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AMERICAN ACCUSED OF SPYING IN RUSSIA SANDiEGO（AP）－Accused of spying in Russia，Richard Bliss walked into a applauding crowd and dopen arms back home，thay joyous bear hug
he gave his dad tempered by uncerainty over how long heull be able to
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Bliss a 29 －year－old field technician steped from a chartered Lear jet
 nembers who tlew in from around the country to greet him
very much looking forward to getting back to my iob ，＂By family， Cory much looking forward to getting back to my job，＂Bliss said．
Amid the relief was a huge unknown：Will Russian officials will order Bliss back to Russia？
Bliss was arrested on espionage charges in late November，two days eofore Thanksgiving．He was instaling a a cetuar phon
of Rostov－on－Don，about 600 miles south of Moscow．
Pressure from Vice President Al Gore and others persuaded the Russians
 employer，Qualcomm Inc．，and Russi＇s Fede
It appeared Russian officials might be softening their stance on a demand
hat Bliss return Jan． 10 to face spying charges The Interfax news agency teported Thursday that the term of of Bliss＇stay in the United Staice shad not

TENSIONS RUNNING HIGH IN SOUTHERN MEXICO FOLLOANGG MASSACRE INSMALL MLLEAGE ACTEAL，Mexico（AP）－It wasa t tense moment on an isolated highland
road：Indians burying their 45 dead met up with a truckload of men they scused of being the killer
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 tuck for question ing and drove off，averting furrher trouble Thursday． Tensions have becen running high in southern Mexico＇s Chiapas state methodically gunned down 45 unarmed poople，including 15 children．
 Army，which rose up in January 1994 to demand rights for the state＇spoor
Indians．Survivors say the atackers werc 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 weck＇s
cillings，amid charges that state officials at best ignored the violence and at worst plotied i．
SOUTH KOREAN MARKETS STAGE TURNAROUND； IMF AGREES TO SPEED DELIVERY OF LOAN surged today，a dramatic tumaround on the sirst day of t trading sincc an Anterational decision to expedite delivery of promised loans． and remained strong throughout the day．It closed at 375.15 points，up 6.7 percent or 23.7 points from Wednessda＇s slose．The Korcan currency，the won，closed al 1,498 to the U．S．dollar，comparcd to 1,836 Cd．estay．
Fueding the climb was the announcemenc carly Thurstay yha the Incmational Monetary Fund and the Group of Seven industrialited countrics would
provide South Korea with 10 billion by carly January．The loans arc part of a record $\$ 57$ billion bailout plan．
ARAB DIRECTOR PLANS MOVIE ABOUT DIANA PAINTS HER AS TARGET OF BRITISH PLOT
CAIRO，Egyp（AP）－An Arab world conspiracy theory about Princess and a court suit，paints her as the targect of a British plot．
Now，a movie is in the works．
Director Khair Beshera says＂＂The Last Supper．＂will be about Diana＇s
 killed because she was about to convert to stam to wcd Egyptian Dodi
Fayed．whodied with her，is 10 opopular to it ignore． have been shown an European f fesivals． No such evidence of a conspiracy has becn presented，and Briush officials
nave termed the idea absurd．But that has not stopped many in Egyp from have termed the idea absurd．But that has not stopped many in Egyp from
imagining a plot by a British establismenta aghast a t thoughts of Diana imagining a plot by a British establishmen a a hast at thoughts of Diana
converting ot slamm maryying Fayed and bearing a son named Mohammed
 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）－Agains all odds，the long national tune－－uut of Tom
Brokaw，Dan Rather and Pecer Jennings appears to be cending．
the same time last year，with gains al NBC and CBS offsetting apoor year for ABC＇s＂World News Tonight．
The positive move is a surprise on several levels．II bucks prime time
audience rends，where the neworks are still hemorthaging viewers，in a year with relatively few compelling news stories．
a year with relatively feew compe tining news storits． The remarkable compecitiveness of the e threce programs played a role．So． maybe，did a near－death experience，exaggerated or not
The average weeknigh viewership this year is 32.6 millio
The average wecknigh viewership this year i 323 2．6 million，up 2 percent
rom last year＇s 31.1 million，according to Nielsen Media Research．The from last year＇s 31.9 million，according to $\mathrm{Nielsen} M$ edia Research．The
audience share of the three shows is 50 ，up from 49 ，meaning half of the audience share of the three shows is 50 ，up from 49 ，meaning half of thc
people watching TV at the time are watching one of the three shows．

## White Christmas is late for most Texans

The whi
a day late． a day late．
（Hereford had
fell Christmas D fell Christmas Day．）
In North Texas，some are was expected to change to sleet in the south．Temperatures were in the low 30s．Winds were northerly at $5 t$ to 15 mph ．
Thêf forecast for North Texas alls for mp likely to the northwest．A das accumulation of skies Saturday with snow Highs will be in the mid 30 s．Lows will dip into the teens．


Waiting for new home
Several of the modules that will be installed on the construction site adjacent to Hereford Re－
gional 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

Merchants slashing prices
NEW YORK（AP）－With stores still filled with
holiday merchandise，merchants set out today to make holiday merchandise，merchants set out today to make
up for ho－hum holiday sales by offering decp discounts after Christmas．
From big retailers like Scars and Macy＇s to small mom－and－pop shops，merchants opened early this
morning and cut prices to get shoppers into the buying
mood． ＂It will be one big bargain－hunting fest，especially
atter this Christmas，＂said Kurt Barnard，a retail
consultant and president of Barnard＇s Retaiil Trend Report．
Before 6 a．m．today，about 30 people were waiting for the Wall Mart in South Charleston，W．W．a．t to openg，
Ann Alicea got tp at 5：30 a．m．to make it ofilene＇s Ann Alicea got up at
in Boston carly today． ＂Money＇s tight this year，＂she said after buying
some holiday gifts for her 16 －year－old daughter＂． really didn＇t do much shopping before Christmas．＂ Despitc a booming U．S．economy and high consumer
confidence，the holidays failed to met the expectations of many retailers．Many consumers watched their spending：others gave non－traditional gifts like vacations
and trips to spas and trips to spas．
＂Everyone seems to be on a budget，＂Amanda Mn Albuquerque，N．M．，．his week．＂People＇s attitudes are awful this year．＂＇ 1996 was a mixed bag，with strong results at many upscale retailers and weak
stores and apparel chains．


## Churches help poor families

[^0]They＇re acting as mentors：helping the poor find and keep their fragile lives together．
＂We＇re asking them to look at the total person， where in the past they were just helping for Thanksgiving
or maybe Christmas，＂said the Rev Ronald Moore or maybe Christmas，＂said the Rev．Ronald Moore，
field coordinator for Faith and Families in Mississippi， field coordinator for Faith and Families in Mississip
which has matched 485 families since 1994 ． Mentors offer support and practical solutions to everyday problems．They hear about job openings and know who can fix a broken－down car．
Spencer，who moved to Austin，Texas，after being

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with light rain this morning．Temperatures ranged from the 40s．Winds 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 of drizzle through Saturday．Lows will be in the 40s．Highs will reach th
50 s ． In West Texas，skies were clear to parly cloudy this morning．Up to
4 inches of snow was reported in Hudspeth County while Haskell and Fisher inches of snow was reporied in Hudspeth County whilie Haskeli and Fisher
counties each reported 2 inches of snowfall．Temperatures were in the teens． counties each reported 2inches 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．

AP TOP 10 Diana＇s death top story

The death of Princess Diana in a Paris car crash was the biggest story Paris car crash was the biggest story of 1997，according to the annual

Associated Press poll of news Associate
executive The death of Mother Teresa that
same week was the third biggest same week was the third biggest
story，after the conviction of
Oklahoma City Oklahoma City bomber Timothy
McVeigh．He received the death Mc Veigh．
sentence．
Other
Other stories in the Top 10，in
descending order： descending order：
The bullish U．S．markets，the
cloning of a Scotish sheep，the birth cloning of a Scotish sheep，the birth
of septuplets in lowa，the $\$ 368$ billion and the suicide of 39 members of the
Heaven＇s Gate cult：
This was the 6 st year that the AP This was the 61 st year that the AP
conducted the poll．


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

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． ＂appliance store＂＂t cen＇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． 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，calied 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 o take a break，said Sanford Jacoby，who teaches industrial relations at the University or California，Los Angeles．
have to work the day after Christmas＇，＇he said full－time people，＇You For many small businesses，today＇s just ano our employees of the AA Pawn Shop in Atlanta will tay at the office．All ho want to sell unwan Chists，as will Brad Toll，the kind 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
never know．
Retailers are hoping for ， clothing store chain，starts a men＇s clothing sale the day after Christmas．
hips 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

The Big Three automakers close their plants and offices Christmas Eve and will reopen Jan．5．That＇s a
For some，working today means extra dough to pay off Christmas bills． At Boeing Co．，members of the machinists＇union get doublc 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 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＇$\$ 623.52$ 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 Seatle．

Lacal Raundup

## Clear, cold

Tonight, clear and cold with a low 15 to 20 and west wind -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 FORECAST
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

CLEVELAND (AP)-A legal adid
agency has filed a feceral lawsuit
 of 24 Hispanic migr
from south Texas.
Thic eawsuiur, filied Monday in U.S. District Court in Del Rio. Texas,
accuses the chicken-processing
company of reccruiting migrants with company of rec
false romises.
The complaint, filed by Texas
Rural Legal Aid Inc.,ssaid recruiters
 hired by Case Farms went to the
Ower Rio Grande Valley and the
 Hidalgo County during the last two transportation.
But the chicken processing
company abour 80 miles sousth of of
Cleveland charged the "Squatio, substandard and over-
crowded bousing and unsafe and unreliable transportation," the suit
said. The suil also said hose who
cundin't pay had the charges
deducted from their paychecks. deducted from their paychecks.
The suit also charget that Case Farms "deducted, but failed to pay
nor reporn, taxes" from workers" wages. The combination of tax
deductions and housing and ransportation charges placed many requird minimum the suit said.
 was the only person authorized to
speak for the compan not be in the office today. Self had no
home phone listing in Winesburg.
where the where the Case Farm plant is located. The suit, which also names Case
Farms ' work force recruiter,
Americis Tempcorps, secks an America's Tempcorps, secks an
unspecified amount in damageses and
back pay, including overtime. The
suit said America's Tempcorps could suit said Ameri

## federal Migrant and Seasona Agricultural Worker Protection Act 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 lasat three years.
During that time, the U.S. ImmigraDuring that ume, ine
tion and Natarailation Service in
Cleveland has arrested about 100 illegal immigrants working at the chicken processing plant.
The INS has two pendi
against the company - wh against the company. - which was
fined $\$ 16,000$ in 1995 for violations fined $\$ 16,000$ in 1995 for violations Wagolving illegal workers - and the
Wage and Hour Division of the
Department of Labor is investigating Department of Labor is investigating
the company. The department declined to disclose
the investigation.
The Catholic Dinecese of Cleve. land, working with volunteers and the rural area, has been offering the

## A beer is a beer

 SALT LAKE CTTY (AP)Olympic marketers prefer calling the official beer of 2002 Winter Games the sponsorship more
anti-alcohol activists. Opponents claima a 2002 brew will
portray a partying image that
conflicts with Utah's "ffaily conflicts, with Utah's family--
oriented" standards. Roughly 70
percent of Utah's population are Mormons, who are taught to eschew "It's something we as Utahns
stould unite against. This is not Utah.
This is not what we stand for," said George J. Van Komen, a local doctor Coalition.
But the $\$ 50$ million Olympic But the $\$ 50$ million Olympic
organizers expect the deal with
Anheuser-Busch to generate aparently makes a more powerful argument for those responsible for
putiting on the $\$ 1$ billion event.
"It ought to be looked at in a "It ought to be looked at in a
business light," said Frank Joklik, chief executive officer of the S
ake Organizing Committee. The SLOC expects to raise about
one-fourth of its $\$ 1$ billion budget rom a dozen or more corporate "It is our job.
It is our job. It's in our intere Joklik said. "We have sponsorships
(that can be sold) in various categories and this is a category that's Anheuser-Busch Cos. Inc., a
ongtime backer of the U.S.Olympic cam in what's called the "malt opull its support in 2002 because of Utah's prohibition against alcohol
advertising. That ban has since been lifted by he state Alcoholic Beverage Control
Commission, in response to a U.S.
Supreme Court decision overturning

## a similar ban in Rhode Island. Sill, the coalition, with

 Still, the coalition, with thesupport of the Utah PTA and the Utah 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,

 problems than organizers realize,considering the number of local volunteers expected to provide labor
during the Olympics.
"Those volunteerscould all unite Those volunteers could all unite
and refuse to participate during the
Olympics," he said. "That would Olympics," he said. "That would
give (Olympic organizers) second
thougho., SLOC Chairman Bob Garff, who
is also a Mormon, said opponents
should know that servin al shaul a kow thoat serving apponenonts
an athletic event is not out of step 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 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 awareness and education, said
corporate sponsorships ensure
American athletes can compett 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 sp 1 , a
reference to reference to the huge num. , of
television viewers the Olympics attrach. That's why NBC paid a record That's why NBC paid a record
\$545 million for the rights to
broadcast the 2002 Winter Games The network is attempting Games. The network is attempting to make
back that money by selling commercial time to Olympic sp
including Anheuser-Busch. , Anheuser-Bu

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## Accident victim located through 'net

HOUSTON (AP), Laurie to keep track of his wife's recovery dance studio in Houston, named
Sepulvado's life has become a real and was surprised by the number of Step'a Style, devised a line of Web page-turner.
The 35 -year-ol The 35-year-old mother of two, a
lifelong dancer who has spent the last
decade in a successful country and decade in a successful country and
western dance partiership with ha 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 has surned her daily recovery into an
online journal, accessed every day, oninge journal, accessed every day,
he says, by bouy to0 to 600 people.
The "Laurie" Web site offers Mrs. Sepulvado's current medical
status, details on the accident, a list status, details on the accident, a list
of her injuries, dates for fund-raisers
and even a set of "frequently asked of her injuries, dates for fund-raisers
and even a set of "frequently asked
questions."
Sepulvado said he started the site


## Gifts for foster children

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

## Kenap markets improve

HOUSTON (AP)-At a factory on It's a typical chicken and egg yet, plant manager Richard Hensley the east side of Houston, a processsing
plant is up and running, patt of an
attempt to turn a cousin of coton and okra into a cash crop.
Using equipment that borrows
heavily from coton gins, the Petroexx companyy 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. Only 25 pounds of the company's
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
absorbent. Target markets, in addition to $\begin{aligned} & \text { which must be e ept circulating while } \\ & \text { the bit is turning. } \\ & \text { offshore cleanup, are wellheads. }\end{aligned}$ The $\begin{aligned} & \text { and is designed to handle } 4\end{aligned}$

herbert brasher, sr.


Lubbock died Tuesday at the
Lubbock Hospitality House after a
long illness $\begin{aligned} & \text { Services will be } 10 \text { a.m. Saurray }\end{aligned}$ at the First Bapisist Church of Libbock. Arangenemens are undcr the of Lubbock Mr faster was a long dime archiectandennineer whodsesimed
many schools sand civic buildings
 founded de firm that iccame BGR Architects-Enginecrs.
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
Mr. Brasher was a native of
Monroe, La.,but grew up in Roswell,
N.M. He graduated from Texas Tech Monroe, La., but grew up in Roswell,
N.M. He graduated from Texas Tech
in 1939 and was licensed to practice in 1939 and was licensed to practice
architecture in Texas. New Mexico architecture in T
and California.

## He was a member of the American

 Instiwte of Architects, Texas Society of Architects, National Society of Professional Engineers and theCouncil of Educational Facility Planners International.
He was a longtime member of First
Baptist church, served on the board Baptist church, served on the board of the Red Sea Mission Team, an and was also active in the Capern-

 there are only three others in the
United States - to justify planting But the processing companies need But the proys
large plantings
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 icer. It forms a seal in the bore hole to
prevent seepage of drilling fluid, The plant is designed to handle 40 .
 Now it is getting its kenaf raw
material in 450 -pound rectangula bales from International Paper, which growing kenaf on 1,500 acres of an
ld farmstead in Arkansa Texarkana.
As of As of November, Petroexx was
one of four active fiber separation
plants in the United States according plants in the United States, according ure, which has promoted kenaf.
The USDA says three more The USDA says three more are
planned for 1998, and a 200 -ton-per 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
Saul runs


ROLAND SAUL
Roland Saul, longtime CCiminal District Attorney, has announced he will seek reelection to a sixth term. 20 years, as CDA at the end of 1998 . After serving as a Democrat for th five terms, he filed on the Republican
ticket this time. Saul has not had an opponent since defeated incumbent Andy Shoval for

Tyler survived with just a fow
scratches, but he impact causedMrs. Sepulvado's brain to shake violently. Both her legs were fractured and she sustained aserious injury to her left arm as well as a coillapsed lung. her skull and brain tissue from her
right lowertemporal lobe because of right lower temporal lobe because of
severe brain swelling severe brain swelling. The ultimate effect of Mrs. Sepulvado's injuries has not been
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 Rescarch, or
TIRR, TIRR, where Mrion Repearch, or
recovering. said Mrs. Sepulyado's ability to speak an
jeen improving.
een improving,
In four months, she's come a lon vay from lying in a hospital bed, in in induced coma, and later able only open her right eye in a, blinking
stare.
"I'm sure she's already gone a lo
further than most poople expected and she's still going to do a lot better than she is now, Dr. Ivanhoe said.
Sepulvado atributes the impron ment partly to his wife's competitive nature.
person, Laurie is just a real rock-soli
 hass a real heatity atiulde ee bout
compecing. Ats alwwes been Qoout competing, It's alway,
The accident has taken a financial Iso includes 11 -year-old Austi Thanks to fund-raisers organized by
members of the dance community, Sembersado said, he's been able to cover his house and car payments, but
he's had to close the dance studio he's had to clo
after a decade.

## fiter a decade,

hours a day at TIRR, said he jus doesn't have time to slow down. "I guess to not keep going woul mean 1 was kind of like giving up
hope," he said. "I guess ifI stopand
ook at it, it's preuy scary so cally want to stop sand look at it." Larry Sepulvado's Web site can
be accessed at www.stepnstyle.com

## Emergency Services

Activities reporied by'energenc
 Police Department
-A 41-year-old man was arrested
the 700 block of $K$ night $f o r$ resisting arrest. --A 32 -year-old man wasarrested
in the 500 block of West Eirst for
--A 30-year-old man wasarrested 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
eported in the 800 block of Irving. orted in the 800 block of Irving. --Domestic disturbance was 385. One minor accident was reported Sixth and McKinley -One minor accident was reported
at U.S. 385 and Lake.

## C 1010

AUSTIN (AP) drawn Wednesday night for the state lottery officials said. The jackpot was
estimated $\$ 4$ million, estimated $\$ 4$ million,
The numbers drawn Wednes The numbers drawn Wednes-
day night from a field of 50 were: 7, 19, 21, 28, 30, 33 Saturday night's drawing will
be worth an estimated $\$ 8$ million CaUSTIN (AP) - The winning Cash Five numbers, drawn
Thursday by the Texas Lotery: AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday
by the Texas Lotery in order by tex Texas 8-5-3.
AUSTIN (AP). The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn/ Wednesday
by the Texas Lotery, in order THE HEREFORD BRAND


## Lifestyles

## Ann Landers

Dear Ann Landers: I want to single for six years azd not interested respond to "Florida Reader," who in geling married again. In fact, I had "how we met" stories from the World War II era. She said they were boring. Well, I, for one, appreciate
ANY story about a successful marriage.
True love is rare in this increasing. Iy busy world where everything
seems to have become disposate secluding romance. My thanks to your "butt-kissing staff" (orencouraging you to publish those tender and - Ken in Honolulu. Way togo, girl Ken in Hpnolulu
support and encouragement. Keep reading for more:

Dear Ann Landers: How did we 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 to provide medical aid for our polio
teams.
During a particularly hard-played During a particularly hard-played
game, one of the players suffered a severe laceration of the face when
struck by a polo mallet. Itook 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 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 them. At their insistence, I stayed overnight, and the lovely daughter and I talked for a long time. I knew long, it was love in bloom. We married a year later and had a fine family -- seven children, all "achievers," 14 grandchildren and fife recently passed away after 53 years of a beautiful marriage. I was truly blessed and miss her very much. -- Belvidere, III.
your beautiful love story These days 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 letter
more:

Dear Ann Landers: I was a
66-year-old widower who had been A fifth-grade elementary grade teacher at the
seaught my eye. At first, Ithought she came on a bit too strong, but soon, I realized she was
a woman of definite convictions, and 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 weedding cake arrived, we discovered the 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 Paul in Houston
Dear Paul: You both must have 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 eny kind of a jobeb, and
ended up working or 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, "Idon'tieeed any insurance. P'm not married, and I
don't have any dependents." The 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
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Today's Highlight in History;
On Dec. 26, 1944, in the World On Dcc. 26, 1944, in the World
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On this date:
In 1944, Tennessee Williams' play
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In 1947, heavy snow blanketed the Northeast, burying New York City
under 25.8 inches of snow in 16 hours; the severe weather was blamed
for some 80 deaths. for some 80 deaths.
Ten years ago: A bomb exploded at a USO bar in Barcelona, Spain,
killing one U.S. sailor and injuring nine others; a little-known group called the Red Army of Catalonian Liberation claimed responsibility.
Five years ago: Milan Panic conceded defeat to Slobodan Milosevic almost a week after Yugoslavia's presidential election Time magazine announced it had chosen President-elect Bill. Clinto
its 1992 "Man of the Year." One year ago: Six-year-old beauty

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 Today's Birthdays: Actor Richard and author Stcve Allen is 76 Comedian Alan King is 70 . Actor Donald Moffat ("Clear and Present Danger") is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer Abdul "Duke" Fakir (TheFour Tops) is 62 . Recotd producer Phil Spector is 57 . "America's Most Wanted" host John Walsh is 52 . Retired baseball player Cartion Fisk is 50 . Baseball coach Chris Chamb-
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to come and worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us in the spirit of lose Come and experience the goodness of God and His power. Sunday services are at $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services are at 7 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
13th and Avenue $H$ Pastor Elda Olivarez and with them.
Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. and worship is at 6 on Sunday and 7 on The youth meet Friday at 7 p.m. There are monthly meetings for men and women.
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lots of children. We would like were involved in our Vision of "expanding out to reach out." Our new addition will include four
Sunday school rooms, a cry Sunday school rooms, a cry ro
fellowship hall and restrooms. We are still praying and raising
funds to complete our Vision.

FIRST ASSEMBLY FIRST ASSEMBLY
OF GOD CHURCH "Lord, Open His Eyes!" will be the message at 10:45 a.m. This message 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. Simuitaneous with our for children ages 4-11. Your children will enjoy this exciting program. Join us Sunday night at 6 for a
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Beginnings congregation with Pastors Rafael oyal Rangers this week on Tuesday
On Wednesday night at 10 we will have our annual Watchnight Service, 12 midninght we have a lively service after which the men roll up their wash the dishes, obviously a fun time for the ladies!). Come join us in to - in prayer, not in a drunken

SUMMEREIELD 6 miles west of Hwy. 60 The congegaion and member them Sunday. Bro. Michael Kelly will preach. Sunday School is at 10 a.m. and worship service starts at 11 a.m. For more rangements for a ride, call 364

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHEDRCH Peature a variety of musicians will musical groups, including Flint Dollar pianist, who will play "What Child is This" as the pr-service Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" Patrick Hayes as organist. The anthem "Sing Choirs of Heaven" will be sung by the Women s Choir, under Joy of Man's Desiring" is the offertory to be presented by Lis The Coway, pianist.
 end wship 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.
the occasion of his 80 be honored with an open house on Sunday, Dec 28 at the family home at 129 Avenue Dordially 2 p.m. -4 p.m. Friends are cordially invi
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BARN CHURCH Bam Church is a nondenominational Christian ministry. Our goal is to
worship God and fellowship with each other. Barn Church is for everyone that likes things a litle on the country
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family and tell your friends. family and tell your friends.
Regular meetings of Barn Church are held on the second Thursday of each month at $7 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. in the $\mathbf{B}$ Bar S

FRIO
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 be 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 6 . 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
7 p.m.

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Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. and Ray Sanders is the pastor

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ST. ANTHONY'S This weekend Catholics celebrate Readingst of the Holy Family preached on proclaimed and 12-14, Colossians 3: 3 , 12-21,
2nd uke's Gospel 2:41-52. We encour awhile, to return, to come worship If ys. If you have been away from
elebration of eucharist and you wish oreturn to the sacrament, our pastor Msgr. Blum, would be happy to visit
with you. Call the office for an pointment, or come by
Weekend liturgies are at $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
Saturdays and at $9 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$ and 11 am . S Sundays. New Year's Eve Mass at 6 and New Year's Day mass is 10 a.m

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

## FIRST

This Suterian church worship time the Rev. Jeremy $\mathbf{M}$. Grant will preachon Leviticus 24:5 through 3:6. The tite of his sermo is "Jesus: Born Under the law". us for Bible study in one of our ave a nondenominational class for people with special needs. We also have classes for young married and singles, other adults, youth, elemen preschool and nursery.
At 10:10 a.m., we gather each Sunday for a cup of coffece, agoodie a friend this Sundy. Group gathers for the lifting of joys and concerns to God at 6 p.m. on Mondays.
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The Ladies Prayer Service and Book
Study, led by Thelma Cherry, meets Monday evenings at 6:30.

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the youth to meet at 7.15 n the youth to meet at $7: 15$ p.m.
Wednesday in the church Fellowship Heall.
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## IN BRIEF

## Irish miss home

 SHREVEPORT, La, (AP) -Minor missed his mother litule weird spending Christma with his teammates instead of his Alid Pick Kactenski? And Rick Kaczenski? Noffense to the rest of the Kacze nski family, but the senior center was ad ad hy happy to spend
Christmmes in
in Chistmot in Shreveport, La instead of at home in Erie, Pa. Ilying to a bowl game than staying at home by the elelevision wacching the other teams play." he said. OKting so the lrish (7-5u) think for Sunday s rematch with No. 15 LSU (8-3) in he Independence Bowl is better han siting at home waiting for pring practice like they did las

But this is Notre Dame. Isn' there something a bit strange bout the Irish spending a majo religious holiday away from
home? "It'stough," admitted Minor, A lo of the guys aren't used to eing away from home. way from home is nothing new or Notre Dame. Before it builitits indoor practice facility in 1988 road trips 10 warmer climates were
a holiday tradition for the Irish.

NFL Playoffs Glance First tound

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## 'Bama backs lead Gray past Blue, 31-24

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - In the Gray to a 31-24 victory Alexander had a 46-yard touch- 43-yard, touchdown reception on was a big deal for me a season gone all wrong for Alabama, The result provided some down catch and Scissum scored ona
the Blue-Gray Classic to prove there was still life to the Crimson Tide. "This was our main gaal 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." Ridate Riddle, Curtis Alexander and Ed
Scissum all came through Thurisday giving the game a homespun flavor
as each scored a touchdown to lead
n pass at the end f the first half. It seemed a fitting highlight from Division I-AA Allscored 13 touchdowns and who AA record with a 28.9 -yard average per catch this season at the Texas
school. "All w the deep ball, so I was used running out and making catches tive that," Ricks said. "When you come from I-AA, a lot of people don't think

Brown completed 8 of 13 pass for 150 yards and the two long was a huge disappointment this year a
dismissal of coach John Mackovic. "I couldn't hope for much better played a good game in a while and when that happens, you kind of
question yourself,", uestion yourself."
His TD throw to Please see BAMA, page 5

## 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 overal 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 LubbockMonterey.

## Utah holds off Houston

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) -- The
wo 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 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 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 the road. Houston is $1-4$ in Christmas games in franchise history, while the
Jazz were playing on Christmas for Jazz were playing on Christmas for
are first time. he first time.
The game was the first meeting of Western Conference finat season's six games by Utah finals, won in Russell were integral components of last season's team, but have struggled
this year after signing big frec-agent contracts in the offseason.
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"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." failed to lead Utah in scoring for only the second time this season. Jeff Hornacek added 20points, including
12 in the third quarter, and a 12 in the third quarter, and a
game-high nine assists.
Kevin Willis led the Rockets with Please see ROCKETS, pages

## Stubblefield tabbed for defensive honors

NEW YORK (AP) -. Dana come out and be ready and perform Stubblefield came off his worst NFL
so my teammates can get that feeling
season to have his best, earning The
of being able to count on me, so they Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year award released Thursday.
After managing just one sack and 39 After managing just one sack and 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 there and saying, 'I don't care who
we play or when we play, I have to we play or when we play, I have to
be ready," Stubblefield said.
"W can rely on me coming up and making a big play."
Stubblefield, who will become a
ree agent after the season, received 28 of the atter the season, received
28 votes cast by a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters, easily beating last
year's winner, Buffalo end Bruce Smith, who had six.
Smith, who had six.
Linebackers Jessie Armstead of
the New York Giants and Levon the New York Giants and Levon
Kirkland of Pitisburg the New York Giants and Levon
Kirkland of Pittsburgh each got five
entes and Steelers safety-comerback

## What he silat

## This time around, Denver

 enters wary of JacksonvilleBy DAVE GOLDBERG AP Football Writer With a 6-0 start that made them
appear the class of the NFL appear the class of the NFL, the
Denver Broncos never expected to be playing a wild-card game.
But at least they But at least they won't take
Jacksonville for granted when the 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 a round later.
That game is certainly motivation for Terrell Davis, who sat out the final regular-season game with a play on Sunday.
"I haven't watched tape of that
game since then, but it remains vivid 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. Ididn'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-ear 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 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 the NFL . Th . Br cos went into that game
after a $13-3$ seas
field in the AFC.
ield in the AFC and had home 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. of ${ }^{\text {oll }}$ "Last, part, particularly on defense. Broncos team -- from the owners to Broncos team -- from the owners to beat them," says Jacksonnville guard
Ben Coleman. "Now it's Ben Coleman. "Now, it's totally
different. We didn't know if we could different. We didn't know if we cou
win in Denver, but we thought we win in Denver, but we thought we The Jaguars-Broncos game is the
econd of four games in the wild card second of four games in the wild-card
round this weekend. In the first game on Saturday, In the first game on Saturday, On Sunday it's Miami at New England and Detroit at Tampa Bay.
The top seeds, San Francisco and The top seeds, San Francisco and and Pittsburgh in the NFC, await the
winners. Minnesota (9-7)
at New York Giants (10-5-1) at New York Giants (10-5-1)
The Vikings managed to sneak into the playoffs despite a five-game when they streak that ended last week wheme. That put them into the postseason for the fifth time in
Dennis Green's six years as head Cennis Green's six years as head
oach, but they've yet to wina game. Coach, but they've yet to win a game. by the Giants in 1994 .
"That's ancient history," says

Randall Cunningham, no stranger to the Meadowlands. "We're not
worried about winning one 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 The Giants might be the NFL's biggest surprise this season. After a
$6-10$ season, they went unbeaten in 6-10 season, they went unbeaten in
the NFC East under new coach Jim
Fassel, who was voted Fassel, who was voted coach of the
year. year.
But they're nofluke. They lead the
league in turnover differential at league in turnover differential at
plus-24 and they have three impact players on defense: end Michael Strahan, linebacker Jessie Armstead and cormerback Jason Sehorn. Sehom has interceptions in each of his last
three games, in which he's shut down Irving Fryar, Michael Westbrook and Michael Irvin.

## at Tampa Bay (10-6) The Bucs, who started 5-0, are the league's other surprise team The Bucs, who started 5-0, are league's other surprise team. They split with the They split with the Lions - winning $20-10$ the second week of the

 winning $20-10$ the second week of theseason 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 are treating this as just another new
challenge in a season full of them.

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## Huskies rout Michigan State

HONOLULU (AP)-Rashaan
Shehee marked his return to the Shehee marked his return to the
lineup with a game-record lineup with a game-record Washington returned two interceptions for touchdowns
Thursday in a $51-23$ victory over Thursday in a $51-23$ victory over Shehee, who scored twice - the first a 33-yard jaunt on his second carry - had missed the 21 st-ranked Huskies' last three games
with a knee injury. With him on with a
the sidelines, the Huskies lost three straight and dropped out of the running for the Pac-10's bid
for the Rose Bowl for the Rose Bowl.
In his final game in a Washing-
ton uniform, Shehee, who was
voted one of the game's most
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 TD and linebacker Lester Towns grabbed another errant pass by Scholtz and went 66 yards for the second defens
the Huskies.
Quarterback Brock Huard also turned in an outstanding performance for Washington. The
sophomore completed 18 -of- 30
for 179 yards and scores of 15 and
22 yards to Fred Coleman.
Washington, which was $7-4$ in
the regular season, resorted to some trickery for itsother TD. On
fourth-and-11, upback Mike Reed fourth-and-11, upback Mike Reed 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 hookup between Bill Burke and seconds left in the game.


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


## Rockets

25 points, including 13 on 5-of-6 a 94 -91 lead on Price's 3-pointer with
shooting in the fourth quarter. Mario 6 minutes to play. Shooting in the fourth quarter. Mario
Elie and Clyde Drexler added 15 points apiece for Houston. Charles
Barkley had just 11 points on 3-of-10 hooting, and got seven rebounds. 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. "Osteriag 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.

## Denver

"We've played in some pretuy big
games this year. Every week within our division is a big game," says
linebacker Hardy Nickerson. played the New England Patriots. We've played some pretty big games. We've just got to draw from that experience. The Lions will wear a small " 59 " for linebacker Reggie Brown, whose
career is probably over because of a career is probably over because of a
serious neck injury sustained in last
Sunday's win over the Jets Brown had tobe resuscitated on the field after the injury. 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

## Bama

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 lef side ideline. The score gave the Gray a
$1-10$ lead early in the fourth quarter. 1-1 lead early in the fourth quarter.
Texas Christian defensive lineman Chance MoCarty had a standout game for the Gray with two sacks -including one for a safety -- one strong pass rush to set up a sack by Oklahoma's Martin Chase on ourth-and-1 in the third quarter. Navy's Chris McCoy was the star
for the Blue. A quarterback who for the Blue. A quarlerback who
shifted to tailback for this game, shifted to tailback for this game,
McCoy finished with 75 yards
rushing on six carries. His big play 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 scooted down
40 -yard gain.
"The guys have been really
helpful with me, helping me learn how to be a running back"" said ac Coy, who broke 15 schoof records at Navy. I knew I had instinctive
running ability, but they helped me with my steps and stuff.
wind

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nothing and scheduled by the YMCA.

## Honor

Carnell Lake received four. Stubblefield, a unanimous choice for the AP All-Pro team, announced
earlier this week. ${ }^{*}$ Everybody was earlier this week. "Everybody, was
pulling for me, my defensive puling for me,
teammates and ev
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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 somend the offseason putting in the
spfort to have a season like you did his year, this is what it's going to take. You ve set the

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$$ injured. In a Monday night showcase Philadelphia, he had 3( sacks and constantly was in the Eagles'

backfield disrupting plays.
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 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 deflecting it, sacking it I was either the backfield. That was a dream game."
Stubblefield, the 1993 Defensive
Rookie of the Year is the second 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 rancisco player has won the honor The last tackle to win Defensive
layer of the Year was Seatte's Player of the Year was
Cortez Kennedy in 1992.

## Syracuse edges Frogs

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) --
The No. 19 Syracuse Orangement The No. 19 Syracuse Orangemen Texas Christian 82-78 in a semifinal round game of the Puerto Rico oliday Classic Thursday night. Syracuse senior Todd Burgan 7 of his 23 points in the game's final
njoyed and 13:10 as the Orangemen overcame a ix-point deficit. Burgan tied the remaining and gave Syracuse its first ead at $69-67$ with two free throws. TCU was paced by we Nâll ith 28 points and 13 rebound the Horned Frogs. Dennis Davis had 13 points and 13 rebounds. The Orangemen led by only one point with two minutes left but ha 5y Burgan, to take an $82-76$ lead with 7 seconds left.
Burgan also had nine rebounds. four steals and four assists. Syracuse (12-0) plays Michigan in the toumament championship game American University of Puerio Rico in the third-place game.


The YMCA Men's Basketball League is designed for men (no age limit) to show their athletic ability in b-ball games and to try their hand in winning a trophy. (1st place, 2nd place 3rdplace). Length of the league will be 6 weeks pius doublee elimination ournament. The team captain or manager will be responsible for he coliection of the entry fee and to have all players league. Out of town residents may participate in the league. Players must play at least $1 / 3$ of the regular season games to be eligible for the tournament. Games will have 2 referees paid

> Sign-up Deadline: Tuesday, January 13 th, 1998 at $3: 00 \mathrm{pm}$.
> Starting Date: $\quad$ Games will be played on Sundays starting at $1: 00 \mathrm{pm}$, First game will be Sunday, January 18 th.

Entry Fee: $\$ 290.00$ per team (Teams will not be entiered unill tee is tumed in)
Uniforms: Teams may previde their own or use pullovers provided by the YMCA
Unsportsman-like 1) 1 warning, 2nd one out of the game
Conduct Penalties: 2) 2nd time out of the game and out of the league 3) Cheapshots or undercutting or any unnecessary play that
could cause serious injury shall result in immediate ejection from the game. (Consumation of alcohol will not be tolerated)
Rosters will be available at game site. Individual players must have name on roster and be properly registered with their team before playing. As soon as a player participates in a league game uiey shal be deemed as siarung useason. There wim ono grace period players on the court or on the bench join an altercation that team/tearns 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 presen the enjoymentof playing. if there is anoco number of teams, one team will play twice on game day. Intentional foul will be 2 free shots and ball out of bounds.

Bulls scorch Miami, 90-80
CHICAGO (AP) - Toni Kukoc, toreach the NBA Finals. Dennis Rodman and Scou Burreii During that game, Scottie Pippen
sparkeda $13-2$ fourthequarter the Chicago Bulls dominated the recovering ffom surgery. Immediately 90-80. Thursday night in arematch of shate Alonzo Mourning's hand. And

ast season's Eastern Conference shorty thereatier Mismi | $\begin{array}{l}\text { last season's Eastern Conference }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { shortly thereafter, Miami coach Pat } \\ \text { Rinaley said: "Idon't think anybody's }\end{array}$ |
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| finalists. |  | Michael Jordan had 24 points and going to win again until Michael 11 rebounds, Kukoc added 19 points retires.

and Rodman grabbed 13 rebounds as
the Bulls extended their winning He might be right. Even without areak to six games. Chicago is $38-8$ Pippen, who has said he won't play
all-ime against the Heat, including again for the Bulls even after he's 10-1 in the playoffs.
The last time the teams met, game behind conference-leading

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MASSACHUSETTS UNVEILS ANTI-TOBACCO ADS Fleshy cancers g. Sw. It's not the lates worror flick - these are scences foce. the state's latest anti-tobacco ads.
The three 30 -second television spots were cremed by the Namional Tobacco Campaigo of Australia, intended to scare people away from their cigmetues
with special effects. Massachusetts, whi
in May became the first state to show 30 -second spots on area movin 1993 , The ads finish with an 800 -number for the state's "Quilline," which provides. advice and referrals to counselors.
The spots, scheduled to air today. through Jan. 5, are timed to allow people "With this new campaign, we hope to change attitudes by making adul smokers more aware of the health risks of waiting to quit,"," Public Health
Commissioner Howard Koh said.
Commissioner howard Koh said.
CAMBODIAN PLANE HITS MINE ON RUNWAY
PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)- A military aircraft taxiing into takeooff position struck a land mine, causing s.
injuries, military officials said today.
Authorities speculated that the mine was planted at the southem Cambodie aisfield by groups opposed to the government of Hun Sen, who deposed
his co-prime minister, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, in a July coup. his co-prime minister, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, in a July coup.
"I used to hear about tanks and cars hitting land mines, but when a airplane hits one it it sery 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 texiing a recum from the southem 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 supplics
to families displaced in fighting between warring factions. CLINTONS CELEBRATE QUIET CHRISTMAS AT WHITEHOUSE WASHINGTON (AP) - The first family - including daughter Chelsea
home from school and President Clinton's sew Labrador, Buddy - settled down to a peaceful Christmas holiday.
While ethere was no word on the giffsexchanged by the family Thursclay Chelsea did accompany her father for a traditional last-minute shopping
spree on Christmas Eve. The Stanford University freshman retumed home for her holiday break.
Eartier this week, Chelsea and first Iady Hillary Rodham Clinton traveled with the prosident 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 dead ine. TRAVELERS STUCK ON GROUNDED PLANE
MILWAUKKEE (AP). Af ter five hours stuck in a motionless airplane that lacked drinking water and working toilets, Joseph Vranich probably kicked himself for not taking the train.
Unitanich, a former spokesman for Amtrak, was stranded for hours aboard United Airlines Flight 1536, one of seven diverted to Milwaukee's Mitche More than 800 United passengers were sent to Milwaukee - including
Minater 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 nunning the airport," said passenger Croft Leng, 's 8 , of Costa Mesa, Calif. "In's a Christmas to remember."
Vranich's O' Hare International Airpor:
Instead, he was trapped with some 200 other passengers as Flight 1596
sat on the tarmac. Eventually the drinking water ran out and the toilet sat on the tarmac. Eventuaily the drinking water ran out and une
stopped working; ;e said one passenger was taken away by medical personnel stoppes working; he said onep
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 Hull, cach with the same awful message: A daughter had been killed in
an accident caused by drunks barcy 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 keep close watch over roads and in bars to make sure underage drinkers
aren't being gevved. 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 crashes.
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 In 1995, the latest year for which statistics are available, Louisiana had
116 deadly car crashes involving peopple 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 say.
SRY.
DENVER (AP) - Friends of a former postal employee accused of taking sevenpervice. 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 armoe, Jackson waik 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 pos office e ept screwing with him.
Postal service officials would not comment on Jackson's employment record.
Police
Precord. a supervisor. Hundreds of workers were herd
Wednesday's standoff. No one was injured.
VIGIL REMEMBERS JONBENET RAMSEY, STUDENT BOULDER, Colo. (AP) - About 30 poopie heli candes and sing a Cirsemes carol during a brief vigil in memory of JonBenet Ramsey. "I know a lot of people in Boulder care," organizer Putricia Walsh told the group gathered Thursday night on snow-covered Pear Stroet Mall.
"They care about what's happening to our children. They care about whats happening to anybody.
The body of the 6 -year-old beauty pageant winner was found in her family's Booulder home a year ago today. She had been beacen and strangled 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 pat to justice," she said.
Another vigil for JonBenet was schectuled for ronight outide the Remeys former home. The family has moved to Atlanta, The groupalso remembered Susannah Chase, a 2 -yemeld University The group aisorememberes beasanntadeath in an atuack neer hor home
of Colorado senior who was beat weekend. Police have no suspects.
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GAY, LESBIAN CLERGY CHALLENGS PoLICIES SANFRANCISCO (AP)-He hardily lools the pert of arenegade, this of his tiny church with his blick Ior Murphy troutrg at his side. But there is zomething poont the Rev. Jeff Johniton dhat many church Teeders would rather you didn "thow - something that led them to reject Johinson is openly tiy. He alto refuses to tite a vow of colibecy. An that is inson icceppenile in ticeyes of the leadets of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Americi- -nid these majority of fitiths in this connticy, Land many
others. others.
of a growing as they'ree concermed, I no longer exist," says Johnson, one on homosexuality.
Leaders in many faiths are struggling with this question: What does it mear to be gay or lesbian and a person of frith?
The question seems particularly difficult when applied to pastors and
rabbis. Unil recendy, it was the norm for lesbians and gay men, both pastor and parishioners, to hide their sexuality or to leavetheir faiths a log gethe 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)-Chingse authorities are plodging to step up oversight
of poultry headed for Hong Kong, where the con firmed number of people ickened by the so-called "bird flu" rose by two tod The influenza $A$ HSN1 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 hes recovered, according to H feald Depariment anda 1-yes.
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.

The Hereford Brand, Friday, December 26, 1997--Page 7 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 rribing govermment officials.
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, low-interest, government-controlled loans.
Eleven Hanbo executives, bankers and politicians were convicted in September by an appellateccurt and sentenced to long prison terms. Five
chose not to appeal their suspended sentences.


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 FEDERAL JUDGE PAVES WA FOR CLASS-ACTION SUIT
AGAINST TOBACCO FIRMS SEATTLE (AP) - Abowt 500,000 union members in Washington receivod permission from a judge to join a class-action lawsuit against tobacco companies.
U.S. District Judge
ruled Wedneatudge William Dwyer ruled Wednesday that 60 private
health and welfare trusts can join the health and welfare trusts can join the efren for reimbursement of costs to
treat people with smoking-retated
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The lawsuit was filed in May on
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While Washington and some othe states have filed lawsuits against tobacco companies secking compen sation for smoking-related Medicai costs, Dwyer's ruling was the firs
time any judge has granted class-action stause to one of the
lawsuis, said Michael Withey lawsuits, said Michael Withey, an attomey for the plaintiffs.
At the same time
At the same time, Congress is
considering a proposed 3360 billio senticmenting a proposed several atuorneys general, including. Washington's tobacco companies.
The settlement would ba class-action lawsuits such as the one

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 under. All girls and boys are eligble to play regardess of athletic ability. Teams are coached by adult volunteers. Every game is supervised and referees are provided. The league sportsmanship. Every girl and boy plays in every game.

There will be 8 \& Under $\cdot 10$ \& Under $\cdot 13$ \& Under
three divisions: Teams will be drawn at the YMCA Office
DPROOO OF AGE IS REQUIRED!
Paronts may choose to have their chids play up a division based on
Restrictions: Elementary grades only. Exception: Kindergarten chilcten who meet the age requirements for the 8 \& Under division.
Teams play and practice once a week after the season starts. gms) and games begin Saturday, Jan. 17h.
Eegue Fee League fee will be $\$ 20.00$. Additional children in same family League fee will be $\$ 20.00$. Adsitional children in same fa
$\$ 15.00$ each. All participants must be YMCA members. YMCA Mmbernhipe for youth nes $\$ 25.00 \mathrm{a}$ year.

Equipment needed: Girls and boys supply their own shoes. (Onty tomnis shoes will be permitted for play and practice)
All teams will wear pullovers provided by the YMCA.
Scholarships are avallable for those who need and qualify for assistance. Contact Weldon or Norma Jean at 3646990. For any additional information or registration forms, please call.

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## Seinfeld calling it quits at＇peak＇

NEW YORK（AP）－The master of his domain is calling it quits of＂Seinfelde＂He tee most defining and popular comedy if the decade，will halt production ulis spring airin made by Jery Seinfeld，the comedy＇s star and creator． Thursanay night lineup．by by far the most popular in eelevision． Seinfeld＇s secision made for a blue Christmas al network．，even ifthe announcement wasn＇t tentirely unexpected．Last spring，following a contract dispute he would decide around the end of the year whether to continue．
He made good on his promise．
II wanted toend the show on the
＂．wanted toend hes show on the samen kind of peak we＇ve been doing it on for years，＂，Seinfeld said in
today＇s New York Times． 1 wanted the end to from a point of strength．I wanted the end to be graceful．＂．
Ands soits sanend tothe show that made＂not that here＇s sanything wrong with that＂and＂yada yada
yada＂favorite phrases for viewers．Nothing wastoo yada favorite phrases for viewerss．Nothing was too
trivial to inspire a half－hour＇s 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．
IIs ensemble cass 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 iife meeting such characters
as the Soup Naxi，he bubble boy and a hate ful maiman as she Soup Naxi，the bubble boy andd a hatefful mailman
named Newman．Kramer never just walks through named Newman．Kramer never just waiks throug
Jerry＇s doorway－he bursts into a skid that stops jus shori of the fumiurre．George is romantically challenged－ The whole gang is，for that mater．
a major profit－maker for hhe network and evolved int．
 Show＂marked the 1980 s and＂All in the Family
the tumultuous 770 s． The tumultuous＇ 70 s s．
television event along the magnitude of final episode a velevision event along the magnitude of fina episodes
of tong－running TV hits＂ $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{A}-\mathrm{H}$＂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 produced during
Even as some critics decidd the series already had begun to fade in its latest season，＂Seinfeld＂was stil aking creative chances．Hi recently told a story backwari， epetitive phrases that eventually made sense．
With fans，the show＇s popularity hasn＇t faded． is the No．2－ranked show on the air，just behind the NBC didn＇t app
NBC didn＇t appear ready to ask Seinfeld to change ＂To keep a show of this caliber at its peak is a grea 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 diffficult negotiation
to keep＂ER，＂almost lost＂Seinfeld＂after las season． okeep＂ER，＂almost lost＂Seinfeld＂after last season．
Seinfeld＇s supporting cast，Julia Louis－Dreyfus Seinfeld＇s supporting cast，Julia Louis－Dreyfus，
Jason Alexander and Michael Richards，demanded a lucrative contract and a deal wasn＇t struck until the ve of NBC＇s announcement of a fall season．Seinfeld reportedly earns $\$ 1$ million per episode and his three
costars $\$ 600,000$ 0 －stars $\$ 600,000$ ．
In recent months，Seinfeld reiterated that a decision
n the show＇s fate was coming．The comedian relied on his timing．
＂We＇ve all seen a million athletes where you say， told the Times．＂For me，this is all aboutt 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＂ 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 heallty industry，the concern of rising ticket prices than a healthy industry，the concen
business trade publication Pollstar said Thursday． In an era with few acts that can consistently fill


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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． Mitor Gary Bongiovanni said．
Most tickets for the Stones and Mont tickets for the Siones and U2 cost around $\$ 60$ ，
and ranged even higher for third－place Fleetwood Mac．

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"You can't go wrons wilha band
like this,", the 54 - year-old guitarist

Christmas Day issue.
On their Bridges sio Babylon tour, Richanes are as high energy as ever.
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Rol to front man Mick Mat heger and
drummer Charlie Wats.
drummer Char lie Watus. Mick's singing beter than ever,

said. "Charlie would gliways rather
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be at home. Same goes with mick.
everything changes. And then you realize how much you mean to each it,"
"I's like a dog, ... throw me another one of,those bones and
eat it forever,", said Richards.
RICHARD RIORDAN

Richard Riordanand Councilwoman Larura Chick are trading in inheir angry
barbs of a year ago or some sweet barbs of a year ago for some sweet
Riordan and Chick buried the hatchect, agreceing toappear Jan. 27 in Gumey's play "Love Leters,' 10 raise 300.000 for the soon-to- open
Maddid Theater in Canoga Park.

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spokesman Noelio Rooriguez
"I Ipicked up the phone and called
the mayor and he immediately said, seid Tuesday laughing." Rodriguez said ruestay.
Chick and Riordan got into a $a$ Council voted ao scale back the mayor's plan to beef up the police

## MENTORS

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with her team's help. They encouraged of her bills and developed a budgel Of a gang-infested neighbortoed aid helped her apply for housing aid. With their support, she decided to go back to schoo
a glorious day in the Lord," Spencer, 28, had been on welfers to "have 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 got on welfare," she said. "Now I can hold my head up high."
In Michigan, Padron's team hetpod ter find housing far two young children and newborn twins. One volunteer tutored her for the high-school equivalency exam. Another helped her get a car. Mich., the first place in the nation to put every able-bodied welfare recipient to work.
Soup kitchens and cloching drives still far outnumber mentoring programs, but this sort of one-co-one assistance is catching on. Seatewide ventures
are under way in Mississipi and Texas. Smailer 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
Church interest in mentoring has grown with welfare reform. Like the tries to change people, not just help them survive.
"Churches were not reaily transforming the lives of the families with this traditional money-for-rent, money-for-utilities, soup-kitchenstuff,"
said Amy Sherman, who studies mentoring Trinity Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville, Va. a small program a 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 Even 'We've been quick tocritici
wick to heriticize but we haven't been soquick toput our And churches that opposed the 1996 welfare reform law, which ended the six-decade national guarantee of aid for the poor, feel compelled to
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anew hurale erected by some state and federal officials to hinder the passage squeezing newlomers torepay health and welfare benefits that they were legally eligible to receive.
Consider Martha Tores,
Consider Martha Torres, a legal immigrant from Mexico, who upon her return from a visit to her native country was informed by California
authorities the the must cancel her Medi-Cal coverage and make arrangements to reimburse the state for pass bene fits or risk losing her legal status. Multipl Torres' storry 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 Departmen say they have advised immigration officers here and abroad that they have nologal authorify to demand reimbursements in the vast majority of these cast elsewhere some of and eisewhere some officers are cleariy trying to intimidate immigrant
to kep them from returning to the United States after trips abroad. Caifornia officials vehemently deny wrongdoing, insisting they are Whimply encouraging "voluntary" repayments by immigrants who they case with a small number of shor-term visitors. Butlegal immigrants anc 2. their children born in the United States are fully eligible for state and federa - health programs, to deny them, beyond being illegal and inhumane, run the risk of health problems in the wider community if infectious diseases
break out among immigrants.

## Mike Espy:

The Post and Courier, Charieston, S.C., on former Agriculture Secretary
federal judge has dismissed three serious charges against former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, saying that federal laws governing mea
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 tha
It eliminates thosecharges arainst Espy that carry mandatory prison sentences under a law that prohibits Agriculture Department inspectors from acceptin gratuities from companies they regulate. ... for the agencies they govern
Cabinet officers should set the standar 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 ourban sprawl are not waiting until the crisis that some people anticipate actually comes about. Farmland Preservation Task Force brought togethe
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diverse interests to sudy diverse interests to study the situation and make recommendations. ...
They wisely chose to emphasize local planning and voluntary steps tha 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 Ohiocities; and create Agricultural Security Areas for designated armiand.
The challenge in the legislation is to achieve an equitable balance of
erests. There may be some rough edges, but the bill appears $w$ be thoughtfully interests.
child labor in United States: Charlesfph (w.Va.) Gazette, on hild labor in United States When most people think of young children toiling away in sweatshops
or fields, they think of Third World nations. But an Associated Press investigation found illegal child labor common in America from New Mexic to New York.
Like someth
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 reporters fou
Southwest.

In Texas sweatshop, a9-year-old girl putin in 12-hour days, along with

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The Columbian, Vancouver, Wash, on military training:
 training toge either, apanel appointed by Defense Secretary William Cohen
has urrged him to keep the sexes as separate as possible until they areready to go to regular postings.
Such caution rains one every instiutional movement to change oll habits,
 Corps decided to reduce markedly the level of physical abuse to whic recruiss could be subjectec, old salts howled hhat the Copps was a goner
For years after hem military somewhat reluctantyly obe yed President Harry
 ranks would sap the essential vigor of the nation 's forces.
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The panel was headed by former Republican Sen. Nancy Kassebaum about mixed -gender training distsinctly echo the old concerns atout race | mixing. |
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Conen sent the report off 10 the eservices for examination, refusing to
commen any further than call ing ita very 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 oid salts who nev did take to the notion of men and women training and working together.

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

The best case wo be made for extending the stay of U.S. troops in Bosnia Granted, that peace has been accompanied by very litule their job. men. But the mass murders of men, womeniand children have ceased. So oo, the rapes and the starvation camps, and the bombings, and the stree fighting, and the brutal ousters of citizens from their homes in the process ous and e ehnic cleansing. tis important toremember that this $w$ not an ordinary civil war, but one reminiscent
nation unspoiled by impure faiths and cultures.
This is the case President Clinton made Thursday when he abandone a June deadline for bringing home 8,500 American peacekeepers. Nearly that many soldiers will stay until benchmarks of reconstruction an reconciliation are met, he said. With those benchmarks yet to be set, w may be looking at a semi-permanent peacekeeping force here. There is
precedent. United States soldiers have helped keep the Korean peace sinc 1953. The United Nations has had peacekeeping forces in Cyprus sinc 1964.

Congress may yet have someching to say about President Climton's intentions
That is OK. Foreign commitments do best when they have the support of That is OK. Foreign commitments do best when they have the support 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 Le
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 whoopposed 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 He will be the first Asian-American to hold the post. Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Commitute refused to let his nomination go forward to
a vote in the full Senate largely because wey disitithis suppontor animmative a vote in
action.

But as President Clinton said in announcing his appointment of Lee as acting assistant attorney general: ... his (Lee's) views on affirmativ
action are my views on affirmative action: no quotas; no discrimination no position or benefit for any unqualified person; but mend, don't en 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. ...

## THEASSOCIATEDPRESS <br> Names in the News

MIKE TYSON
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 ports personality of 1997 .
eavyweight title fight on June 28 Evander Holyfield's ear during their 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 autobiographyseason.
RICHMOND, Calif. (AP) - Steve Jobs is getting ready to shave some
ime off his commute - by flying to work in a helicopter. The Apple Computer co-founder has won the City Councir's approval to build a heliport -ata costof afour $\$ 40,0000$ at at former naval fuel depot
near his office at Pixar Animation Studios, the company responsible for near his office at Pixar Animation Studios, the company responsible for
the hit movie "Toy Story." the hit movie "Toy Story""
tions, said Patricia Jones special ass a one-year lease with four one-year opuoss, who also regainedl leadership of Apple this year as its acting chief
executive, is shopping for execuive, is shopping for a chopper.
Beginning next year, he will fly from Palo Alto, where he lives, to the ormer Point Molate Naval Fuel Depot, vacated by the military in 1995 .
fis commute likely will take about 25 minutes, compared with at least His commuti likely will take about 25 minutes, compared w
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
(cored a victory off the cours cored a victory off the court
Coach John Calipari was accused in a lawsuit of inflicting emotional
distress on a reponter by calling him "a Mexican idiot" during a confontation ollowing a team practice.
A judge on Wednesday dismissed the lawsuit on grounds that it did not have any legal merit, said Andew Napolitano, attomey 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 Mahwahon March Four days later, Calipari read a public apology and was fined $\$ 25,000$ 0 me. Let him go on with the leam.
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 his unfortunate neident behind me," Calipari said.
Garcia, reached Thursday, said he did not plan an appeal.

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## CONFIRMATION

## Partisanship turning system into minefield

## WASHINGTON (AP) - After President Clinton lamented a Senate

 jobs, it got worse.What was an obstacle course is becoming a minefield, a reform advocate said, desc
That was the year-later followup to the Twentieth Century Fund apprais Clinton wanted Congress tolook at closely. Instead, the nomination feud hat have marked his presidency continued - two high profilc appointee withdrew and two more are in Senate limbo
Clinton got one into his appointed job anyhow, naming Bill Lann Le cting assistant attomey general for civil rights, to the wrath of Republican who don't agree with his views on affirmative eaction. The president does. Clinton that there should be medical exceptions to a federal ban on late-ten abortions.
In his second look at the situation, C. Calvin Mackenzie, executive director the Twentieth Century Fund task force on confirmations, said the notio has been dying away in political disputes.
He called it institutional combat in which the confirmation process is He called it institutional come
being used for Senate leverage. A 17 -member task force including veterans of senior federal positions icical parties, produced the confirmatio and repellent to, government receruits for top jobs.
"The confirmation process is undermining the very trust in govermment supposed to foster "the panel reported.
Itrecommended cutting the number of posts thatrequire confirmation, and hearing procedures, and preventing individual senators from blocking whats, are called holds.
Cinton said at the time that the confirmation "climate has changed o the point where a lot of people don't want to fool with it any more, He said the refo "... It would require the Senate to, with some discipline, moderate its wn procedures and change it," the president said.
And ciat was before the struggles over such nominces as Anthony Lake
obe 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." federal sanas. There are 80 vacancies. Republicans insist they are $n$ on freating juges. There are 80 vacancies. Repubicans insist they are not who would seek to make laws instead of interpreting them aren't fit for he bench.
The Senate confirmed 36 federal judges in 1997, a pace GOP leaders But Democralsh have accused them of a stall aimed at intimidating future judges.
nominations are not tone of the principal ideological bautlegrounds of American politics," Mackenzie, a professor of go
Overall, he wrote, "the appointment processs has become not only inadequate to its purposes but a festering national embarrassment. hung out to dry, every time the bar of admission to public service is raised reverberations echo through every phaseof the appoin service is raised. he said.
That leads to more background checks, clearances, velting, delay and
more- much more- reluctance on the part of those asked to seve." acconding ot he Mackenzie study.
When Congress recossed he said, 124 Clinton nominess were unconfimed. more than 40 because of holds imposed by holds, the tactic with which
single senator can block action. 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 residential nominees in the future," Mackenzie said

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HOOSIERS CAN'T TRUST CALENDAR
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Can'ta Hoosier trust a calendar? f George Washington's birthday. Next year, they'll celebrate the same holiday with Christmas Eve off.
Huh? Wasn't Washington bom in February?
State law allows the holiday shuffling. Indiana has 12 state holidays, and they can beobserved on any other dey of the year. For example, residens, ven though the 16 ith president's birthday falls in February aly exception is Martin Luther King Ir'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
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WASHINGTON CROSSING. Pe (AP)-Thesirtiegeselto New Jersey was running smoothly Christmas Day, even with a hobbled George
Washington.
As 12,00 spectatorscheered. Robert Gerenser donneda wig end uniform
to transform himself into the Revolutionary War general, leading some 250
25 peopple in depicting the famous crossing of the Delaware River on Dec. 25, 1776 . 176 , the real Washington began the tripat 6 p.m., leading some 2,400 In 1776 , the real Washington began the trip at $6 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}^{2}$, leading some 2,400
oldiers, 200 horses and 18 cannons the 30 miles firm Bucks County, Pa.

## oldiers, 200 horses and 18 cannons the into Titusville, NJ. The re-enactments began in 1952. <br> "It was a very humbling experience." "Cerenser said afterward.

The only surprise came during a rehcersalalonsten hour beforwart the event
Gerenser, 44 , sprained his right knee after folling off this mount General Washington was forced to limp through the rest of the ceremony. said, "I'm not going to let a little personal pain interfere with falfilling

The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two formed.



[^0]:    Tammy Spencer was out of jail and off drugs．Sandra
    Padron was away from gangs and her ex－boyfriend＇s Padron was away from gangs and her ex－boyfriend＇s
    regular beatings．But neither woman had pulled her regular beaungs．But neither woman had pultad her
    life together，not yet．Both were still on welfare，not sure how to find good housing，get a job or stay away from trouble．
    with a team of volunteers．in，matching each woman ＂The＂They＇re like a crutch 1 hold onto，＂Spencer said．
    with a
    ＂I ＂I＇ve never had anybody encourage me to do anything．＂．
    Aiding the por is nothing new for America＇s Aiding the poor is nothing new for America＇s
    churches，which have historically been there with hot churches，which have historically been there with hot
    meals，clothing drives and homeless shelters．But now， meals，clothing drives and homeless sheters．But now，
    in pockets around the country，churches are adopting

[^1]:    HOUSTON SYMPHONY HAS BUDGET PROBLEMS
    HOUSTON (AP) - Bitter contract negotiations are in the past, but the the search for a new music director
    The symphony was thrown into turmoil by a threatened musicians at the end of the 1998 -99 season.
    The symphony isthe only major Houston performing arts group with recurring. sey
    Earlier this month, two projects began that will determine whether He symphony buildson what local critics say was an unparalleled artistic

