and news agency editors in 43

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3. The death of Mother Teresa

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NAVS in brief

AMERICAN ACCUSED OF SPYING IN RUSSIA FREED, RETURNS HOME TO SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO (AP) - Accused of spying in Russia, Richard Bliss walked into a applauding crowd and open arms back home, the joyous bear hug he gave his dad tempered by uncertainty over how long he'll be able to

Bliss, a 29-year-old field technician, stepped from a chartered Lear jet Thursday afternoon and entered a swarm of about 20 friends and family members who flew in from around the country to greet him.

"After a couple days of resting and spending a few days with my family, I'm very much looking forward to getting back to my job," Bliss said. Amid the relief was a huge unknown: Will Russian officials will order

Bliss was arrested on espionage charges in late November, two days before Thanksgiving. He was installing a cellular phone system in the city of Rostov-on-Don, about 600 miles south of Moscow.

Pressure from Vice President Al Gore and others persuaded the Russians to let Bliss come home for two weeks under an agreement between his employer, Qualcomm Inc., and Russia's Federal Security Service - or FSB, the main successor to the Soviet-cra KGB.

It appeared Russian officials might be softening their stance on a demand that Bliss return Jan. 10 to face spying charges. The Interfax news agency reported Thursday that the term of Bliss' stay in the United States had not been defined and Qualcomm officials confirmed that.

TENSIONS RUNNING HIGH IN SOUTHERN MEXICO FOLLOWING MASSACRE IN SMALL VILLAGE

ACTEAL, Mexico (AP) - It was a tense moment on an isolated highland road: Indians burying their 45 dead met up with a truckload of men they accused of being the killers.

The mourners pulled a man from the truck and began to kick him, but police moved in and broke up the scuffle. They arrested the 23 men on the truck for questioning and drove off, averting further trouble Thursday.

Tensions have been running high in southern Mexico's Chiapas state since masked gunmen burst into this mountain hamlet on Monday and methodically gunned down 45 unarmed people, including 15 children.

The victims were mostly sympathizers of the Zapatista National Liberation Army, which rose up in January 1994 to demand rights for the state's poor Indians. Survivors say the attackers were peasants from surrounding villages who belong to a paramilitary group linked to Mexico's ruling party.

Federal authorities have taken over the investigation into this week's killings, amid charges that state officials at best ignored the violence and at worst plotted it.

SOUTH KOREAN MARKETS STAGE TURNAROUND; IMF AGREES TO SPEED DELIVERY OF LOAN

SEOUL. South Korea (AP) - South Korea's battered financial markets surged today, a dramatic turnaround on the first day of trading since an international decision to expedite delivery of promised loans.

After a Christmas holiday, the benchmark index jumped 7.2 percent and remained strong throughout the day. It closed at 375.15 points, up 6.7 percent or 23.7 points from Wednesday's close. The Korean currency, the won, closed at 1,498 to the U.S. dollar, compared to 1,836 Wednesday.

Fueling the climb was the announcement early Thursday that the International Monetary Fund and the Group of Seven industrialized countries would provide South Korea with \$10 billion by early January. The loans are part of a record \$57 billion bailout plan.

ARAB DIRECTOR PLANS MOVIE ABOUT DIANA, PAINTS HER AS TARGET OF BRITISH PLOT

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) - An Arab world conspiracy theory about Princess Diana's death in a car crash, propounded in magazines, best-selling books and a court suit, paints her as the target of a British plot.

Now, a movie is in the works. Director Khairi Beshera says "The Last Supper," will be about Diana's life, not conspiracies surrounding her death. But the notion that she was killed because she was about to convert to Islam to wed Egyptian Dodi

Fayed, who died with her, is too popular to ignore. 'I have to deal with this even if it is naive,' said Beshera, whose films

have been shown at European festivals. No such evidence of a conspiracy has been presented, and British officials have termed the idea absurd. But that has not stopped many in Egypt from imagining a plot by a British establishment aghast at thoughts of Diana converting to Islam, marrying Fayed and bearing a son named Mohammed who would be a half-brother to England's future king.

Diana, Fayed and the driver of their car died Aug. 31 in a Paris car crash. Investigators still are examining details of the accident, looking for a cause. The driver, Henri Paul, was legally drunk.

VIEWERSHIP FOR NETWORK EVENING NEWS SHOWS RISES, BUCKING PRIME TIME TRENDS

NEW YORK (AP) - Against all odds, the long national tune-out of Tom Brokaw, Dan Rather and Peter Jennings appears to be ending.

Viewership for network evening news programs is up compared with the same time last year, with gains at NBC and CBS offsetting a poor year for ABC's "World News Tonight."

The positive move is a surprise on several levels. It bucks prime time audience trends, where the networks are still hemorrhaging viewers, in a year with relatively few compelling news stories.

While happy about the trend, experts are at a loss to fully explain why. The remarkable competitiveness of the three programs played a role. So, maybe, did a near-death experience, exaggerated or not.

The average weeknight viewership this year is 32.6 million, up 2 percent from last year's 31.9 million, according to Nielsen Media Research. The audience share of the three shows is 50, up from 49, meaning half of the people watching TV at the time are watching one of the three shows.

White Christmas is late for most Texans

By The Associated Press

The white Christmas many Texans were expecting seems to have come a day late.

(Hereford had its white Christmas, however, as a quarter-inch of snow fell Christmas Day.)

In North Texas, some areas saw light snow this morning and light rain was expected to change to sleet in the south. Temperatures were in the low 30s. Winds were northerly at 5 to 15 mph.

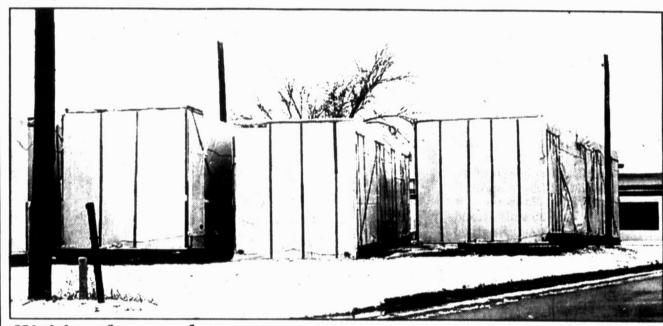
The forecast for North Texas calls for cloudy skies Saturday with snow likely to the northwest. A total accumulation of 1 to 2 inches is expected. Highs will be in the mid 30s. Lows will dip into the teens.

In South Texas, cloudy skies prevailed and many areas were covered with light rain this morning. Temperatures ranged from the 40s. Winds were northeast 10 to 15 mph.

The forecast for South Texas calls for cloudy skies and scattered areas of drizzle through Saturday. Lows will be in the 40s. Highs will reach the

In West Texas, skies were clear to partly cloudy this morning. Up to 4 inches of snow was reported in Hudspeth County while Haskell and Fisher counties each reported 2 inches of snowfall. Temperatures were in the teens.

The forecast for West Texas calls for snow over most areas Saturday. Highs will be in the 30s. Lows will be in the teens.



Waiting for new home

Several of the modules that will be installed on the construction site adjacent to Hereford Regional Medical Center are being stored on a vacant lot just off U.S. Hwy. 60. The modules should be put in place next week when a crane arrives in Hereford. The modules will be joined at the site to form a new medical office complex.

Merchants slashing prices

Churches help poor families

NEW YORK (AP) - With stores still filled with holiday merchandise, merchants set out today to make up for ho-hum holiday sales by offering deep discounts

From big retailers like Sears and Macy's to small mom-and-pop shops, merchants opened early this morning and cut prices to get shoppers into the buying "It will be one big bargain-hunting fest, especially

after this Christmas," said Kurt Barnard, a retail consultant and president of Barnard's Retail Trend Before 6 a.m. today, about 30 people were waiting

for the Wal-Mart in South Charleston, W. Va., to open. Ann Alicea got up at 5:30 a.m. to make it to Filene's in Boston early today. "Money's tight this year," she said after buying

some holiday gifts for her 16-year-old daughter. "I really didn't do much shopping before Christmas." Despite a booming U.S. economy and high consumer

confidence, the holidays failed to meet the expectations of many retailers. Many consumers watched their spending; others gave non-traditional gifts like vacations and trips to spas. "Everyone seems to be on a budget," Amanda

Metzger said while shopping at the Cottonwood Mall in Albuquerque, N.M., this week. "People's attitudes are awful this year. Two years ago, retailers reported dismal sales, while

1996 was a mixed bag, with strong results at many upscale retailers and weak sales at some department stores and apparel chains.

By The Associated Press

Padron was away from gangs and her ex-boyfriend's

regular beatings. But neither woman had pulled her

life together, not yet. Both were still on welfare, not

sure how to find good housing, get a job or stay away

with a team of volunteers.

Then local churches stepped in, matching each woman

'They're like a crutch to hold onto," Spencer said.

Aiding the poor is nothing new for America's

"I've never had anybody encourage me to do anything."

churches, which have historically been there with hot

meals, clothing drives and homeless shelters. But now,

in pockets around the country, churches are adopting

Tammy Spencer was out of jail and off drugs. Sandra

Many merchants have a glut of inventory. For shoppers, that means good deals on things they didn't get for the holidays.

Newspapers on Christmas Day were already filled with store ads announcing bargains on everything from clothes to cookware, with discounts running as high as 70 percent. Retailers are betting on a surge of buying to help their bottom lines.

"It's obviously an important day," said Duncan Muir, a spokesman for J.C. Penney, which hopes discounts up to 50 percent off boost its lagging holiday

Some of the best prices were found in apparel. A weak season left clothing and department stores brimming with merchandise. Bloomingdale's, Macy's and Lord & Taylor advertised markdowns on everything from boys' coats to men's neckwear.

Electronics stores also offered big discounts after suffering through another tough holiday season amid waning demand. There wasn't one new gadget that everyone had to have.

Prices were also cut on jewelry, though sales were strong during the holidays. Many merchants need to make room for their Valentine's Day collections.

Debbie Katz now waits until Dec. 26 to even think about holiday gift-buying. After all, those buying for people who celebrate Hanukkah or Kwanzaa still have a few days to pick up their presents.

And even for her friends who celebrate Christmas. Katz, a New Yorker, doesn't mind waiting to shop. "So what if I send my gifts out a little late," she said. "I've saved myself a lot of money over the years."

They're acting as mentors: helping the poor find

"We're asking them to look at the total person,

and keep jobs, arrange day care, budget their money

where in the past they were just helping for Thanksgiving

or maybe Christmas," said the Rev. Ronald Moore,

field coordinator for Faith and Families in Mississippi,

everyday problems. They hear about job openings and

Mentors offer support and practical solutions to

Spencer, who moved to Austin, Texas, after being

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which has matched 485 families since 1994.

and keep their fragile lives together.

know who can fix a broken-down car.

1. Princess Diana's death 2. Hong Kong handover

countries outside the United States.

3. Asian currency crisis

4. Mother Teresa's death

5. Tony Blair elected British prime minister

6. Tourists killed in attack in Luxor. Egypt

8. Mideast peace process bogs down 9. End of 4-month hostage crisis in Lima.

10. Scottish scientists clone Dolly the

Here are the top 10 stories of 1997 according to a survey that ran for three weeks

on the AP's Internet site. More than 700 visitors to the site voted: 1. The death of Princess Diana

2. The trial of Timothy McVeigh

3. The death of Mother Teresa

4. Hong Kong handover 5. Pathfinder's Mars missio

6. Cloned sheep 7. Showdown with Iraq

9. Stock market turmoil

BACK TO WORK: Christmas fades quickly, Americans return to jobs

By The Associated Press

It's been 11 years since Christmas last fell on a Thursday, and back then nearly half of the nation's employers made the next day a paid holiday. Not this year - today is business as usual for most workers.

"Business is business," says Frank Messina, owner of a Philadelphia home appliance store. "It can't be any different just because it's the day after Christmas. Appliances need to get fixed.'

A new survey found 36 percent of employers made today a paid holiday. That's down from 46 percent in 1986, when Christmas last fell on a Thursday, according to the Bureau of National Affairs, a Washington research group. And just 10 percent will have a paid day off Jan. 2, compared with 22

percent 11 years ago. Nearly every employer grants Christmas and New Year's Day off, with pay, but few U.S. companies feel the need to close shop on Dec. 26. Many other nations take off the day after Christmas, called Boxing Day in Britain and its former possessions, and St. Stephen's Day in several European

When business is good and unemployment is low, employers can't afford to take a break, said Sanford Jacoby, who teaches industrial relations at

the University of California, Los Angeles. "So what do you do? You say to your regular full-time people, 'You have to work the day after Christmas," he said

For many small businesses, today's just another day at the office. All four employees of the AA Pawn Shop in Atlanta will be on duty for those who want to sell unwanted Christmas gifts, as will Brad Toll, the kind of person you want on duty if you get in a bind. "We don't expect a lot of people to need us on that day," said Toll,

manager of the Bail USA bail bond company in Camden, N.J. "But you

Retailers are hoping for a big weekend. Nordstrom, the Seattle-based clothing store chain, starts a men's clothing sale the day after Christmas. Microsoft booted up today after two days off, but Intel, which makes the chips Microsoft's programs run on, powers down for the long weekend. Nintendo of America is taking the week off, but was to have 200 people staffing the phones today to help stumped game players.

The Big Three automakers close their plants and offices Christmas Eve and will reopen Jan. 5. That's a tradition in Detroit, but also part of the United Auto Workers' contract.

For some, working today means extra dough to pay off Christmas bills. At Boeing Co., members of the machinists' union get double time plus eight hours holiday pay for each day worked between Christmas Eve and Jan. 2 - except for Christmas Day and New Year's Day, when the aircraft maker is shut down. For top-scale mechanics who work at \$25.98 an hour. that's \$623.52 per day.

"There are more who want to work than have been offered it," said Connie Kelliher, spokeswoman for the union's District Lodge 751 in Seattle.

Local Roundup

Clear, cold

Tonight, clear and cold with a low 15 to 20 and west wind 5-10 mph.

Saturday, mostly sunny with high 40 to 45 and west to northwest wind 10-20 mph. Saturday night, mostly clear, loow 15 to 20. 5-DAY EORECAST

Sunday, mostly clear with high 40 to 45.

Monday, partly cloudy with low 20 to 25 and high 50 to 55. Tuesday, partly cloudy with low 25 to 30 and high 50 to 55. THURSDAY'S RECAP

High, 29; low, 13; 0.25 inch, snow; trace of precipitation.

Migrant workers sue Case Farms

agency has filed a federal lawsuit against Case Farms of Ohio on behalf of 24 Hispanic migrant farm workers from south Texas.

The lawsuit, filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Del Rio, Texas, accuses the chicken-processing company of recruiting migrants with false promises.

The complaint, filed by Texas hired by Case Farms went to the Lower Rio Grande Valley and the Texas towns of Eagle Pass in Maverick County and McAllen in years to offer jobs, free housing and transportation.

But the chicken processing company about 80 miles south of Cleveland charged the workers for "squalid, substandard and overcrowded housing and unsafe and unreliable transportation," the suit

The suit also said those who couldn't pay had the charges deducted from their paychecks.

The suit also charged that Case Farms "deducted, but failed to pay in or report, taxes" from workers' wages. The combination of tax deductions and housing and transportation charges placed many workers' wages below the federally required minimum, the suit said.

Company spokesman Dan Self

The Plain Dealer reported today. Case Farms employees, who migrant workers help.

CLEVELAND (AP) - A legal aid refused to give their names, said Self was the only person authorized to speak for the company but he would not be in the office today. Self had no home phone listing in Winesburg,

where the Case Farm plant is located. The suit, which also names Case Farms' work force recruiter, America's Tempcorps, seeks an unspecified amount in damages and back pay, including overtime. The Rural Legal Aid Inc., said recruiters suit said America's Tempcorps could not be located.

The suit alleges violations of the federal Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act Hidalgo County during the last two and the Fair Labor Standards Act and charges breach of contract, fraud and negligent misrepresentation.

> The Winesburg company employs about 400 Guatemalan workers recruited during the last three years. During that time, the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in Cleveland has arrested about 100 illegal immigrants working at the chicken processing plant.

The INS has two pending cases against the company - which was fined \$16,000 in 1995 for violations involving illegal workers - and the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor is investigating the company. The department declined to disclose the specifics of the investigation.

The Catholic Diocese of Cleve workers are paid about \$6.65 an hour, Catholic and Protestant churches in

Accident victim located through 'net

Sepulvado's life has become a real Web page-turner.

The 35-year-old mother of two, a lifelong dancer who has spent the last decade in a successful country and western dance partnership with her husband, is recovering from an accident that left her brain-injured.

Her husband, Larry Sepulvado, 49, has turned her daily recovery into an online journal, accessed every day,

Mrs. Sepulvado's current medical status, details on the accident, a list of her injuries, dates for fund-raisers tops in her field," Sepulvado said. and even a set of "frequently asked questions."

Sepulvado said he started the site

and was surprised by the number of people who were following it like a soap opera.

For me, right now, I think of it just as a journal that the kids can read 10 or 15 years from now or she might get in a place where she could actually read it," Sepulvado said.

Larry and Laurie Sepulvado met in the 1980s, during what Sepulvado describes as the "urban cowboy" he says, by about 400 to 600 people. period. They married 12 years ago
The "Laurie" Web site offers and then started their competitive

> "It took a few years before I got good enough.

The Sepulvados opened their own

When I first met her she was like

HOUSTON (AP) - Laurie to keep track of his wife's recovery dance studio in Houston, named Step'n Style, devised a line of instructional videos and hosted a number of dance events on the United Country & Western Dance Council circuit, most recently the Eighth Annual Texas Classic Dance Event

In January, the Sepulvados earned the 1997 UCWDC World Champion

title in the Champions division. On Aug. 21, Mrs. Sepulvado was driving in the family van behind a 12-wheel trailer-truck carrying bricks. Her 18-month-old daughter, Tyler, was strapped into her car seat in the back seat. The truck stopped to make a U-turn and Mrs. Sepulvado slammed into the rear of the trailer at about 60 mph.

Tyler survived with just a few scratches, but the impact caused Mrs. Sepulvado's brain to shake violently.

Sepulvado's injuries has not been

way from lying in a hospital bed, in an induced coma, and later able only to open her right eye in a blinking

"I'm sure she's already gone a lot she is now," Dr. Ivanhoe said.

ment partly to his wife's competitive nature.

"Laurie is just a real rock-solid person, very calm and she's competitive," Sepulvado said. "She has a real healthy attitude about competing. It's always been about

cover his house and car payments, but he's had to close the dance studio after a decade.



Gifts for foster children

HOUSTON (AP) - At a factory on

the east side of Houston, a processing

plant is up and running, part of an

attempt to turn a cousin of cotton and

heavily from cotton gins, the

Petroexx company is turning the

weed-like stalks of kenaf into an

absorbent used for soaking up oil

spills and an additive to mix with the

mud used in drilling oil and gas wells.

Kenaf 2000 brand absorbent will soak

up a 42-gallon barrel of crude oil, it

says, compared with 67 pounds of

peat or 665 pounds of clay-based

offshore cleanup, are wellheads,

Target markets, in addition to

Only 25 pounds of the company's

Using equipment that borrows

okra into a cash crop.

absorbent.

Brenda Milam, Hereford State Bank employee, checks some of the gifts for foster children of Deaf Smith County which were placed under the bank's tree. Local residents took ornaments with a foster child's name and Christmas wish item from the tree, then placed the item for which the child had wished back under the tree.

Catholic and Protestant churches in the rural area, has been offering the migrant workers help. Kenap markets improve

A beer is a beer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - a similar ban in Rhode Island. Olympic marketers prefer calling the official beer of 2002 Winter Games the sponsorship more palatable to anti-alcohol activists.

Opponents claim a 2002 brew will portray a partying image that conflicts with Utah's "family-oriented" standards. Roughly 70 percent of Utah's population are Mormons, who are taught to eschew alcohol.

"It's something we as Utahns should unite against. This is not Utah. This is not what we stand for," said George J. Van Komen, a local doctor who heads the Utah Alcohol Policy Coalition.

But the \$50 million Olympic organizers expect the deal with Anheuser-Busch to generate apparently makes a more powerful argument for those responsible for putting on the \$1 billion event.

"It ought to be looked at in a business light," said Frank Joklik, chief executive officer of the Salt Lake Organizing Committee.

The SLOC expects to raise about one-fourth of its \$1 billion budget from a dozen or more corporate sponsorships.

"It is our job. It's in our interest to raise as much revenue as we can," Joklik said. "We have sponsorships (that can be sold) in various categories and this is a category that's available.

Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc., a longtime backer of the U.S. Olympic team in what's called the "malt beverage" category, had threatened to pull its support in 2002 because of Utah's prohibition against alcohol advertising.

That ban has since been lifted by the state Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, in response to a U.S. Supreme Court decision overturning

the search for a new music director.

at the end of the 1998-99 season.

HOUSTON SYMPHONY HAS BUDGET PROBLEMS

HOUSTON (AP) - Bitter contract negotiations are in the past, but the

The symphony was thrown into turmoil by a threatened musicians'

Houston Symphony now must deal with serious budget problems and

strike and former music director Christoph Eschenbach's decision to depart

The symphony is the only major Houston performing arts group with recurring, severe financial problems, including an accumulated debt of \$7.1 million.

Earlier this month, two projects began that will determine whether symptony builds on what local critics say was an unparalleled artistic coess under Eschenbach.

Still, the coalition, with the support of the Utah PTA and the Utah a "malt beverage." That isn't making Medical Association, has been pushing to ban alcohol advertising during the Olympics.

> Van Komen predicted the beer sponsorship will create more problems than organizers realize, considering the number of local volunteers expected to provide labor during the Olympics.

> "Those volunteers could all unite and refuse to participate during the Olympics," he said. "That would give (Olympic organizers) second thoughts.

> SLOC Chairman Bob Garff, who is also a Mormon, said opponents should know that serving alcohol at an athletic event is not out of step with community values.

> "The Olympics are a sporting event in our community. It's not a religious event.... I don't see this as being totally unusual, or any different than a hockey game or a Jazz game,' Garff said.

> Jack Dougherty, Anheuser-Busch senior manager of consumer awareness and education, said corporate sponsorships ensure American athletes can compete without depending on taxpayers'

> "Beer is enjoyed by more than 80 million responsible adults, many of whom make up the audience for the Olympics Games," he se't, a reference to the huge num. r of television viewers the Olympics

That's why NBC paid a record \$545 million for the rights to broadcast the 2002 Winter Games. The network is attempting to make back that money by selling commercial time to Olympic sponsors, including Anheuser-Busch.

It's a typical chicken and egg yet, plant manager Richard Hensley situation: local farmers growing the crop need factories such as this there are only three others in the United States - to justify planting

But the processing companies need large plantings to assure a supply of raw materials.

The mud additive has been used in the United States and exported to Canada, Venezuela, Italy and Egypt, said Clifford Johnson, the company's vice president and chief financial officer.

It forms a seal in the bore hole to prevent seepage of drilling fluid. which must be kept circulating while

the bit is turning. The plant is designed to handle 40

said. The operation isn't yet profitable, but is close and should reach that goal next year, Johnson told the Houston Chronicle. Now it is getting its kenaf raw

material in 450-pound rectangular bales from International Paper, which is growing kenaf on 1,500 acres of an old farmstead in Arkansas, near Texarkana. As of November, Petroexx was

one of four active fiber separation plants in the United States, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which has promoted kenaf.

The USDA says three more are planned for 1998, and a 200-ton-per-day, \$130 million newsprint mill is

in the final stages of planning somewhere in the South. The USDA says kenaf will be

grown on about 18,000 acres next year, compared to 7,043 acres in 1997 and 4,245 acres in 1996.

Saul runs again



ROLAND SAUL

Roland Saul, longtime Criminal District Attorney, has announced he will seek reelection to a sixth term. Saul will complete five terms, or 20 years, as CDA at the end of 1998. After serving as a Democrat for the five terms, he filed on the Republican ticket this time.

Saul has not had an opponent since his first term in office, when he defeated incumbent Andy Shuval for

Both her legs were fractured and she sustained a serious injury to her left arm as well as a collapsed lung. Doctors also had to remove part of her skull and brain-tissue from her right lower temporal lobe because of severe brain swelling.
The ultimate effect of Mrs.

determined, but she is working on her walking and motor skills in therapy. Dr. Cindy Ivanhoe, director of the

brain injury program at The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research, or TIRR, where Mrs. Sepulvado is recovering, said Mrs. Sepulvado's ability to speak and communicate has been improving.
In four months, she's come a long

further than most people expected and she's still going to do a lot better than Sepulvado attributes the improve-

how good you can be."

The accident has taken a financial toll on the Sepulvado family, which also includes 11-year-old Austin. Thanks to fund-raisers organized by members of the dance community, Sepulvado said, he's been able to

Sepulvado, who spends about six hours a day at TIRR, said he just doesn't have time to slow down.

"I guess to not keep going would mean I was kind of like giving up hope," he said. "I guess if I stop and look at it, it's pretty scary, so I don't really want to stop and look at it."

Larry Sepulvado's Web site can be accessed at www.stepnstyle.com

Emergency Services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 24-25. include the following information. Police Department

Arrests -- A 41-year-old man was arrested in the 700 block of Knight for

resisting arrest. -- A 32-year-old man was arrested in the 500 block of West First for public intoxication.

-- A 30-year-old man was arrested in the 100 block of Lake on a warrant our of Deaf Smith County for theft of

-- An assault, domestic violence was reported in the 300 block of

-- Death by natural causes was reported in the 800 block of Irving. -- Domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of North

-One minor accident was reported at Sixth and McKinley.

 One minor accident was reported at U.S. 385 and Lake.

AUSTIN (AP) - No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The jackpot was worth an

estimated \$4 million, The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were:

7, 19, 21, 28, 30, 33 Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$8 million. AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

13-19-28-31-34 AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order; 8-5-3

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-2-4

THE HEREFORD BRAND

Obituaries

HERBERT BRASHER, SR. Dec. 23, 1997

Herbert Brasher, Sr. 82, of ubbock died Tuesday at the

Lubbock Hospitality House after a

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church of Lubbock. Arrangements are under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Brasher was a long time architect and engineer who designed many schools and civic buildings across the Panhandle. In 1954 he founded the firm that became BGR Architects-Engineers.

He is responsible for the design of the Deaf Smith County Library, Lubbock's Estacado High, Ed Irons, and Wilson junior high; Randall High and many more.

Mr. Brasher was a native of Monroe, La., but grew up in Roswell, N.M. He graduated from Texas Tech in 1939 and was licensed to practice architecture in Texas, New Mexico, and California.

Institute of Architects, Texas Society of Architects, National Society of Professional Engineers and the Council of Educational Facility Planners International. He was a longtime member of First Baptist church, served on the board

of the Red Sea Mission Team, an

He was a member of the American

international missionary organization, and was also active in the Capernwray Missionary Fellowship. He married the former Marie

Somers in 1941. His brother, C.J.

compressor stations and refineries. tons per day, but isn't to that point

died in 1964.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Julie Duncan of Lubbock; two sons, Herbert Jr. of Friedrichshafen, Germany, and Phillip of Falls Church, Va., and seven grand

children. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Resthaven Funeral Home.

FLOYD EUBANKS Dec. 24, 1997

Dec. 24, 1997 at the Hereford Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday at the Temple Baptist

Floyd Eubanks, 70, of Hereford

Church of Hereford with Rev. H.W. Bartlett of Temple Baptist Church and Rev. J.L. Bozeman-retired Baptist minister, officiating, Burial will be in Westpark Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Gililland-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Eubanks was born Aug. 30, 1927, in Mobeetie to C.E. Eubanks and Hazel Burke. He married Paula Jo Cumberledge in Lefors on May 26,

He was a member of the Temple Baptist Church of Hereford. He worked as a natural gas pipeline naintenance worker and served in the Army during World War II. Survivors include his wife Paula

Jo of Hereford; three daughters Connie Jean Webaser of Joliet, Ill., Deanna Jo Edwards of Hereford, Debra Kay Hix of Amarillo, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Lifestyles

Ann Landers

respond to "Florida Reader," who in getting married again. In fact, I had complained about those romantic decided I wouldn't. "how we met" stories from the World War II era. She said they were boring. Well, I, for one, appreciate first, I thought she came on a bit too ANY story about a successful marriage.

True love is rare in this increasingly busy world where everything seems to have become disposable. including romance. My thanks to your "butt-kissing staff" for encouraging you to publish those tender and heartwarming letters. Way to go, girl! -- Ken in Honolulu

Dear Ken: I appreciate your support and encouragement. Keep reading for more:

Dear Ann Landers: How did we meet? I married my patient's daughter. I was a young doctor and a member of an Illinois National Guard horse artillery unit, assigned to provide medical aid for our polo teams.

During a particularly hard-played game, one of the players suffered a severe laceration of the face when struck by a polo mallet. I took him to a nearby hospital and sutured his cuts. When we returned, some of his well-meaning friends comforted him with a few drinks -- which raised his blood pressure and caused his cuts to start bleeding again.

His wife was concerned and asked me if I would accompany them home to keep an eye on him for a few hours. Their lovely daughter was with them. At their insistence, I stayed overnight, and the lovely daughter and I talked for a long time. I knew I wanted to see her again, and before long, it was love in bloom. We married a year later and had a fine family -- seven children, all "achievers," 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. My beloved wife recently passed away after 53 years of a beautiful marriage. I was truly blessed and miss her very much. -- Belvidere, Ill.

Dear Belvidere: Thank you for your beautiful love story. These days, when so many marriages land in the divorce courts, it's a joy to receive a letter such as yours. Here are two

66-year-old widower who had been CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.

By The Associated Press

360th day of 1997. There are five

days left in the year.

4th Armored Division. On this date:

Theatre in Chicago.

for some 80 deaths.

Today is Friday, Dec. 26, the

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 26, 1944, in the World

War II Battle of the Bulge, the

Division was relieved by units of the

performed publicly, at the Civic

Northeast, burying New York City

under 25.8 inches of snow in 16

hours; the severe weather was blamed

called the Red Army of Catalonian

Liberation claimed responsibility.

Yugoslavia's presidential election.

its 1992 "Man of the Year."

Dear Ann Landers: I want to single for six years and not interested

strong, but soon, I realized she was a woman of definite convictions, and I liked her style. When I found out she was divorced, I asked her to dinner. Six weeks later, we were engaged. Four months after that, we were married.

On our wedding day, her son rear-ended my car. When the wedding cake arrived, we discovered the bakery had misspelled my name. On the way home, my new bride got sick and threw up in the car. This wasn't a great way to start life together, but our marriage has been wonderful. --**Paul in Houston**

Dear Paul: You both must have a great sense of humor. Read on:

Dear Ann Landers; My first husband was killed in World War II. I was depressed and miserable, grateful to have any kind of a job, and ended up working for an insurance company. In 1945, when one of our salesmen tried to sell a newly returned serviceman some life insurance, he said, "I don't need any insurance, I'm not married, and I don't have any dependents." The salesman, who was a friend of mine, said, "I'll fix that." He brought the serviceman to the office and introduced him to me. We liked each other right away, dated for a year and then tied the knot. We have been married 50 years and have a beautiful family. -- Edward and Fredrika in

Dear Ed and Fred: Beautiful! Long may you love.

Gem of the Day: Women like silent men. They think they are

Lonesome? Take charge of your life and turn it around. Write for Ann Landers' new booklet, "How to Make Friends and Stop Being Lonely." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Friends, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In

Canada, send \$5.15.) Dear Ann Landers: I was a ANN LANDERS (R) COPYRIGHT 1997

Today in History

unsolved.)



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the same pot, family-style!

clude various ingredients native to many countries, including our own.

schedule to fit your budget.

****** queen JonBenet Ramsey was found beaten and strangled in the basement of her family's home in Boulder, Colo. (To date, the slaying remains Today's Birthdays: Actor Richard Widmark is 83. Comedian, composer embattled U.S. 101st Airborne and author Steve Allen is 76. Business Office: 364-0101 Comedian Alan King is 70. Actor Movie Hotline: 364-8000 Donald Moffat ("Clear and Present Danger") is 67. Rhythm-and-blues In 1944, Tennessee Williams' play singer Abdul "Duke" Fakir (The "The Glass Menagerie" was first Four Tops) is 62. Record producer Phil Spector is 57. "America's Most Wanted" host John Walsh is 52. In 1947, heavy snow blanketed the Retired baseball player Carlton Fisk is 50. Baseball coach Chris Chambliss is 49. Country musician Brian FOR RICHER Westrum (Sons of the Desert) is 35. Rock musician Lars Ulrich (Metall-4:25 9:25 Ten years ago: A bomb exploded ica) is 34. Rock musician J (White at a USO bar in Barcelona, Spain, Zombie) is 30. Country singer Audrey **SCREAM 2** killing one U.S. sailor and injuring Wiggins is 30. Rock musician Peter

nine others; a little-known group Klett (Candlebox) is 28. Thought for Today: "Christmas has come and gone, and I - to speak Five years ago: Milan Panic selfishly - am glad of it. The season conceded defeat to Slobodan always gives me the blues in spite of myself, though I manage to get a Milosevic almost a week after good deal of pleasure from thinking Time magazine announced it had of the multitudes of happy kids in various parts of the world." - Edwin chosen President-elect Bill Clinton Arlington Robinson, American poet One year ago: Six-year-old beauty (1869-1935).

dinner time bright spot

if you prefer)

drained

Oil for frying

l teaspoon salt

mild or hot to taste

oven for I hour.

l large onion, chopped

2 cups chicken stock

1/2 cup chopped peanuts 3 hard-cooked eggs

l can (14 ounces) stewed tomatoes,

I sweet potato, peeled and cubed

1/4 cup seeded and diced chilies,

In a large skillet, fry chicken in oil

until golden brown. Place chicken

with tomatoes, salt, sweet potato,

Pour the chicken stock over the

Cover and place in a 350-degree

To serve, peel and cut eggs in half

Watch the new series of "Donna's

Day with Donna Erickson" premier-

ing in January on your local PBS

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mixture and sprinkle with peanuts.

onion and chilies in a casserole.

and arrange on top of chicken.

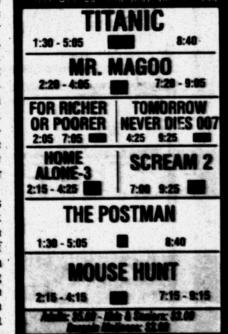
Family life is filled with repeti- and dusted with flour (remove skin, tious tasks. One of those that keeps us alive is eating dinner! But it's so much more than that. The dinner table can serve as a focal point, a kind of magnifying glass that draws the disparate rays of our separate lives together into a bright spot of family sharing. It's especially fun when the meal can take center stage to stimulate your family's thoughts

Set out a fondue pot for cheese or beef fondue, or try this recipe from my TV show, "Donna's Day" - African Groundnut Stew, a tasty recipe especially nice for Kwanzaa celebrations this week. Whichever you choose, everyone will be eating from

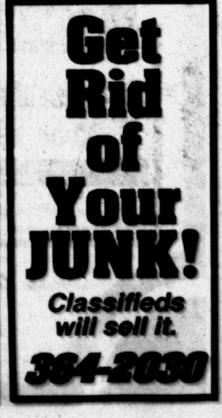
Groundnut stew is not only popular in many regions in Africa, but has become globally widespread to in-The groundnut, or peanut, is con-

AFRICAN GROUNDNUT STEW I whole fryer chicken, cut into pieces

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Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: Could you recom-mend how to strip off a buildup of furniture polish? - K.S., Louisville,

I sure can, but in this situation a home remedy is not recommended. The experts say not to use anything that contains water and/or turpentine because they can remove the finish and may even raise the wood grain or veneer if the finish on the furniture is not in good shape.

So, your best bet is to go to your

local home-improvement or hardware store and pick up a commercial furniture cleaner to remove that nasty buildup. Before beginning, be sure to read the directions carefully.

Then, here's the Heloise hint. After applying the spray, slip an old white sock on each hand. Use one sock to wipe the cleaner, then the second one to remove the residue. You know the wax is lifting when the second sock starts to look yellow or

Mineral spirits, also found at hardware stores, can be used to remove vax buildup. Good luck. — Heloise

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stand. I use my 18-inch-long plastic funnel and a sprinkle can. No need to crawl under the long bottom branches. The funnel is available at any auto parts store. - Ralph Brandt, Orange, Calif. MARKED TOOTHBRUSH

to add water to a Christmas-tree

Dear Heloise: I have read recommendations from various dentists advising me to replace my toothbrush every six months or even as

often as three months.

I use an electric engraving tool to print the month and year on my new toothbrush to remind me how old it is. I also print my first name on the brush to remind others in the house not to use it inadvertently. - George Thatcher, Staten Island, N.Y.

EASY CLEANUP Dear Heloise: I have two young boys, 6 and 8 years old. Needless to say, I am often cleaning toilets and their surroundings.

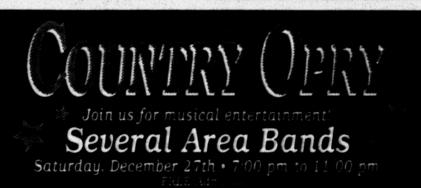
One of the biggest problems were the screws attaching the lid and seat, which would get coated with urine and then rust, making it impossible to get clean. In my new home, I filled over the screws and holes with clear silicone and now cleaning is easier. - Donna Monarch, Camas, Wash.

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Dear Heloise: Here's an easy way





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COMMUNITY CHURCH

Pastor Dorman Duggan and congregation invite you to come and worship and praise with them Sunday morning.

Sunday school for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. and the morning worship service starts at 10:30. A nursery is provided.

The Sunday evening service is at 6 and a nursery is again provided. The Intercessory Prayer Group

meets Monday night at 7 p.m. Tuesday morning at 9:30 the Ladies Prayer Group meets.

On Wednesday we have our Children's Church and Youth Group meet at 7 p.m. Also, we have our Home Groups for anyone over 18years-of-age. Call 364-8866 for information on places and times for Home Groups.

For more information or if you need prayer, call 364-8866 or 364-

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday school begins at 10 a.m.

and the Sunday worship services are held at II a.m. and 5 p.m. Pastor Ed Warren and the church

congregation invite the public to all services at the church located on S. Hwy. 385 and Columbia St.

For additional information, call 364-3487.

COUNTRY ROAD CHURCH OF GOD 401 Country Club Drive

Pastor Woody Wiggins and the church congregation invite the public to attend all services and activities at the church.

The following is the regular schedule of services.

Sunday school begins at 10 a.m. and the Sunday worship services are held at ll a.m. and 6 p.m. Services are conducted at 6 p.m. each Wednesday. Thursday evening prayer service

is at 6 p.m. Gospel singing will be held the last Sunday of each month starting at 5

A nursery is provided during all

services. Pastor Wiggins says, "Come and

experience what God is doing here a church where the Spirit is alive and God is moving by His power, a church full of love where you are somebody and Jesus is Lord."

Our 24 hour prayer line is 364-

GOOD NEWS CHURCH 400 N. 25 Mile Ave.

Sugarland Mall Pastor David Alvarado and the Good News congregation invite you to come and worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us in the spirit of love.

Come and experience the goodness of God and His power.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services are at 7 p.m. There is also a Tuesday worship service at 10 a.m.

If you have any questions or you need prayer, please call Pastor David Alvarado at 364-5239. God bless you.

NEW HOPE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 13th and Avenue H

Pastor Elda Olivarez and congregation invite you to worship with them.

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and morning worship is at 10:30. Evening worship is at 6 on Sunday and 7 on Wednesday.

The youth meet Friday at 7 p.m. There are monthly meetings for men and women.

New Hope Church of the Nazarene was founded by Pastor Olivarez in June 1992, right in the center of the barrio. We are reaching out to single mothers, teenagers, the elderly and lots of children.

We would like to thank all who were involved in our Vision of "expanding out to reach out." Our new addition will include four Sunday school rooms, a cry room, fellowship hall and restrooms.

We are still praying and raising funds to complete our Vision.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

"Lord, Open His Eyes!" will be the title of Pastor Gaston's morning message at 10:45 a.m. This message is directed at recognizing our great opportunities in the new year. Don't miss it. Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m., followed by our main service at 10:45 a.m. Simultaneous with our main service is our children's church

for children ages 4-11. Your children will enjoy this exciting program.

Nursery is provided for all services.

Join us Sunday night at 6 for a dynamic praise and worship service followed by preaching that will inspire and uplift you. Get your batteries

recharged and get set for the new year; a stronger family life is no accident. Plan for it.

There will be no Missionettes or Royal Rangers this week on Tuesday night.

On Wednesday night at 10 we will have our annual Watchnight Service, ringing in the New Year. From 10 to 12 midnight we have a lively service after which the men roll up their sleeves and cook a big breakfast (and wash the dishes; obviously a fun time for the ladies!). Come join us in beginning the new year as we ought to -- in prayer, not in a drunken Friday.

SUMMERFIELD **BAPTIST CHURCH**

6 miles west of Hwy. 60 The congregation and members invite you to come and worship with them Sunday. Bro. Michael Kelly will preach for us Sunday. Let's support

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. and the worship service starts at 11 a.m. We will not have Sunday evening

For more information or to make arrangements for a ride, call 364-

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Post-Christmas services will feature a variety of musicians and musical groups, including Flint Dollar pianist, who will play "What Child Is This" as the pr-service selection. The prelude will be "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" with Patrick Hayes as organist. The anthem "Sing Choirs of Heaven" will be sung by the Women's Choir, under the direction of Betty Wolle. "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" is the offertory to be presented by Lisa Coneway, pianist.

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship will not meet on Sunday, and there will be no vesper services.

The church offices will be closed on Thursday but will be open again on Friday.

Ronald Fuhrmann will be honored on the occasion of his 80th birthday with an open house on Sunday, Dec. 28 at the family home at 129 Avenue D from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Friends are cordially invited to attend this special observance.

BARN CHURCH

Barn Church is a non-denominational Christian ministry. Our goal is to worship God and fellowship with each other. Barn Church is for everyone that likes things a little on the country side. We'll have some singing, some preaching and maybe a testimony or

It's come as you are, so dust off your jeans and come on out. Bring the family and tell your friends.

Regular meetings of Barn Church are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the B Bar S

FRIO BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Larry Perkins and the congregation of the Frio Baptist Church invite you to join them for Sunday and Wednesday services.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and is followed by worship at 10:45 a.m. Evening services begin with Discipleship Training at 5 which is followed by evening worship at 6.

We would also like to invite any youth to join us and our interim youth minister Brett Baldwin.

Wednesday prayer services begin at 7 p.m.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY Christian Assembly is a nondenominational church desiring to

minister to individual needs. Join us for praise, worship, open

sharing and ministry. We are located at 1100 S. Main. Call 364-0974 or 364-2284.

CENTRAL CHURCH

OF CHRIST Come worship with us each and every Sunday at 10:25 a.m. and 6 p.m. Bible Classes are held Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. for all

We are located at the corner of Sunset and Plains.

We would love to have you come and study God's word with us. Our minister is Tom Bailey.

FIRST UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Pastor Warren McKibben is pleased to announce the opening of an Acts 2:38 Bible believing church. We welcome all for a truly down to earth praise and worship experience with our Lord.

If you are seeking answers, come and let's worship together in the name of Jesus. If you are looking for a blessing and still believe in miracles, then this is the place to come. We are one big happy family

We invite all to attend our services at 2 p.m. Sunday.

For further information, call 1-

800-454-6051.

NEW BEGINNINGS ASSEMBLY OF GOD BILINGUAL CHURCH

The congregation of New Beginnings along with Pastors Rafael and Linda Rosado would cordially like to invite you to join us this Sunday morning at 9:45 for an incredible study in prophecy. There are classes for all ages, so bring your

Sunday evening praise and worship is at 6. Wednesday night Bible study is on

the book of Genesis at 7. Youth night service is at 7 p.m.

The ladies meet for prayer and Bible study on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. If you need prayer call 363-9007 or 364-0210.

God bless you. See you in church. We are located at the corner of Bradley and Ironwood, across from West Park Cemetery.

CALVARY **BAPTIST CHURCH**

We at Calvary Baptist Church extend a hearty welcome for you to attend our Sunday school and church

When you come, we believe you will especially enjoy the wholesome Christian fellowship and spiritual service. There will be a Sunday school class for every member of

Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and worship is at 11 a.m.

Ray Sanders is the pastor.

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS

On this Sunday known liturgically as "The First Sunday After Christmas," the people of Fellowship of Believers will be privileged to hear a mini-concert by area vocalist, Janet Rector. She is a 1995 graduate of Friona High School, has participated in a choral tour in England and recently recorded a video in Nashville. Janet's favorite genre of music is pop although she also sings gospel and country. Her blindness adds to the soul of her music.

FOB is an interdenominational church...ecumenical...and seeking to be honestly inclusive. That is, this church is a loving experiment in denominational harmony. Everyone seeks to be respectful and honoring of the others belief system and tradition. FOB is a work in progress. The church continues to learn as it goes. The Fellowship welcomes any who are interested in doing church in

The service of worship begins at 10:30 a.m. A nursery is provided. For transportation to the church phone 364-0359. Fellowship of Believers is located at 245 North Kingwood (at Moreman).

ST. ANTHONY'S **CATHOLIC CHURCH**

This weekend Catholics celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Readings to be proclaimed and preached on are from Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14, Colossians 3: 12-21, and Luke's Gospel 2: 41-52. We encourage and invite all Catholics-away-forawhile, to return, to come worship with us.

If you have been away from celebration of eucharist and you wish to return to the sacrament, our pastor Msgr. Blum, would be happy to visit with you. Call the office for an appointment, or come by.

Weekend liturgies are at 6 p.m. Saturdays and at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Sundays. New Year's Eve Mass is at 6 and New Year's Day mass is

Everyone's invited to a New Year's Eve dance, sponsored by St. Anthony's school board. Tickets are \$10 and are available from Kathy Brorman, Doug Detten, Gerald Marnell, Linda Briones, Chris Leonard and Laurie Paetzold or the parish office. The dance starts at 9 and ends at 1 a.m., in the school gym. There will be food, set-ups, favors and good music. Proceeds will benefit the school's bronze statue project.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH This Sunday in our 10:30 a.m.

worship time, the Rev. Jeremy M. Grant will preach on Leviticus 24: 5-9, I Samuel 21: 1-6, Mark 2: 23 through 3:6. The title of his sermon is "Jesus: Born Under the law".

You are more than welcome to join us for Bible study in one of our Sunday morning classes at 9:15. We have a nondenominational class for people with special needs. We also have classes for young married and singles, other adults, youth, elementary, preschool and nursery.

At 10:10 a.m., we gather each Sunday for a cup of coffee, a goodie and great fellowship. Come and meet

a friend this Sunday.

The First Presbyterian Prayer
Group gathers for the lifting of joys and concerns to God at 6 p.m. on

Little Blessings Day Care is open from 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. Space is limited. Call for reservations 364-2472.

There will be NO LOGOS this

The Heifer Project International

program will continue at our church through Jan. 11. Consider buying an animal or a share of an animal in another's name for a Christmas gift this year. A gift card announcing the donation will be given to you.

Discussion on Amendment "A" will be held Jan, 11 at First Presbyterian Church, Tulia from 3 p.m.-4:30

For more information, call the church office from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 364-

IMMANUEL **LUTHERAN CHURCH**

On the Sunday after Christmas, Immanuel Lutheran continues in the Christmas spirit with Sunday School-Bible classes for all ages at 9:15 a.m. and worship celebration at 10:30 a.m.

gospel for the day, Luke 2: 52: "The Baby Jesus Grows in our Lives." New Year's Eve service on Wednesday will be held at 7:30 p.m.

The worship theme is based on the

Holy Communion will be celebrated. For further information about Immanuel and parish ministries and transportation, please call Immanuel at the church office, 364-1668. Rev. Robert Kuhlmann of Amarillo serves as interim Pastor.

FAITH MISSION

CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Come and worship with us at Faith Mission Church of God in Christ, 307-309 Brevard.

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. We teach it like it is. Morning worship is at 11 a.m. We

preach it like it is. Richard Collins, pastor, said, "We neither take from, nor add to, what's written in The Book."

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Travis Curry and the congregation of Bible Baptist Church would welcome you to worship with us around the Word of God each Sunday at 10 a.m. (for Sunday

preaching service). We also meet at 6 p.m. on Sunday and on Wednesday at 7 p.m. for Prayer and Bible Study.

Come help us exalt Christ and His Holy Word. A warm and friendly welcome awaits you at 1204

School) and 11 a.m. (for the

DAWN BAPTIST CHURCH

Moreman. For more information, please call 364-3729, 364-3102 or

Pastor Charles Ellingburg and congregation invite you to worship with them.

364-5157.

Sunday School is at 10 a.m. and morning worship is at 11. Nursery is provided for all services.

Team Kids meet each Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. at the Dawn Community Center. Evening worship services are at 6. Pastor Ellingburg is speaking on the Ten Command-

For more information or prayer needs, contact Pastor Ellingburg at 258-7330.

Please join us this Sunday and every Sunday and worship with the Dawn Baptist Church.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Paster Terry Cosby and the

congregation of First Baptist Church invite you to come worship with them each Sunday. Services are: Sunday school -- 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship -- 10:50 a.m.

Evening Worship -- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday activities include: Fellowship dinner -- 5:30 p.m. Children's choir -- 6-6:50 p.m. Prayer meeting -- 6:15-7 p.m.

Hang Time for youth -- 7 p.m. Choir practice -- 7:10 p.m.- 8 p.m.
Some other activities include adult
Disciples University. New classes will start soon; you may contact the church office, 364-0696 for further

specific details. If you are seeking a strong Bible based education program for your child ages 3 through sixth grade, we invite you to consider AWANA's which meets at 6:50 p.m. Wednesdays. Please call the church office for further oformation.

If you are seeking a warm Christentered atmosphere for worship and fellowship, we urge you to come join us in praise and honor of Jesus Christ.

AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH The congregation of Avenue Baptist Church, 130 North 25 Mile Avenue, invites you to worship with them.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and the Christmas Cantata follows at 11. Sunday evening worship begins at 6. Rev. Bill Austin of Amarillo will preach at the morning and evening services this Sunday. We will have fellowship time following the evening service this Sunday.

The Ladies Prayer Service and Book Study, led by Thelma Cherry, meets Monday evenings at 6:30.

Brian O'Donnell, music director, reminds all choir members that choir practice is Monday nights from 8-9. Wednesday night service has been canceled for Christmas Eve.

Youth director, Carol Keyes, invites the youth to meet at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday in the church Fellowship Hall. Ladies Noon Bible Study meets on

the second Thursday of each month in the church fellowship hall.

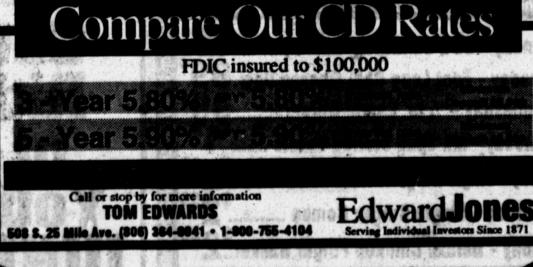
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Washington at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
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Seattle at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Vancouver, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games No games scheduled
Friday's Games
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Florida at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
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IN BRIEF

Irish miss home

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) --Notre Dame linebacker Kory Minor missed his mother. Defensive end Melvin Dansby felt a little weird spending Christmas with his teammates instead of his

And Rick Kaczenski? No offense to the rest of the Kaczenski family, but the senior center was actually happy to spend Christmas in Shreveport, La., instead of at home in Erie, Pa.

I'd much rather be on a plane flying to a bowl game than staying at home by the television watching the other teams play," he said.

OK, so the Irish (7-5) think getting ready for Sunday's rematch with No. 15 LSU (8-3) in the Independence Bowl is better than sitting at home waiting for spring practice like they did last Christmas.

But this is Notre Dame. Isn't there something a bit strange about the Irish spending a major religious holiday away from

"It's tough," admitted Minor, who hails from LaVerne, Calif. "A lot of the guys aren't used to being away from home."

Actually, spending Christmas away from home is nothing new for Notre Dame. Before it built its indoor practice facility in 1988, road trips to warmer climates were a holiday tradition for the Irish.

NFL Playoffs Glance First round

Saturday
Minnesota (9-7) at N.Y. Giants (10-5-1), 11:30 a.m. (ABC)
Jacksonville (11-5) and Denver (12-4), 3 p.m. (ABC)

Sunday
Miami (9-7) at New England (10-6),
11:30 p.m. (NBC)
Detroit (9-7) at Tampa Bay (10-6),

First round bye: Kansas City

Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Green Bay Divisional round Jan 3, 4

At San Francisco At Green Bay At Kansas City At Pittsburgh Jan. 11

Super Bowl Jan. 25 At AFC champion vs. NFC champion, at San Diego.

Transactions BASEBALL

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National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS —
Named Raiph Nelson director of baseball operations, Ron Hassey and Sandy Johnson special assistants to the general manager, Steve Springer western region scouting supervisor, and James Keller and David Cassidy area supervisors. Promoted Mack Babitt to special assistant to the general manager.

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'Bama backs lead Gray past Blue, 31-24

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) -- In the Gray to a 31-24 victory. a season gone all wrong for Alabama, The result provided three of its running backs came to the Blue-Gray Classic to prove there was still life to the Crimson Tide.

"This was our main goal all week," Dennis Riddle said. "It gave us a chance to show there was some talent on our team. And I personally wanted to show that the Dennis Riddle everyone knew is still there."

Riddle, Curtis Alexander and Ed Scissum all came through Thursday, giving the game a homespun flavor as each scored a touchdown to lead

The result provided some consolation for Alabama, which finished 4-7 for its worst finish in 40 years. Ordinarily, Alabama players are strangers to this Christmas Day game for seniors because the team is preparing for a bowl.

Riddle led the Gray in rushing with 66 yards, including an 18-yard touchdown late in the third quarter. It put an end to a frustrating year in which he rotated with two other tailbacks after leading the team in rushing the previous two seasons.

down catch and Scissum scored on a 5-yard run.

The coaches were looking out for the Alabama guys today," Scissum said. "They got a good rotation going and did their best to try to help us score."

Other top performances came from Stephen F. Austin receiver Mikhael Ricks, the Gray's Most Valuable Player, and Texas quarterback James

Ricks finished with six receptions for 106 yards, including a diving you can compete at this level. But this

Alexander had a 46-yard touch-wn catch and Scissum scored on a Brown's desperation pass at the end of the first half.

> It seemed a fitting highlight from a Division I-AA All-American who scored 13 touchdowns and set the I-AA record with a 28.9-yard average per catch this season at the Texas school.

> "All we did at Austin was throw the deep ball, so I was used to running out and making catches like that," Ricks said, "When you come from I-AA, a lot of people don't think

was a big deal for me.'

Brown completed 8 of 13 passes for 150 yards and the two long touchdowns. Texas, like Alabama, was a huge disappointment this year -- a 4-7 record that led to the dismissal of coach John Mackovic.

"I couldn't hope for much better than this," Brown said. "I hadn't played a good game in a while and when that happens, you kind of question yourself."

His TD throw to Alexander came

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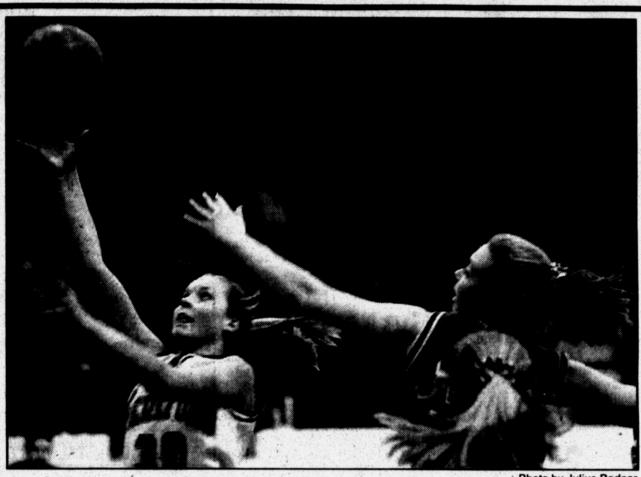


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Flying

Hereford's Julie Rampley flies by Lubbock Coronado's Katie Hand as she lifts a shot during a recent non-district game at Whiteface Gymnasium. The Lady Whitefaces, 13-2 overall and 3-1 in District 1-4A, will play in the ABC Caprock Basketball Tournament Dec. 29-31 in Lubbock. Hereford will play El Paso Jefferson in their first-round game 6 p.m. Monday night at Lubbock Monterey.

Utah holds off Houston

two players the Utah Jazz have been missing all season, brought their games with them this time.

Center Greg Ostertag outran Houston's Brent Price and blocked the point guard's breakaway layup attempt with 2:29 to play, and Bryon Russell hit two pressure free throws with eight seconds left as the Jazz outlasted the Rockets 107-103 Thursday.

"I think those two guys might have turned a corner today," said John Stockton, who led Utah with 24 points. "It's no secret they've struggled this year, and this might be the game that gets them going.'

The Rockets have lost three straight overall and four straight on the road. Houston is 1-4 in Christmas games in franchise history, while the Jazz were playing on Christmas for the first time.

The game was the first meeting of the teams that played in last season's Western Conference finals, won in six games by Utah. Ostertag and Russell were integral components of last season's team, but have struggled this year after signing big free-agent contracts in the offseason.

HOUSTON (103): Elie 5-8 4-4 15, Barl 3-105-6 11, Willis 10-155-6 25, Drexler 4-126-6 15, Maloney 3-5 1-29, Johnson 3-9 1-1 8, Bullard 3-8 2-2 10, Davis 0-2 1-2 1, Price 2-6 3-49. Totals

3-82-210, Davis 0-21-21, Price 2-63-49. Totals 33-75 28-35 103. UTAH (107): Keefe 3-35-611, Malone 10-15 0-0 20, Carr 1-3 5-67, Hornacek 7-13 2-2 20, Stockton 10-16 3-4 24, Eisley 5-12 2-2 12, Ostertag 2-21-15, Anderson 2-4 0-0 4, Russell 1-3 2-2 4, Foster 0-3 0-0 0, Totals 41-74 20-23

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Maloney 2-4, Bullard 2-5, Elie 1-3, Drexler 1-3,
Johnson 1-3, Davis 0-1, Barkley 0-2), Utah 5-12
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0-2), Fouled out-None. Rebounds-Houston 42
(Willis 8), Utah 43 (Malone 10). Assists-Houston 23 (Drexler, Price 5), Utah 26 (Hornacek 9). Total fouls-Houston 20, Utah 27, Technicals-Houston Assistant coach Boylen, Maloney. A-19,911
(19,911).

"Everyone played well for them, and we got some great efforts, too,' Houston coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "A loose ball here and a loose ball there, and maybe it's different.'

Karl Malone scored 20 points but failed to lead Utah in scoring for only the second time this season. Jeff Hornacek added 20 points, including 12 in the third quarter, and a game-high nine assists.

Kevin Willis led the Rockets with

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Stubblefield tabbed for defensive honors

Stubblefield came off his worst NFL Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year award released Thursday.

After managing just one sack and 39 tackles in 1996, the San Francisco 49ers defensive tackle was unstoppable this season. He had 15 sacks -second in the NFL to John Randle of Minnesota -- and was a staunch defender against the run.

"I think a lot of it just has to do with my attitude, of me going out there and saying, 'I don't care who be ready," Stubblefield said. "Whatever the situation, I have to

NEW YORK (AP) -- Dana come out and be ready and perform so my teammates can get that feeling season to have his best, earning The of being able to count on me, so they can rely on me coming up and making a big play."

Stubblefield, who will become a free agent after the season, received 28 of the 48 votes cast by a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters, easily beating last year's winner, Buffalo end Bruce Smith, who had six.

Linebackers Jessie Armstead of the New York Giants and Levon Kirkland of Pittsburgh each got five we play or when we play, I have to votes and Steelers safety-cornerback

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Huskies rout Michigan State for 179 yards and scores of 15 and HONOLULU (AP) -- Rashaan voted one of the game's most

Shehee marked his return to the lineup with a game-record 193-yard rushing performance and Washington returned two interceptions for touchdowns Thursday in a 51-23 victory over Michigan State in the Aloha Bowl.

Shehee, who scored twice -- the first a 33-yard jaunt on his second carry -- had missed the 21st-ranked Huskies' last three games with a knee injury. With him on the sidelines, the Huskies lost three straight and dropped out of the running for the Pac-10's bid for the Rose Bowl.

In his final game in a Washington uniform, Shehee, who was valuable players, carried 29 times and added another TD, a 10-yard run in the third period.

Shehee's 193 yards broke the mark of 179 by Michigan State's Blake Ezor in 1989.

On defense, free safety Tony Parrish picked off Todd Schultz's pass and rturned it 56 yards for a TD and linebacker Lester Towns grabbed another errant pass by Scholtz and went 66 yards for the second defensive touchdown for the Huskies.

Quarterback Brock Huard also turned in an outstanding performance for Washington. The sophomore completed 18-of-30 22 yards to Fred Coleman.

Washington, which was 7-4 in the regular season, resorted to some trickery for its other TD. On fourth-and-11, upback Mike Reed took the snap and raced 64 yards into the end zone.

Michigan State, blanked 38-0 by Stanford in last year's Sun Bowl, got its points on TD passes of 12 and 28 yards from Schultz to Gari Scott, a 43-yard field goal by Paul Edinger and a 21-yard hookup between Bill Burke and Lavelle Richardson with two seconds left in the game.

This time around, Denver enters wary of Jacksonville

By DAVE GOLDBERG **AP Football Writer**

With a 6-0 start that made them

appear the class of the NFL, the Denver Broncos never expected to be playing a wild-card game.

But at least they won't take Jacksonville for granted when the Jaguars come to Mile High Stadium on Saturday for the game the Broncos didn't expect to play -- not after the Jags shocked them 30-27 last season a round later.

That game is certainly motivation for Terrell Davis, who sat out the final regular-season game with a separated shoulder, but expects to

play on Sunday.
"I haven't watched tape of that game since then, but it remains vivid in my memory," says Davis, who led the AFC in rushing with 1,750 yards: "I was like in a coma for a week after the game. I didn't want to answer my phone, didn't want to do anything."

On paper, this matchup between the Broncos (12-4) and Jaguars (11-5) is closer than last season's game.

Then, the Jaguars were a second-year team that finished 9-7 and made it into the playoffs only because Atlanta's Morten Andersen, one of the most accurate kickers in NFL history, missed a 30-yard field goal at the end of the final regular-season game. Now they're considered one of the more talented young teams in

field in the AFC.

But they had not played a meaningful game for a month and after jumping to a 12-0 lead, seemed to fall apart, particularly on defense.

"Last year, nobody on that Broncos team -- from the owners to the team trainers -- thought we could beat them," says Jacksonville guard Ben Coleman. "Now, it's totally different. We didn't know if we could win in Denver, but we thought we

could. This year, we know we can." The Jaguars-Broncos game is the second of four games in the wild-card

round this weekend. In the first game on Saturday, Minnesota is at the New York Giants. On Sunday, it's Miami at New

England and Detroit at Tampa Bay. The top seeds, San Francisco and Green Bay in the NFC, Kansas City and Pittsburgh in the NFC, await the winners.

Minnesota (9-7) at New York Giants (10-5-1)

The Vikings managed to sneak into the playoffs despite a five-game losing streak that ended last week when they beat Indianapolis 39-28 at home. That put them into the postseason for the fifth time in Dennis Green's six years as head coach, but they've yet to win a game. One of their losses was a 17-10 defeat

by the Giants in 1994. "That's ancient history," says The Broncos went into that game Green, whose quarterback is now

after a 13-3 season and had home Randall Cunningham, no stranger to the Meadowlands. "We're not worried about winning one game. We want to win four. That's what you play for in this league."

The Giants might be the NFL's biggest surprise this season. After a 6-10 season, they went unbeaten in the NFC East under new coach Jim Fassel, who was voted coach of the

But they're no fluke. They lead the league in turnover differential at plus-24 and they have three impact players on defense: end Michael Strahan, linebacker Jessie Armstead and cornerback Jason Sehorn. Sehorn has interceptions in each of his last three games, in which he's shut down Irving Fryar, Michael Westbrook and Michael Irvin.

Detroit (9-7) at Tampa Bay (10-6) The Bucs, who started 5-0, are the league's other surprise team.

They split with the Lions . winning 20-10 the second week of the season in Pontiac, then losing 27-9 at home. Two telling stats: Barry Sanders had just 20 yards in the first game, his last under 100 this season, but got 215 with 80- and 82-yard TD runs in the second.

This will be the first playoff game for Tampa Bay since 1982 and its first at home since 1979. But the Bucs are treating this as just another new challenge in a season full of them.

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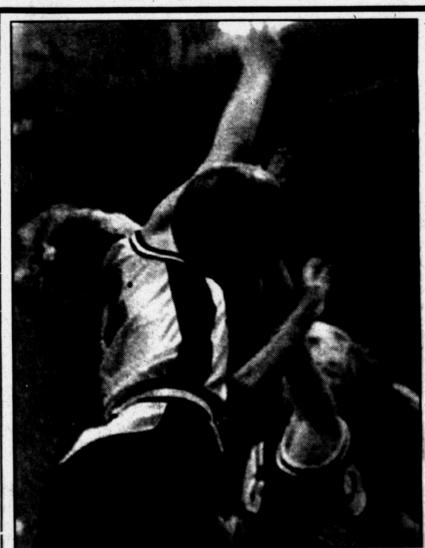


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Rejected

Hereford's Misti Davis has her shot blocked by Petersburg's Amber Morris during a recent non-district game at Whiteface Gymnasium. The Lady Whitefaces will return to action 6 p.m. Monday when the play El Paso Jefferson at the ABC Caprock Basketball Tournament at Lubbock Monterey High School.

FEARLESS FORECASTERS



Nebraska

	Season: 251-109-1
Marshall vs. Mississippi	Mississippi
Arizona vs. New Mexico	Arizona
LSU vs. Notre Dame	LSU
Utah State vs. Cincinnati	Utah State
Georgia Tech vs. West Virginia	West Virginia
Missouri vs. Colorado St.	Missouri
Oklahoma State vs. Purde	ue Purdue
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Pittsburgh vs. S. Mississippi	S. Mississippi
Kansas State vs. Syracus	e Kansas State
Wisconsin vs. Georgia	Georgia
North Carolina vs. Virginia	North Carolina
Penn State vs. Florida	Florida
Texas A&M vs. UCLA	UCLA
Michigan vs Washington State	Washington State
Florida State vs. Ohio State	Florida State
Clemson vs. Auburn	Auburn



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Rockets

Nebraska vs. Tennessee

shooting in the fourth quarter. Mario 6 minutes to play. Elie and Clyde Drexler added 15 points apiece for Houston. Charles Barkley had just 11 points on 3-of-10 shooting, and got seven rebounds.

Coach Jerry Sloan won his 500th game with the Jazz, but Utah had to survive a second-half Rockets comeback and 13 fourth-quarter points from Willis to get its eighth straight home win.

'Ostertag and Russell stepped up for us, and we needed it at the end," said Sloan, who is 500-248 in 10 seasons in Utah, said. "Ostertag got some big rebounds for us, and Russell played some tough defense late (on Elie and Drexler, who combined for just five points in the fourth quarter).

Still, the Jazz blew a 12-point lead it took with a 20-12 third-quarter run. Houston made an 18-6 run, then took

"We've played in some pretty big

'We've played the 49ers. We've

games this year. Every week within

our division is a big game," says

played the New England Patriots.

We've played the New York Giants.

We've played some pretty big games.

We've just got to draw from that

There will be emotion for Detroit,

The Lions will wear a small "59"

for linebacker Reggie Brown, whose

career is probably over because of a

serious neck injury sustained in last

Sunday's win over the Jets. Brown had

to be resuscitated on the field after the

Miami (9-7) at New England (10-6) Here we go again. The second meeting in six days after the Patriots

won the right to play this at home with

their 14-12 win in Miami last Monday night. The Pats also won 27-24 at

on a play-action fake that allowed the tailback to slip underneath coverage and emerge wide open on the left side for the catch and sprint down the sideline. The score gave the Gray a 31-10 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Texas Christian defensive lineman

Chance McCarty had a standout game for the Gray with two sacks --

including one for a safety -- one

forced intentional grounding and a

strong pass rush to set up a sack by

Oklahoma's Martin Chase on a

Navy's Chris McCoy was the star for the Blue. A quarterback who

shifted to tailback for this game,

fourth-and-1 in the third quarter.

Foxboro on Nov. 23.

Bama

linebacker Hardy Nickerson.

Denver

experience.

injury.

The Rockets led by a point with 4:21 left when Malone grabbed an offensive rebound over Barkley and scored to give Utah a 97-96 advan-

After Russell scored on Utah's next possession, the 7-foot-2 Ostertag chased down the 6-1 Price and swatted the point guard's layup attempt from behind.

'That was a great block," Russell said. "(Ostertag) hustled down the court, and that started something right there. I think that was the key, the turning point."

Malone, who has been particularly critical of Ostertag's work ethic, wrapped his teammate in a bear hug after Stockton hit a layup on the other end and Houston took a timeout.

But Elie's 3-pointer and Willis's two free throws tied the score with

Dolphins. One is that Jimmy Johnson

is 7-1 in the playoffs, albeit with a more

back-to-back in season finales and then

On the other hand, the Patriots are

expected to have Curtis Martin back

to provide the running game they've

lacked the last three games. And they

also get the home weather advantage.

to be colder, but we're not going to

lay down," says Miami linebacker Zach

Thomas. "Hopefully, we can use this

anger. We're angry that we let each

other down."

It's going to be harder, it's going

of the first has won the second.

25 points, including 13 on 5-of-6 a 94-91 lead on Price's 3-pointer with 1:04 left. Stockton scored on Utah's next two possessions, and Willis tipped in a Barkley miss to make it 105-103 with 10 seconds left.

Russell was fouled with eight seconds left, and he coolly hit both free throws to seal the win.

"I knew those were big shots, and I want the guys to be comfortable with me taking them," Russell said.

A Willis layup with a second to play gave the Rockets a 50-49 lead at halftime, but Utah completed a 21-7 run and took a 60-54 lead on Stockton's free throw with 9 minutes left in the third quarter.

The Rockets led from the opening minute and made an 11-4 run midway through the first period to lead 17-8. Houston hit seven straight shots in the second quarter and was up 47-39 with 3:02 left in the half.

Arkansas upset

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) --There are two good omens for the A day after losing to Division II American-Puerto Rico, the No. 12 Razorbacks were beaten again talented Dallas team. The second is Thursday, this time 94-83 by Murray that nine times that teams have met State.

Murray State's De'Teri Mayes playoff games and six times the loser scored 42 points and grabbed 10 rebounds to pace the Racers.

The Racers led 48-37 at halftime, thanks to a 24-8 run that erased a two-point deficit. Mayes had 10 points during the spurt.

Arkansas' Pat Bradley scored eight of his 15 points as the Razorbacks pulled to 60-56 with 13:52 to play. But Mayes then scored 14 points during a 24-6 Murray State run that gave the Racers an 84-62 lead with 7:38 remaining.

Honor

Carnell Lake received four.

endous honor," added Stubblefield, a unanimous choice for the AP All-Pro team, announced earlier this week. "Everybody was pulling for me, my defensive eammates and even some of the

offensive players.
"I think it's a reward for all the hard work that I've put in. This is just something telling me that for you to spend the offseason putting in the effort to have a season like you did this year, this is what it's going to take. You've set the standard for what you have to do."

Stubblefield did his best work in the middle of the year when his partner at tackle, Bryant Young, was injured. In a Monday night showcase at Philadelphia, he had 3 { sacks and constantly was in the Eagles' backfield disrupting plays.

"I think my zone came in the Philadelphia game," he said.,"I think that game, whatever they did or wherever I lined up, there was no way they were going to stop me. I don't know if it was the preparation I put in or the person I was playing against or the type of offense I was playing against, whatever it was, every time the ball came to my side, I was either deflecting it, sacking it or tackling it in the backfield. That was a dream game.

Stubblefield, the 1993 Defensive Rookie of the Year, is the second 49er in the last four years to win the award. Cornerback Deion Sanders got it in 1994, the last time the team won the Super Bowl. No other San Francisco player has won the honor.

The last tackle to win Defensive Player of the Year was Seattle's Cortez Kennedy in 1992.

Syracuse edges Frogs

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) --The No. 19 Syracuse Orangement rallied from behind to beat No. 25 Texas Christian 82-78 in a semifinal round game of the Puerto Rico Holiday Classic Thursday night.

Syracuse senior Todd Burgan enjoyed a superb second half, scoring 17 of his 23 points in the game's final 13:10 as the Orangemen overcame a six-point deficit. Burgan tied the game 67-67 on a dunk with 6:54 remaining and gave Syracuse its first lead at 69-67 with two free throws.

TCU was paced by Lee Nailon with 28 points and 13 rebounds. Malcolm Johnson had 22 points for the Horned Frogs. Dennis Davis had 13 points and 13 rebounds.

The Orangemen led by only one point with two minutes left but had a 5-0 spurt, including four free throws by Burgan, to take an 82-76 lead with seconds left.

Burgan also had nine rebounds, four steals and four assists.

Syracuse (12-0) plays Michigan in the tournament championship game Friday night. TCU (10-2) meets American University of Puerto Rico in the third-place game. .

Bulls scorch Miami, 90-80

CHICAGO (AP) -- Toni Kukoc, Dennis Rodman and Scott Burrell sparked a 13-2 fourth-quarter run and the Chicago Bulls dominated the oards to defeat the Miami Heat 90-80 Thursday night in a rematch of last season's Eastern Conference

Michael Jordan had 24 points and 11 rebounds, Kukoc added 19 points and Rodman grabbed 13 rebounds as the Bulls extended their winning streak to six games. Chicago is 38-8 all-time against the Heat, including 10-1 in the playoffs.

The last time the teams met, Chicago defeated Miami in Game 5

to reach the NBA Finals. During that game, Scottie Pippen injured his left foot and is still recovering from surgery. Immediately after the game, Jordan refused to shake Alonzo Mourning's hand. And shortly thereafter, Miami coach Pat Riley said: "I don't think anybody's going to win again until Michael

He might be right. Even without Pippen, who has said he won't play again for the Bulls even after he's healthy, Chicago is 18-9 and only one game behind conference-leading



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players on the court or on the bench join an altercation that team/teams shall forfeit. Teams arriving without enough players to field a team may enlist temporary substitutes in order to field a team. The game will be a forfeit but this will allow those present the enjoyment of playing. If there is an odd number of teams, one team will play twice on game day. Intentional foul will be 2 free shots and ball out of bounds.

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McCoy finished with 75 yards rushing on six carries. His big play came in the first half when he took a handoff and plunged into the line. He bounced off a big hit, spun away and scooted down the sideline for a 40-yard gain. 'The guys have been really helpful with me, helping me learn how to be a running back," said McCoy, who broke 15 school records at Navy. "I knew I had instinctive running ability, but they helped me with my steps and stuff."

Without advertising a terrible thing happens ... nothing

MASSACHUSETTS UNVEILS ANTI-TOBACCO ADS

BOSTON (AP) - Smoke fills a pink windpipe. Lung tissue disintegrates. Fleshy cancers grow. It's not the latest horror flick - these are scenes from the state's latest anti-tobacco ads.

The three 30-second television spots were created by the National Tobacco Campaign of Australia, intended to scare people away from their cigarettes

Massachusetts, which has been running anti-tobacco ads since 1993, in May became the first state to show 30-second spots on area movie screens. The ads finish with an 800-number for the state's "Quitline," which provides advice and referrals to counselors.

The spots, scheduled to air today through Jan. 5, are timed to allow people to make quitting a New Year's resolution

With this new campaign, we hope to change attitudes by making adult smokers more aware of the health risks of waiting to quit," Public Health Commissioner Howard Koh said.

CAMBODIAN PLANE HITS MINE ON RUNWAY

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) - A military aircraft taxiing into takeoff position struck a land mine, causing severe damage to the plane but no injuries, military officials said today.

Authorities speculated that the mine was planted at the southern Cambodia airfield by groups opposed to the government of Hun Sen, who deposed his co-prime minister, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, in a July coup.

"I used to hear about tanks and cars hitting land mines, but when an airplane hits one it is very strange," said Kong Mony, the commander of the Royal Cambodian Air Force.

A wing, parts of the fuselage and one engine were destroyed. The Ukrainian-made Antonov 24 transport was taxiing Thursday for a return from the southern province of Koh Kong to Phnom Penh after bringing in aid workers and the country's top emergency aid official.

The team from the National Disaster Committee was not on board at the time of the blast. They had gone to Koh Kong to deliver food and supplies to families displaced in fighting between warring factions.

CLINTONS CELEBRATE QUIET CHRISTMAS AT WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON (AP) - The first family - including daughter Chelsea home from school and President Clinton's new Labrador, Buddy - settled

down to a peaceful Christmas holiday. While there was no word on the gifts exchanged by the family Thursday, Chelsea did accompany her father for a traditional last-minute shopping spree on Christmas Eve. The Stanford University freshman returned home

for her holiday break. Earlier this week, Chelsea and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton traveled with the president to Bosnia for a whirlwind, 32-hour visit to thank American troops for keeping the peace in the former Yugoslavia. Clinton had just announced that the soldiers will be staying past a mid-1998 pullout deadline.

TRAVELERS STUCK ON GROUNDED PLANE

MILWAUKEE (AP) - After five hours stuck in a motionless airplane that lacked drinking water and working toilets, Joseph Vranich probably

kicked himself for not taking the train. Vranich, a former spokesman for Amtrak, was stranded for hours aboard United Airlines Flight 1536, one of seven diverted to Milwaukee's Mitchell International Airport on Christmas Eve because of heavy snow in Chicago.

More than 800 United passengers were sent to Milwaukee - including 150 aboard Flight 952 from Los Angeles. They had to wait more than five hours to get off their plane.

"It was just like Laurel and Hardy was running the airport," said passenger Croft Long, 38, of Costa Mesa, Calif. "It's a Christmas to remember." Vranich's flight was en route from Orange County, Calif., to Chicago's O'Hare International Airport.

Instead, he was trapped with some 200 other passengers as Flight 1536 sat on the tarmac. Eventually the drinking water ran out and the toilets stopped working; he said one passenger was taken away by medical personnel after suffering a heart attack.

MOTHER: LAW CHANGE COULD PREVENT TRAGEDIES

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) - Three times the telephone rang for Linda Hull, each with the same awful message: A daughter had been killed in an accident caused by drunks barely old enough to drive.

"I remember the phone calls," she said. "Just statements of fact. I was sitting on the other end of the phone ... it's so cold when you find out that

way. Painful reminders abound for Ms. Hull at holiday time, when police keep close watch over roads and in bars to make sure underage drinkers aren't being served.

The losses broke her heart but not her spirit. She's become a crusader in a state that consistently ranks in the top five in the number of underage drinkers involved in deadly car grashes.

The focus of her efforts is a loophole in state law allowing people under 21 - and as young as 18 - to go into bars and lounges, even though it is illegal for them to buy alcohol.

In 1995, the latest year for which statistics are available, Louisiana had 116 deadly car crashes involving people ages 18, 19 and 20. Forty percent of those crashes were alcohol-related.

The loophole that lets underage people go into bars makes it nearly impossible to enforce the law aimed at keeping them from drinking, police

FRIENDS: EX-EMPLOYEE DROVE MAN TO RAGE DENVER (AP) - Friends of a former postal employee accused of taking seven people hostage blamed his actions on the way he was treated by the

Postal Service. David Jackson, 42, made a brief appearance in court Christmas Day and was held on \$1 million bond on investigation of kidnapping, felony

menacing and burglary. Armed with a shotgun and dressed in camouflage and body armor, Jackson walked into a huge mailing facility in Denver on Christmas Eve and held

his hostages for nearly 10 hours, police said.

Some of Jackson's friends felt he need not have been fired after 14 years

of service and that he was being treated unfairly by the appeal process. "He's a good man," said Ted Hahn, a former co-worker. "But the post office kept screwing with him."

Postal service officials would not comment on Jackson's employment record.

Police believe Jackson was seeking revenge over his firing for threatening a supervisor. Hundreds of workers were herded out of the facility during Wednesday's standoff. No one was injured.

VIGIL REMEMBERS JONBENET RAMSEY, STUDENT

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) - About 30 people held candles and sang a Christmas carol during a brief vigil in memory of JonBenet Ramsey.

"I know a lot of people in Boulder care," organizer Patricia Walsh told the group gathered Thursday night on snow-covered Pearl Street Mall.

"They care about what's happening to our children. They care about what's

happening to anybody. The body of the 6-year-old beauty pageant winner was found in her family's Boulder home a year ago today. She had been beaten and strangled. The slaying remains unsolved, though authorities say her parents - who

deny any involvement - are a focus of the investigation. Krystal Spurr, 14, wept during the half-hour vigil.
"Whoever did this, you will be caught. You will be put to justice,"

Another vigil for JonBenet was scheduled for tonight outside the Ramseys'

former home. The family has moved to Atlanta.

The group also remembered Susannah Chase, a 23-year-old University of Colorado senior who was beaten to death in an attack near her home last weekend. Police have no suspects.



Your chance to pipe in. People will le fter every twenty minutes during conve

GAY, LESBIAN CLERGY CHALLENGE POLICIES

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - He hardly looks the part of a renegade, this clean-cut pastor who hums to himself as he walks through the sanctuary of his tiny church with his black lab Murphy trotting at his side.

But there is something about the Rev. Jeff Johnson that many church leaders would rather you didn't know - something that led them to reject Johnson and the 55 members at San Francisco's First United Lutheran Church.

Johnson is openly gay. He also refuses to take a vow of celibacy. And that is unacceptable in the eyes of the leaders of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - and the majority of faiths in this country and many

others.

"As far as they're concerned, I no longer exist," says Johnson, one of a growing number of pastors who are challenging their churches' stances on homosexuality.

Leaders in many faiths are struggling with this question: What does it mean to be gay or lesbian and a person of faith?

The question seems particularly difficult when applied to pastors and

Until recently, it was the norm for lesbians and gay men, both pastors and parishioners, to hide their sexuality or to leave their faiths altogether.

These days, a very few lesbian and gay pastors - in the United Church of Christ, Metropolitan Community Church and some Reform Jewish synagogues - have their denominations' blessing to be openly gay without requiring celibacy.

CHINA VOWS TO TIGHTEN POULTRY CONTROLS HONG KONG (AP) - Chinese authorities are pledging to step up oversight of poultry headed for Hong Kong, where the confirmed number of people sickened by the so-called "bird flu" rose by two today.

The influenza A H5N1 virus, which until this year infected only birds, has been confirmed in a 3-year-old girl, who is in satisfactory condition

and a 1-year-old boy, who has recovered, according to a Health Department

The boy previously had been on the list of suspected cases Eleven cases of the flu have been confirmed, and three of the victims have died. Doctors suspect the virus sickened nine other people, including a woman who died.

FEDERAL JUDGE PAVES WAY FOR CLASS-ACTION SUIT

AGAINST TOBACCO FIRMS SEATTLE (AP) - About 500,000 union members in Washington received permission from a judge to join a class-action lawsuit against

tobacco companies.
U.S. District Judge William Dwyer ruled Wednesday that 60 private health and welfare trusts can join the effort for reimbursement of costs to treat people with smoking-related illnesses.

The lawsuit was filed in May on behalf of two funds that pay for health care and other benefits for union carpenters, masons, other blue-collar workers and their families. Employers and workers pay for the funds.

While Washington and some other states have filed lawsuits against tobacco companies seeking compensation for smoking-related Medicaid costs, Dwyer's ruling was the first time any judge has granted class-action status to one of the lawsuits, said Michael Withey, an attorney for the plaintiffs.

At the same time, Congress is considering a proposed \$360 billion settlement that several attorneys general, including Washington's Christine Gregoire, reached with the tobacco companies.

The settlement would ban class-action lawsuits such as the one Dwyer has before him.

Any ideas or suggestions?

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COURT UPHOLDS SENTENCES IN BRIBERY SCANDAL

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - The Supreme Court upheld a 15-year sentence today for the owner of a bankrupt steel company convicted of embezzling company funds and bribing government officials.

The country's highest court also upheld prison terms of up to six years for five other defendants, including a former presidential aide, who were

involved in one of the largest bribes-for-loans scandals in South Korea. Hanbo Steel Industries Co., the nation's second-largest steel company, collapsed in January under the weight of \$6 billion in debt, most of it in low-interest, government-controlled loans.

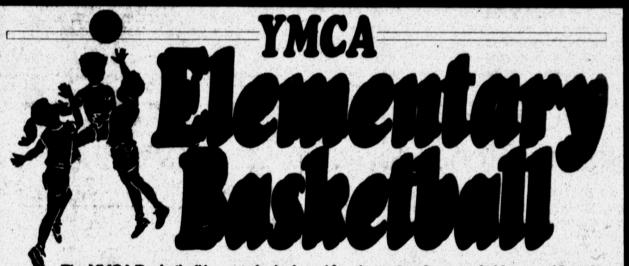
Eleven Hanbo executives, bankers and politicians were convicted in September by an appellate court and sentenced to long prison terms. Five chose not to appeal their suspended sentences.





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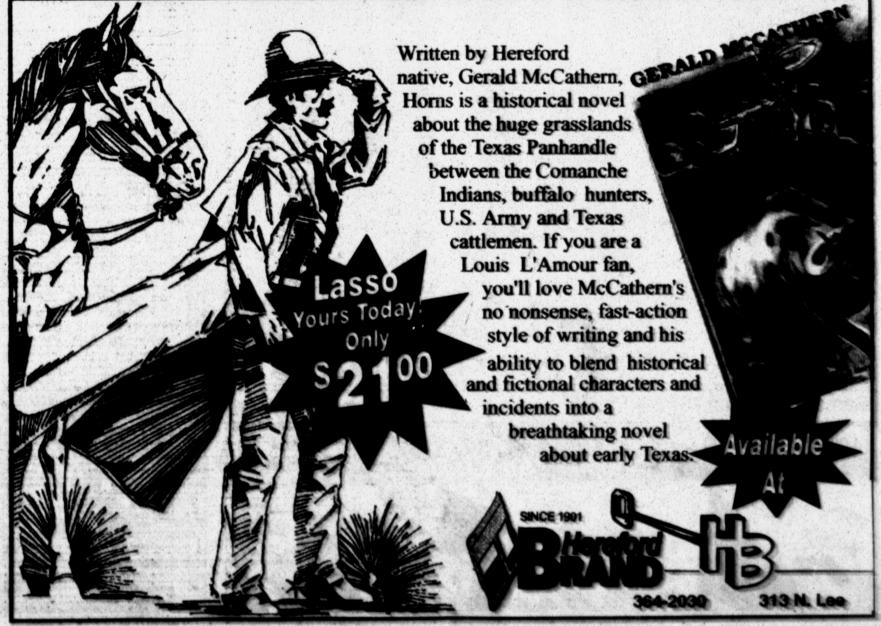
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Seinfeld calling it quits at 'peak'

NEW YORK (AP) - The master of his domain is

"Seinfeld," the most defining and popular comedy of the decade, will halt production this spring after its ninth season. NBC early today confirmed the decision

made by Jerry Seinfeld, the comedy's star and creator. The announcement blows a gaping hole in NBC's Thursday night lineup, by far the most popular in television.

Seinfeld's decision made for a blue Christmas at the network, even if the announcement wasn't entirely unexpected. Last spring, following a contract dispute between cast members and NBC, the comedian said he would decide around the end of the year whether to continue.

He made good on his promise.

"I wanted to end the show on the same kind of peak we've been doing it on for years," Seinfeld said in today's New York Times. "I wanted the end to be from a point of strength. I wanted the end to be graceful."

And so it's an end to the show that made "not that there's anything wrong with that" and "yada yada yada" favorite phrases for viewers. Nothing was too trivial to inspire a half-hour's ribbing; one episode had the cast searching for their car after a day at the mall.

The show won 10 Emmys as it shed a humorous light on the goings-on of four self-absorbed New Yorkers.

Its ensemble cast features Jerry, who plays himself as a stand-up comedian; his former girlfriend Elaine Benes; his high-school pal George Costanza; and his eccentric neighbor Kramer.

They stumble through life meeting such characters as the Soup Nazi, the bubble boy and a hateful mailman named Newman. Kramer never just walks through Jerry's doorway - he bursts into a skid that stops just short of the furniture. George is romantically challenged -

the whole gang is, for that matter. The showcase for the dysfunctional friends became a major profit-maker for the network and evolved into a signpost for the 1990s just as surely as "The Cosby Show" marked the 1980s and "All in the Family" the tumultuous '70s.

The "Seinfeld" finale next spring promises to be a television event along the magnitude of final episodes of the long-running TV hits "M-A-S-H" and "Cheers."

Seinfeld told the Times he decided late Tuesday to wrap up production with a special show. Episodes produced during the next few months will be geared toward that end.

Even as some critics decided the series already had begun to fade in its latest season, "Seinfeld" was still taking creative chances. It recently told a story backward, from the last scene to the opener, helped along by repetitive phrases that eventually made sense.

With fans, the show's popularity hasn't faded. It is the No. 2-ranked show on the air, just behind the NBC drama "ER."

NBC didn't appear ready to ask Seinfeld to change

'To keep a show of this caliber at its peak is a great undertaking, and we respect Jerry's decision that at the end of this season, it's time to move on," NBC said in a statement.

The network, which also faces a difficult negotiation to keep "ER," almost lost "Seinfeld" after last season. Seinfeld's supporting cast, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Jason Alexander and Michael Richards, demanded a lucrative contract and a deal wasn't struck until the eve of NBC's announcement of a fall season. Seinfeld reportedly earns \$1 million per episode and his three

co-stars \$600,000. In recent months, Seinfeld reiterated that a decision on the show's fate was coming. The comedian relied

"We've all seen a million athletes where you say, 'I wish they didn't do those last two years,' " Seinfeld told the Times. "For me, this is all about timing. My life is all about timing. As a comedian, my sense of timing is everything.

Rolling Stones top concert draw of the year

NEW YORK (AP) - The time-defying Rolling Stones raked in \$89.3 million on their "Bridges to Babylon" tour this year, making them the top concert draw of

Consumers spent \$1.3 billion on concerts in 1997, the second-best year ever, but it was more an indication of rising ticket prices than a healthy industry, the concert business trade publication Pollstar said Thursday.

In an era with few acts that can consistently fill

stadiums, the Stones continue to roll on. They sold

more than 1.5 million tickets, Pollstar said. Second-place U2 actually sold more tickets, nearly 1.7 million. But the Irish rockers also played to a lot of empty seats, particularly on the second leg of their "Popmart" tour when they competed against the Stones, editor Gary Bongiovanni said.

Most tickets for the Stones and U2 cost around \$60, and ranged even higher for third-place Fleetwood Mac.

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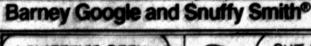
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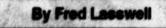




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ELMORE LEONARD

BIRMINGHAM, Mich. (AP) -Elmore Leonard got his own day for Christmas.

Gov. John Engler proclaimed Jan.
16 "Elmore Leonard Day" in the
mystery writer's home state.

Leonard will appear that day at a bookstore in Birmingham, his hometown.

The writer worked at a Detroit-area advertising agency while publishing five novels and 30 short stories from 1951 to 1961. Since the publication of "Glitz" in 1985, each of his novels has been a best seller.

In 1992, the Mystery Writers of America presented Leonard with its Grand Master Award. Many of Leonard's novels have been made into movies, including "Rum Punch," adapted into the just-released Quentin Tarantino film "Jackie Brown."

MARIEL HEMINGWAY

NEW YORK (AP) - Mariel Hemingway believes in luck, or maybe a guardian angel.

Grandfather Ernest committed suicide in 1961. Sister Joan has suffered from mental illness and sister Margaux died last year of a drug overdose ruled a suicide. Mariel, 36, said she's free of heartache.

"I should be really messed up," she said in the January issue of In Style magazine. "My obsessiveness about the way I eat, the way I exercise - is what has gotten me through. And I'm terrified of drugs."

Hemingway, a Sun Valley, Idaho, wife and mother, said she believes Margaux's death was accidental.

"Not that it matters," she said.
"She's dead. But she was doing so well, she had turned her life around, she had never felt more positive."

Hemingway said she no longer feels intense pressure to succeed as an actress. She was nominated for an Academy Award for "Manhattan" in 1979.

"I wasn't the kind of person to do all these crazy things, like get breast

Mames in the News

implants," she said, referring to surgery she had before appearing as a *Playboy* centerfold in "Star 80." The implants have been removed.

JANE SEYMOUR

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Jane Seymour said her recent trip to Poland was a way of remembering her Jewish heritage.

Asked to make a charity appearance in Poland, where her "Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman" is a top-rated show, Seymour jumped at the chance to show her children where her paternal grandfather once lived.

"My grandfather escaped from the pogroms when he was 14 years old. ... He was really running for his life."

Seymour, Christian on her mother's side, said she considers herself "nondenominational." As in years past, she made it a

point to be back at her home near Bath, England, in time to sing carols and celebrate Christmas with her family.

JON TENNEY

NEW YORK (AP) - Jon Tenney's mug is turning up all over the place now that he's a sergeant on CBS' "Brooklyn South."

Tenney teamed earlier this year with Matthew Perry in "Fools Rush In" and his movie "Music From Another Room" is due out in April.

He's got several other movies in the works, including "With Friends Like These," which casts him as an actor married to Elle Macpherson, who plays, well, a supermodel.

"As successful as she's been as a model, she's still relatively new to acting. So there's a nice, innocent aspect to her work," Tenney said in

the Dec. 28 issue of Parade maga-

In real life, Tenney is married to Mrs. Superman, Teri Hatcher, formerly of television's "Lois & Clark: The New Adventures of Superman." Their first child - a daughter they named Emerson Rosewas born Nov. 10.

And Tenney's TV cop job has its perks - including "a happy cast that fell quickly into a tight ensemble," he said. "The wealth is spread over all that talent, so there's a nice work schedule."

CHARLTON HESTON

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Charlton Heston delivered his rendition of the Christmas story along with scoops of corn and mashed potatoes at the Los Angeles Mission.

"It's a good feeling to put a meal in some guy's stomach who may not have had a meal," said the actor who portrayed Moses in the 1956 movie "The Ten Commandments."

About 5,000 turkey and ham dinners were served on Christmas Eve.

With a black leather Bible, Heston sat onstage wearing a red apron and passionately read the story of Jesus' birth to a handful of people waiting for a meal.

Heston said he would like to wish "a happy Christmas and a prosperous to New Year" to all, even though "it's a thin bet this year."

Asked to elaborate, the 73-year-old Academy Award-winning actor put his hand dramatically on the arm of a reporter, leaned in close and said, "Saddam Hussein, Africa, China. Should I go on?"

KEITH RICHARDS

NEW YORK (AP) - Keith Richards thinks maybe the Rolling Stones are homebodies at heart, even if wild horses couldn't drag them apart when they're on tour.

"You can't go wrong with a band like this," the 54-year-old guitarist said in Rolling Stone magazine's Christmas Day issue.

On their Bridges to Babylon tour, the Stones are as high-energy as ever. Richards throws much of the credit to front man Mick Jagger and drummer Charlie Watts.

"Mick's singing better than ever, and Charlie's ... peaking," Richards said. "Charlie would always rather be at home. Same goes with Mick. But the minute you get onstage, everything changes. And then you realize how much you mean to each other and how much you dig doing it."

"It's like a dog ... throw me another one of those bones and we'll eat it forever," said Richards.

RICHARD RIORDAN

LAURA CHICK
LOS ANGELES (AP) - Mayor
Richard Riordan and Councilwoman
Laura Chick are trading in their angry
barbs of a year ago for some sweet

Riordan and Chick buried the hatchet, agreeing to appear Jan. 27 in a sold-out reading of playwright A.J. Gurney's play "Love Letters," to raise \$300,000 for the soon-to-open Madrid Theater in Canoga Park.

"Sometimes politics makes strange bedfellows. This is a way to start the year on an up note," Riordan spokesman Noelia Rodriguez said.

"I picked up the phone and called the mayor and he immediately said, 'Yes.' He was laughing," Rodriguez said Tuesday.

Chick and Riordan got into a verbal row a year ago when the City Council voted to scale back the mayor's plan to beef up the police

MENTORS-

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released from a Denver jail, got control of her bills and developed a budget with her team's help. They encouraged her to move her three children out of a gang-infested neighborhood and helped her apply for housing aid. With their support, she decided to go back to school.

A religious woman whose answering machine implores callers to "have a glorious day in the Lord," Spencer, 28, had been on welfare her entire life. Last summer, after staying off drugs for a year, she left the rolls. "My mom raised us on welfare and then the minute I got pregnant, I got on welfare," she said. "Now I can hold my head up high."

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In Michigan, Padron's team helped her find housing for her family, including
two young children and newborn twins. One volunteer tutored her for the

high-school equivalency exam. Another helped her get a car.
"They're like my family now," said Padron, 24, who lives in Holland,
Mich., the first place in the nation to put every able-bodied welfare recipient

Soup kitchens and clothing drives still far outnumber mentoring programs, but this sort of one-to-one assistance is catching on. Statewide ventures are under way in Mississippi and Texas. Smaller programs are operating in Michigan, Maryland, Virginia, Indiana and a few other states.

"The landscape is changing. We're aiming now towards solutions to poverty rather than just service," said Jim Wallis, editor of Sojourners, a Christian political and cultural magazine.

Church interest in mentoring has grown with welfare reform. Like the new welfare paradigm, with its emphasis on work over subsistence, mentoring tries to change people, not just help them survive.

"Churches were not really transforming the lives of the families with this traditional money-for-rent, money-for-utilities, soup-kitchen stuff," said Amy Sherman, who studies mentoring and runs a small program at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville, Va.

Conservative churches, which lobbied for welfare reform, feel obliged to do more now that the rules have changed, said Richard Cizik of the National Association of Evangelicals.

"We've been quick to criticize but we haven't been so quick to put our hand into the plow to help people," he said.

And churches that opposed the 1996 welfare reform law, which ended the six-decade national guarantee of aid for the poor, feel compelled to

help patch the safety net.

"All around the country you've got people trying to scramble quickly to put into place some kind of alternative," said Wallis.



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Los Angeles Times, on shabby treatment of immigrants:

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Consider Martha Torres, a legal immigrant from Mexico, who upon

her return from a visit to her native country was informed by California authorities that she must cancel her Medi-Cal coverage and make arrangements to reimburse the state for past benefits or risk losing her legal status. Multiply Torres' story by thousands and you'll have the full scope of a dirty drama taking place along the nation's borders and in some U.S. consulates abroad.

Both the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the State Department say they have advised immigration officers here and abroad that they have no legal authority to demand reimbursements in the vast majority of these cases. ... But the message has not trickled down. At entry points in California and elsewhere some officers are clearly trying to intimidate immigrants to keep them from returning to the United States after trips abroad.

California officials vehemently deny wrongdoing, insisting they are timply encouraging "voluntary" repayments by immigrants who they tay might have received benefits fraudulently, which in fact has been the case with a small number of short-term visitors. But legal immigrants and their children born in the United States are fully eligible for state and federal health programs, to deny them, beyond being illegal and inhumane, runs the risk of health problems in the wider community if infectious diseases le break out among immigrants.

The Post and Courier, Charleston, S.C., on former Agriculture Secretary

A federal judge has dismissed three serious charges against former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, saying that federal laws governing meat inspectors don't apply to a Cabinet officer. Shouldn't the nation expect an even higher standard for a member of the Cabinet?

District Judge Ricardo Urbina's ruling is particularly significant in that it eliminates those charges against Espy that carry mandatory prison sentences under a law that prohibits Agriculture Department inspectors from accepting gratuities from companies they regulate. ..

Cabinet officers should set the standard for the agencies they govern, and should be held accountable to the same laws that govern their employees. If Espy wasn't the department's chief regulator, who was?

The Columbus Dispatch, on farmland preservation:

It's good that Ohioans concerned about the continuing loss of farmland to urban sprawl are not waiting until the crisis that some people anticipate actually comes about.

The governor's Ohio Farmland Preservation Task Force brought together diverse interests to study the situation and make recommendations. ...

They wisely chose to emphasize local planning and voluntary steps that may be taken - not to halt development, but to channel it in economically sound ways, via the prudent application of incentives.

(A proposed) bill would create voluntary, countywide land-use plans; reduce urban sprawl by providing tax incentives for redevelopment of run-down areas of Ohio cities; and create Agricultural Security Areas for designated

The challenge in the legislation is to achieve an equitable balance of interests. There may be some rough edges, but the bill appears to be thoughtfully shaped.

Charleston (W.Va.) Gazette, on

child labor in United States: When most people think of young children toiling away in sweatshops or fields, they think of I hird world nations. But an Associated Press investigation found illegal child labor common in America from New Mexico

Like something out of John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath," AP reporters found children as young as 4 years old working in fields in the Southwest.

In a Texas sweatshop, a 9-year-old girl put in 12-hour days, along with six other children under 14. In New York City, a 15-year-old girl worked

in a sweatshop making dresses sold in Sears.

According to a study by Rutgers University labor economist Douglas Kruse, nearly 300,000 children are unlawfully employed each year. Some of their parents are illegal immigrant migrant workers, who bring them to work in the fields so the family can pick more, and get paid more. ...

The fruits of this illegal labor end up in Wal-Mart, in Sears, in Campbell soups, in Chi-Chi's Mexican restaurants and in products of other large corporations that mouth opposition to child labor and sweatshop conditions, but do little to ensure that their subcontractors comply with federal leave.

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The Columbian, Vancouver, Wash., on military training: Faced with problems and scandals involving military men and women

training together, a panel appointed by Defense Secretary William Cohen has urged him to keep the sexes as separate as possible until they are ready to go to regular postings.

Such caution rains on every institutional movement to change old habits, particularly in military institutions. Four decades ago, when the Marine Corps decided to reduce markedly the level of physical abuse to which recruits could be subjected, old salts howled that the Corps was a goner. For years after the military somewhat reluctantly obeyed President Harry Truman's order to integrate races, critics insisted that mixing races in the ranks would sap the essential vigor of the nation's forces.

The panel was headed by former Republican Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker of Kansas. Most are conservative sages. Some of their complaints about mixed-gender training distinctly echo the old concerns about race mixing.

Cohen sent the report off to the services for examination, refusing to comment any further than calling it a very good effort. He expects rejoinders in three months. All of the service chiefs previously have endorsed mixed-gender training. Given the opening provided by the Baker panel, some may change their view. That would please the old salts who never did take to the notion of men and women training and working together.

Journal Star, Peoria, Ill., on U.S. troops in Bosnia:

The best case to be made for extending the stay of U.S. troops in Bosnia

is that the peace has been kept. The peacekeepers have done their job.
Granted, that peace has been accompanied by very little goodwill to men. But the mass murders of men, women and children have ceased. So, too, the rapes and the starvation camps, and the bombings, and the street fighting, and the brutal ousters of citizens from their homes in the process of religious and ethnic cleansing. It is important to remember that this was not an ordinary civil war, but one reminiscent of Nazism's search for a nation unspoiled by impure faiths and cultures.

This is the case President Clinton made Thursday when he abandoned a June deadline for bringing home 8,500 American peacekeepers. Nearly that many soldiers will stay until benchmarks of reconstruction and reconciliation are met, he said. With those benchmarks yet to be set, we may be looking at a semi-permanent peacekeeping force here. There is precedent. United States soldiers have helped keep the Korean peace since 1953. The United Nations has had peacekeeping forces in Cyprus since

Congress may yet have something to say about President Clinton's intentions. That is OK. Foreign commitments do best when they have the support of the American people. We would ask only that grandstanding be kept to a minimum. This is an issue unworthy of partisan politicking.

The Register-Guard, Eugene, Ore., on Bill Lann Lee's appointment

as acting assistant attorney general for civil rights:
Bill Lann Lee is an American success story. He is a symbol of much that is positive in American society. Senate Republican leaders who opposed his appointment as the nation's chief enforcer of civil rights laws have been left holding a negative bag.

Lee is an excellent choice for assistant attorney general for civil rights. He will be the first Asian-American to hold the post. Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee refused to let his nomination go forward to a vote in the full Senate largely because they dislike his support for affirmative

But as President Clinton said in announcing his appointment of Lee as acting assistant attorney general: ... his (Lee's) views on affirmative action are my views on affirmative action: no quotas; no discrimination; no position or benefit for any unqualified person; but mend, don't end, affirmative action so that all American can have a fair chance at living the American dream." That's a good summary of the kind of affirmative action policy that

most Americans can live with. ...

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CONFIRMATION

Partisanship turning system into minefield

WASHINGTON (AP) - After President Clinton lamented a Senate confirmation system he said was souring talented prospects for top government jobs, it got worse.

What was an obstacle course is becoming a minefield, a reform advocate said, describing 1997 as the worst year ever for the presidential appointment

That was the year-later followup to the Twentieth Century Fund appraisal Clinton wanted Congress to look at closely. Instead, the nomination feuds that have marked his presidency continued - two high profile appointees withdrew and two more are in Senate limbo because of political and philosophical disputes with the Republicans.

Clinton got one into his appointed job anyhow, naming Bill Lann Lee acting assistant attorney general for civil rights, to the wrath of Republicans who don't agree with his views on affirmative action. The president does.

Dr. David Satcher is on hold as surgeon general because he agrees with Clinton that there should be medical exceptions to a federal ban on late-term In his second look at the situation, C. Calvin Mackenzie, executive director

of the Twentieth Century Fund task force on confirmations, said the notion that presidents are entitled to Senate deference in choosing their subordinates has been dying away in political disputes.

He called it institutional combat in which the confirmation process is

being used for Senate leverage.

A 17-member task force including veterans of senior federal positions and of the Senate, from both political parties, produced the confirmation study a year ago, saying the process has become intrusive, often abusive and repellent to government recruits for top jobs.

"The confirmation process is undermining the very trust in government it is supposed to foster," the panel reported.

It recommended cutting the number of posts that require confirmation,

prohibiting filibusters against nominees, streamlining disclosure, clearance and hearing procedures, and preventing individual senators from blocking nominees with what are called holds.

Clinton said at the time that the confirmation "climate has changed to the point where a lot of people don't want to fool with it any more."
He said the reform proposals merited a close look in Congress.

... It would require the Senate to, with some discipline, moderate its own procedures and change it," the president said.

And that was before the struggles over such nominees as Anthony Lake to be CIA director, and William Weld for ambassador to Mexico. "The whole confirmation process has become more and more outrageous," Lake said when he withdrew on March 17, amid a long, partisan dispute over his appointment. "It is nasty and brutish without being short."

There's a continuing dispute over Clinton's choices and Senate confirmation of federal judges. There are 80 vacancies. Republicans insist they are not creating a confirmation bottleneck, but they also insist that activist nominees who would seek to make laws instead of interpreting them aren't fit for

The Senate confirmed 36 federal judges in 1997, a pace GOP leaders

said was in keeping with prior averages.

But Democrats have accused them of a stall aimed at intimidating future

"Judicial nominations are not one of the principal ideological battlegrounds of American politics," Mackenzie, a professor of govern College, said in his update of the confirmation study.

Overall, he wrote, "the appointment process has become not only inadequate to its purposes but a festering national embarrassment ...

"Every time a nomination stalls, every time an individual nominee is hung out to dry, every time the bar of admission to public service is raised ... reverberations echo through every phase of the appointment process,"

That leads to more background checks, clearances, vetting, delay and "more - much more - reluctance on the part of those asked to serve," according to the Mackenzie study.

When Congress recessed, he said, 124 Clinton nominees were unconfirmed. more than 40 because of holds imposed by holds, the tactic with which a single senator can block action.

His criticism of the process didn't spare the president. He said Clinton was so passive in defense of his nominees as to invite Senate encroachment

on presidential appointment power. 'Nothing that happened in 1997 will make it easier to recruit excellent

presidential nominees in the future," Mackenzie said.

Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has re-

on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.

in brief

HOOSIERS CAN'T TRUST CALENDAR INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Can't a Hoosier trust a calendar?

Some 36,000 state employees in Indiana had Friday off in observance of George Washington's birthday. Next year, they'll celebrate the same holiday with Christmas Eve off.

Huh? Wasn't Washington born in February?

State law allows the holiday shuffling. Indiana has 12 state holidays, and they can be observed on any other day of the year. For example, residents annually celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday on the day after Thanksgiving, even though the 16th president's birthday falls in February.

Why? It allows four-day weekends, instead of three-day breaks. The only exception is Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, which must be observed on the third Monday in January.

But what about Christmas in July?

It's possible, but not likely, says Keith Beesley, attorney for the state
Personnel Department.

"WASHINGTON" LIMPS ACROSS DELAWARE

WASHINGTON CROSSING, Pa. (AP) - The surprise assault on New Jersey was running smoothly Christmas Day, even with a hobbled George Washington.

to transform himself into the Revolutionary War general, leading some 250 people in depicting the famous crossing of the Delaware River on Dec. 25, 1776.

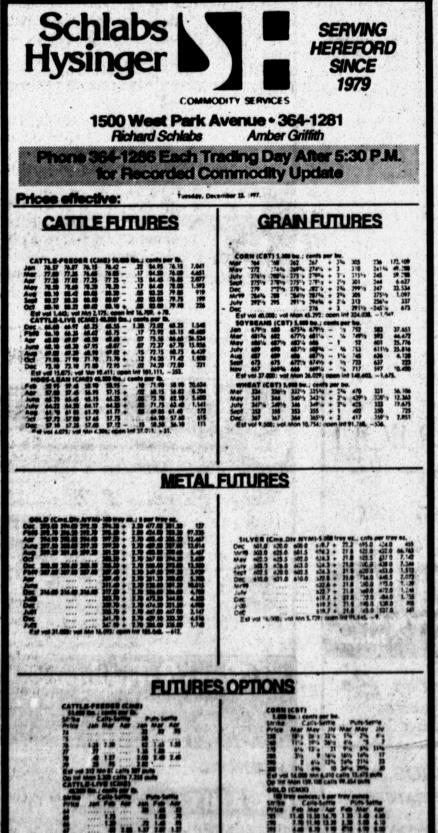
In 1776, the real Washington began the trip at 6 p.m., leading some 2,400 soldiers, 200 horses and 18 cannons the 30 miles from Bucks County, Pa., into Titusville, N.J. The re-enactments began in 1952.

"It was a very humbling experience," Gerenser said afterward. The only surprise came during a rehearsal about an hour before the event. Gerenser, 44, sprained his right knee after falling off his mount. General Washington was forced to limp through the rest of the ceremony.

Considering the hardships Washington's men endured that winter, Gerenser said, "I'm not going to let a little personal pain interfere with fulfilling my duty."

The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: if there is any reaction, both are trans-

-Carl Gustav Jung



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Names in the News NEW YORK (AP) - Mike Tyson is still hearing about his ear-biting It cost him a shot at one title and earned him another: most pretentious

MIKE TYSON

sports personality of 1997.

Tyson was nominated for biting Evander Holyfield's ear during their heavyweight title fight on June 28, an act that got him disqualified. The former champion finished with nearly 21 percent of the vote in Smirnoff's poll of nearly 16,000 people who voted by mail and computer.

Tiger Woods was second with 16 percent of the vote. He was nominated because the All-Star Cafe restaurants in which he has an ownership share did not accept American Express cards, even though Woods is a spokesman for the company

Placing third with 13 percent was New York Jets receiver Keyshawn Johnson, who made unkind comments about teammates in an autobiography -"Just Give Me the Damn Ball" - published after his undistinguished rookie season.

STEVE JOBS

RICHMOND, Calif. (AP) - Steve Jobs is getting ready to shave some time off his commute - by flying to work in a helicopter.

The Apple Computer co-founder has won the City Council's approval to build a heliport - at a cost of about \$40,000 - at a former naval fuel depot near his office at Pixar Animation Studios, the company responsible for the hit movie "Toy Story."

The council on Tuesday gave Jobs a one-year lease with four one-year options, said Patricia Jones, special assistant to Richmond's city manager.
Jobs, who also regained leadership of Apple this year as its acting chief executive, is shopping for a chopper.

Beginning next year, he will fly from Palo Alto, where he lives, to the former Point Molate Naval Fuel Depot, vacated by the military in 1995. His commute likely will take about 25 minutes, compared with at least an hour's drive in light traffic - and far longer on some days.

JOHN CALIPARI PATERSON, N.J. (AP) - The coach of basketball's New Jersey Nets scored a victory off the court.

Coach John Calipari was accused in a lawsuit of inflicting emotional distress on a reporter by calling him "a Mexican idiot" during a confrontation following a team practice.

A judge on Wednesday dismissed the lawsuit on grounds that it did not

have any legal merit, said Andew Napolitano, attorney for both Calipari and the Nets. Dan Garcia of The Star-Ledger of Newark contended in his lawsuit that

he suffered "extreme humiliation and emotional distress" after Calipari insulted him during an argument at Ramapo College in Mahwah on March

Four days later, Calipari read a public apology and was fined \$25,000 by the National Basketball Association. Garcia said then, "He's apologized to me. Let him go on with the team."

In a statement after the lawsuit was dismissed on Christmas Eve, Calipari said his words "were never intended to convey any harm."

"I apologized to Mr. Garcia at the time. I can now put this unfortunate neident behind me," Calipari said.

Garcia, reached Thursday, said he did not plan an appeal.

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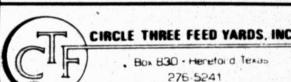
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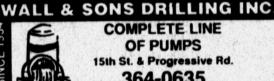
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