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One dead after shooting in north Midland

■ Fourth murder of the year claims former Midland High student.

By Audrie Palmer, Kathleen Thurber and James Cannon
Reporter-Telegram

Police continue to search for suspects in Midland's fourth murder of 2011 that occured early Friday morning at an apartment complex in north Midland.

First responders were treating Torvorian Carter, 25, when detectives arrived at the Park at Caldera apartment complex early Friday morning. He was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital where he later died, said Tasa Watts, public information officer for the city of Midland.

The fourth murder of the year is more than the previous two years combined. City records show one murder in 2010 and two in 2009.

At 12:59 a.m., Midland police were alerted of shots fired at the complex located at 3100 Caldera Blvd., Watts said.

Watts confirmed that nothing was stolen but said police were not ruling out the possibility they were attempting to rob Carter.

Carter

Neighbors of the victim said they were upstairs watching TV when they heard two loud bangs followed by a scream.

Logan Venters and Jeremiah Thompson, roommates who said they'd become friends with Carter, said they ran downstairs after hearing the noise and found Carter lying on the ground with a wound to his left side. The door to his apartment had been kicked in.

"All I could really do was keep pressure on the wound and keep his head elevated," Thompson said. "He was a good guy."

Venters said Carter's girlfriend had jumped out the window of the first-floor apartment when

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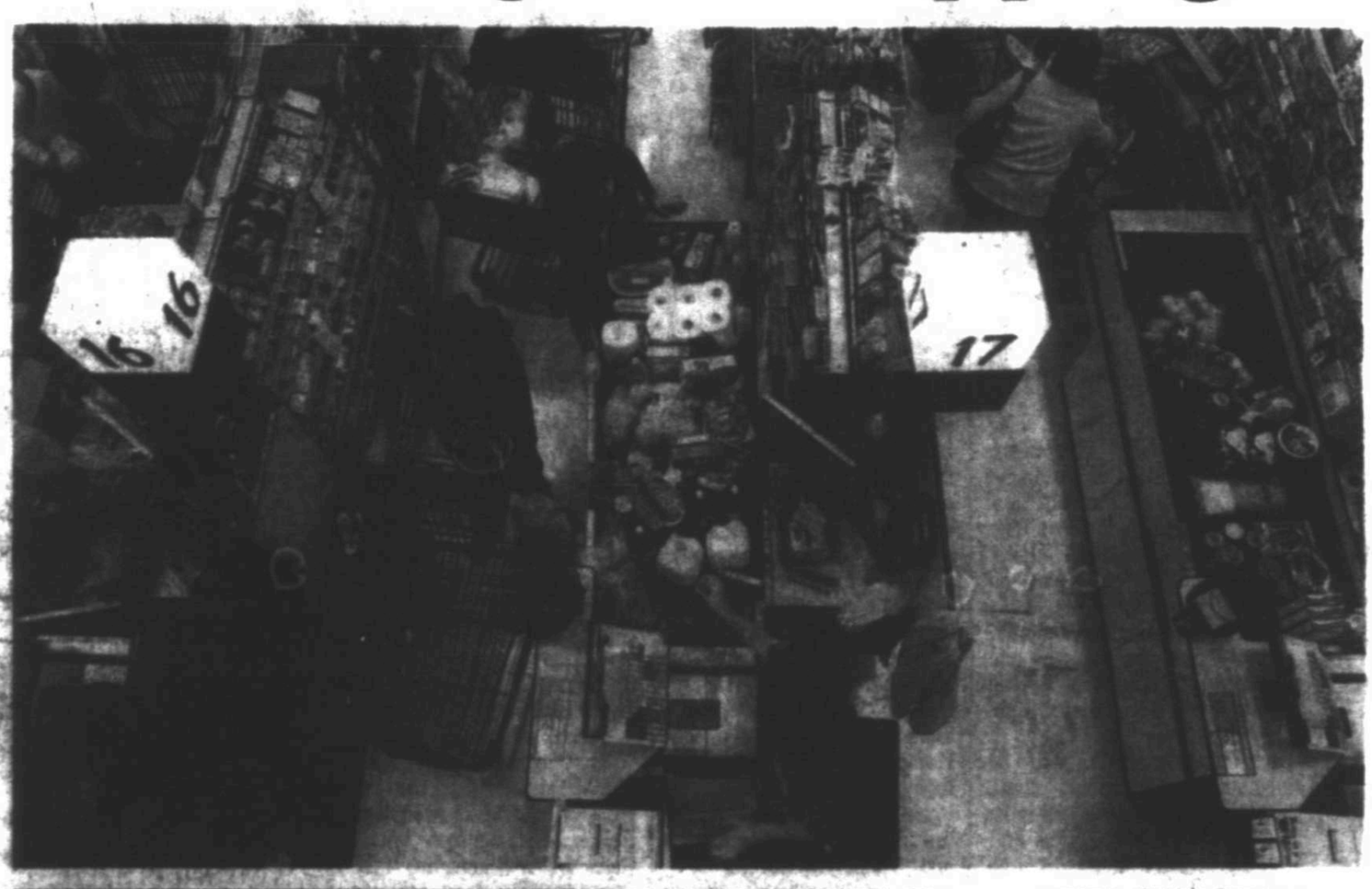
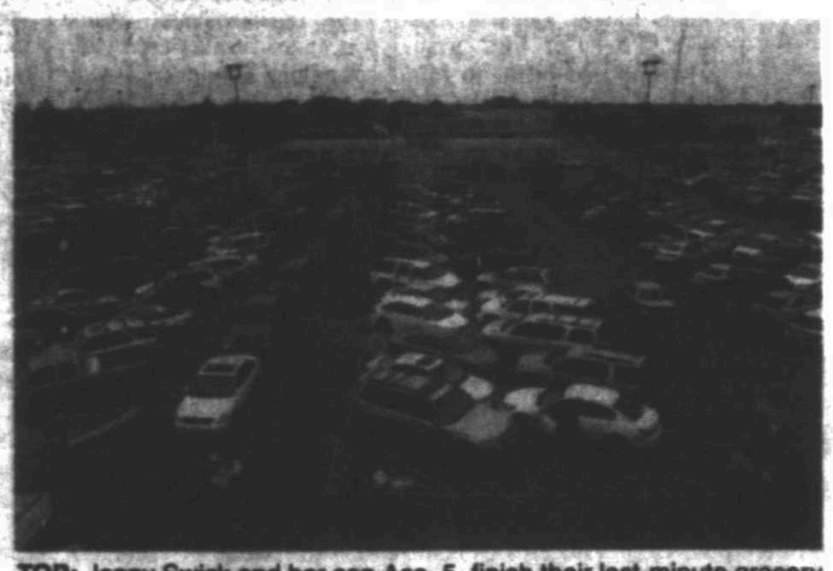
A flurry of shopping





TOP: Jenny Swick and her son Asa, 5, finish their last-minute grocery shopping Friday at H-E-B. ABOVE: The H-E-B parking lot is filled as customers get their last-minute shopping done. H-E-B will be open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and closed Christmas Day.

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IHOP, 2507 W. Loop 250, 684-9769; 301 E. I-20, 686-0537, 24 hours a day.

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Midland helps family bring adopted girl home

■ Baron Batch will donate money for Knights' travel costs for each new Twitter follower he gets.

By Sara Higgins
Staff Writer

Jenna Knight finds herself returning time and again to the empty room with lavender walls. A framed picture of Africa hangs next to the room's mirror, bearing a heart over Ethiopia with the words, "My roots lie here." She daydreams about what it'll be like to walk down the hall one day and glance through the doorway to see her own daughter peacefully sleeping in the bed.

Emme Knight

As Knight celebrates Christmas with her husband, Phillip, and their two sons Parker, 5, and Beckham, 3, the joy-filled season will have a touch of sorrow as they celebrate in the absence of their daughter Emerson Meti, 4.

"Emme," as her parents call her, is thousands of miles away in a transitional housing unit in Ethiopia, waiting for the final step in what has been a 16-month long journey for the family.

It was May 2010 when Jenna Knight said the couple first felt God calling them to adopt internationally. She inexplicably had been drawn to the village of Korah in Ethiopia, where mission teams work with people who live, work and search for food and other necessities through the

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Courtesy photo

The Knight family members hold a sign expressing their eagerness to meet their new family member, Emme, a girl adopted from Africa.

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Discriminatory maps?

Three federal court judges said there are genuine issues whether new Texas maps discriminate against Hispanics. NEWS/2A

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Obituaries

Barbara Ann Hull

Barbara Ann Hull, 63, of Big Spring died Thursday, December 22, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The family received friends from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Derrick Looney officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Barbara was born October 13, 1948, in Big Spring to Grace and N. C. King, Jr., and lived most of her life in Big Spring. She married Randy Hull on June 9, 1983, in Big Spring. Barbara was a homemaker, and also she worked with her husband at Giant Food Store. Barbara and her mother did ironing for the public for many years.

Barbara is survived by her husband Randy Hull of Big Spring; five children: Debbie Bynum and her husband Shannon of Big Spring, Cindy Corgill and her husband Rodney of Midland, Wyvett Denton of Big Spring, Rex Denton of Midland and Daniel Denton and his wife Kari of Big Spring; one sister: Durinda O'Brien and her husband Skeeter of Big Spring; one brother: Clifton King and his wife Dana of Artesia; ten grandchildren: Dusty Corgill, Chad Corgill, Chippy Corgill, Rodney Thomas, Timmy Thomas, A. J. Gutierrez, Brandie Gutierrez, Kaleb Denton, Kolby Denton, and Kayla Holguin; and thirteen great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter: Teresa Ann Denton.

Pallbearers will be Dusty Corgill, Chad Corgill, Chippy Corgill, Rodney Thomas, Timmy Thomas, A. J. Gutierrez, Kaleb Denton, Kolby Denton, and Joe Holguin.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at:
www.myersandsmith.com

Sheryl Alecia Davis

Sheryl Alecia Davis, 50 years old, passed away Thursday, December 22, 2011 at her home in Midland Texas.

She was born September 3, 1961 to Lynnetta Faith "Lynn" Shelton and James Howard "Jim" Shelton in Odessa, Texas.

She married Mark Lynn Davis on June 20, 1998 at Second Baptist Church in Odessa, TX

Sheryl's passion in life was cooking for her family and her church. One of her favorite pastimes was to look over recipe books and try out new recipes on her family and friends. Even though she used a recipe for the base, she always changed them to suit her tastes. She enjoyed having everyone come to her house for every family gathering. She started her own catering business to be able to do weddings and church events. When she wasn't cooking, she loved to camp and fish. Some of her favorite memories were camping in Colorado with her husband and her family. She was a loving caregiver and servant to all.

Sheryl is preceded in death by her parents Lynn and Jim Shelton. She is survived by husband Mark Davis of Midland, TX, Sonja House and husband Mark of Odessa, TX, Sondra Shelton and Mike Napkori of Ft. Worth, TX, and Joel Shelton and wife Amie of Midland, TX. Nieces and Nephews, Chelsey Davis of Midland, TX, Shea McFarland and husband Phillip of San Diego, Haden House, Evan House, Grace Shelton and Landry Shelton, Lillie Davis and Kody Davis, Great nephew Talan McFarland and one great niece Peyton McFarland due January 30th, 2012.

Funeral Service will be Monday December 26th, 2011 at Second Baptist Church in Odessa Texas at 1 o'clock in the afternoon with Pastor Randy Duckett and Mike Wright of FBC Irran officiating and burial to follow at Sunset Memorial Garden. Visitation will be 2-3 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Funeral Home. To sign the guest book, go to our website at www.sunsetodessa.com

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All Obituaries must be submitted by 3:30 P.M. prior to next publication day.

Frank Eugene McFarlin

Frank Eugene McFarlin was born with his twin sister on December 3, 1921 in Woods County Oklahoma. Along with their younger brother they were raised in and around Ponca City, Oklahoma by their parents William and Bertha Lena Hatch McFarlin.

Frank attended Oklahoma A & M College and was sent overseas in September, 1944 with the 318th signal service battalion. While there, he served in England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. On V-J Day, he was on a boat being redeployed to the Pacific. However, they returned to the States instead where he was assigned to New Mexico to work with missile radars. Frank has the ETO campaign ribbon with two battle stars, one for the battle of northern Germany and one for the Battle of the Bulge, and was awarded the Purple Heart. After receiving his Master's degree in Engineering he worked for an oil company for five years. During his life he was a certified fire fighter, medical examiner, sheriff's deputy and private pilot.

He was a sweet, quiet, brilliant man. When data processing and computers were in their infancy, he worked with IBM designing our future. After living the life of an executive programmer in New York City he moved to California for a slower paced life. He lived in the community of Synanon in California working as a design engineer and rose to the position of vice-president. Around 1983, Frank came to Midland, TX to visit his sister and his brother-in-law, Fern and Frank O'Donnell. They opened their hearts and home and Frank moved in with them-for the next twenty years!

In Midland, Frank worked as an independent hypnotherapist and counselor at his Behavior Modification practice, and also as a night assistant for a local Funeral Home before retiring. Even though he was retired he loved to spend Sundays giving his personal "sermons" and "talks" to several religious organizations. Frank was an avid reader especially concerning religion and meditation themes. His favorite pastime was to meet with his "Mall Gang" every day possible to enjoy the exercise and company of his friends.

He is survived by his twin sister, Fern McFarlin O'Donnell, his bother Wm. Cecil McFarlin his niece Kathy Ham and her husband David, nephew Dennis and wife Pat O'Donnell, nephew Michael and wife Pat H. O'Donnell, niece Linda Thomas, niece Diana McFarlin and nephew Hal McFarlin, along with several great-nieces and nephews.

We appreciate his new friends at Emeritus Saddleridge Lodge and the staff which assisted him, all the wonderful nurses in the Hospice In-Patient Unit at Midland Memorial Hospital, and Dr. Manish Dimri for his compassionate care. Frank requested there be no funeral service but to celebrate his graduation from this earth in a manner that comforts you.

Arrangements were made with Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net.

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Death Notices

Cynthia Jean Hawks

Cynthia Jean Hawks, 75, of Odessa, passed away Thursday, December 22 at Hospice House of Odessa. She is preceded in death by her parents, Tom and Nelly Capps and four sisters, Venna, Ruby, Winny and Mary. Cynthia is survived by the love of her life, Wayne Hawks; one son Larry Hawks and one daughter, Cynthia Sparks both of Odessa, TX. She also has four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Arrangements were handled by American Heritage at West Texas Memorial Park. Interment was at West Texas Memorial Park, Friday, December 23, 2011.

Pat Merritt

Pat Marshall Merritt, 89 of Midland, died December 22, 2011 at Hospice of Midland Inpatient Unit.

Visitation Monday, Dec. 26, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral Tuesday, Dec. 27 at 11:00 am also at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Survivors: wife, Pauline "Patty" Merritt of Midland; sons, Jay Pat Merritt of Houston and Mike Merritt of Belton, TX; step-son Jimmy Cates of Williamsport, PA; step-daughter, Mickie McKee of Midland; sisters, Ima Collins and Marjory M. Hill both of Midland; numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Arrangements directed by Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home, pipkin@nts-online.net.

STATE BRIEFS
FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Weekly US oil and gas rig count down by 11

The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. decreased by 11 this week to 2,008.

Houston-based drilling product provider Baker Hughes Inc. reported Thursday that 1,201 rigs were exploring for oil and 802 for natural gas. Five were listed as miscellaneous. A year ago this week, Baker Hughes reported 1,714 active rigs.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, New Mexico added four rigs, Wyoming added three and Texas added one.

North Dakota lost seven rigs, Colorado, Louisiana and Oklahoma each lost three and Alaska, Arkansas, Pennsylvania and West Virginia each lost one. California was unchanged.

The rig count peaked at 4,530 in 1981. A low of 488 was recorded in 1999.

SNYDER

Widow claims police stopped CPR

A West Texas woman and her daughter have sued a city and police after they allegedly were barred from doing CPR on a relative, who later died.

Darlene Bollinger of Snyder, said her husband, Benny Bollinger, was suffering an apparent heart attack at their home on Dec. 6, 2009. She called 911 while the couple's daughter, Debra, began CPR.

The lawsuit said Snyder police arrived, restrained the daughter and stopped her CPR efforts, then kept both women from further helping the ill man.

The lawsuit said paramedics later arrived and restarted CPR. Benny Bollinger died later at a hospital.

City Manager Merle Taylor on Thursday told the Abilene Reporter-News that the lawsuit, filed Nov. 28 in Lubbock, is being reviewed.

DALLAS

Southwest flight instructors agree on seniority

Southwest Airlines Co. said on Friday that its flight instructors have agreed on how they will integrate their seniority with workers who came from AirTran.

Dallas-based Southwest bought AirTran in May and is working to absorb it into its own operation. Southwest has about 70 flight instructors, and AirTran has 18. The Southwest workers are in the Transport Workers Union.

The tentative seniority agreement will be voted on by both work groups.

Southwest said Thursday its mechanics also will vote on a seniority agreement. Southwest's 1,800 mechanics are represented by the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association, while AirTran has 400 Teamsters mechanics.

AUSTIN

150,000 seed balls for wildfire-stricken Bastrop

About 300 groups of children have worked to make sure parts of Central Texas blackened by wildfires get new plants.

Officials with Capital Area Master Naturalists in Austin say about 150,000 seed balls will be available to Bastrop residents whose land was damaged by the fires. The marble-size balls of clay and compost also contain native plant seeds.

Court: New districts may be discriminatory

Associated Press

AUSTIN — There are "genuine issues" of whether Texas Republicans in the Legislature intentionally discriminated against Hispanics in redrawing the state's political maps, three federal court judges said in an opinion.

The Washington-based court sought to explain why it refused to approve redistricting maps drawn earlier this year by the Legislature. Texas is one of 16 states covered by Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act and must get pre-approval from either the Deptartment of Justice of the federal district court in Washington before changing any voting laws. The rule applies to states with a history of racial discrimination.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott asked the Washington court earlier this year to approve the new maps, but the Justice Department and Texas minority groups argued that the redistricting plans were discriminatory and asked the court to put them on hold. The court refused to approve the maps and set a trial date for Jan. 17 to hear more detailed arguments.

In a 44-page opinion filed late Thursday, the court explained why.

"We conclude that there are genuine issues of material fact regarding whether the plans were enacted with discriminatory intent," the court wrote. "The ability (of minorities to elect a candidate of their choice) can rarely be measured by a simple statistical yardstick, as is the essence of Texas's approach (to drawing fair districts)."

The groups opposing the maps argue that they are drawn to give whites a majority of seats in the Texas House, Senate and in the Texas congressional delegation, even though, according to the 2010 census, whites only make up 45.3 percent of the population. As an example, the congressional district map drawn by Republican lawmakers made voting-age whites the majority in 25 out of Texas' 36 districts.

In arguments before the court, state lawyers denied any intentional racial bias. They explained that because Republicans control the Legislature, it was only natural that they drew maps that would benefit Republican candidates. The reason Hispanics are not the majority in more districts is because most Hispanics vote Democratic, not because of their ethnicity, the Texas attorney general's office said.

The redistricting maps are also under attack in a second federal court case in San Antonio. Minority groups asked that district court to throw out the Legislature's maps completely, claiming they are drawn to make sure minorities do not win elections. That court decided to wait until there was a resolution in the Washington case and drew up temporary maps for use in the 2012 election pending a resolution.

The court created those maps by working with the old districts and accounting for racial factors. Democrats welcomed that map, which gave them greater chances of winning more districts.

Abbott, however, said the San Antonio court overstepped its authority by overruling the Legislature's maps before the Washington court had made a decision. The Supreme Court has agreed to hear that appeal on Jan. 9.

In court papers filed Thursday, Abbott asked the Supreme Court to order the use of the Legislature's maps until the two pending court cases are decided.

If the Supreme Court agrees, the decision would permanently change how the Voting Rights Act is enforced by allowing the use of contested maps before a court can decide if they are discriminatory.

Meanwhile, the uncertainty has left many politicians in limbo, not knowing what their districts will look like, and therefore, whether or not they have a chance of winning. If the courts can reach an agreement on a map for the 2012 election by late January, the Texas primary is scheduled to take place on April 3.

Agents seize 7 tons of marijuana in 5 days

Associated Press

EDINBURG — U.S. Border Patrol agents in the Rio Grande Valley Sector say they have seized more than 7 tons of marijuana in five days.

On Tuesday, agents were working near the Rio Grande when they noticed several people north of the river loading large bundles of marijuana into a Ford Expedition.

The smugglers fled, and a helicopter pursued the Expedition for a short distance before the driver abandoned 1,400 pounds of marijuana near Escobares.

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LOCAL BRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Pair arrested for rent-check thefts

Midland police have made two arrests in connection with the October string of apartment rent-check thefts.

Marcelo Santamaria, 22, and Myra Ramirez, 17, are charged with third-degree felony charges of forgery.

Santamaria

Santamaria was arrested in November and is out of jail on a $5,000 bond. Ramirez was arrested Friday and remains in custody in Ector County on an unknown amount of bond.

The pair allegedly stole rent checks from at least two apartment complexes. So far, the Clusters Apartments, near Briarwood Avenue, and Newport Apartments, near Loop 250 and Holiday Hill Road, have been targeted, but police are investigating any other possible thefts, Sgt. Ben Chavez said.

Chavez said the suspects altered the money orders and illegally cashed the rent payments at local check-cashing businesses and convenience stores in Midland and Odessa.

Police are trying to track down all potential victims. Chavez said police will recommend to the judge the pair pay restitution to the victims.

GOP's struggle on taxes gives Dems hope

By Charles Babington
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For all his problems with the economy, President Barack Obama is getting unexpected help from a Republican Party that seems incapable of capitalizing on its advantages.

Congressional Republicans' fumbling of the payroll tax extension issue is the latest example of party in-fighting and disarray that gives Democrats hope for the 2012 elections. GOP presidential contenders tried to distance themselves from the legislative mess. But they might be tarred nonetheless if swing voters decide the party is either inept at governing or too extreme.

The eventual GOP presidential nominee "will be somewhat shackled to the Republican brand," said Democratic strategist Erik Smith, even if it was Republicans in Congress who led the charge in an unpopular fight over the payroll tax. He said GOP House and Senate candidates will face even more problems.

The Wall Street Journal editorial page — an important voice among conservatives — berated Republican lawmakers for their handling of the payroll tax matter. Obama wanted to

Analysis

add another year to this year's reduction in the tax, which nearly all workers pay toward Social Security. Senate Republicans, after forcing Democrats to swallow several unrelated concessions, joined in an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote to approve only a two-month tax cut extension, with plans to revisit the issue next year.

House Republicans, who generally disliked the payroll tax cut from the start, refused to concur early this week. But House Speaker John Boehner on Thursday bowed to relentless criticism from conservative bloggers and several GOP senators and cleared a path for passing a bill Friday to renew the break for two months while congressional negotiators work on a longer-term measure.

If Congress doesn't act in the next 10 days, the payroll tax rate will return to 6.2 percent on Jan. 1, after one year at 4.2 percent. That would cost a family making $50,000 about $1,000.

Republican congressional leaders' actions "might end up re-electing the president before the 2012 campaign even begins in earnest," the Journal's editorial page said Wednesday.

Democrats point to episodes like the payroll tax fuss and say congressional Republicans are essentially controlled by tea party activists, whose tax and spending agendas are outside the political mainstream.

"Tea Party Republicans blocked a bipartisan bill to extend President Obama's payroll tax cut," the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee said in a fundraising email Tuesday, minutes after a key House vote. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi told reporters, "The tea party tail is wagging the elephant."

Democratic strategists hope to remind voters of last summer's near-calamity over raising the limit on the federal debt ceiling. Then, as now, Boehner struggled to control his GOP caucus and to calculate which bills can and cannot pass. These Democrats want to paint the Republican Party as an out-of-touch institution that would rather stand for rigidly conservative principles than solve the nation's problems.

"I think the tea party-engendered dysfunction has the potential to really get the electorate's attention," said Jared Bernstein, a former Obama administration economist now with the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. "At this point, the system is crippled by them."

GOP: Perry lacks enough signatures for Va. ballot

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and Rep. Ron Paul will be on Virginia's March 6 Republican presidential primary ballot, but Gov. Rick Perry has failed to qualify.

The Republican Party of Virginia said Friday that Perry's campaign fell short of the 10,000 signatures of registered voters required for a candidate's name to be on the primary ballot.

The state party said Romney and Paul obtained the needed signatures. Party officials were still verifying the signatures of former House Speaker Newt Gingrich late Friday.

State GOP spokesman Garren Shipley said the party is validating petitions the candidates submitted by the 5 p.m. Thursday deadline to the State Board of Elections. The process of validating the signatures began Friday morning.

The 10,000 registered voters also must include 400 signatures from each of Virginia's 11 congressional districts.

Dems: Obama only candidate in Va. primary

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — President Barack Obama's re-election campaign has gathered enough signatures to get him on Virginia's presidential primary ballot.

The Democratic Party of Virginia said Friday it has certified the signatures, but because he's the only candidate who qualified for the Democratic ballot, the state Board of Elections likely will cancel the scheduled primary election.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

Spencer A. Alford, 20, of Midland, was arrested Thursday by Midland police on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a corrections facility.

Chez L. Crutchfield, 22, of Midland, was arrested Thursday by Midland County deputies on a charge of aggravated assault.

Elias R. Gomez, 29, of Midland, was arrested Thursday by 441st Judicial District Court officials on a charge of criminal mischief.

Aaron A. Goode, 20, of Midland, was arrested Thursday by Midland County deputies on a charge of violation of probation.

Cameron M. Howard, 31, of Odessa, was arrested Thursday by Midland police on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Lewis E. Johnson Jr., 48, of Midland, was arrested Thursday by Midland police on a charge of violation of parole.

Olivia Martinez, 29, of Midland, was arrested Thursday by Midland County deputies on a charge of theft.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Winter weather watch

High today is 32. Low tonight will be 28.

Typical temperatures for Dec. 24: High 57, low 30.

Chance of snow: 50 percent today

Snowfalls on Christmas Eve

Year	Inches
1943	4.9
1975	1.3
2009	0.5

Traces of snow were recorded in 1983, 1993 and 2004, while sleet was recorded in 2006.

Source: National Weather Service

Christmas Eve services

Anglican:

■ Christ Church Midland, 5501 N. Midkiff Road

Today: 4 p.m. Christmas pageant; 10:30 p.m. Rite 2 service

Baptist:

■ Antioch Baptist Church, 1400 E. Golf Course Road

Today: 6-6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service

■ Crestview Baptist Church, 301 N. Loop 250 W.

Today: 2:30 p.m., 4p.m., 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight service

■ Fannin Terrace Baptist Church, 2800 Mogford St.

Today: 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight service

■ First Baptist Church, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave.

Today: 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight services

■ Stonegate Fellowship, 6000 W. Wadley Ave.

Today: 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. Christmas Eve services

Catholic:

■ Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, 1301 E. Garden Lane

Today: 7 p.m. Children's Mass; midnight Mass

■ St. Ann's Catholic Church, 1906 W. Texas Ave.

Today: 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist, children's Christmas Mass with children/youth choirs; 8 p.m. Vigil Mass of Christmas preceded by carols at 7:30 p.m.; 11 p.m. Choral Christmas Eucharist , preceded by carols with combined choirs and brass at 10:30 p.m.

■ St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave.

Today: 8 a.m., 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass; 6 p.m. "Night of Promises" play; 9 p.m. children's Mass; midnight Spanish Mass

Christian:

■ First Christian Church, 1301 W. Louisiana Ave.

Today: 5:30 p.m. children's service; 11 p.m. Candlelight service

■ Memorial Christian Church, 1001 Andrews Highway

Today: 7 p.m. Christmas Eve service in fellowship hall.

Episcopal:

■ St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250 North

Today: 7:30 p.m. musical prelude and Christmas service at 8 p.m. with candlelight and Communion

Lutheran:

■ Peace Lutheran Church, 3000 W. Golf Course Road

Today: 8 p.m. children's Christmas Eve service, 10 p.m. candlelight service

■ Redeemer Lutheran Church, 824 E. 18th St., Odessa

Today: 7 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service

Methodist:

■ First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St.

Today: 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight services for children and families; 7:30 p.m. Communion and carols.

■ St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 W. Kansas Ave.

Today: 5 p.m., 11 p.m. Christmas Eve service

Non-Denominational:

■ Mid-Cities Community Church, 8700 W. Highway 191

Today: 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 5 p.m. Christmas Eve services

■ Midland Bible Church, 2800 N. "A" St.

Today: 6:30-7:30 p.m. candlelight service

Presbyterian:

■ First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.

Today: 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service in sanctuary for children and families; 7:30 p.m. candlelight service with Communion in chapel; 9 p.m. candlelight service with Communion in sanctuary.

■ Grace Presbyterian Church, 2601 N. Garfield St.

Today: 7 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service of lessons and carols.

■ Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2600 W. Louisiana Ave.

Today: 7 p.m. youth and family service; 9 p.m. candlelight and Communion service

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Daily 4 day: 9-2-6-4
Daily 4 night: 3-6-3-9
Cash Five: 9-18-22-27-36
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Today in History

Today is Today, Dec. 24, the 358th day of 2011. There are seven days left in the year. This is Christmas Eve.

Today's highlight:

On Dec. 24, 1814, the War of 1812 officially ended as the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Ghent.

On this date:

In 1865, several veterans of the Confederate Army formed a private social club in Pulaski, Tenn., called the Ku Klux Klan.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower supreme commander of Allied forces in Europe as part of Operation Overlord.

In 1968, the Apollo 8 astronauts, orbiting the moon, read passages from the Old Testament Book of Genesis during a Christmas Eve telecast.

In 1980, Americans remembered the U.S. hostages in Iran by burning candles or shining lights for 417 seconds — one second for each day of captivity.

Today's Birthday: The president of Afghanistan, Hamid Karzai, is 54.

Winter storm makes mess of Midland's streets

Minor snow event causes accidents across the city

By James Cannon
Staff Writer

Midland's snow storm and icy road conditions caused serious havoc for motorists Friday.

The poor driving conditions have been cited as a reason for 45 accidents between 7 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. According to city reports, there were 38 minor accidents and seven major accidents involving injuries. Most of the accidents involved multiple vehicles, said Tasa Watts, Midland's public information officer.

The traffic accidents, while spread across the city, were concentrated heavily on Loop 250, Interstate 20 and Highway 191. Major roadways were closed — completely or at least partially — through Friday evening.

Watts urged motorists to be extremely careful today as Midland was expected to receive several inches of snow through this morning.

The brunt of snow storm moving in from New Mexico was expected to be upon Midland in the early morning hours today. According to National Weather Service reports, the city can expect snow flurries throughout the day.

The Midland International Airport recorded 0.4 inches of snow as of press time Friday. Midland is expected to see between 1 and 3 more inches before the snow storm exits the Permian Basin and heads northeast, said Jamie Gudmestad, meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

If Midland receives the expected amount of snow this morning, the entire storm will have dropped between 2 and 4 inches of precipitation on the city for a total of 5-7 inches for the month of December. That level of snow would rank this December in the top 6 Decembers for snowfall at Midland International.

The last time it snowed on Christmas Eve was 2009 when the city received a half-inch. The National Weather Service reports only three times when a measurable amount was recorded on Christmas Eve. The most snow on a Dec. 24 came in 1943 when 4.9 inches fell. In 1975, 1.3 inches was recorded.

No delays were reported Friday at Midland International Airport, and as of press time, there were no delayed flights scheduled for Christmas Eve. Although a spokesman for the airport said Operations Management could not predict too far into today, the airport will remain open regardless of any potential delays or cancellations. The airport remained open with no delayed when it snowed 2.5 inches on Dec. 4 and 5.

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Midland Police Officer Jesse Robledo, left, helps Jeremy Templeton, with Action Wrecker Service, secure a chain to a van that overturned Friday night on Loop 250 North near "A" Street. A 45-year-old male driver was traveling westbound on Loop 250 when he lost control on the icy roads and rolled the van, said Sgt. Jason Lee.

MURDER

2011 Midland murders

Feb. 12 — Aaron Lee Evans, 37, was convicted on Nov. 3 of murdering his brother-in-law, Jeffery Edwards, 46, with a kitchen knife during an altercation. Although Evans said he never meant to kill Edwards, the pair had been in at least four seperate fights between them. It took jurors less than two hours to convict Evans on charges of first-degree murder. He was sentenced to prison for 60 years.

June 6 — Stephen Craig Whitworth, 21, of Del Rio, and Paul Curtis Lee, 24, of El Paso, are awaiting trial in Midland for the murder of Christopher Aaron Easley and the stabbing of an unidentified female belived to be Easley's girlfriend. Midland County deputies found Easley face down in a mesquite bush next to several drag marks South County Road 1210 about 6:27 a.m. June 6. Authorities were alerted to the incident by the female, who suffered multiple stab wounds. Deputies reported that the woman ran into oncomming traffic in an attempt to flag down a motorist. The unidentified girlfriend was treated at Midland Memorial Hospital and later released, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office. Whitworth and Lee are still in custody on first-degree felony murder charges and second-degree felony charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The pair are both being held on $1.25 million bonds.

Sept. 18 — Christopher Marchel Hill, 24, was arrested for allegedly murdering Jeremy Jerome Johnson, 28, at a residence at 911 N. Weatherford St. Witnesses said the two had been involved in an argument earlier that day and that Hill came back to the residence and walked through the front screen door and into the living room with a black, semiautomatic gun in his hand. He then allegedly shot Johnson several times while he was sitting in the living room, the affidavit states. Johnson was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital, where he died from his injuries. U.S. marshals found Hill in Florida on Sept. 29. He was then transported back to Midland to await trial. He is currently being held on a $1 million bond.

From 1A

she heard the shots and ran back in through the front door screaming as they were trying to help the victim.

"It looked like he was starting to fade pretty fast," Venters said.

Carter's two young daughters also were in the apartment at the time of the incident, Thompson said. The girls were sleeping in a back bedroom when the shooting occurred, he said.

Neighbors said they didn't see the suspects and only heard cars driving away from the complex as they were coming down the stairs.

Venters said they became friends with Carter after moving in in June and would sometimes watch football games with him.

"It's hard to believe anybody could do this just two days before Christmas," he said.

Carter was a graduate of Midland High. He was a defensive lineman for the Bulldogs football team in 2003, Reporter-Telegram records showed.

"I just found out. ... I'm heart broken," Midland High Football Coach Craig Yenzer said Friday evening. "Another coach just called and told me. I can't believe it."

He said Carter was a quiet, hardworking player. Yenzer added he had fond memories of Carter and always was impressed in the amount of hard work he put into football. Carter was one of the first athletes to go through the program during Yenzer's 10-year tenure as MHS' football coach.

"My heart goes out to his family," Yenzer said. "The Midland High football community is heart-broken over this tragedy. What a terrible thing to happen during the holidays."

Carter lived in building 18, which is on the north side of the complex and faces a group of homes that were built just east of Midkiff Road. Residents of the apartment complex received a note Friday evening encouraging all tenets to be watchful for suspicious activity and to alert authorities.

"This is tragic, and we are very sad that this happened at our community," said Stormi Hedrick, community director at the complex, informing residents of the homicide.

Police said they have no suspects and are asking anyone with information to call Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-8477 or MPD at 685-7106.

ADOPTION

From 1A

village's landfill. They contacted an international adoption agency, and after one of the most emotionally difficult journeys of their lives, finally they signed the papers last month to be able to call the 4-year-old girl from Kamashi their own.

At first, the Knights were hesitant to talk about the adoption. For them, the process has been a long, private journey shared among family and friends. Maybe it was because the adoption process could have broken down at any moment, leaving them without a daughter, or possibly because they don't accept all the credit for the change they're about to bring to their daughter's life.

"It's not our idea; this idea came from God," Phillip Knight said. "Adoption is the heart of God."

At times, the burden they tried to carry on their own became too heavy. Not only is the process "depressingly expensive," Phillip said, but sometimes the family members accidentally isolated themselves by trying to take on all the stress, worries and doubts on their own.

That changed earlier this month when the family was featured on Give1Save1, a blog that aims to help families cover the costs of adopting from Africa. Houston resident, Beth Cupitt, started the site after she decided to turn her own search for support to adopt girls from Ethiopia into a fundraising tool for other families.

That was only the beginning. Next, there came Operation Random Christmas Blessing, the brainchild of Pittsburgh Steelers running back and Midland native Baron Batch.

Ethiopian and US orphans

A UNICEF press release estimated in 2010 that there are about 5 million orphans in Ethiopia. In the U.S., there were more than 408,000 children in the foster care system in 2010, but only 115,000 of them are available for adoption, according to the Administration for Children and Families, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Batch said he was prepared to buy all his family members Christmas gifts by filling online shopping carts but couldn't bring himself to finalize the transactions. He prayed about the guilt he felt and realized that the money would be better fit as a random blessing during someone's time of need. One day, he received a mass Facebook message from a friend from high school about an article about the Knights on Give1Save1, and Batch had found his family.

"Immediately when I clicked on it, I realized that I can't ask for anything more clear," he said during a telephone interview from Pittsburgh.

Later, Batch realized that not only were the Knights from Midland, but also he and Jenna Knight attended Midland High School only two years apart from each other. He took to his blog and Twitter with a mission: For every new follower on Twitter between Dec. 14 and Christmas Day, he will donate 25 cents toward the Knights' expenses to travel to Ethiopia to pick up their daughter.

Give1Save1 had raised more than $3,000 for the family as of Friday evening, and Batch's campaign had raised about $500. On Thursday evening, Batch increased the amount of his donations to 40 cents per follower.

"We were floored — just a huge blessing," Phillip Knight said. "We're kind of humbled. It got big kind of fast. You know, maybe this is the Lord trying to help us out."

The Knights said they probably will have about a week's notice to book their international flight to pick up their daughter, and Phillip Knight said travel expenses could be as high as $9,000 for all three plane tickets. If the family members raise more money than needed for travel expenses, they hope to find a way to distribute it to programs helping orphans.

It's not only the financial support the Knights have found encouraging. They said it is also the countless notes of encouragement they have received from strangers telling them they're praying for Emme.

"This whole experience is so much more than being helped financially," Jenna Knight said.

The Knights' adoption journey, like many others who adopt internationally, has been a trying one. They went through a rigorous home study, which included an interview about their personal life, budget and even a request for information about the floor plan of their house. The paperwork took about three months to complete, and it included a trip to Lubbock for fingerprints for a form they said cost about $1,200.

"Every time you turn around there's a fee," Phillip Knight said.

Plane tickets were bought for a June court date in Ethiopia that was cancelled two weeks before it was slated. Then silence. These sort of unknown, last-minute changes are no surprise to families adopting from Ethiopia, the Knights said, but the halt in the process left them feeling hopeless. They couldn't reschedule the court date until November because the Ethiopian courts closed for rainy season from late July until November. After they arrived for their Nov. 7 court date, the appointment was pushed back to Nov. 8, the day of their return flight to the U.S.

When Jenna Knight talks about the first time she saw her daughter on Nov. 5, she becomes emotional. She said she had fallen in love with the small girl through photos and 30-second home videos of the malnourished, small-framed child.

"For me, it became real the moment I saw her face," she said.

The Knights' first meeting with their daughter was a far cry from a fairy tale-worthy scene, as the little girl was shy and nervous to meet these two people. After Jenna dressed her little frame in pajamas that night at their guest house, Emme began to breathe nervously, trying not to cry. Jenna held her close and rocked the little girl until she fell asleep in her arms.

"That's when we really became friends," she said. "It feels like, though I didn't birth her in my body, I birthed her in my heart."

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Follow the Knight's story at higgerbichonfrise.blogspot.com.

Follow Baron Batch on Twitter at www.twitter.com/baron_batch or follow his blog at www.baronbatch.com.

More retailers pull formula after Missouri infant death

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Several more national retailers have joined Wal-Mart Stores Inc. in pulling a batch of powdered infant formula from their shelves after a Missouri newborn who consumed it apparently died of a rare bacterial infection, the companies said Friday.

Officials at Supervalu Inc., Walgreen Co., Kroger Co. and Safeway said they have removed 12.5-ounce cans of Enfamil Newborn with the lot number ZP1K7G from various stores across the country as a precaution until federal health officials complete tests on the formula.

Ten-day-old Avery Cornett died Sunday after getting sick several days earlier in the southern Missouri town of Lebanon. Preliminary hospital tests indicated he died of a rare infection caused by bacteria known as Cronobacter sakazakii.

The source of the bacteria that caused the infection hasn't been determined, but it can be found in dried milk and powdered formula, as well as naturally in the environment and in plants such as wheat and rice.

"Out of an abundance of caution, we are removing the formula from certain stores," Supervalu spokesman Mike Siemienas said Friday. "We will hold these products from sale until we receive additional guidance from regulatory authorities and the manufacturer."

Retailers under the Supervalu corporate banner that pulled the product include Shaw's, a New England grocer; Shop 'n Save in St. Louis; Jewel-Osco in the Chicago area; Acme supermarkets in New Jersey and Philadelphia; Farm Fresh in Virginia; and some Albertson's in southern California.

Kroger officials said they withdrew the formula from properties in Arizona, Indiana, New Mexico and the mid-Atlantic region. Kroger spokesman Keith Dailey said the company was able to remove most of the questionable batch from its warehouses and distribution centers before they were sent to retail outlets.

Officials with Walgreen Co. did not indicate how many stores were affected, or their locations, while the affected Safeway stores were primarily in the Chicago area, a company spokeswoman said.

Wal-Mart earlier this week announced its decision to pull the product from more than 3,000 stores nationwide. Avery's parents bought their formula from a local Walmart in Lebanon, which is 160 miles southwest of St. Louis along Interstate 44.

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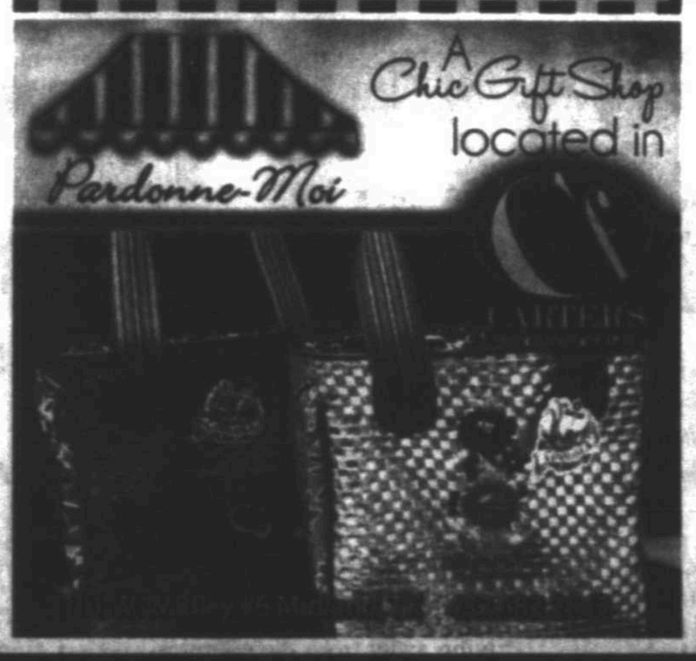

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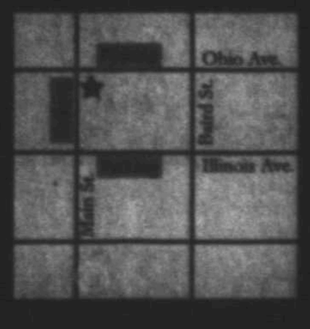

Watchdog: No problem with NYPD partnership

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The CIA said Friday its internal watchdog found nothing wrong with the spy agency's close partnership with the New York Police Department.

The agency's inspector general concluded that no laws were broken and there was "no evidence that any part of the agency's support to the NYPD constituted 'domestic spying,'" CIA spokesman Preston Golson said.

The inspector general decided to do a preliminary investigation after a series of stories by the Associated Press revealed how after the 9/11 attacks the CIA helped the NYPD build domestic intelligence programs that were used to spy on Muslims. A CIA officer also directed intelligence collection and reviewed reports, according to former NYPD officials involved.

The revelations troubled some members of Congress and even prompted the U.S. director of national intelligence, James Clapper, to remark that it did not look good for the CIA to be involved in any city police department. Thirty-four lawmakers have asked for the Justice Department to investigate, but so far that request has gone nowhere.

New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly has maintained the NYPD's relationship with the CIA was proper. Under an executive order, the CIA is allowed to assist local law enforcement.

"Operating under this legal basis, the CIA has advised the police department on key aspects of intelligence gathering and analysis that have greatly benefited our counterterrorism mission and protected lives in New York City," Kelly said earlier this year.

David Buckley, the CIA's inspector general, completed his review in late October. It's not clear if his report opens the door for other municipal police departments nationwide to work closely with the CIA in the war on terror.

The CIA's deep ties to the NYPD began when CIA Director George Tenet dispatched a widely respected officer, Larry Sanchez, to New York, where he became the architect of the police department's secret spying programs. At the NYPD, Sanchez worked side by side with David Cohen, a former senior CIA officer who became head of the department's intelligence division months after 9/11.

Sanchez also handpicked an NYPD detective to attend the "Farm," the CIA's training facility where its officers are turned into operatives. The detective, who completed the course but failed to graduate, returned to the police department where he works today armed with the agency's famed espionage skills.

Sanchez was on the CIA payroll from 2002 to 2004 and then took a temporary leave of absence to become deputy to Cohen.

In 2007, Sanchez left the CIA, staying on at the NYPD until late 2010. He now works as a security consultant in the Persian Gulf region.

Earlier this year, one of the CIA's most experienced clandestine operatives was detailed to the NYPD as special assistant to the deputy commissioner of intelligence.

Kelly has said the CIA operative provides "technical information" to the NYPD but "doesn't have access to any of our investigative files."

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

PENNSYLVANIA

Insurer for Sandusky charity argues payouts

HARRISBURG — An insurance company for the charity founded by Jerry Sandusky says it should not have to pay any future legal expenses for the former Penn State assistant football coach now accused of molesting children.

Federal Insurance Co. on Friday filed a complaint in federal court claiming it would be wrong for it to pay for any civil judgments against Sandusky because he is accused of conduct that did not involve his position as an executive of the Second Mile charity.

The filing was first reported by the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader.

Sandusky is charged with sexually abusing 10 boys during more than a decade. He has denied the allegations.

One accuser has sued Sandusky and the charity for troubled youth.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Voter ID law rejected by Justice Department

COLUMBIA — The Justice Department on Friday rejected South Carolina's law requiring voters to show photo identification at the polls, saying it makes it harder for minorities to cast ballots. It was the first voter ID law to be refused by the federal agency in nearly 20 years.

The Obama administration said South Carolina's law didn't meet the burden under the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which outlawed discriminatory practices preventing blacks from voting.

Tens of thousands of minorities in South Carolina might not be able to cast ballots under South Carolina's law because they don't have the right photo ID, Assistant Attorney General Thomas Perez said.

North Korea vows to support new leader

Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea — Even as millions of North Koreans mourned Kim Jong Il in towns, villages and cities across the country Friday, attention and allegiances clearly began shifting to his young, untested son and heir.

Kim Jong Un, hailed as the "great successor" in state media, visited his father's coffin again Friday, but dramatic scenes of mass mourning have been a daily occurrence in Pyongyang since Kim's death was announced on Monday. Thousands of North Koreans, including the country's top leaders, have poured into a funeral palace in the capital to view his body or bow before his portrait.

Mourning stations have been established in provincial, city and county seats and institutions. Small children braved bitter cold and wailed "at the top of their voices" over Kim Jong Il's death as they held fairy tale books that Kim had given them, state media reported, and citizens mourned "with burning blood."

North Korean television showed hours of footage Friday of people weeping at landmarks, some falling to the ground, others embracing as they cried; students in uniform called

Kim Jong Un: Son of deceased Kim Jong Il will take over as nation's leader.

out "Father, father!" Soldiers were seen piling flowers beneath a portrait of a broadly smiling Kim and bowing deeply. In a stream of dispatches in the North's official Korean Central News Agency about the country's grief was this simple headline: "Koreans Miss Kim Jong Il."

"The sorrow at the loss of our leader is tremendous. But we would not stay in grief only," Sok Kil Nam, a 24-year-old worker at the Chollima Steel Complex in the city of Nampho, told The Associated Press. He added: "As long as we have great comrade Kim Jong Un, the cause of the respected General Kim Jong Il will go on, so we continue working, not leaving our work sites."

North Korea's official media have been quick to feature the younger Kim in coverage of the mourning — a strong indication that the country's leadership is behind installing the 20-something son as Kim Jong Il's successor and the public face of the nation.

After initial jitters over possible instability, officials in Seoul and Washington are calling the transition so far a smooth one. There have been no outward signs of unrest on the streets or unusual troop movements along the borders.

"We continue to monitor and assess the situation and continue normal operations for stability and security in the region," said Cmdr. Ron Steiner, a spokesman for the U.S. 7th Fleet, which is based in Japan.

The North remains highly sensitive to what it sees as outside threats.

One North Korean media outlet slammed South Korea for putting its military on a heightened alert level after Kim's death, calling it an "insult" that derides the dignity of a nation in mourning.

The government-run website, Uriminzokkiri, also said the fate of relations between the two Koreas depends on how the South deals with requests from its civilians to visit the North to pay respects to Kim.

"We are watching the attitude of the South Korean government," it said.

It said Pyongyang will accept anyone from South Korea hoping to pay respects to Kim Jong Il and that routes by both air and land will be opened. North Korea has said through its other media that foreign delegations would not be allowed in to attend the official funeral for Kim on Dec. 28-29.

The Korean peninsula remains in a state of war because the three-year Korean War ended in 1953 in a truce, not a peace treaty. Tanks and troops still guard the heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone dividing the two sides.

South Korean President Lee Myung-bak has sought to assure Pyongyang that his country is "not hostile," despite putting its front-line troops on alert since Kim's death was announced. On Friday, the presidential Blue House announced it had lifted an emergency mode for all government workers except those involved in security and foreign affairs.

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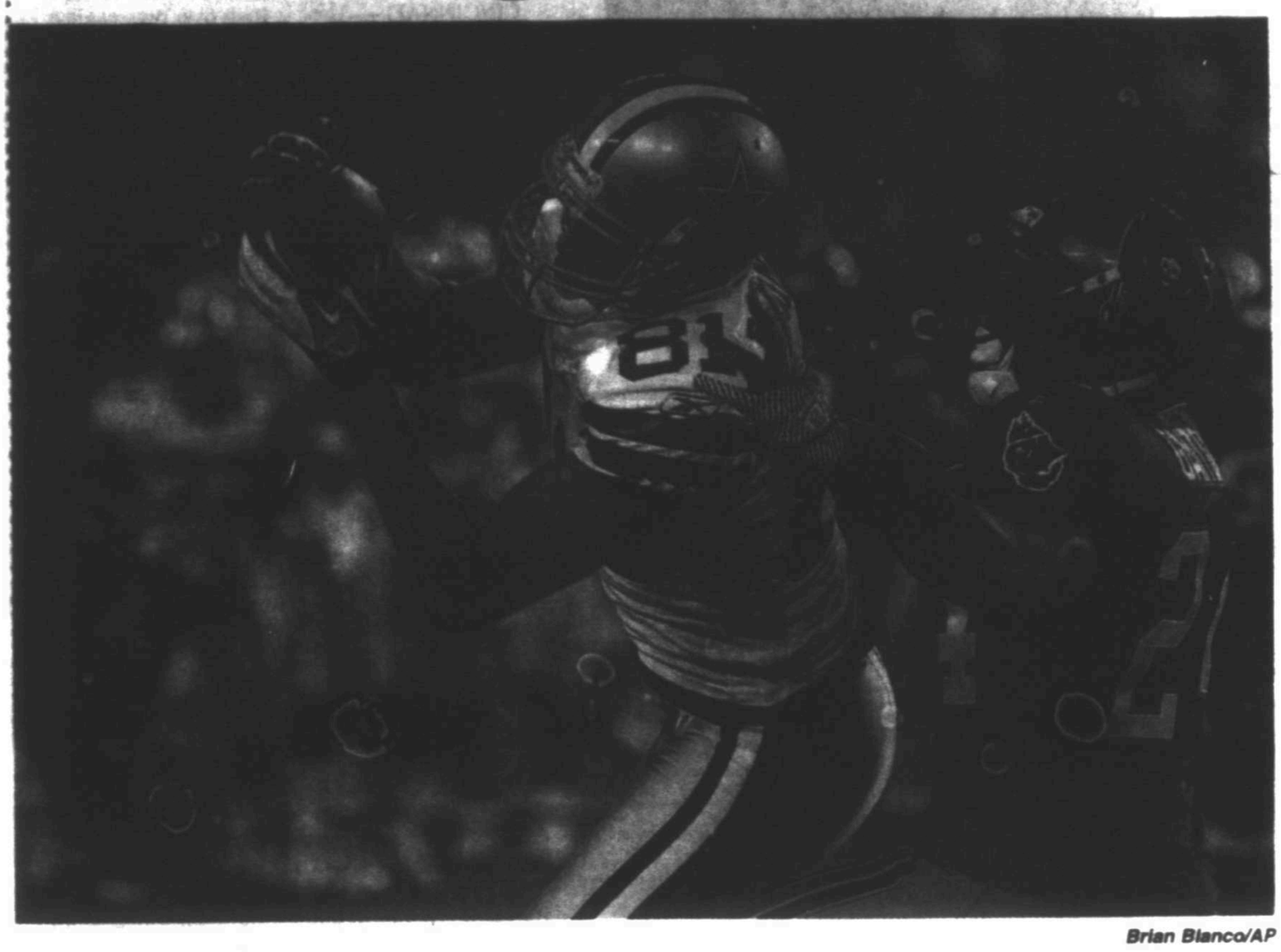

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Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Laurent Robinson (81) catches a pass in front of Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive back Anthony Gaitor (24) during a Dec. 17 game in Tampa, Fla.

Chemistry between Romo, receivers will come in handy against Eagles

By Tom Orsborn
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ARLINGTON —

There's a lot of warm tidings being passed between Tony Romo and his receivers these days, and it's not just because this is the holiday season.

The Dallas Cowboys possess one of the best trios in the league in Miles Austin, Dez Bryant and Laurent Robinson. Each has caught at least six touchdown passes and amassed more than 500 receiving yards in helping the Cowboys climb to the top of the NFC East.

But Romo's appreciation for his wideouts goes way beyond the fact all are blessed with size, speed and good hands.

"I couldn't ask for a better group of guys," Romo said. "Not only from just their play on the field, but just their personalities and who they are as people. They are a joy to be around every day. They're just fun guys who work their butts off, and they are committed to winning and being part of a team.

"Wide receivers sometimes can be guys who are used to playing as individuals, in a lot of ways. But these guys are team-oriented guys, and that's great to see."

Philadelphia at Dallas

- When: 3:15 p.m. today
- Where: Cowboys Stadium, Arlington
- Radio: KNFM 92.3 FM
- TV: Fox

The receivers have mutual respect for Romo, who is in the midst of a fabulous season that includes throwing for 3,895 yards, 29 touchdowns and only nine interceptions.

"He makes us better," Robinson said.

With Felix Jones nursing a hamstring injury and 34-year-old Sammy Morris still learning the offense after joining the team two weeks ago, the odds are against the Cowboys racking up big rushing yards against the Philadelphia Eagles' 10th-ranked defense today. That means the passing game will have to be at its best to generate enough points to keep up with the Eagles' third-ranked offense, which keyed Philadelphia's 34-7 blowout in the first meeting Oct. 30.

The Cowboys (8-6) can clinch the NFC East title if they beat the Eagles (6-8) and the New York Giants (7-7) lose to the New York Jets (8-6).

"We owe 'em bad," Robinson said, referring to the Eagles. "They got us pretty good up there last time. We wanted to play them again right away. So we've been waiting for this. We're going to come out ready to play."

Romo hasn't always had such a cozy relationship with his receivers. In 2008, Terrell Owens led the receiving corps into the office of then-offensive coordinator Jason Garrett to complain that Romo favored Pro Bowl tight end Jason Witten.

But there are no prima donnas among the current group of receivers.

"Tony is a great teammate," Bryant said.

The chemistry between Romo and the receivers stems from their open line of communication. They talk constantly

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Margaret Bowles/AP

Dallas quarterback Tony Romo, center, tight end Jason Witten, left, and receiver Dez Bryant (88) discuss a play against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Dec. 17. The Cowboys play the Philadelphia Eagles today in Cowboys Stadium in Arlington.

INSIDE: For more NFL including a Texans follow-up, look in our NFL section • 1C

Baylor's Wright going to test Washington

Tony Gutierrez/AP

Baylor's Kendall Wright tosses the ball around with teammates before the start of practice Monday in Waco. Baylor will play Washington on Dec. 29 in the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio.

By Richard Oliver
San Antonio Express-News

WACO —

Baylor running back Terrance Ganaway knows all about teammate Kendall Wright's basketball prowess.

There are the YouTube videos of Wright's acrobatic dunks at Pittsburg High, the fact that the 5-foot-10 receiver has enjoyed practice sessions with the vaunted Bears basketball team, the talk back and forth.

But then Ganaway hauls his 240-pound frame onto the court.

"He's a great football player," the rusher said of the receiver. "But when we play basketball, I 'D' him up. I don't let him do all that."

Opposing defensive backs wish they could say the same.

Wright, an inside and outside receiving threat for star quarterback Robert Griffin III, arrives at the Valero Alamo Bowl already as Baylor's single-season record-holder with 1,655 all-purpose yards.

In scorching Texas for six catches and 166 yards two weeks ago — giving him at least one catch in all 49 games of his Baylor career — he broke the university yardage mark set by Judson-ex Jerod Douglas in 1995. Additionally, Wright took over third on the Big 12's all-time receptions list (295) and third in receiving yards (3,913).

"He's crazy good," Baylor coach Art Briles said, simply, of his senior wideout.

That might equate to some crazy stats when the Bears (9-3) take on Washington (7-5) on Thursday at the Alamodome. The Huskies, while accomplished on offense, are particularly pliable on pass defense.

Washington allowed 283.8 yards per game in ranking as the fifth-worst pass defense among 120 NCAA Division I teams. The Huskies have yielded at least 300 passing yards in seven games and 21 touchdown passes — at least one a game — against 10 interceptions.

Though roughly 190 pounds,

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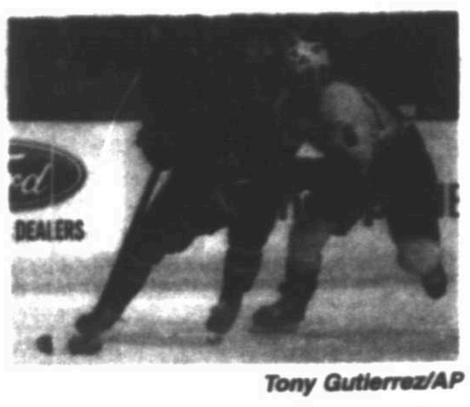

Tony Gutierrez/AP

Dallas Stars left wing Jamie Benn (14) controls the puck in front of Nashville Predators defenseman Shea Weber (6) in the first period Friday in Dallas.

Fiddler sends Stars to win over Predators

■ Dallas scored 3 goals by 3 different players in the first 3:05 of the game.

Associated Press

DALLAS — Vernon Fiddler, Loui Eriksson and Steve Ott scored during a span of 3:05 in the first period and the Dallas Stars went on to beat the Nashville Predators 6-3 on Friday night.

Dallas rookie Richard Bachman stopped 34 shots in his seventh consecutive start in place of Kari Lehtonen, who is out with a groin injury but is expected back within a week.

Stars	**6**
Predators	3

Mike Ribeiro and Jamie Benn also scored for the Stars, who improved to 5-2 in their last seven games.

Inside

See a roundup from Friday's NHL games on Page 4B.

The Predators were coming off a 6-5 home win over Columbus on Thursday night, when they rallied from a three-goal deficit. They almost pulled off another comeback against the Stars.

Second-period goals by Matt Halischuk and Martin Erat drew the Predators to 3-2, but Ribeiro got one back for Dallas later in the second to extend the advantage.

David Legwand's power-play goal at 4:38 of the third again pulled the Predators within a goal at 4-3, but Benn's goal 30 seconds later restored the Stars' two-goal cushion.

Michael Ryder's empty-netter at 17:53 of the third period wrapped up the victory. Ryder also had two assists.

Dallas struck first when Fiddler swept a loose puck into the upper right corner of the net from the left circle at 9:25 of the first period.

Eriksson needed only 1:16 after Fiddler's goal to make it 2-0 on a wrister from the left circle, and Ott's deflection at 12:30 stretched Dallas' lead.

Meanwhile, Bachmen kept the net clean in the opening period despite Nashville's 17-8 advantage in shots on goal.

Predators coach Barry Trotz pulled starting goalie Pekka Rinne after Ott's goal, inserting Anders Lindback.

Halischuk got the Predators on the board at 8:56 of the second, powering a rebound past Bachman during a pileup in front of the net.

Erat struck from the right circle during a 5-on-3 at 11:45 of the second to make it a one-goal game, but Ribeiro extended Dallas' lead to 4-2 at 14:10 on a sharp-angle shot.

TOURNEY TIME

Chaska Nealy/Reporter-Telegram

Lubbock Monterey's Kellyn Schneider (13) guards Midland High's Sabrina Banks as she attempts a shot Tuesday at Midland High School. See a schedule of all of the holiday tournaments on Page 2B.

HSBASKETBALLTOURNAMENTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Girls

2011 Byron Johnston Holiday Classic
Bracket play
All games at Diamond Center unless noted.
Wednesday, Dec. 28
First round
Game 1: Lee vs. Plainview, 9:30 a.m.
Game 2: Canyon Randall vs. Odessa High, 12:30 p.m.
Game 3: El Paso Americas vs. Amarillo Tascosa, 3 p.m.
Game 4: Trinity vs. Midland High, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 29
Consolation bracket
Game 5: Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 8 a.m.
Game 6: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 11 a.m.
Championship bracket
Game 7: Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 9:30 p.m.
Game 8: Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 30
Guarantee game
Game 9: Game 5 loser vs. Game 6 loser, 9:30 a.m., MHS gym
Consolation Final
Game 10: Game 5 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 9:30 a.m.
Third-place game
Game 11: Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 loser, 12:30 p.m.
Championship
Game 12: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 3:30 p.m.

2011 Grady Black & Gold Cotton Classic
All games at Grady High School
Wednesday, Dec. 28
First round
Highland vs. Plains, 11 a.m., Gym 2
Wink vs. Garden City, 11 a.m., Gym 1
Grady vs. Iraan, 2 p.m., Gym 1
Trinity vs. Loraine, 2 p.m., Gym 2
Championship Bracket
Semifinals
Highland-Plains winner vs. Wink-Garden City winner, 6:30 p.m., Gym 2
Grady-Iraan winner vs. Trinity-Loraine winner, 6:30 p.m., Gym 1
Thursday, Dec. 29
Consolation bracket
Semifinals
Highland-Plains loser vs. Wink-Garden City loser, 11 a.m., Gym 2
Grady-Iraan loser vs. Trinity-Loraine loser, 11 a.m., Gym 1
Guarantee game, 3:30 p.m., Gym 2
Consolation Final
Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m., Gym 2
Consolation Final
Third-place game
Semifinal losers, 3:30 p.m., Gym 1
Championship Game
Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m., Gym 1

2011 Mary Tatum Holiday Classic
All games at Reagan County High School
Wednesday, Dec. 28
First round
Game 1: Water Valley vs. Ozona, 9:30 a.m.
Game 2: Bellinger vs. Monahans, 12:30 p.m.
Game 3: Sonora vs. Pecos, 3:30 p.m.
Game 4: Grape Creek vs. Reagan County, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 29
Championship bracket
Semifinals
Game 7: Game 3 winner vs. Game 1 winner, 9:30 p.m.
Game 8: Game 2 winner vs. Game 4 winner, 6:30 p.m.
Consolation bracket
Semifinals
Game 9: Game 2 loser vs. Game 4 loser, 9:30 a.m.
Game 10: Game 3 loser vs. Game 1 loser, 12:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 30
Guarantee Game
Game 11: Game 9 loser vs. Game 10 loser, 9:30 a.m.
Consolation Final
Game 12: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 12:30 p.m.
Third-place Game
Game 13: Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 loser
Championship Game
Game 14: Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 winner, 6:30 p.m.

Boys

Byron Johnston Holiday Classic
Pool play
All games at Diamond Center unless noted.
Pool A: Midland High, Clear Brook, Waco High, Austin High
Pool B: Lee, Italy, Alief Hastings, Plainview, Little Elm
Wednesday, Dec. 28
Lee vs. Italy, 8 a.m.
Alief Hastings vs. Plainview, 11 a.m.
Clear Brook vs. Waco High, 2 p.m.
Little Elm vs. Lee, 5:30 p.m.
Italy vs. Alief Hastings, 6:30 p.m., MHS gym
Plainview vs. Little Elm, 9 p.m., MHS gym
Austin High vs. Midland High, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 29
Little Elm vs. Italy, 9 a.m., MHS gym
Lee vs. Alief Hastings, 9:30 a.m., MHS gym
Midland High vs. Clear Brook, 9:30 a.m.
Austin High vs. Waco High, 12:30 p.m.
Italy vs. Plainview, 2 p.m.
Alief Hastings vs. Little Elm, 5 p.m.
Clear Brook vs. Austin High, 6:30 p.m., MHS gym
Plainview vs. Lee, 8 p.m., MHS gym
Waco High vs. Midland High, 8 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 30
Ninth-place game
Pool 3 5th vs. Midland High JV, 11 a.m., MHS gym
Fifth-place game
Pool B 3rd vs. Pool A 3rd, 11 a.m.
Seventh-place game
Pool B 4th vs. Pool A 4th, 12:30 p.m., MHS gym
Third-place game
Pool B 2nd vs. Pool A 2nd, 2 p.m.
Championship
Pool B 1st vs. Pool A 1st, 5 p.m.

2011 Grady Black & Gold Cotton Classic
All games at Grady High School
Wednesday, Dec. 28
First round
Grady vs. Highland, 12:30 p.m., Gym 1
Trinity vs. Plains, 12:30 p.m., Gym 2
Wink vs. Klondike, 9:30 a.m., Gym 2
Iraan vs. McCamey, 9:30 a.m., Gym 1
Loraine vs. Garden City, 3:30 p.m., Gym 1
Seminole JV vs. Frenship JV, 3:30 p.m., Gym 2
Consolation bracket
Quarterfinals
Grady-Highland loser vs. Trinity-Plains loser, 8 p.m., Gym 2
Wink-Klondike loser vs. Iraan-McCamey loser, 5 p.m., Gym 2
Championship bracket
Quarterfinals
Grady-Highland winner vs. Trinity-Plains winner, 8 p.m., Gym 1
Wink-Klondike winner vs. Iraan-McCamey winner, 5 p.m., Gym 1
Thursday, Dec. 29
Consolation bracket
Semifinal, 12:30 p.m., Gym 2
Guarantee Games, 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., Gym 2
Consolation Final, 9 p.m., Gym 2
Championship bracket
Semifinal, 12:30 p.m., Gym 1
Fifth-place game, 2 p.m., Gym 1
Third-place game, 5 p.m., Gym 1
Championship game, 8 p.m., Gym 1

81st Reagan County Mary Tatum Holiday Classic
All games at Reagan County High School
Wednesday, Dec. 28
First round
Grape Creek vs. Fort Stockton, 11 a.m.
Water Valley vs. Bellinger, 2 p.m.
Ozona vs. Cushing, 5 p.m.
Pecos vs. Reagan County, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 29
Championship bracket
Semifinals
Grape Creek-Fort Stockton winner vs. Water Valley-Bellinger winner, 5 p.m.
Ozona-Cushing winner vs. Pecos-Reagan County winner, 8 p.m.
Consolation bracket
Semifinals
Grape Creek-Fort Stockton loser vs. Water Valley-Bellinger loser, 11 a.m.
Ozona-Cushing loser vs. Pecos-Reagan County loser, 2 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 30
Guarantee game, 11 a.m.
Consolation Final, 2 p.m.
Third-place game, 5 p.m.
Championship game, 8 p.m.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Lee's Octavious Hubbard tries to get a shot off around El Paso Cathedral's Carlos Dominguez during a Nov. 29 game at the Chaparral Center.

COLLEGEBASKETBALLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

TEXAS

NO. 6 BAYLOR 83, WEST VIRGINIA 81, OT

LAS VEGAS — Pierre Jackson scored eight consecutive points during regulation and overtime to lift No. 6 Baylor to an 83-81 victory over West Virginia on Friday night in the Las Vegas Classic championship game.

Jackson finished with 23 points while Brady Heslip added 19 and Quincy Acy had 15.

Baylor (12-0), one of six unbeatens in Division I, tied the game at 76 on Jackson's 3-pointer with 18 seconds left in regulation.

The Bears led 83-78 with 2:02 left in overtime following another 3 by Jackson and field goals by Gary Franklin and Acy.

Jabarie Hinds' 3-pointer brought the Mountaineers (9-3) within 83-81, but his shot at the buzzer fell short of the rim.

KANSAS STATE 78, UTEP 70

HONOLULU — Angel Rodriguez scored 11 of his 16 points in the second half and Kansas State used a late rally to beat UTEP 78-70 in the semifinals of the Diamond Head Classic Friday.

Jamar Samuels had 10 points and 12 rebounds for the Wildcats (9-1), who took their biggest lead at 47-32 on Thomas Gipson's field goal a minute into the second half.

UTEP (5-6) responded with a 27-10 run to go in front 59-57 midway through the second half. John Bohannon scored all 10 of his points during the spurt. But the Wildcats went on an 11-0 run to pull away from a 60-60 tie.

KENNESAW STATE 69, TEXAS A&M-CORPUS CHRISTI 65

LAS VEGAS — Spencer Dixon scored 16 points, including seven from the free-throw line during the final 3:40, to help Kennesaw State defeat Texas A&M-Corpus Christi 69-65 in the Las Vegas Classic on Friday.

Kennesaw State (3-9) trailed by 14 at halftime but went ahead 55-53 on Brandon Dawson's three-point play with 5:52 left. The Owls scored 12 of their last 14 points from the free-throw line. Dixon made two with 9 seconds left to give the Owls a 68-63 lead.

Delbert Love, who made four free throws in the final 27 seconds, led the Owls with 17 points. Aaron Anderson had 13 points, 17 rebounds and two steals for Kennesaw State.

TOP 25

NO. 13 WISCONSIN 79, MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE 45

MADISON, Wis. — Jordan Taylor scored 17 points to lead No. 13 Wisconsin to a 79-45 victory over Mississippi Valley State on Friday.

Playing for the first time in more than a week, the Badgers (11-2) showed no signs of rust, taking a 20-4 lead in the game's first 8 minutes.

The Delta Devils (1-10) were able to cut the lead to 11 points twice in the first half, but Mississippi Valley State was called for 29 fouls, with one player fouling out and three ending the game with four fouls.

NO. 21 UNLV 85, CALIFORNIA 68

LAS VEGAS — Anthony Marshall had 22 points and nine rebounds to lead UNLV.

Chace Stanback had 15 points and Mike Moser added 14 points and eight rebounds for the Rebels (13-2), who have won all eight games this season at the Thomas & Mack Center and 11 overall in Las Vegas.

Oscar Bellfield had 11 points and 11 assists for UNLV, which shot 49 percent from the field and had 22 assists.

NO. 4 LOUISVILLE 70, WESTERN KENTUCKY 60

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Russ Smith scored 23 points and No. 4 Louisville overcame a sleepy start and rallied from an 8-points deficit in the second half to beat Western Kentucky 70-60 on Friday night.

Gorgui Dieng had 13 points and 15 rebounds — his fifth straight double-double — for the Cardinals (12-0) who remained one of the nation's six unbeaten Division I teams. Kyle Kuric added 15 points, 12 coming in the first half.

Derrick Gordon and Jamal Crook had 13 points each for the Hilltoppers (4-9).

WAGNER 59

NO. 15 PITTSBURGH 54

PITTSBURGH — Latif Rivers scored all 18 of his points in the second half — including six critical free throws in the final minute — to lead Wagner to a stunning 59-54 victory over No. 15 Pittsburgh on Friday night.

Kenneth Ortiz had 12 points and Tyler Murray added 10 for the Seahawks (8-3), who won their first game over a ranked opponent since knocking off then-15th-ranked Alabama on Nov. 24, 1978.

Pitt (11-2) saw its nine-game winning streak snapped in emphatic fashion. Ashton Gibbs scored 14 points for the Panthers, who turned it over 18 times while losing to a Northeastern Conference opponent for the first time ever.

Women

TOP 25

NO. 18 WIS-GREEN BAY 65, WISCONSIN 49

MADISON, Wis. — Senior Julie Wojta scored a career-high 29 points to help No.18 Wisconsin-Green Bay defeat Wisconsin 65-49 Friday night.

Green Bay (10-0) trailed 34-28 at halftime, but took control when Wojta hit back-to-back baskets to spark a 13-3 run that started with 12:36 remaining and ended with the Phoenix taking a 53-44 lead. They never trailed from there, shooting 60 percent after halftime and scoring 31 points off 15 turnovers.

Taylor Wurtz led the Badgers (4-8) with 20 points on 8-of-13 shooting, including 4 of 6 from 3-point range. Morgan Paige added 12 points for Wisconsin, which made only five second-half buckets and has lost three in a row for the second time this season.

Reds trade Wood, 2 others, to Cubs for Marshall

By Dan Sewell
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds acquired left-handed reliever Sean Marshall from the Chicago Cubs on Friday for young lefty starter Travis Wood and two other players.

It was the second time in a week that the Reds gave up several prospects for pitching help. They earlier sent four players, including Edinson Volquez, to San Diego for starter Mat Latos.

The 29-year-old, 6-foot-7 Marshall was 6-6 with a 2.26 ERA last season. He had five saves. The Reds have been in talks to try to re-sign closer Francisco Cordero, who became a free agent after last season.

"Sean has been one of the best and most durable relievers in baseball the last couple of seasons," Reds general manager Walt Jocketty said in a statement.

The 24-year-old Wood made 35 starts for the Reds over two seasons. He finished 6-6 with a 4.84 ERA in 2011, with a stint in Triple-A after struggling early in the year.

The Cubs also get 24-year-old outfielder Dave Sappelt, who batted .243 in 38 games with the Reds, and 19-year-old infield prospect Ronald Torreyes, who batted .356 in 67 games for Class A Dayton.

"Twenty-four-year old left-handed starters who have already had success in the big leagues don't grow on trees," Cubs president of baseball operations Theo Epstein said. "We had to give up a great relief pitcher in Sean Marshall and someone we were proud to call a Cub, but we think to acquire Wood and the two young guys, it was worth doing."

Nationals get LHP Gonzalez from A's

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo has kept his eye on Gio Gonzalez for the last decade or so. Now, the left-hander is a member of Rizzo's starting rotation.

Capping trade talks that began about a month ago, the Athletics and Nationals completed a six-player swap Friday that sends Gonzalez from Oakland to Washington, where he joins a promising pitching staff that already included right-handers Stephen Strasburg and Jordan Zimmermann.

"I've known him since he was in high school in the Miami area. This is a guy I followed for years. I really like the way he competes," Rizzo said on a conference call. "I call him, in a good way, a sore loser."

Oakland gets four players in the deal: catcher Derek Norris, right-handers A.J. Cole and Brad Peacock, and left-hander Tommy Milone. The Nationals also received minor league right-hander Robert Gilliam, who went 12-7 with a 5.04 ERA and 156 strikeouts for Class-A Vancouver this year.

Fox Sports wins ruling in Dodgers bankruptcy case

By Randall Chase
Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — A U.S. District Court judge in Delaware on Friday dealt a significant blow to the Los Angeles Dodgers' plans to sell the media rights to future games, halting the sales process while he consider an appeal by Fox Sports.

Judge Leonard Stark also said he likely will agree with Fox's position that a bankruptcy judge who authorized the sale process erred when he determined that certain protections granted to Fox in its existing contract with the Dodgers were unenforceable in bankruptcy.

"The court is also likely to conclude that the bankruptcy court opinion and/or order are based on one or more clearly erroneous findings of fact," wrote Stark, who said he would issue an opinion on Tuesday further explaining his reasons for granting Fox's request for an emergency stay of the bankruptcy order.

Attorneys for the Dodgers and the team's creditors committee had warned Stark at a hearing Thursday that issuing the stay could torpedo plans to sell both the team and the media rights by the April 30 deadline included in a settlement between the Dodgers and Major League Baseball.

But Stark noted in his order that it is "undisputed" that the team itself will be sold by April 30, even with entry of the stay, and that the stay will not substantially injure the Dodgers or the creditors committee.

"LAD has no comment other than that it will be reviewing the court's opinion when issued on Tuesday," a Dodgers spokeswoman wrote Friday in an email replying to a request for comment.

Fox Sports spokesman Chris Bellitti also had little comment.

"We're letting the legal process play out," he said.

Lawyers for Major League Baseball and a spokesman for the league did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

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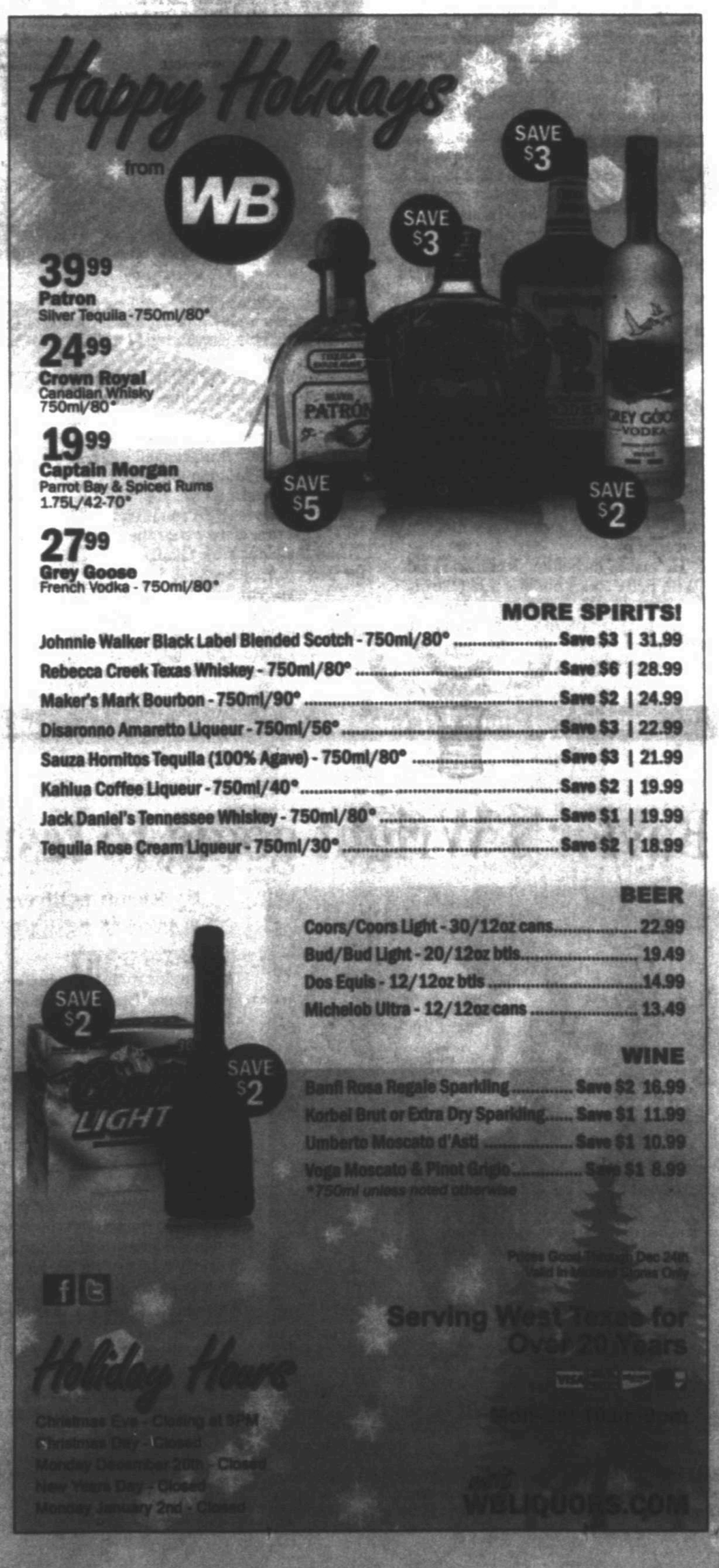

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	0	0	.000	—
New Jersey	0	0	.000	—
New York	0	0	.000	—
Philadelphia	0	0	.000	—
Toronto	0	0	.000	—
Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	0	0	.000	—
Charlotte	0	0	.000	—
Miami	0	0	.000	—
Orlando	0	0	.000	—
Washington	0	0	.000	—
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	0	0	.000	—
Cleveland	0	0	.000	—
Detroit	0	0	.000	—
Indiana	0	0	.000	—
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	—

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	0	0	.000	—
Houston	0	0	.000	—
Memphis	0	0	.000	—
New Orleans	0	0	.000	—
San Antonio	0	0	.000	—
Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	0	0	.000	—
Minnesota	0	0	.000	—
Oklahoma City	0	0	.000	—
Portland	0	0	.000	—
Utah	0	0	.000	—
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	0	0	.000	—
L.A. Clippers	0	0	.000	—
L.A. Lakers	0	0	.000	—
Phoenix	0	0	.000	—
Sacramento	0	0	.000	—

Sunday's Games

Boston at New York, 11 a.m.
Miami at Dallas, 1:30 p.m.
Chicago at L.A. Lakers, 4 p.m.
Orlando at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers in Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Calendar

Today — Rosters set for opening day, 6 p.m. EST
Dec. 25 — Start of regular season.
Feb. 6 — 30-day contracts can be signed
Feb. 10 — All contracts guaranteed for remainder of the season
Feb. 24-26 — All-Star game, Orlando, Fla.
April 26 — Regular season ends
April 27 — Rosters set for playoffs, 3 p.m. EST
April 28 — Playoffs begin.
April 29 — Draft early entry eligibility deadline, 11:59 p.m. EST
May 30 — Draft lottery
June 12 — NBA Finals begin (possible move up to June 10)
June 18 — Draft early entry withdrawal deadline, 5:00 p.m. EST
June 26 — Last possible date for the finals
June 28 — NBA draft
July 1-10 — Moratorium period
July 11 — Teams may begin signing free agents

College Football

NCAA Football Championship
Subdivision Playoff Glance
Semifinals
Friday, Dec. 16
Sam Houston State 31, Montana 28

Championship
Saturday, Jan. 7
At Pizza Hut Park
Frisco
Sam Houston State (14-0) vs. North Dakota State (13-1), Noon

Baseball

2011 First Baseball Payrolls

NEW YORK — Final 2011 payrolls for the 30 major league teams, according to information received by clubs from the commissioner's office. Figures are for 40-man rosters and include salaries and pro-rated shares of signing bonuses, earned incentive bonuses, non-cash compensation, buyouts of unexercised options and cash transactions. In some cases, parts of salaries that are deferred are discounted to reflect present-day values.

N.Y. Yankees	$216,044,956
Boston	174,146,280
Philadelphia	165,313,889
L.A. Angels	143,099,729
N.Y. Mets	142,244,744
Chicago Cubs	140,608,940
Chicago White Sox	125,814,762
San Francisco	125,111,390
Minnesota	115,419,106
Detroit	113,230,923
St. Louis	113,156,467
L.A. Dodgers	109,865,640
Texas	103,987,140
Seattle	96,067,684
Colorado	96,145,929
Milwaukee	93,234,011
Atlanta	88,128,545
Baltimore	86,896,480
Cincinnati	81,621,587
Houston	81,139,621
Toronto	75,861,383
Washington	72,032,999
Oakland	70,476,206
Arizona	65,603,603
Florida	61,940,280
Cleveland	53,533,393
Pittsburgh	51,794,810
San Diego	45,620,673
Tampa Bay	44,989,740
Kansas City	44,686,470
Total	3,098,357,299

Calendar

Jan. 9 — Hall of Fame voting announced, New York.
Jan. 11-12 — Owners' meetings, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Jan. 13 — Salary arbitrating filing.
Jan. 17 — Exchange of salary arbitration figures.
Feb. 1-21 — Salary arbitration hearings, St. Petersburg, Fla.
Feb. 19 — Voluntary reporting date for pitchers, catchers and injured players.
Feb. 24 — Voluntary reporting date for other players.
March 2 — Mandatory reporting date.
March 2-11 — Teams may renew contracts of unsigned players.
March 19 — Last day to place a player on unconditional release waivers and pay 30 days termination pay instead of 45 days.
April 2 — Last day to request unconditional release waivers on a player without having to pay his full 2012 salary.
April 4 — Opening day, St. Louis at Miami.
Active rosters reduced to 25 players.

Soccer

English
Premier League

Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Manchester City	17	14	1	2	53	16	44
Man United	17	13	3	1	42	14	42
Tottenham	16	11	2	3	32	19	35
Chelsea	17	10	3	4	35	20	33
Arsenal	17	10	2	5	33	25	32
Liverpool	17	9	6	3	20	13	30
Newcastle	17	9	3	5	27	18	30
Stoke	17	7	9	1	18	8	30
Norwich	17	5	6	6	27	31	21
Wolverhampton Wanderers	17	6	3	8	19	26	21
Everton	16	6	2	8	17	19	20
Aston Villa	17	4	7	6	19	23	19
Fulham	17	4	6	7	18	23	18
Swansea	17	4	6	7	16	21	18
Sunderland	17	4	5	8	21	21	17
Q Park Rangers	17	4	4	9	17	31	16
Wolverhampton	17	4	3	10	19	32	15
Wigan	17	3	5	9	15	30	14
Bolton	17	4	2	11	22	36	14
Blackburn	17	2	4	11	24	39	10

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

FRIDAY'S SCORES

Albany (NY) 65, Dartmouth 74
Maine 71, Brown 58
Norfolk St. 64, St. Francis (NY) 74
Penn 64, Marist 71
Providence 80, Rhode Island 61
St. Bonaventure 82, St. Francis (Pa.) 58
Vermont 68, Towson 49

SOUTH

George Mason 81, Manhattan 61
Georgia 64, Furman 50
Louisville 70, W. Kentucky 60
Maryland 66, Radford 60
Morehead St. 65, Ball St. 54
Seton Hall 87, Longwood 61
Tennessee 86, ETSU 63

MIDWEST

Green Bay 65, Wisconsin 49
Minnesota 71, NJIT 47

FAR WEST

Baylor 83, West Virginia 81, OT
Kennesaw St. 69, Texas A&M-CC 65
Tennessee Tech 67, Bethune-Cookman 59
UNLV 65, California 68

TOURNAMENT

Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic
Semifinals
Kansas St. 78, UTEP 70

Top 25 Fared
Friday

1. Syracuse (13-0) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Wednesday.
2. Ohio St. (12-1) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Wednesday.
3. Kentucky (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Lamar, Wednesday.
4. Louisville (12-0) beat Western Kentucky 70-60. Next: vs. No. 15 Georgetown, Wednesday.
5. North Carolina (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Elon, Thursday.
6. Baylor (12-0) beat West Virginia 83-81, OT. Next: vs. No. 19 Mississippi State, Wednesday.
7. Duke (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Western Michigan, Friday.
8. UConn (10-1) did not play. Next: at South Florida, Wednesday.
9. Missouri (12-0) did not play. Next: at Old Dominion, Friday.
10. Marquette (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Thursday.
11. Florida (10-2) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Thursday.
12. Kansas (9-3) did not play. Next: vs. Howard, Thursday.
13. Wisconsin (11-2) beat MVSU 79-45. Next: at Nebraska, Friday.
14. Xavier (9-2) at Hawaii. Next: vs. Clemson or Southern Illinois, Sunday.
15. Georgetown (8-2) beat Washington 92-54. Next: at Notre Dame, Tuesday.
16. Georgetown (10-1) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Louisville, Wednesday.
17. Indiana (10-2) did not play. Next: at No. 19 Michigan State, Wednesday.
18. Mississippi State (12-1) did not play. Next: at No. 6 Baylor, Wednesday.
19. Michigan State (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 17 Indiana, Wednesday.
20. Michigan (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Thursday.
21. UNLV (12-2) beat California 65-68. Next: vs. Central Arkansas, Wednesday.
22. Murray State (13-0) did not play. Next: at Eastern Illinois, Friday.
23. Creighton (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Wichita State, Wednesday.
24. Virginia (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore, Tuesday.
25. Illinois (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Tuesday.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
TOURNAMENTS
Hawaiian Airlines Diamond Head Classic
At Honolulu
Fifth or Seventh Place
Clemson vs. Southern Illinois, Tuesday, 1 p.m.
Fifth or Seventh Place
Clemson or S. Illinois at Hawaii, 3:30 p.m.
Third Place
UTEP vs. Auburn-Long Beach St. loser, 6:30 p.m.
Championship
Kansas St. vs. Auburn-Long Beach St. winner

Women

MIDWEST

Green Bay 66, Wisconsin 49
Minnesota 71, NJIT 47

Top 25 Fared
Friday

1. Baylor (12-0) did not play. Next: vs. MVSU, Friday, Dec. 30.
2. UConn (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Fairfield, Thursday.
3. Notre Dame (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Longwood, Wednesday.
4. Stanford (9-1) beat Cal State Bakersfield 90-48. Next: at Southern Cal, Thursday.
5. Maryland (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Lafayette, Wednesday.
6. Tennessee (7-3) did not play. Next: vs. Old Dominion, Wednesday.
7. Miami (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Holy Cross, Wednesday.
8. Kentucky (11-1) did not play. Next: at Middle Tennessee, Wednesday.
9. Duke (8-2) did not play. Next: at Temple, Friday, Dec. 30.
10. Texas A&M (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. McNeese State, Friday, Dec. 30.
11. Ohio State (13-0) beat Washington State 70-37. Next: at Wisconsin, Friday, Dec. 30.
12. Rutgers (10-2) did not play. Next: at George Washington, Friday, Dec. 30.
13. Georgia (10-2) beat Appalachian State 81-37. Next: vs. Furman, Wednesday.
14. Louisville (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. UTMartin, Wednesday.
15. Texas Tech (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Cal State Bakersfield, Thursday.
16. Penn State (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Nebraska, Friday, Dec. 30.
17. Georgetown (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Vermont, Friday, Dec. 30.
18. Green Bay (9-0) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Friday.
19. Delaware (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. East Carolina, Wednesday.
20. Purdue (10-3) beat IPFW 73-36. Next: vs. Minnesota, Friday, Dec. 30.
21. DePaul (12-0) beat Southern Illinois 93-67. Next: vs. Northern Illinois, Saturday, Dec. 31.
22. Texas (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Delaware State, Wednesday.
23. North Carolina (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. Savannah State, Thursday.
24. Nebraska (11-1) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Penn State, Friday, Dec. 30.
25. Vanderbilt (11-1) beat Florida State 64-59. Next: vs. Western Carolina, Thursday.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Hawaii Bowl, Nevada vs. Southern Miss., 7 p.m., ESPN

NFL
New York Giants at New York Jets, Noon, Fox
Denver at Buffalo, Noon, CBS
Philadelphia at Dallas, 3:15 p.m., Fox

What's on Radio

NFL
Philadelphia at Dallas, 2:45 p.m., KNFM, 92.3 FM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Named Tim Bogar bench coach, Bob McClure pitching coach, Alex Ochoa first base coach and Jerry Royster third base coach. Announced hitting coach Dave Magadan and bullpen coach Gary Tuck will return.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms with OF Ryan Langerhans, RHP Eric Hurley and C Robinzon Diaz on minor league contracts.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Acquired LHP Sean Marshall from the Chicago Cubs. Re LHP Travis Wood, OF Dave Sappelt and INF Ronald Torreyes. Claimed RHP Josh Judy off waivers from Cleveland.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Traded C Derek Norris, RHP A.J. Cole, RHP Brad Peacock and LHP Tommy Milone to Oakland for LHP Gio Gonzalez and RHP Robert Gilliams.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

NBA—Reduced the season-opening suspensions for Los Angeles Lakers F Andrew Bynum and Detroit F Charlie Villanueva from five to four games.

CHARLOTTE BOBCATS—Waived F Melvin Ely, F Taylor Griffin and G Durrell Summers. Announced they will not match the offer sheet made by Memphis for F Dante Cunningham.

DENVER NUGGETS—Waived G Cory Higgins and F Michael Ruffin.

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES—Waived F Walter Sharpe.

MIAMI HEAT—Waived F Derrick Byers.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Signed G Devin Sheen. Sheen season. Waived F Ime Udoka.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

NFL—Fined Cincinnati LB Dan Skuta $20,000 for an illegal blindside block and Cincinnati S Chris Crocker $15,000 for roughing the passer. Oakland DB Jerome Boyd $20,000 for an illegal blindside block. Detroit DE Cliff Avril and LB Stephen Tulloch $15,000 apiece for horse collar tackles. Houston LB Brian Cushing $10,000 for hitting the quarterback in the head and neck area. New York Giants LB Jason Pierre-Paul $10,000 for an illegal hit on the quarterback, and New York Jets WR Santonio Holmes docked $7,500 for excessive celebration.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Placed CB Captain Munnerlyn on injured reserve. Signed CB Jonathan Nelson from the practice squad.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Placed CB Curtis Brown on injured reserve. Signed RB John Clay from the practice squad.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Assigned LW Dane Byers to Springfield (AHL).

OTTAWA SENATORS—Called up F Mike Hoffman from Binghamton (AHL).

Central Hockey League

ALLEN AMERICANS—Announced D Trevor Ludwig was assigned to the team by Syracuse (AHL). Announced D Scott Langdon was placed on leave of absence by the team.

BLOOMINGTON BLAZE—Announced F Jason Dale was assigned to the team by Abbotsford (AHL).

MISSOURI MAVERICKS—Announced D Charlie Effinger was assigned to the team by Chicago (AHL).

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

LA GALAXY—Re-signed D Sean Franklin, MF Bryan Jordan and F Adam Cristman.

NEW ENGLAND REVOLUTION—Signed MF Clyde Simms.

TENNIS

TENNIS INTEGRITY UNIT—Suspended Lucas Renard six months and fined him $5,000 after admitting he violated the sport's anti-corruption rules.

COLLEGE

LIBERTY LEAGUE—Named Bob Lowe has been named director of communications.

MAINE—Signed men's basketball coach Ted Woodward to a contract extension through the 2015 season.

GLANTZ-CULVER

NCAA Football
Tonight
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Southern Miss	5 1/2	5	(63)	Nevada
Monday				
Independence Bowl				
At Shreveport, La.				
Missouri	3 1/2	3 1/2	(52 1/2)	North Carolina
Tuesday				
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl				
At Detroit				
Purdue	2 1/2	2 1/2	(60)	W. Michigan
Belk Bowl				
At Charlotte, N.C.				
NC State	1 1/2	1 1/2	(44 1/2)	Louisville
Wednesday, 28				
Military Bowl				
At Washington				
Toledo	3	3 1/2	(70)	Air Force
Holiday Bowl				
At San Diego				
Texas	3	3	(47 1/2)	California
Thursday, Dec. 29				
Champs Sports Bowl				
At Orlando, Fla.				
Florida St	3	3	(47)	Notre Dame
Alamo Bowl				
At San Antonio				
Baylor	8 1/2	9 1/2	(79)	Washington
Friday, Dec. 30				
Armed Forces Bowl				
At Dallas				
BYU	Pk	1 1/2	(55)	Tulsa
Pinstripe Bowl				
At New York				
Rutgers	2	2	(44 1/2)	Iowa St.
Music City Bowl				
At Nashville, Tenn.				
Mississippi St	6 1/2	6 1/2	(47 1/2)	Wake Forest
Insight Bowl				
At Tempe, Ariz.				
Oklahoma	15 1/2	14	(58)	Iowa
Saturday, Dec. 31				
Meineke Car Care Bowl				
At Houston				
Texas A&M	10	10	(66)	Northwestern
Sun Bowl				
At El Paso				
Georgia Tech	3	3	(50 1/2)	Utah
Fight Hunger Bowl				
At San Francisco				
Illinois	3	2 1/2	(47)	UCLA
Liberty Bowl				
At Memphis, Tenn.				
Vanderbilt	1 1/2	2	(48 1/2)	Cincinnati
Chick-fil-A Bowl				
At Atlanta				
Auburn	1	2 1/2	(48 1/2)	Virginia
Monday, Jan. 2				
TicketCity Bowl				
At Dallas				
Houston	6	6	(57)	Penn St
Outback Bowl				
At Tampa, Fla.				
Georgia	3	3 1/2	(50 1/2)	Michigan St
Capital One Bowl				
At Orlando, Fla				
South Carolina	1	2 1/2	(46 1/2)	Nebraska
Gator Bowl				
At Jacksonville, Fla.				
Florida	2	2	(44)	Ohio St
Rose Bowl				
At Pasadena, Calif.				
Oregon	4 1/2	6	(72)	Wisconsin
Fiesta Bowl				
At Glendale, Ariz.				
Oklahoma St	3	3 1/2	(74)	Stanford
Tuesday, Jan. 3				
Sugar Bowl				
At New Orleans				
Michigan	1	2 1/2	(51)	Virginia Tech
Wednesday, Jan. 4				
Orange Bowl				
At Miami				
Clemson	Pk	3 1/2	(60 1/2)	West Virginia
Friday, Jan. 6				
Cotton Bowl				
At Arlington				
Arkansas	7 1/2	7 1/2	(62 1/2)	Kansas St.
BBVA Compass Bowl				
At Birmingham, Ala.				
Pittsburgh	5 1/2	3 1/2	(47)	SMU
Sunday, Jan. 8				
GoDaddy.com Bowl				
At Mobile, Ala.				
Arkansas St.	1	1 1/2	(63)	N. Illinois
Monday, Jan. 9				
BCS National Championship				
At New Orleans				
Alabama	+1	1	(40)	LSU

NFL
Today

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Kansas City	1	2 1/2	(42)	Oakland
Detroit	3	3	(41 1/2)	at Buffalo
at Tennessee	7 1/2	7 1/2	(40)	Jacksonville
at Cincinnati	5 1/2	4	(41)	Arizona
at New England	10 1/2	9 1/2	(48 1/2)	Miami
at Washington	13 1/2	12 1/2	(38 1/2)	Cleveland
at N.Y. Jets	3	3	(45 1/2)	N.Y. Giants
at Washington	6 1/2	6 1/2	(44)	Minnesota
at Carolina	7	7 1/2	(47 1/2)	Tampa Bay
at Pittsburgh	16 1/2	14	(35 1/2)	St. Louis
at Detroit	3	2 1/2	(52)	San Diego
San Francisco	3	2 1/2	(37 1/2)	at Seattle
at Dallas	3	1 1/2	(50 1/2)	Philadelphia
Tomorrow				
at Green Bay	12 1/2	12	(43 1/2)	Chicago
Monday				
at New Orleans	6 1/2	6 1/2	(52 1/2)	Atlanta

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	33	21	8	4	46	99	72
Philadelphia	34	21	9	4	46	118	99
Pittsburgh	35	20	11	4	44	114	91
New Jersey	34	19	14	1	39	95	99
N.Y. Islanders	33	11	16	6	28	77	108
Northeast Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	35	23	9	1	47	118	83
Toronto	35	18	13	4	40	110	113
Ottawa	36	17	14	5	39	111	122
Buffalo	34	16	15	3	35	92	101
Montreal	36	13	16	7	33	88	101
Southeast Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	36	18	11	7	43	94	98
Winnipeg	35	16	14	5	37	98	104
Washington	33	17	14	2	36	98	101
Tampa Bay	33	14	17	2	30	89	114
Carolina	36	11	19	6	28	91	121

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	35	22	9	4	48	118	102
Detroit	34	21	12	1	43	111	78
St. Louis	33	19	10	4	42	84	72
Nashville	35	18	13	4	40	95	99
Columbus	34	9	21	4	22	85	117
Northwest Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	36	20	11	5	45	86	82
Vancouver	34	21	11	2	44	114	82
Calgary	35	16	15	4	36	87	97
Colorado	35	17	17	1	35	94	104
Edmonton	34	15	16	3	33	93	91
Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	34	20	13	1	41	92	86
San Jose	31	18	10	3	39	93	76
Phoenix	34	18	12	4	40	90	85
Los Angeles	34	16	14	4	36	75	83
Anaheim	34	9	19	6	24	80	113

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's Scores

New Jersey 4, Washington 3, SO
Boston 8, Florida 0
Toronto 5, N.Y. Islanders 3
N.Y. Rangers 4, Philadelphia 2
Carolina 2, Ottawa 1, OT

Pittsburgh 4, Winnipeg 1
Dallas 6, Nashville 3
Tampa Bay at Colorado, late
St. Louis at Phoenix, late
Calgary at Vancouver, late
Los Angeles at San Jose, late

Today's Games

No games scheduled

Sunday's Games

No games scheduled

FRIDAY'S SUMMARIES
STARS 6, PREDATORS 3

Nashville	0	2	1	—	3
Dallas	2	2	2	—	6

First Period—1, Dallas, Fiddler 4 (Dvorak, Sourey), 9:25. 2, Dallas, Eriksson 12 (Daley, Ryder), 10:41. 3, Dallas, Ott 6 (Daley, Ribeiro), 12:30.

Second Period—4, Nashville, Hallquist 7 (Geoffrion, Smithson), 8:56. 5, Nashville, Erat 8 (Suter, Hitchen), 11:45 (pp). 6, Dallas, Ribeiro 5 (Morrow, Ott), 14:10.

Third Period—7, Nashville, Legwand 10 (C.Wilson, C.Smith), 4:38 (pp). 8, Dallas, Ja.Benn 9 (Eriksson, Ryder), 5:08. 9, Dallas, Ryder 12, 17:53 (en).

Shots on Goal—Nashville 17-14-6—37. Dallas 8-13-6—29.

Goalies—Nashville, Rinne, Lindback. Dallas, Bachman. A—15,245 (18,532). T—2:25.

RANGERS 4, FLYERS 2

Philadelphia	0	1	0	2	— 2
N.Y. Rangers	0	2	2	0	— 4

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, Stepan 8 (Bickel), 10:18. 2, N.Y. Rangers, Fedotenko 5 (Bickel, Dubinsky), 15:29.

Third Period—3, N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 21 (Strasman, Del Zotto), 1:48. 4, Philadelphia, Brayshaw 5 (Carle, Hartnett), 10:21 (pp). 5, N.Y. Rangers, Callahan 13 (Girardi, Del Zotto), 14:04 (pp). 6, Philadelphia, van Riemsdyk 9 (Meszaros, Read), 17:50.

Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 8-11-11—30. N.Y. Rangers 8-7-9—24.

Goalies—Philadelphia, Bryzgalov. N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist. A—18,200 (18,200). T—2:29.

DEVILS 4, CAPITALS 3, SO

Washington	0	2	1	0	3	— 3
New Jersey	0	3	0	0	0	— 4

New Jersey won shootout 2-0

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, New Jersey, Kovalchuk 11 (Foster, Elias), 2:20 (pp). 2, New Jersey, Urbom 1 (Zajac, Kovalchuk), 4:57. 3, New Jersey, Henrique 3 (Bournival, Parise), 10:06.

Third Period—4, Washington, Latch 8 (Wideman, Ovechkin), 3:48. 5, Washington, Chimera 12 (Semin), 12:44. 6, Washington, Chimera 13 (Laich, Semin), 18:18.

Overtime—None.

Shootout—Washington 0 (Backstrum NG, Ovechkin NG). New Jersey 2 (Kovalchuk G, Parise NG, Elias G).

Shots on Goal—Washington 6-7-9-3—25. New Jersey 9-14-4-1—28.

Goalies—Washington, Neuvirth. New Jersey, Brodeur. A—14,043 (17,625). T—2:23.

HURRICANES 2, SENATORS 1, OT

Ottawa	1	0	0	0	— 1
Carolina	0	1	0	1	— 2

First Period—1, Carolina, Nodl 2 (Nash, McBain), 2:33. 2, Ottawa, Kuba 3 (Foligno, Turris), 17:15.

Second Period—None

Third Period—None

Overtime—3, Carolina, Ruutu 12 (Harrison, Jokinen), 1:36.

Shots on Goal—Ottawa 6-8-7-2—23. Carolina 19-10-7-2—36.

Goalies—Ottawa, Anderson. Carolina, Ward. A—14,586 (18,680). T—2:23.

BRUINS 5, PANTHERS 0

Florida	0	0	0	0	— 0
Boston	4	2	2	0	— 8

First Period—1, Boston, Marchand 13 (Bergeron, Seidenberg), 5:58 (sh). 2, Boston, Lucic 12 (Bergeron, Horton), 13:40 (pp). 3, Boston, Paille7 (Kelly), 18:31. 4, Boston, Seidenberg 1 (Krejci, Kelly), 19:52.

Second Period—5, Boston, G.Campbell 3 (Marchand, Ference), 3:50. 6, Boston, Bergeron 7 (Chara, Krejci), 15:50 (pp).

Third Period—7, Boston, Marchand 14 (Chara, Seguin), 1:53. 8, Boston, Marchand 15 (Seguin, McQuaid), 10:53.

Shots on Goal—Florida 6-12-12—30. Boston 14-14-7—35.

Goalies—Florida, Theodore. Clammerman. Boston, Rask. A—17,565 (17,565). T—2:24.

MAPLE LEAFS 5, ISLANDERS 3

Toronto	3	1	1	0	— 5
N.Y. Islanders	1	1	1	0	— 3

First Period—1, Toronto, MacArthur 10 (Connolly, Phaneuf), 1:43. 2, Toronto, Kadri 2 (Grabovski, Gardiner), 4:22 (pp). 3, Toronto, Gunnarsson 1 (Connolly, MacArthur), 11:15. 4, N.Y. Islanders, Okposo 6 (Mottau, Bailey), 15:45.

Second Period—5, N.Y. Islanders, Nielsen 5 (Moulson, Parenteau), :40 (pp). 6, Toronto, Crabb 6 (Bozak), 8:59 (sh).

Third Period—7, N.Y. Islanders, Tavares 11 (Parenteau, Hamonic), 10:30. 8, Toronto, Lupul 16 (Kessel), 19:51 (en).

Shots on Goal—Toronto 10-9-8—27. N.Y. Islanders 8-12-13—33.

Goalies—Toronto, Reimer. N.Y. Islanders, Nabokov. A—12,432 (16,234). T—2:19.

PENGUINS 4, JETS 1

Pittsburgh	1	0	3	—	4
Winnipeg	0	1	0	—	1

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Vitale 2 (Picard), 13:59.

Second Period—2, Winnipeg, Burmistrov 6 (Wheeler, Kane), 9:11.

Third Period—3, Pittsburgh, Neal 20 (Malkin, Kunitz), 22:4. Pittsburgh, Neal 13 (Kunitz, Sullivan), 4:14 (pp). 5, Pittsburgh, Dupuis 10 (Kennedy), 4:54.

Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 14-12-13—39. Winnipeg 5-7-7—19.

Goalies—Pittsburgh, Fleury. Winnipeg, Pavelec. A—15,004 (15,015). T—2:29.

AVALANCHE 2, LIGHTNING 1, OT

Tampa Bay	1	0	0	0	— 1
Colorado	0	1	0	1	— 2

First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Kubina 2 (Lucavalier, St. Louis), 18:09.

Second Period—2, Colorado, O'Reilly 8 (O'Brien, Hejduk), 10:03.

Third Period—None.

Overtime—3, Colorado, Duchene 12 (Elliott, Landeskog), 3:38.

Shots on Goal—Tampa Bay 14-9-3-4—30. Colorado 5-10-14-4—29.

Goalies—Tampa Bay, Garon. Colorado, Giguere. A—16,185 (18,007). T—2:24.

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY Water lightly stained; 45-53 degrees; 7.65' low. Black bass are good on fallen jigs, drop shot rigs, squarebill crankbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and live minnows (also jig/minnow combinations). Catfish are fair on prepared bait.

ARROWHEAD Water off color; 42-61 degrees; 8.33' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, jigs, spinnerbaits and shakyheads. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are good on slabs and minnows. Blue catfish are good on live shad.

COLORADO CITY: 17.8' low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 43-52 degrees; 9.87' low. Black bass are fair to good on shallow crankbaits, Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs and Rooster Tails. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: 44-51 degrees, 14.5' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, weightless flukes, finesse jigs and DT 10s. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 43-51 degrees; 14.24' low. Black bass are fair to good on squarebill crankbaits, Texas rigs, Rat-L-Traps and shaky heads. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 46-54 degrees; 37.94' low. Black bass are fair to good on squarebill crankbaits, Rat-L-Traps, flukes, spinnerbaits and jigs with a 4.5" Rat-L-Trap. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass

NHL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

RANGERS 4, FLYERS 2

NEW YORK — Henrik Lundqvist made 28 saves in his second win over powerful Philadelphia this season, and rookie defenseman Stu Bickel had two more assists for the New York Rangers, who beat the Flyers 4-2 and moved into first place in the Atlantic Division on Friday night.

Bickel, in his third NHL game, helped set up goals by Derek Stepan and Ruslan Fedotenko in the second period. He has four assists since being recalled from the AHL, hitting the score sheet in every game.

Marian Gaborik added his league-leading 21st goal early in the third period and Ryan Callahan also scored for the Rangers (21-8-4), who jumped over the Flyers (21-9-4) in the Atlantic with their fourth straight win — including three in four days over divisional foes.

MAPLE LEAFS 4, ISLANDERS 3

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Clarke MacArthur scored a goal and added an assist, and James Reimer stopped 30 shots to lead the Toronto Maple Leafs to a 4-3 victory over the New York Islanders on Friday night.

Nazem Kadri, Carl Gunnarsson, Joey Crabb and Jolfrey Lupul also had goals for the Maple Leafs, who head into the league's Christmas break with two straight wins.

Kyle Okposo, Franz Nelsen and John Tavares scored, and Evgeni Nabokov made 23 saves for the Islanders in their second straight loss.

BRUINS 8, PANTHERS 0

BOSTON — Brad Marchand had his first career hat trick and a career-high five points to help Boston beat the Florida Panthers 8-0 on Friday night, giving the Bruins their sixth consecutive victory and their most lopsided of the season.

Marchand scored a short-handed goal to start things off, then added two more and a pair of assists to lead the defending Stanley Cup champions to their 20th win in 23 games. After his third goal, midway through the third period to make it 8-0, fans showered the ice with all kinds of headwear, including a fair number of Santa hats.

Patrice Bergeron had a goal and two assists, and Tuukka Rask made 30 saves for Boston.

HURRICANES 2, SENATORS 1, OT

RALEIGH, N.C. — Tuomo Ruutu tipped in Jay Harrison's slap shot in overtime, lifting the Carolina Hurricanes past the Ottawa Senators 2-1 on Friday night.

Cam Ward made 22 saves for Carolina, which won its first overtime game of the season. The Hurricanes outshot the Senators 38-23, including 29-14 through the first two periods.

Carolina dominated the early play but couldn't get much past Craig Anderson, who stopped 36 shots for Ottawa. The Hurricanes had a 5-on-3 power play for 1:52 just past the midway point of the first period, but Anderson saved all their chances.

PENGUINS 4, JETS 1

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — James Neal got the go-ahead goal just 22 seconds into the third period, and the Pittsburgh Penguins scored two more goals in the final 20 minutes to beat the Winnipeg Jets 4-1 Friday night.

Neal's team-leading 20th goal of the season was followed by goals from Jordan Staal and Pascal Dupuis within the first 5 minutes of the period. Joe Vitale also scored. Chris Kunitz had a pair of assists and Marc-Andre Fleury had to make only 18 saves for Pittsburgh, which won its third straight.

DEVILS 4, CAPITALS 3, SO

NEWARK, N.J. — Ilya Kovalchuk and Patrik Elias scored in the shootout and Martin Brodeur made an outstanding glove save on Alex Ovechkin as the New Jersey Devils, after blowing a three-goal lead in the third period, beat the Washington Capitals 4-3 Friday night.

Kovalchuk had a goal and an assist in regulation and Alexander Urbom and Adam Henrique scored the other goals for the Devils, who won for the fifth time in six games.

Wilfredo Lee/AP

This Dec. 18, 2011 file photo shows Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade, left, and forward LeBron James sharing a laugh on the bench during a Dec. 18 preseason game against the Orlando Magic, in Miami.

Wade, James say time has made them even closer

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade and LeBron James are known to bicker like brothers. They screamed at one another more than once during Miami Heat playoff games last season. And when they're on opposite teams in practice, they attack the other like they would any opponent.

Now they're closer than ever.

And on the cusp of entering Year 2 together with the Heat, Wade and James opened up about their friendship Friday in an interview with The Associated Press.

"I don't think many players that have the similar games as we have or have done the things that we did in the league can come together this fast and make it work," Wade said. "That communication is there. I don't mind him saying something to me. I don't mind when I have to say something to him. We know how to make it work."

They have so much in common that both find it almost funny sometimes.

Forget the obvious stuff: They're both among the NBA's highest-paid players, then make another truckload of money annually in endorsements. They're both among the league's best scorers, perennial All-Stars, among the most recognizable athletes in the world. What's often forgotten is the ties that really bind, like both having difficult times as kids, relying on one parent at a time and soon understanding that basketball was the vehicle for changing their lives.

James is 6-foot-8, Wade is 6-foot-4. James is from Akron, Wade from Chicago. James loves tattoos, Wade doesn't have any. James went to the NBA straight out of high school, Wade went to college first.

Nonetheless, Wade and James basically look at each other as mirror images.

"That had a lot to do with me coming down here," James said. "There's nothing that I've seen that he hasn't seen, and vice versa. To be able to be alongside him, be with him every day and basically go through the same things on the court and off the court, it's great. Sometimes you're able to sit back and see things from a different perspective instead of everybody watching you."

They take their cues from each other, whether it is fashion, workout regimens or just where to sit sometimes. For Friday's post-practice interview, Wade slid his body down a wall in a room adjacent to the Heat training facility, slumping to the floor.

"Tired," Wade said.

Two minutes later, James entered the room. Even though he didn't see how Wade took his seat, he did the same thing, putting his back to the wall and sliding to the red carpet.

"Tired," James said.

Maybe it's more than a coincidence.

"What's the saying? Iron sharpens iron. Greatness breeds greatness," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "So you see an example of that next to you. Those guys want to be challenged. Those guys like to be challenged. They do not accept the success that they've had and where they are right now. They're always trying to push to go to the next level. And there's no better way for them to do that than to have an equal peer next to them, pushing them."

The biggest question when Wade, James and Chris Bosh teamed up in July 2010 was will it work?

There have been bumps in the road, and likely there will be a few more — but they are making it work.

James finished second in the league in scoring, Wade finished fourth. Since 1965, the only other time two teammates were among the NBA's top four scorers, and played for a team that went to the NBA finals was 2001, when Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal did it for the Los Angeles Lakers.

Of course, Bryant and O'Neal won the title; Dallas beat Miami in last season's finals. And James and Wade will get yet another reminder of that defeat Sunday when the Heat open their season against the Mavericks — and watch the new champs raise their title banner.

"For us, getting better is not necessarily going to show in our numbers," Wade said. "It's going to show in our leadership. It's going to show in those moments where we get in those games like the finals where we're up 10 in the fourth quarter, how do we help our team get that win no matter what's going on in the game. It's moreso that, not just how we score the ball, rebound, pass. We're going to have those numbers. It's the other things."

Last year in training camp, Wade and James wanted to be on separate teams in practice, trying to set a tone for workouts. This year, with an abbreviated training camp and the core of last year's Eastern Conference championship team back, the mano-a-mano matchups haven't happened much, their preference being to keep Miami's first unit together as much as possible to get sharp for the season.

That's fine with James and Wade.

"I'd rather not go against him," James said. "We're two competitors. We go against each other at practice at times. But I've found it's definitely better to have him by my side."

Billionaires Perot, Cuban sparring over parking spots at AAC

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dallas billionaires Mark Cuban and Ross Perot Jr. are quarreling over 200 parking spaces at the American Airlines Center.

A judge Wednesday blocked any holiday parking disruptions until a Jan. 3 court hearing.

Cuban owns the Mavericks. Perot is a former majority owner of the NBA team and still controls some parking at AAC, which is also home to the NHL's Stars.

The Dallas Morning News reports Cuban's Center Operating Co. and new Stars owner Tom Gaglardi this week sued Perot's companies, alleging breach of contract.

A previous deal expired in mid-2011. Center Operating wants a parking agreement through the end of the NBA and NHL seasons.

A Perot attorney says permission to use the parking spaces was withdrawn after Center Operating refused to agree to a short-term lease.

US striker Eddie Johnson signs for Mexico's Puebla

Associated Press

PUEBLA, Mexico — The Mexican club Puebla says it has signed U.S. striker Eddie Johnson.

Puebla President Roberto Henaine announced the signing on his Twitter page, saying Johnson would join his new teammates Monday.

Johnson has played for FC Dallas and the Kansas City Wizards in MLS. He has been without a team since leaving Fulham of the English Premier League in the summer.

At Puebla, Johnson joins fellow U.S. national team player DaMarcus Beasley. Beasley tweeted that "we wanna welcome my boy Eddie Johnson to Puebla!"

While at Fulham, Johnson had loan spells with Cardiff City and Preston North End in the English lower leagues, and with the Greek club Aris.

Don Ryan/AP

Portland Timbers forward Eddie Johnson, right, celebrates his goal with teammate Sal Zizzo during a July 30 game in Portland, Ore. Puebla President Roberto Henaine announced on his Twitter page that Puebla has signed Johnson.

Ex-Missouri soccer player sues over scholarship

By Alan Scherzagier
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — A former University of Missouri soccer player is suing the school and the women's soccer coach over what she calls an unmet promise of a full four-year scholarship.

Sophomore Ann Alexandra Charlebois (shar-leh-BWAH') sued coach Brian Blitz and the university's governing board Dec. 5 in Boone County Circuit Court. The lawsuit said Charlebois agreed to attend Missouri only after Blitz vowed to provide more than $106,000 in support through 2015.

Charlebois received a 50 percent partial scholarship as a freshman. Her attorney said she was kicked off the team in September after complaining about receiving a similar amount of financial aid this year.

The Columbia Daily Tribune first reported the lawsuit Wednesday.

Blitz has declined to comment.

RECEIVERS

From 1B

about the intricacies of the passing game.

"He does a great job of communicating with us about where he wants us at points," Austin said.

And when things break down, the receivers can count on Romo buying time to allow them to get open.

"He does a great job in the pocket scrambling and finding people and making plays with his feet and keeping his eyes downfield," Robinson said.

Bottom line? The quarterback and the receivers are on the same page at all times. So much so, that Romo wouldn't mind if one of them did lobby now and then for the ball.

"When you're really that good…they deserve it," he said.

HAWAII BOWL

NO. 22 S. MISSISSIPPI (11-2)
VS. NEVADA (7-5)
7 p.m. today, ESPN

Line: Southern Miss by 6.
Series Record: 2-0 Southern Miss.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

Southern Miss is seeking a school-record 12th win, trying to snap a two-bowl losing streak and trying to send coach Larry Fedora out with a win. Fedora is leaving for North Carolina after the game. The Golden Eagles also want to prove they are one of the nation's top teams after their upset win over previously unbeaten Houston for the Conference USA title. Nevada is trying to end on a high note after dropping two of its last three games, which cost the Wolf Pack a chance at the Western Athletic Conference title.

KEY MATCHUP

Southern Miss QB Austin Davis vs. Nevada defensive tackle Brett Roy. Roy, the leader of the Nevada defense with 10 sacks, will need to help contain and keep pressure on Davis, who has passed for 3,331 yards and 28 touchdowns while rushing for 332 yards and four TDs. The Wolf Pack can't afford to allow Davis to get too comfortable in the pocket, or he'll pick them apart as he did Houston.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Nevada: QB Cody Fajardo. The WAC freshman of the year didn't start until week five and led the Wolf Pack to five straight wins. He is the trigger man in the pistol and has thrown for 1,647 yards and six TDs while rushing for 660 yards and 11 scores.

Southern Miss: LB Jamie Collins thrived under first-year defensive coordinator Dan Disch, recording 94 tackles, including 19.5 tackles for loss, to go with 6.5 sacks. The former defensive back who moved to linebacker last year is used as a "bandit" who can get down in stance as a lineman or stand.

FACTS & FIGURES

Southern Miss is making its 22nd postseason appearance and is 9-12 overall. ... This is the seventh straight bowl appearance for the Wolf Pack. Nevada is 4-7 overall in the postseason. ...This will be the third meeting between the schools. The Golden Eagles won 35-19 in Hattiesburg in 1997 and won 55-28 in Reno in 1998. ... Southern Miss lost its last two bowl games, including a 31-29 defeat to Louisville in the St. Petersburg Bowl. ... With the Hawaii Bowl, the Golden Eagles are one of a dozen teams that have reached the postseason 10 straight years. ... Nevada has 18 players on its roster who have already earned degrees including quarterback Tyler Lantrip, who has a Master's degree. Every senior who came to Nevada as a freshman has graduated. ... This will be the final WAC appearance for the Wolf Pack, who are moving to the Mountain West Conference next year.

No. 22 Southern Miss faces Nevada in Hawaii Bowl

By Jaymes Song
Associated Press

HONOLULU — As if being 5,500 miles from Hattiesburg and having Waikiki beach as a backyard wasn't enough, Conference USA champion Southern Mississippi had to deal with even more distractions.

The 22nd-ranked Golden Eagles (11-2) face Western Athletic Conference runner-up Nevada (7-5) in the Hawaii Bowl on Saturday in what will be the final game under coach Larry Fedora.

"It's going to be tough. There's a piece of my heart and soul in this football team," said Fedora, who is leaving after four seasons to lead North Carolina. "I deeply care about each and every one of those kids. ... But I do know, they're going to look back at this season and say we won however many games, a conference championship and we went to Hawaii. That's what they'll remember for the rest of their lives."

Southern Miss won a school-record 11 games this season en route to capturing its fifth C-USA title by upsetting Houston 49-28 in the conference championship game behind Austin Davis' four touchdown passes. It was the Golden Eagles' first 10-win season since 1988.

Despite the record year, Davis said the team isn't done yet as Southern Miss makes its 10th straight postseason appearance and is looking to snap a two-bowl losing streak.

"I would hate to end it on a bad note. We want to finish strong and get No. 12," said Davis, who has thrown for 3,331 yards and 28 touchdowns this year.

Fedora said his team isn't letting down after its big win over Houston.

"You can go out and watch practice and you wouldn't know if it was Aug. 5, the first day of practice for us, or if it was the next to the last practice. They're still practicing the same way," he said. "They understand what it takes. They understand how important it is. We're not playing another game. We're making history at Southern Miss."

Fedora is being replaced by South Carolina defensive coordinator Ellis Johnson, who was introduced in Hattiesburg while the team was in Honolulu.

"There's a lot of distractions going on with this football team and their future. So that makes it difficult," Fedora said. "The thing is, I've got to allow these seniors ... they're going to be the ones that lead us through the distractions. I expect us to play as we do week in and week out."

While Southern Miss is making its first trip here since beating Hawaii in 1977, Nevada is no stranger to the islands, or the Hawaii Bowl.

Nevada is making its seventh straight postseason appearance and 12th overall. It will be playing in the Hawaii Bowl for the third time since 2005.

Arkansas' Childs ready for Cotton Bowl

By Kurt Voight
Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Greg Childs doesn't think there's anything special about the way he has behaved this season.

The Arkansas wide receiver just smiles when he's asked about his on-the-field struggles and downplays the remarkably positive attitude he's shown while recovering from last season's knee injury.

Childs' smile is nothing new to his teammates, who have watched in awe and admiration as the senior has graciously slipped from starring to a supporting role for the Razorbacks this season. Behind that smile, though, burns the same old Greg Childs — one of the top receivers in the Southeastern Conference for his first three seasons, one who still fully expects to shine in the NFL.

Before he can start prepping for his professional career, however, Childs has one piece of business left to take care of when No. 7 Arkansas (10-2) faces No. 11 Kansas State (10-2) on Jan. 6 in the Cotton Bowl.

"I'm just waiting my time; it's coming real soon," Childs said. "It's going to be a show."

Childs led the Razorbacks in nearly every receiving category as a sophomore in 2009, finishing with 48 catches for 894 yards and seven touchdowns. He was on track for even bigger things last season as a junior, leading the Razorbacks with 46 catches for 659 yards when he injured his knee against Vanderbilt in the eighth game of the season.

After an offseason of rehabilitation, Childs was clearly not full-speed during Arkansas' first preseason workout in August — limping noticeably and dropping several balls. Despite the insistence by Arkansas' coaches and Childs that he was completely healthy, his production this season was nowhere near what the Razorbacks and the rest of the SEC had become accustomed to.

He finished the regular season with 16 catches for 192 yards, both career lows, and was seventh on Arkansas in catches.

By all accounts, Childs didn't let the drop in production affect his attitude.

"I think that, more than all the positive things and all the awards and all the numbers, the fact that you can look at somebody and say, 'He was a great teammate' is, in my mind, more important than all that other stuff," Arkansas quarterback Tyler Wilson said. "And Greg has certainly been that. He hasn't been selfish, and he's been one of my favorite teammates that I've had here."

BOWL GLANCE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Saturday, Dec. 17
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Temple 37, Wyoming 15
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Ohio 24, Utah State 23
New Orleans Bowl
Louisiana-Lafayette 32, San Diego State 30

Tuesday, Dec. 20
Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Marshall 20, FIU 10

Wednesday, Dec. 21
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
TCU 31, Louisiana Tech 24

Thursday, Dec. 22
MAACO Bowl
At Las Vegas
Boise State 56, Arizona State 24

Today
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
Nevada (7-5) vs. Southern Mississippi (11-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
North Carolina (7-5) vs. Missouri (7-5), 4 p.m. (ESPN2)

Tuesday, Dec. 27
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
Western Michigan (7-5) vs. Purdue (6-6), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
North Carolina State (7-5) vs. Louisville (7-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday
Military Bowl
At Washington
Air Force (7-5) vs. Toledo (8-4), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Texas (7-5) vs. California (7-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 29
Champs Sports Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Florida State (8-4) vs. Notre Dame (8-4), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Baylor (9-3) vs. Washington (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday
Armed Forces Bowl
At Dallas
Tulsa (8-4) vs. BYU (9-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Pinstripe Bowl
At Bronx, N.Y.
Rutgers (8-4) vs. Iowa State (6-6), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Mississippi State (6-6) vs. Wake Forest (6-6), 5:40 p.m. (ESPN)
Insight Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Oklahoma (9-3) vs. Iowa (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 31
Meineke Car Care Bowl
At Houston
Texas A&M (6-6) vs. Northwestern (6-6), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
At El Paso
Georgia Tech (8-4) vs. Utah (7-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Vanderbilt (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Fight Hunger Bowl
At San Francisco
UCLA (6-7) vs. Illinois (6-6), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia (8-4) vs. Auburn (7-5), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 2
TicketCity Bowl
At Dallas
Penn State (9-3) vs. Houston (12-1), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Nebraska (9-3) vs. South Carolina (10-2), Noon (ESPN)

Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Georgia (10-3) vs. Michigan State (10-3), Noon (ABC)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Florida (6-6) vs. Ohio State (6-6), Noon (ESPN2)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Oregon (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (11-2), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Stanford (11-1) vs. Oklahoma State (11-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Jan. 3
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Michigan (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (11-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Jan. 4
Orange Bowl
At Miami
West Virginia (9-3) vs. Clemson (10-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 6
Cotton Bowl
At Arlington
Kansas State (10-2) vs. Arkansas (10-2), 7 p.m. (FOX)

Saturday, Jan. 7
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. SMU (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 8
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Arkansas State (10-2) vs. Northern Illinois (10-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 9
BCS National Championship
At New Orleans
LSU (13-0) vs. Alabama (11-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 21
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, TBA (NFLN)

Saturday, Jan. 28
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 3 p.m. (NFLN)

Saturday, Feb. 5
Texas vs. Nation At San Antonio
Texas vs. Nation, 1 p.m. (CBSSN)

WRIGHT

From 1B

not a towering target, Wright admits to being more jitterbug than giant. But as part of a powerful Baylor offense that ran up 557 yards against Texas' defense, the soft-spoken player has made his presence known in loud fashion this season.

The reason? "I don't think anyone is better than me," he said.

"I've seen myself in this situation," said Wright, a Biletnikoff Award semifinalist this season. "Coach wanted me to be in this situation. He wanted me to be the best receiver in the country."

That he just may be is a development that seemed unlikely in 2007, when he threw for 1,170 yards and nine touchdowns and rushed for 1,069 yards and 15 TDs as a senior at Class 3A Pittsburg.

A superb multisport athlete, Wright was a two-time state champion in the triple jump and the 2007 titlist in the long jump. A primary love was basketball, where he was a standout guard. He played with the Baylor men's team as a freshman.

"It's been a lot of fun to grow up with him, watch him evolve," said Briles, who immediately projected Wright at receiver. "He's talking about the evolution of our program, and he's the classic example of it: very driven, very dedicated and very competitive."

The competitive part has been noticeable. Wright has emerged from several games this season looking as if he's been on the bad end of a Mixed Martial Arts decision. A blazing threat on deep routes - Wright has run a 4.32-second 40 - he has proven fearless going across the middle.

"It's part of football," he said of the dings he's suffered as a result. "I like going to the middle. Sometimes you get hit, but sometimes it's wide open."

It's much the same when he hits the basketball court against buddy Ganaway. As much as the running back tries to "D" up the receiver, the inevitable occurs.

"He's going to blow past me," Ganaway admitted. "He's a phenomenal athlete."

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MONDAY Mostly sunny high 50 low 29

LOCAL FORECAST

Expect cloudy skies today with a high around 32 and north winds between 5 and 10 mph with a 60 percent chance of snow and precipitation. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy conditions with a low around 25 and northwest winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight, expect a 20 percent chance of snow.

Christmas, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 40, a low around 21 and west winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high around 50 and a low around 29.

The high on Friday reached 34 while the low dropped to 29. The record high for Dec. 23 is 82 set in 1955. The record low is -1 set in 1989.

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Seasonable chill is in store for the Northeast with high pressure over Quebec generally in control. There will be some sea-effect flurries on Cape Cod as cold air is funneled in on a northeast flow. Snow showers will begin to break out over the central and western Great Lakes.

Precipitation

Thursday	0.00 in.
Friday	trace
Total for month	1.03 in.
Total for year	4.89 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.46 in.

Friday's temperatures

High	34
Low	29
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:46 a.m.
Sunset	5:50 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Saturday, Dec. 24

Wife demurs advances made by men online

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: I have been happily married for more than 20 years. I joined an online social network to keep in touch with family, friends and my kids who are in college. I love the convenience, but I'm in a quandary.

A number of men from my past (some I dated and some not) have contacted me online with their phone numbers and asked me to call them. I was flattered at first, but now I think phone communication would be inviting trouble.

I politely inform friends who push the issue that I'm happy to catch up online, but out of respect for my husband and my marriage, I don't call men who send me their numbers. Most of them then drop further attempts at communication; others do not.

My problem is it continues to happen. I don't remember being that popular when I was young, so it has caught me off guard. I suspended my account several times, but reactivated it because I miss the connection with extended family and friends.

I'm getting turned off to responding to any "friend" requests anymore because it seems that most men just want to recapture some youthful fantasy. How do I handle this? — BLAST FROM THE PAST

DEAR BLAST: You are handling it very well just the way you are.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Ian," and I are in our 30s. Although we have been together for seven months, his family is not yet over his ex-wife. They invite her for dinner, share weekend visitation with Ian's daughter with her, and remind him constantly that they are disappointed with his decision.

Ian has moved on. He would like to cut all ties with his ex, but his family won't allow it. He's afraid if he puts his foot down it will destroy the already strained relationship he has with them.

My family accepts Ian, but his family refuses to admit I exist. How do we deal with this? It's Ian's life, and he has the right to choose who he spends it with. — INVISIBLE WOMAN IN PHILLY

DEAR INVISIBLE WOMAN: Toughen up, grit your teeth and continue the relationship. Remember, because a child is involved, Ian cannot completely move on. As for his parents, accept that their grandchild's mother will always be a part of their lives so get used to it. If this romance leads to the altar, you will meet Ian's family at some point.

DEAR ABBY: My friend "Cailin" is sensitive and not accepting. She's also unforgiving and tends to get into stupid arguments about nothing. Since the sixth grade, it has gotten even worse.

There is a new girl in school who seems to be a nice, friendly person. Cailin was the first one to meet her and she wouldn't let anyone else sit with them.

I told my mom about it, and she said to just sit down with them both. Today I did that. When Cailin saw us together, she was steaming. She ignored me for the rest of the day.

I don't want to keep the new girl, just share her. Why can't Cailin and I both be friends with her? Is there any way I could talk to her? I'm considering talking to the dean of students. Would this be OK? — SHARING FRIENDS IN COLORADO

DEAR SHARING FRIENDS: Cailin is immature, insecure and possessive. She's afraid that if the new girl talks to other people, the girl will no longer like and depend on her. That's why she was angry when you sat down with them.

By all means discuss this with the dean of students. The dean may have a solution that will allow the new girl a chance to make friends with more of her classmates — including you.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 8 4 ♡ K 10 7 6 ◇ A 9 5 4 ♣ 8 7 2

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♥	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	?	

What action do you take?

Q 2 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 9 5 ♡ 10 7 6 ◇ K Q 9 4 ♣ K 10 7 6

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2NT	Pass	?	

What action do you take?

Q 3 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 9 5 ♡ 8 3 ◇ A K J 8 7 3 ♣ K Q 6

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♥	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ A K Q 6 3 ♡ 9 6 5 ◇ K 10 5 ♣ J 5

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
?			

What action do you take?

Look for answers on Monday.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Dec. 24, 2011:

This year your birthday falls on a New Moon, creating a new beginning in an area of your life. This lunar position bestows charisma and creativity. Others admire your dynamic energy and willingness to transform as needed. If you are single, you have a slew of admirers and would-be suitors. Decide what type of relationship you want, then choose. The world really is your oyster! If you are attached, make sure to keep the balance between you as a couple. You could be a little too me-oriented. CAPRICORN reads through your defenses.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You might not be as open as others would like. Your organizational abilities come out. When you assume the role of leader, no one worries. Everything will work out perfectly. You could be jolted by news or another person's insight. Tonight: Opt for a new beginning.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out for distant friends you want to wish holiday cheer. News that heads in your direction indicates a faulty assumption. Really, it isn't all that serious yet. Tonight: Put on some music and break out the eggnog.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Deal with one other person directly, and then another person, and then one more. Those contacts — especially with people you say "hi" and "bye" to, but no more — mean a lot. You might need to pitch in and help someone at the last minute. Make it your pleasure. Tonight: A little more tame than usual.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Others request your talents and companionship. Though a sudden change could toss plans to the wayside, you accomplish a lot quite quickly. Ask fewer questions, and focus on helping others instrument their ideas. Good feelings mark these exchanges. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You emanate joy nearly everywhere, yet suddenly you become very practical. Some will be relieved to see that side of you emerge, but others will wonder where the playful Leo has gone. You will be perpetually making adjustments right now. Tonight: Giving 100 percent of yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You wake up acting like a 5-year-old getting ready to greet Christmas. Every so often, the child in you emerges. What perfect timing! Even those who might be perpetual Scrooges find themselves grinning at your optimism. Tonight: Loving every moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Approach a situation with more understanding than many others. You understand what is needed at this point; be determined to give just that. You might be overwhelmed by everything that is going on and landing in your lap. This, too, will pass. Tonight: What would anyone do without you?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You might be very happy at the thought of the upcoming holiday. Or you could be overwhelmed and/or tired of the celebration. Still, seeing people you care about who are not readily available creates a warm feeling. Don't forget about that neighbor, too! Tonight: You know what to do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Last-minute errands or a forgotten gift could have you running, whether you like it or not. Though many of you have your day well planned, you still can break out to call someone or invite a loved one over who might be alone. Tonight: Don't go overboard.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You glide through the day, perhaps the result of excellent planning, but also because you don't have too many expectations. You recognize a new beginning in a key relationship in your life. Don't hesitate to jump on it. Tonight: Flex with a change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ A general feeling of malaise or concern permeates your mood. If you haven't connected with a key person, don't stand on ceremony — make it so. Don't force yourself; be sensitive to those around you. Tonight: How about some eggnog?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Zero in on the moment. At the last minute, you could opt to invite friends over, or join friends at some point in the day. Someone you have counted on keeps changing his or her mind. You cannot stop the process, so you might as well go with it. Tonight: Seize the moment.

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BORN TODAY

American frontiersman Kit Carson (1809), actress Ava Gardner (1922), Gen. George Patton IV (1923)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Totally
10 Rigs on the road
15 Annual All-American Soap Box Derby site
16 Old French capital?
17 One may be marching
18 Keyboardist who founded Return to Forever
19 Rembrandt van __
20 Certain protests
22 "Friends" actress, familiarly
23 Spread __
26 Pmt.-lowering option
27 Lacking a partner
28 Blessed event?
30 Italy's Como, per esempio
32 Rug with a long pile
33 Fancy layer
35 "__ out!"
36 Giant in a 2000 merger
37 1980s Screen Actors Guild president
40 "The Complaint of Peace" essayist, 1521
42 Eastern Med. country
43 Ophelia's niece, in "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
44 TV Stone Age pet
45 Court figs.
46 Lacking
48 Town across the Connecticut River from Springfield, Mass.
52 Ring support
53 Baker's meas.
55 Puck's eatery
56 Veep before LBJ
57 Candy heart phrase
59 Gnarly
60 Big name in insurance
62 One of two in a historic 1869 Utah meeting
65 "Sharky's Machine" author
66 Classroom concern
67 Wee hr.
68 Deliberate

DOWN

1 Buffalo skaters
2 "Tumbleweeds" cartoonist
3 Fruit in a knock-knock joke
4 Negatives
5 Carnes duo
6 Picnic trash
7 2011 Canadian Open champ Sean
8 Architectural support
9 "Chariots of Fire" executive producer
10 E-7 Army personnel
11 Ranch closing?
12 Mint family herb
13 "Help me"
14 Checkout counter newspaper fodder
21 Gulf of Guinea country
24 Staying power
25 Web issues
29 Raise
31 Asian swingers
34 Sends
37 Poe poem written at the time of the California Gold Rush
38 Cardplayer's request
39 Type of ballot
41 Suds source
47 Cochlea shape
49 Underground home
50 Two-time U.S. Open champ
51 Unassuming
54 Nighttime disturbance, at times
57 Healer
58 Cologne conclusion
61 New Deal home loan gp.
63 Trendy
64 "Double Fantasy" artist

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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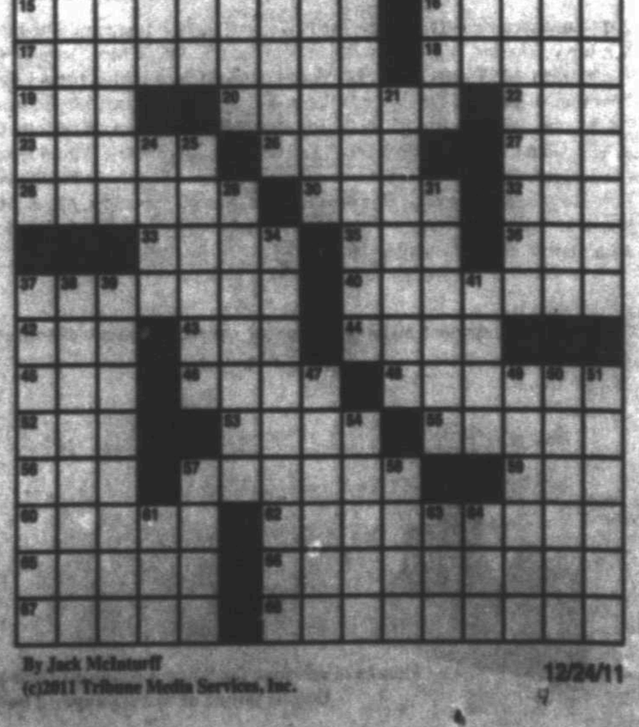

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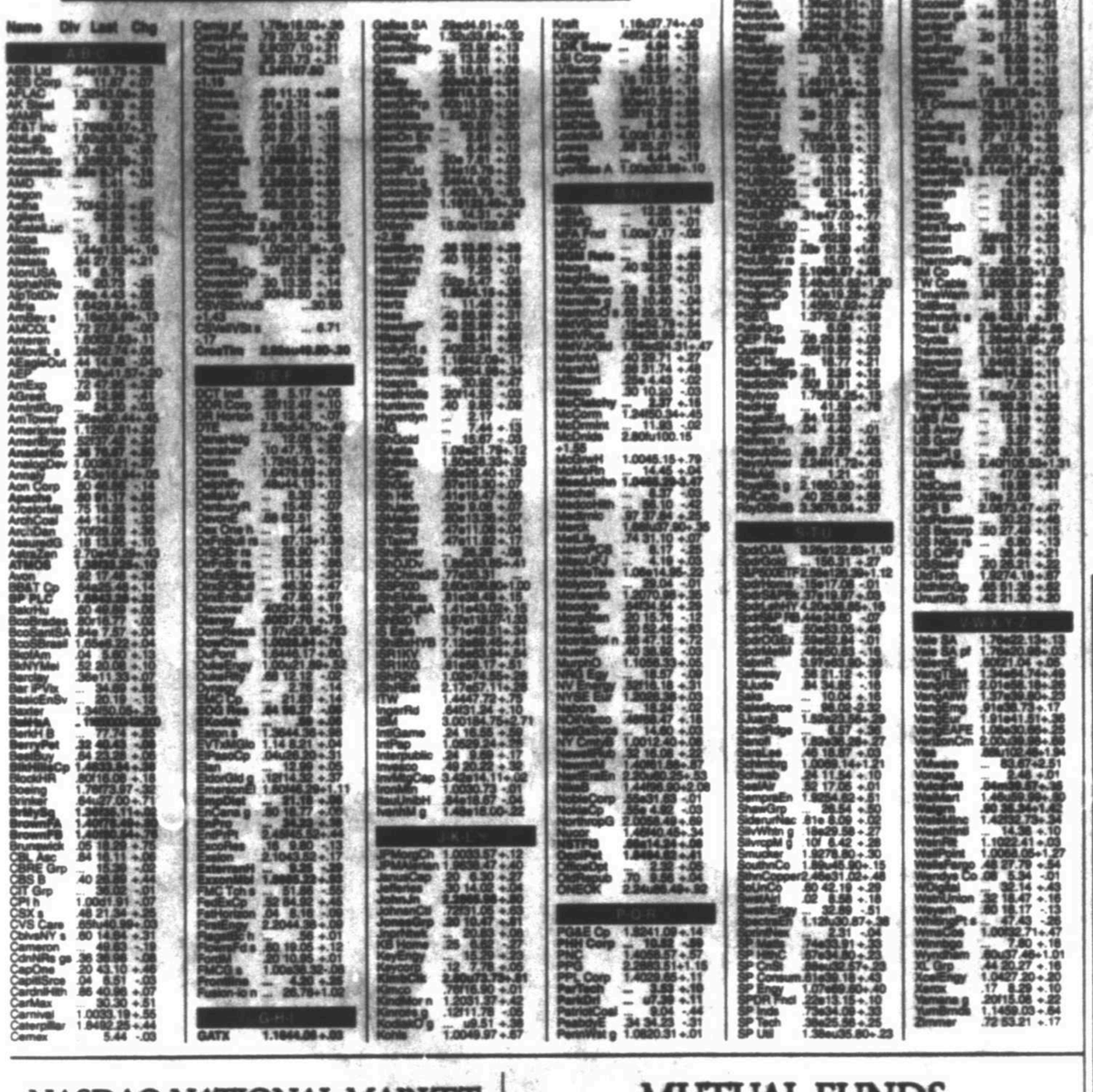

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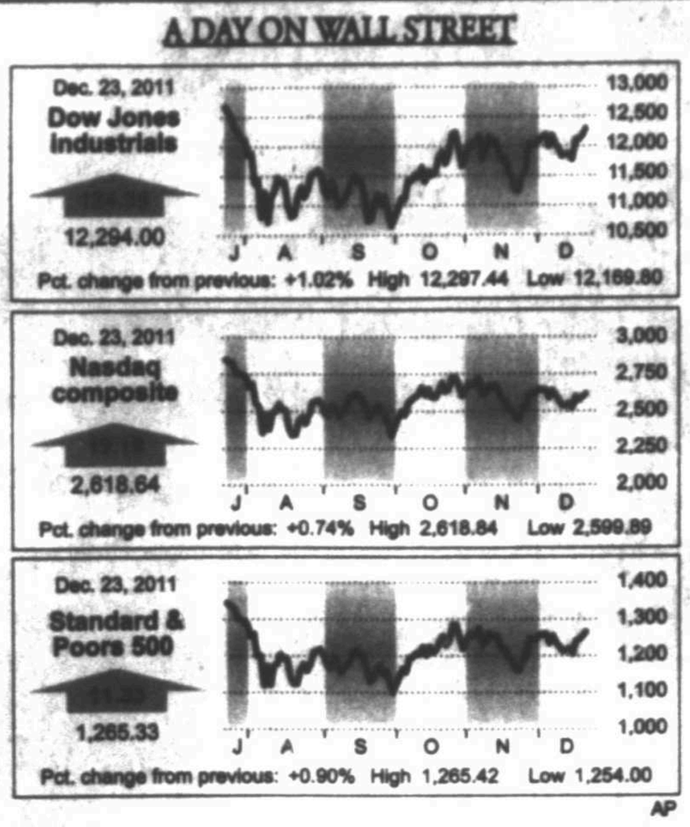

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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1843233	5.60	+.13
S&P500ETF	759056	126.39	+1.12
GenElec	462069	18.23	+.18
Citigrp rs	346704	27.46	-.19
SPDR Fncl	295245	13.15	+.10

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NoAmEn g	6.93	+1.69	+32.3
BP GOb	12.33	+1.61	+15.0
DigDMda n	6.13	+.70	+12.9
ChCBlood	2.29	+.23	+11.2
GpoRadio	9.28	+.73	+8.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
XpedeEd	4.00	-.39	-8.9
DBCmdyL	16.97	-1.49	-8.1
ETLpInVlx	92.24	-6.39	-6.5
Skyline	4.41	-.28	-6.0
LDK Solar	4.94	-.30	-5.7

Diary

Advanced	2,088
Declined	920
Unchanged	115
Total issues	3,123
New Highs	160
New Lows	12
Volume	2,180,023,076

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TmastPet	17354	1.18	+.07
Rentech	17260	1.39	+.02
VirnetX	16075	27.35	+2.31
AntaresP	13942	1.97	+.14
GoldStr g	13917	1.70	+.06

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
FieldPrt	4.70	+.58	+13.5
InTower g	4.13	+.35	+9.3
VirnetX	27.35	+2.31	+9.2
LucasEngy	2.35	+.18	+8.3
HeraldNB	3.69	+.24	+7.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BovisMad	2.20	-.22	-9.1
SDgo pR	20.00	-1.27	-6.0
BowlA	12.65	-.88	-5.1
PernixTh	8.95	-.45	-4.8
StreamGSv	3.08	-.15	-4.6

Diary

Advanced	295
Declined	160
Unchanged	32
Total issues	487
New Highs	18
New Lows	8
Volume	58,656,979

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Oracle	316535	28.06	+.37
Intel	245265	24.40	+.36
PwShs QQQ	242304	58.06	+.48
MicronT	232698	6.40	-.01
Cisco	229884	18.47	+.34

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RAM En h	2.47	+.46	+22.9
Delcath	2.85	+.42	+17.3
BlueDolph	3.60	+.51	+16.6
LakeInd	8.58	+1.10	+14.0
GrantCty h	2.36	+.29	+13.9

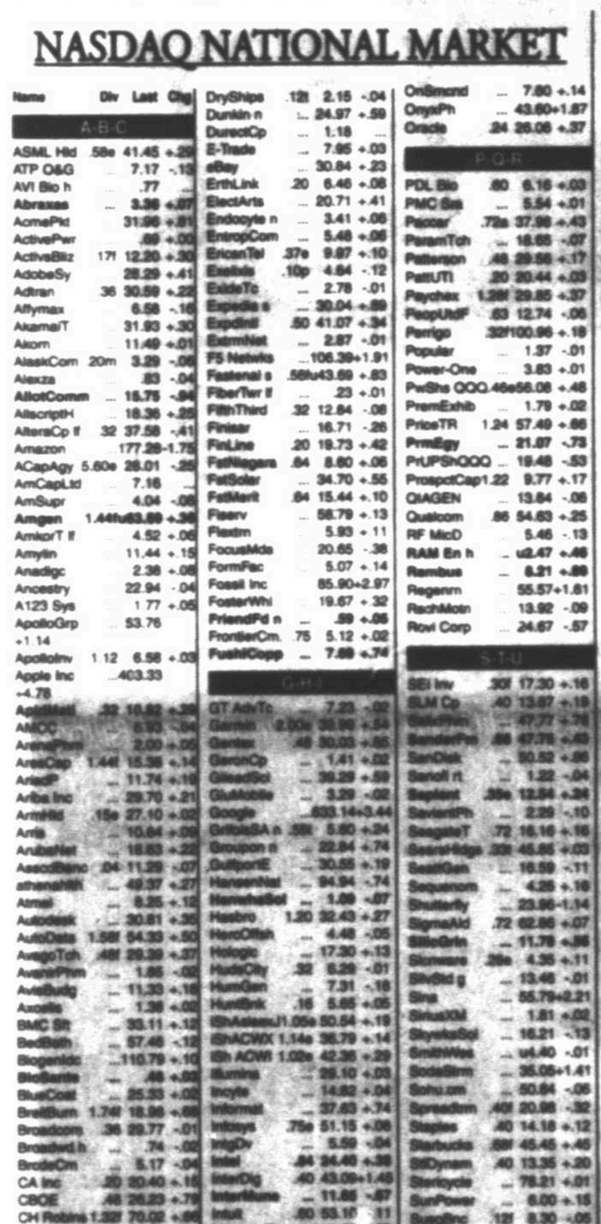
Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CalAmp	4.21	-.92	-17.9
Porsport rs	2.40	-.50	-17.2
CmplGnom	2.85	-.33	-10.4
FstSecur rs	2.00	-.22	-9.9
GeoMet pl	9.01	-.94	-9.4

Diary

Advanced	1,361
Declined	1,167
Unchanged	163
Total issues	2,691
New Highs	32
New Lows	29
Volume	952,915,696

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET



MUTUAL FUNDS

INDEXES

52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Chg	% Chg	Net % Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
12,876.00	10,404.49	Dow Jones Industrials	12,294.00	+124.35	+1.02	+6.19	+6.23	
5,627.85	3,950.66	Dow Jones Transportation	5,053.29	+22.98	+.46	-1.05	-.50	
460.29	381.99	Dow Jones Utilities	452.94	+3.28	+.71	+14.31	+14.10	
8,718.25	6,414.89	NYSE Composite	7,516.66	+57.91	+.78	-5.59	-5.13	
2,490.51	1,941.99	Amex Index	2,265.70	+19.43	+.87	+2.60	+4.40	
2,887.75	2,298.89	Nasdaq Composite	2,618.64	+19.19	+.74	-1.29	-1.76	
1,370.58	1,074.77	S&P 500	1,265.33	+11.33	+.90	+.61	+.68	
14,562.01	11,208.42	Wilshire 5000	13,274.05	+110.33	+.84	-.64	-.56	
868.57	601.71	Russell 2000	747.98	+2.47	+.33	-4.55	-5.19	

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

How stocks of local interest fared

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
vAMR	...	...	.60	+.02	-62.4
AT&T Inc	1.76f	15	29.87	+.21	+1.7
Atmosus	...	12	3.36	+.07	-56.5
AdamsEx	.66e	...	9.71	+.15	-8.6
AlcatelLuc	...	...	1.59	-.04	-46.3
Alcoa	.12	9	8.88	-.05	-42.4
AlonUSA	.16	20	8.79	+.07	-18.1
Amgen	1.44f	16	63.89	+.36	+16.0
Anadarko	.36	...	76.67	+.59	+.7
Annaly	2.43e	6	16.94	+.05	-5.5
Apache	.60	9	91.17	+.58	-23.5
Apple Inc	...	15	403.33	+4.76	+25.1
ArchDnl	.32	7	19.88	+.39	-23.0
ATMOS	1.36f	16	33.35	+.10	+8.6
AutoData	1.56f	21	54.33	+.50	+17.4
BP PLC	1.88	7	43.39	+.32	-2.0
BakerHu	.60	13	49.99	+.06	-12.7
BkofAm	.04	...	5.60	+.13	-58.0
Bar IPVix	...	...	34.89	+.86	-7.8
BasicEnSv	...	37	20.19	-.12	+22.5
BerkHe A	...	17	116830.00	+1280.00	-8.3
BerryPet	.32	15	40.40	-.58	-7.5
BMcRmCp	1.48	23	54.84	+.38	+12.8
BostonSci	...	15	5.23	...	-30.9
BrMyBq	1.88f	18	35.11	+.02	+32.6
BrownPA	1.40f	20	76.49	+.89	+13.1
BrownFB	1.40f	20	90.54	+.76	+19.7
CVS Care	.55f	16	40.08	+.03	+17.4
Cameron	...	20	49.63	-.19	-2.2
Caterpillar	1.84	14	92.25	+.44	-1.5
Celestic g	...	7	7.53	+.04	-22.4
Cemex	...	...	5.44	-.03	-47.2
CntryLink	2.90	17	37.10	+.21	-19.5
ChesEng	.35	7	23.73	+.21	-8.4
Chevron	3.24f	8	107.50	+1.19	+17.8
Chicos	.20	14	11.12	+.59	-7.6
Chimera	.51e	6	2.74	...	-33.3
Cimarex	.40	10	63.13	-.15	-28.7
Cisco	.24	16	18.47	+.34	-4.7
Citigrp rs	.04	7	27.46	-.19	-41.9
ClayEng	...	9	75.68	+.14	-8.9
Clearwire	...	...	1.96	-.07	-61.9
CocaCola	1.88	13	69.94	+.75	+8.3
ColgPal	2.32	19	93.09	+.88	+18.3
Comcast	.45	17	23.84	+.21	+8.0
CompPrdS	...	14	34.46	+.21	+18.6
ConAgra	.88	15	26.44	+.33	+17.8
ConchoRes	...	...	93.82	-1.27	-7.0
ConocPhil	3.64	10	72.43	+.59	-6.4
Corning	.50f	9	13.38	+.35	-30.7
CrucbyS	1.00	14	50.57	+.36	-7.7
CrossTim	3.60e	17	49.80	-.39	+34.9
DCP Mid	2.56f	36	45.72	+.22	+22.2
DTE	2.35	13	54.70	+.49	+20.7
Datarem h	...	...	.93	-.04	-40.6
Deltacom	...	...	39.25	-.98	-23.9
Dell Inc	...	9	14.80	+.14	+10.0
DeltaAir	...	11	8.33	-.03	-33.9
DevonE	.68	9	62.61	-.36	-30.4
DISCBr rs	...	...	25.90	-.18	-44.7
DISHNtr rs	...	...	26.26	-.66	-33.3
DoctCSBull	...	...	40.50	+.47	-38.1
Disney	.60f	15	37.70	+.75	+.5
DowChm	1.00	12	28.84	+.76	-15.5
DuPont	1.00	17	21.69	+.52	-22.9
EMC Cp	...	22	21.63	+.14	-7.4
EOG Res	.84	39	89.27	+.66	-47.0
EmpDist	...	17	21.18	+.05	-4.6
Energen	.54	12	49.79	+.06	-3.2
EngyTsf	3.50	34	45.97	+.30	-11.3
EnPro	...	18	34.23	+.38	-17.6
EntPrPt	2.40f	36	45.52	+.44	-9.4
EnterMid	.37e	...	29.57	+.19	-41.4
ExxonMbl	1.88	10	85.32	+.59	+16.5
FifthThird	.32	11	12.64	-.09	-12.5
Fordm	.20	5	10.95	+.01	-34.8
ForesOil g	...	13	13.50	-.20	-50.0
FreeportM	...	...	32.77	+.47	-30.3
GATX	1.16	23	44.06	+.33	+24.3
GenMotH	1.50f	...	6.33	+.30	-22.9
GrAtlr	.20p	...	24.98	+.34	-4.8
GenDist	.60f	16	18.23	+.10	-3
GenOn En	...	...	2.61	+.09	-31.5
Goldcrp	...	...	3.23	-.07	+34.3
Goodrich	1.16	25	120.49	+.33	+65.1
GPInvEn	.60f	17	21.88	+.15	+12.7
Halliblt	.36	12	33.60	+.26	-17.2
Helmr	1.52	19	54.16	+.24	+8.3
HewlPk	.40	9	25.57	+.32	-28.7
Hldrbnk	...	...	52.41	+.89	-1.8
HuntBank	.16	11	5.85	+.05	-17.8
IShChina25	.77e	...	35.31	...	-18.1
IShEMkts	.61e	...	38.49	+.15	-19.2
IS Eafe	1.71e	...	49.51	+.34	-15.0
IShR2K	1.02e	...	74.55	+.28	-4.7
IntgrysE	2.72	16	53.63	+.45	+11.0
Intel	.84	16	24.40	+.36	+18.0
InterDig	.40	19	43.09	+1.45	+3.5
IsuUnitbH	.84e	...	18.67	-.04	-21.9
JPMorgCh	1.00	7	33.57	+.12	-30.9
JohnJn	2.20	16	65.98	+.89	+8.7
Kaycorp	.12	5	7.78	+.05	-12.1
KimbClk	2.80	18	73.73	+.81	+17.0
KindME	4.64f	...	83.77	+1.20	+19.2
KindMM	4.64f	...	77.12	+1.67	+15.3
LegacyRes	2.16f	11	26.73	+1.39	...
Lowes	.56	16	25.27	-.19	-.8
Lubys	...	22	4.44	+.11	-28.2
MGM Rsts	...	...	9.96	+.48	-32.9
McDnld	2.80f	20	100.15	+1.55	+30.5
MeadJohn	1.04	25	65.29	-3.47	+4.9
Merck	1.68f	13	37.90	+.35	+5.2
MerMbd s	...	23	13.75	...	-8.7
MicroSft	.56	8	26.90	+.06	-8.8
MicronT	...	...	6.40	-.01	-20.5
Microsoft	.80	9	26.03	+.22	-5.7
MorgStan	.20	9	15.76	-.12	-42.1
Nabors	...	13	18.24	-.02	-32.3
NatFuGd	1.00e	...	48.38	+1.15	+15.3
NOWinco	.68f	16	68.47	+.16	+1.8
NoblsCp	.55e	...	4.92	-.03	-52.3
NvMAd	.99e	...	14.49	+.03	+10.8
NvPMI	.94	...	14.92	-.10	+13.0
NvPI	.92	...	14.33	-.09	+11.8
NSTAR	.88e	...	14.24	+.06	-4.7
NTXQI	.96	...	16.32	-.19	-8.4
OcciPet	1.84	12	94.82	+.41	-3.5
Oracle	.24	14	28.06	+.37	-18.7
PerTech	...	14	3.83	+.10	-38.3
PetChi	...	14	7.29	+.11	+61.7
PetMex	.20	11	20.44	+.33	-5.2
PetRes	.80	...	19.47	-.65	-27.9
Pmlen	1.36e	15	20.61	+.13	-9.0
Pfizer	.88f	14	21.83	+.39	+24.7
PolMot	.56	10	98.51	-.70	+1.9
PolaraAA	3.20f	17	71.86	+.89	+14.4
PwShs QQQ	.48e	...	58.06	+.48	+3.0
Procstr	2.80	24	108.89	+.88	+11.8
ProShrt	...	...	21.97	-.73	-8.0
PrUltSP	...	...	19.09	-.31	-18.7
PrUltSlv	...	...	19.15	+.40	-40.3
PrUltSP500	...	...	12.80	-.35	-35.4
PrctSem	2.10	17	46.67	+.48	+3.8
RAM En h	...	31	2.47	+.46	+34.2
RangeRs	.16	...	62.02	-.07	+39.2
RochMun	...	9	13.62	-.09	-31.1
Rowan	...	28	31.71	+.32	-8.3
RoyDtNA	3.36	15	73.11	+.14	+9.5
SpdrDIA	3.26e	...	122.63	+1.10	+6.1
S&P500ETF	2.58e	...	126.39	+1.12	+5
SchwR	3.97e	16	63.90	-.38	+7.3
SandRPn	.68	...	45.78	+.43	+32.8
SaraLee	.68e	19	18.57	+.39	+17.1
Septon	.20e	29	13.54	+.34	+3.8
Schlmbg	1.00	20	83.14	+1.21	-17.2
SignetJwl	.72	18	43.96	+.87	-4.8
SilvWhE	...	45	1.81	+.02	+11.0
SouthCo	1.92	20	78.69	+.30	+20.0
SpirtNex	...	...	2.31	-.04	-45.4
SPDR Fncl	.22e	...	13.15	+.10	-7.8
Suncoal s	1.65f	15	37.24	+.87	+33.7
TalismEng s	2.14e	...	17.27	+.08	-24.3
Teavin	...	5	23.50	+.14	+27.2
TexInst	1.20	14	62.20	+1.23	-4.4
Textron s	.68	9	43.51	+.91	-9.3
TitCoal	.39e	...	14.39	+.11	-3.8
TylerTech	...	39	28.36	+.33	+46.2
UBWV	1.24f	17	28.83	+.17	-2.3
UnivDisp	...	13	19.65	+.41	-10.7
UnitDrl	1.76p	7	32.13	+.13	-30.0
ValueC	.60f	7	21.04	+.05	-9.0
VangEmg	.91e	...	38.73	+.17	-19.8
VerizonCm	2.00	16	39.90	+.89	+11.7
WalmartS	.89e	15	58.57	+.38	-10.8
WalDrg	.36	12	34.34	+1.42	-9.3
WellsFargo	.48	10	27.79	+.34	-10.3
WstnRefin	...	7	13.23	+.16	+25.8
WhitingPt s	...	11	47.43	-.35	-19.1
WmsCos	1.00f	31	32.71	+.47	+32.3
XcelEngy	1.04	18	27.22	+.20	+10.5
Xerox	.17	14	8.29	+.10	-20.5
Yahoo	...	20	16.19	+.19	-2.6

AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

The Reporter-Telegram will continue to run a full stocks page as part of its Saturday edition.

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NFL In Depth

STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	11	3	0	.786	427	297
N.Y. Jets	8	4	0	.571	348	318
Miami	5	6	0	.357	286	269
Buffalo	5	6	0	.357	311	371

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Houston	10	5	0	.667	388	255
Tennessee	7	7	0	.500	279	275
Jacksonville	4	10	0	.286	207	299
Indianapolis	2	13	0	.133	230	411

North

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Baltimore	10	4	0	.714	334	236
x-Pittsburgh	10	4	0	.714	285	216
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571	305	283
Cleveland	4	10	0	.286	195	274

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	8	6	0	.571	292	343
Oakland	7	7	0	.500	317	362
San Diego	7	7	0	.500	368	313
Kansas City	6	6	0	.429	192	319

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	348	298
N.Y. Giants	7	7	0	.500	334	372
Philadelphia	6	8	0	.429	342	311
Washington	5	9	0	.357	252	300

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-New Orleans	11	3	0	.786	457	309
Atlanta	9	5	0	.643	341	281
Carolina	5	9	0	.357	341	368
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286	247	401

North

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	13	1	0	.929	480	297
Detroit	9	5	0	.643	395	332
Chicago	7	7	0	.500	315	293
Minnesota	2	12	0	.143	294	409

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-San Francisco	11	3	0	.786	327	185
Seattle	7	7	0	.500	284	273
Arizona	7	7	0	.500	273	305
St. Louis	2	12	0	.143	188	346

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Thursday's Score
Indianapolis 19, Houston 16

Today's Games
Oakland at Kansas City, noon
Jacksonville at Tennessee, noon
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, noon
Denver at Buffalo, noon
Tampa Bay at Carolina, noon
Minnesota at Washington, noon
Cleveland at Baltimore, noon
Miami at New England, noon
N.Y. Giants at N.Y. Jets, noon
Arizona at Cincinnati, noon
San Diego at Detroit, 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 3:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 3:15 p.m.

Sunday's Game
Chicago at Green Bay, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Game
Atlanta at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 1
Chicago at Minnesota, noon
Carolina at New Orleans, noon
Detroit at Green Bay, noon
San Francisco at St. Louis, noon
Tennessee at Houston, noon
Buffalo at New England, noon
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, noon
N.Y. Jets at Miami, noon
Indianapolis at Jacksonville, noon
Baltimore at Cincinnati, noon
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, noon
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, noon
Washington at Philadelphia, noon
San Diego at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 3:15 p.m.
Seattle at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.

STAT LEADERS

AFC

Week 16

Quarterbacks

Player	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Brady, NWE	530	361	4583	35	11
Schaub, HOU	527	178	2479	15	6
Roethlisberger, PIT	473	301	3959	23	14
Rivers, SND	553	369	4515	32	17
Manning, IND	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tebow, DEN	250	137	1934	11	9
Sanchez, NYJ	452	267	3071	20	10
Dalton, CIN	441	280	3512	19	13
Hasselbeck, TEN	443	273	3074	15	12
Fitzpatrick, BUF	402	248	2839	22	19

Rushers

Player	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Jones-Drew, JAC	294	1334	4.5	43	7
A. Peterson, MIN	278	1236	4.4	43	10
R. Rice, BAL	244	1088	4.45	67	10
Ry Mathews, SND	211	1033	4.9	79	8
McGahee, DEN	208	1000	4.81	69	4
Pat Shurmur, MIA	184	923	5.02	76	6
Benson, CIN	264	889	3.3	42	6
S. Greene, NYJ	205	841	4.1	31	6
F. Jackson, BUF	170	834	5.9	80t	6
Ctr. Johnson, TEN	200	830	4.1	48	4

Receivers

Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Welker, NWE	104	1380	13.3	69	9
R. Gronkowski, NWE	75	1141	15.2	80	15
R. Rice, BAL	71	648	9.1	32	2
B. Marshall, MIA	70	1021	14.6	69	5
Bowe, KAN	69	988	14.3	53	4
Gonzalez, PHI	66	825	12.5	57t	9
Dr. Johnson, BUF	65	972	12.5	53	6
Hernandez, NWE	62	729	11.8	48	6
M Wallace, PIT	57	1193	18.4	89t	8
Wayne, IND	57	687	12.2	50t	4

Scoring
Touchdowns

Player	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
R. Gronkowski, NWE	15	1	14	0	90
A. Foster, HOU	12	12	0	0	72
R. Rice, BAL	12	10	2	0	72
Jones-Drew, JAC	10	7	3	0	60
Dorsey, DEN	9	9	0	0	54
Green-Ellis, NWE	9	9	0	0	54
Tolbert, SND	9	7	2	0	54
Welker, NWE	9	0	9	0	54
Burress, NYJ	8	0	8	0	48
M. Bush, OAK	8	7	1	0	48

Kicking

Player	Att	FG	LG	Pts
Rackers, HOU	38-39	29-30	54	125
Gostkowski, NWE	31-31	24-26	50	123
Cundiff, BAL	35-35	27-30	51	116
Nugent, CIN	30-31	27-29	49	111
Suisham, SND	31-31	25-31	52	110
Janikowski, OAK	33-33	24-27	53	105
Bironas, TEN	33-33	23-26	53	102
D. Bailey, MIA	33-33	23-29	53	102
Folk, NYJ	40-40	18-20	51	94
Suisham, PIT	33-33	19-25	51	90

NFC

Quarterbacks

Player	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
A. Rodgers, GBY	472	317	4263	42	6
Brees, NOR	589	417	4709	40	14
Romo, DAL	493	317	3965	29	11
Stafford, DET	555	339	4145	33	14
E. Manning, NYG	553	355	4021	29	16
Ale. Smith, SNF	397	239	2732	18	6
M. Ryan, ATL	532	357	3899	26	12
Cutler, CHI	314	203	2326	15	8
C. Newton, CAR	475	263	3732	17	16
Roth, ARI	293	179	1995	9	8

Rushers

Player	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
L. McCoy, PHI	280	1374	4.9	68	17
M. Turner, ATL	273	1139	4.17	66	9
Gore, SNF	232	1128	4.9	52	7
M. Lynch, SEA	242	1011	4.18	47	11
Forte, CHI	203	997	4.91	46	9
B. Wells, ARI	231	1006	4.35	71	7
S. Jackson, STL	200	785	3.9	41t	7
A. Peterson, MIN	158	752	4.76	54	11
Murray, DAL	218	937	4.3	91t	9
Brown, TAM	179	756	4.22	54	5

Receivers

Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
J. Graham, NOR	87	1171	13.5	58	9
R. Wright, ATL	85	1132	13.3	42	8
Ce. Johnson, DET	81	1181	14.6	79	9
Colston, NOR	79	1038	13.1	38	5
T. Gonzalez, ATL	74	869	11.7	39	7
Cruz, NYG	73	1092	15.0	79t	9
D. Bess, CAR	72	1095	15.2	77t	5
Harvin, MIN	72	787	10.9	65	5
H. Ables, NYG	70	829	11.8	50	5
Wilson, SNF	69	1049	15.2	84	5

Scoring
Touchdowns

Player	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
L. McCoy, PHI	20	17	3	0	120
Ce. Johnson, DET	14	0	14	0	84
C. Ivory, CHI	13	13	0	0	78
M. Lynch, SEA	12	11	1	0	72
A. Peterson, MIN	12	11	1	0	72
J. Nelson, GBY	10	0	10	0	60
B. Wells, ARI	10	10	0	0	60
B. Bryant, DAL	9	0	9	0	54
J. Graham, NOR	9	0	9	0	54
S. Jennings, GBY	9	9	0	0	54

Kicking

Player	Att	FG	LG	Pts
Akers, SNF	39-39	29-34	55	126
D. Bailey, DAL	36-36	29-32	57	123
Crosby, GBY	47-47	25-30	56	122
Cundiff, WSH	37-37	27-31	55	118
Ja. Hanson, DET	40-40	23-26	51	111
Gould, CHI	34-34	23-26	53	109
M. Bryant, ATL	36-36	23-28	52	105
Dean, WSH	33-33	23-28	49	102
Hartley, NYG	34-34	22-26	53	100
Hauschka, SEA	34-34	22-28	52	99

Playoff-bound Texans limping to finish

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans' season seems to be unraveling at the worst possible time.

Rookie quarterback T.J. Yates and the vaunted defense struggled again Thursday night, and the playoff-bound Texans lost 19-16 to lowly Indianapolis, their second straight defeat after seven consecutive victories.

Houston (10-5) clinched its first AFC South title and playoff berth on Dec. 11, but has followed up with back-to-back poor performances.

The Texans lost 28-13 to Cam Newton and Carolina on Sunday, then couldn't stop Dan Orlovsky from rallying the Colts in the fourth quarter.

The Texans wrap up the regular season at home against Tennessee on Jan. 1.

Yates, a fifth-round pick thrust into the starting role less than a month ago, went 13 for 16 for 132 yards in Indy. He did not throw an interception, but was sacked four times and lost a fumble.

Coach Gary Kubiak says he's sticking with Yates as his starter even though the Texans signed veterans Jake Delhomme and Jeff Garcia in recent weeks.

"I think T.J. continues to do some good things," Kubiak said Friday. "I think he continues to get better and like I said, for where we're heading here, he needs to continue to get better and we just got to trust him and move forward."

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Texans coach Gary Kubiak and his squad will have a few extra days off this week before taking on rival Tennessee on Jan. 1 to close on the regular season.

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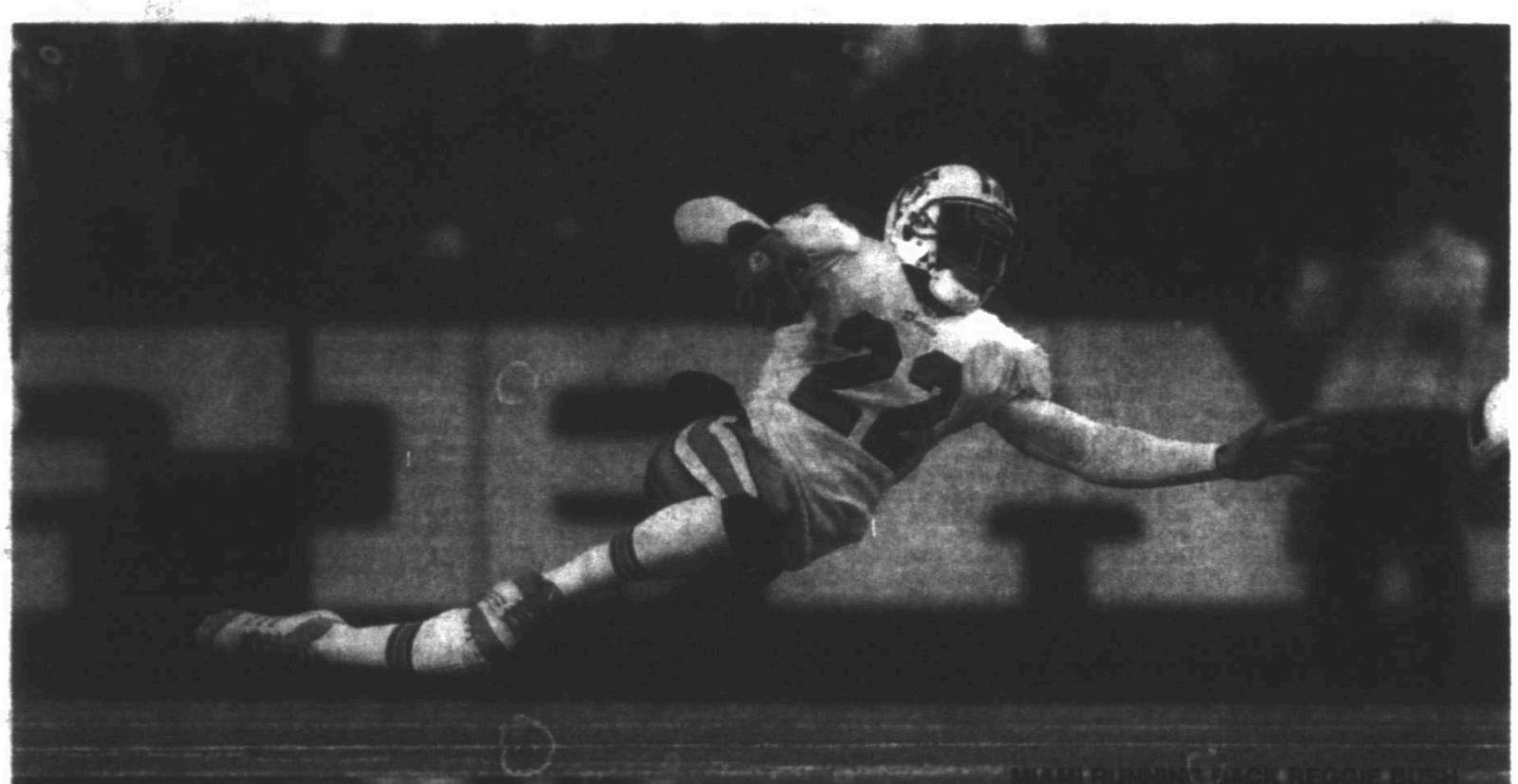

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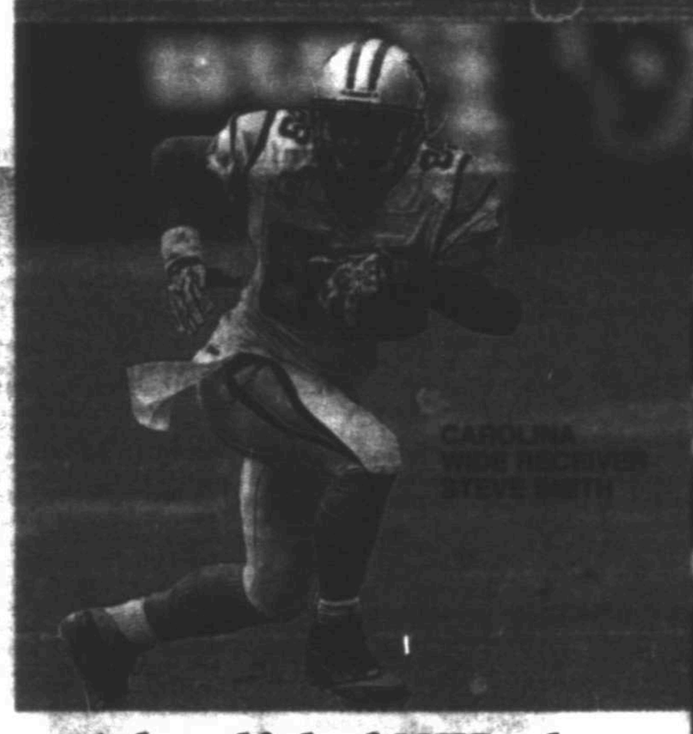

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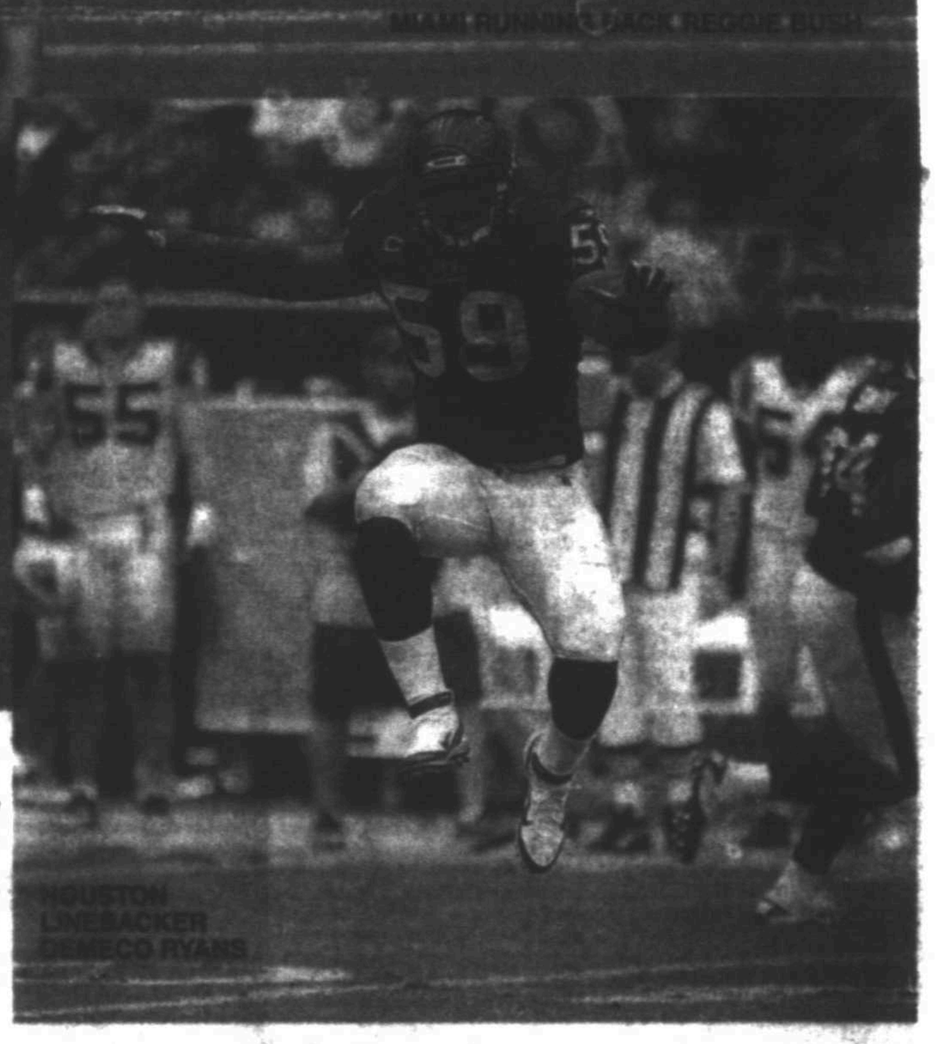

HOUSTON LINEBACKER DEMECO RYANS

A handful of NFL players have resurrected their careers during the 2011 season

By Barry Wilner
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Comebacks are the rage in the NFL. We don't mean overcoming large deficits to win games, although in 2011 that's happening plenty, too. Players who disappeared from the headlines, from lineups, from the league entirely — those comebacks are especially impressive.

Talk about quarterbacks (Alex Smith, Tony Romo, Matt Hasselbeck) or kickers (Mike Nugent), tight ends (Jermichael Finley) or wideouts (Plaxico Burress, Steve Smith), defensive ends (Elvis Dumervil) or linebackers (DeMeco Ryans) or backs (Carlos Rogers), comebacks are in style.

Finley had the most successful layoff. He missed the final 11 games last season with a right knee injury, so he sat and watched his teammates win the Super Bowl, easing the, uh, pain, but making him even more eager to get back on the field.

For much of this season, in which Green Bay is 13-1, the speedy, powerful Finley has been unstoppable, although a case of the drops hit him recently.

Finley has 45 catches, averaging 15.2 yards, and six touchdowns.

The most difficult hiatus was spent by Burress, who was in prison for 20 months for accidentally shooting himself in a Manhattan nightclub. He signed with the Jets as a free agent once the lockout ended, and his impact has been solid, if not spectacular.

New York leads the league in red-zone touchdown efficiency with 32 in 47 trips, a huge improvement over the previous season. Burress has eight TD catches and has become Mark Sanchez's go-to receiver near the end zone.

"Personally, I just think I needed a fresh start," Burress said. "If I wanted to go somewhere and get more money, I could've went to a couple more places and signed a two- or three-year deal, different things like that. I just wanted to put myself in a situation to go somewhere fresh and have an opportunity to play for a great organization and for a great head coach in Rex (Ryan) and a great team.

"I feel that I'm in the right place."

Steve Smith feels that way once again about Carolina, in

Please see COMEBACK/3C

Cowboys RB Felix Jones listed as questionable for today's game

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IRVING — Cowboys running back Felix Jones is listed as questionable for today's game against Philadelphia after missing practice all week because of hamstring tightness.

The NFC East-leading Cowboys had said during the week they were being cautious with Jones, who was limited to working on the side but never got on the field for practice. He is coming off consecutive 100-yard rushing games since rookie DeMarco Murray, the team's leading rusher, broke his right ankle in the first quarter of a loss against the New York Giants two weeks ago and was put on injured reserve.

During one of his regular weekly radio appearances Friday, Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said he would be surprised if Felix Jones didn't play. But the owner also said it was important to have a plan because the fourth-year running back hadn't practiced.

Sammy Morris, a 12-year NFL veteran who signed with Dallas and made his season debut last week, would start if Jones doesn't play. The Cowboys later Friday signed running back Chauncey Washington to the active roster from their practice squad.

Morris and Washington split time at practice in Jones' absence.

Linebacker DeMarcus Ware (neck stinger) and nose tackle Jay Ratliff (ribs) were also listed as questionable, but both are expected to play after having limited participation three days in a row. Ware and Ratliff both played with those lingering issues in last week's win at Tampa Bay, though came out after the Cowboys built a 28-0 halftime lead.

Dallas also listed as questionable cornerback Mike Jenkins (shoulder), safety Danny McCray (ankle) and receivers Kevin Ogletree (knee) and Laurent Robinson (shoulder). McCray and Ogletree didn't practice this week.

Nose tackle Josh Brent is out with a knee injury.

If the New York Giants lose earlier Saturday to the New York Jets, the Cowboys (8-6) would be able to clinch the division title in their regular season home finale with a win over Philadelphia (6-8). But if the Giants (7-7) win, the Eagles would be eliminated from playoff contention and the NFC East champion would then be the winner of the New Year's Day game when Dallas travels to play the Giants.

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PHILADELPHIA (8-6) AT DALLAS (9-5)
3:15 p.m., today, Fox
OPENING LINE — Dallas by 3
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Philadelphia 6-8; Dallas 5-9-1
SERIES RECORD — Cowboys lead 59-40
LAST MEETING — Eagles beat Cowboys 34-7, Oct. 30, 2011
LAST WEEK — Eagles beat Jets 45-19; Cowboys beat Buccaneers 31-16
EAGLES OFFENSE — OVERALL (9), RUSH (3), PASS (11)
EAGLES DEFENSE — OVERALL (10), RUSH (17), PASS (10)
COWBOYS OFFENSE — OVERALL (6), RUSH (11), PASS (7)
COWBOYS DEFENSE — OVERALL (13), RUSH (7), PASS (18)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Dallas wins NFC East by winning last two games. ... Eagles can still win division and make playoffs if they win last two games and get some help. But they would be eliminated from playoffs with loss or tie. ... Eagles lost before playing Dallas if Giants win earlier against Jets. ... Philadelphia going for first season sweep of Cowboys since 2005. ... All Cowboys' losses this season have been close, except 34-7 at Philadelphia on Oct. 30. Their other five losses have been by average margin of four points, highest being 19-13 in OT at Arizona. ... Two of NFL sack leaders will be featured. Philadelphia's Jason Babin leads the NFL with 18 sacks, three shy of Reggie White's team record set in 1987. Dallas' DeMarcus Ware is third with 16. ... Ware had three sacks in 2010 season finale against Eagles. ... Eagles and Houston Texans are only two teams in NFL ranked in top 10 in both total offense and total defense. ... Cowboys 2-3 in games played on Christmas Eve. Philadelphia 2-2 the night before Christmas, 0-2 on road. ... Dallas playing games on consecutive Saturdays for only second time in team history. The other time was 1974.

OAKLAND (7-7) AT KANSAS CITY (9-5)
Noon, today, CBS
OPENING LINE — Chiefs by 1
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Oakland 7-5-2; Kansas City 8-6
SERIES RECORD — Chiefs lead 55-48-2
LAST MEETING — Chiefs beat Raiders 29-0, Oct. 23, 2011
LAST WEEK — Raiders lost to Lions 28-27; Chiefs beat Packers 19-14
RAIDERS OFFENSE — OVERALL (11), RUSH (6), PASS (12)
RAIDERS DEFENSE — OVERALL (27), RUSH (25), PASS (23)
CHIEFS OFFENSE — OVERALL (27), RUSH (14), PASS (28)
CHIEFS DEFENSE — OVERALL (16), RUSH (24), PASS (9)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Oakland needs to win last two games and have Kansas City beat Denver in Week 17 to win AFC West. Chiefs need to win last two, have San Diego lose one of its next two and have Denver lose at Buffalo on Saturday. ... Raiders have lost three straight games, trailing 31-13 (.705) overall against Oakland dating to 1990, including 1991 playoff game. Kansas City 14-7 in regular season at Arrowhead Stadium. ... Kansas City had season-high 439 yards against Packers last Sunday. ... Chiefs intercepted season-high six passes in their first meeting with Oakland. ... QB Kyle Orton threw for 299 yards against Green Bay, hitting 10 different receivers in first start for Kansas City. ... K Ryan Succop has converted 21 straight field goals for Chiefs, longest active streak in NFL. ... Carson Palmer has three 300-yard passing games in eight starts, most by Raiders QB in a season since Kerry Collins had three in 2005. ... Raiders WR Denisse Heyward-Bey had career highs of eight catches for 155 yards last week against Detroit. RB Michael Bush tied career high with seven catches. ... Oakland highest scoring team in NFL in 2 minutes prior to halftime with 58 points. ... Raiders offensive coordinator Al Saunders spent 10 seasons as assistant with Kansas City (1989-98) and returned as assistant head coach from 2001-05.

ARIZONA (7-7) AT CINCINNATI (9-6)
Noon, today
OPENING LINE — Bengals by 5½
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Arizona 7-6-1; Cincinnati 7-5-2
SERIES RECORD — Bengals lead 5-4
LAST MEETING — Cardinals 35-27, Nov. 18, 2007
LAST WEEK — Cardinals beat Browns 20-17 OT; Bengals beat Rams 20-13
CARDINALS OFFENSE — OVERALL (22), RUSH (24), PASS (19)
CARDINALS DEFENSE — OVERALL (20), RUSH (16), PASS (22)
BENGALS OFFENSE — OVERALL (23), RUSH (19), PASS (20)
BENGALS DEFENSE — OVERALL (6), RUSH (9), PASS (11)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Cardinals have won four in a row and six of seven. They can stay in playoff contention with win over Bengals and loss by either Atlanta or Detroit. ... Win would give them their first five-game winning streak since 1977, when they won six in a row. ... Arizona has three overtime wins, tying NFL record for a season. Denver also has three OT wins this year. ... Cardinals have overcome fourth-quarter deficits six times this season, tied for second-most such wins by any team since 1970. Indianapolis did it seven times in 2009. ... RB Beanie Wells has 994 yards rushing and 10 TDs. He needs six yards to become first Cardinal with 1,000 yards and 10 TDs. ... Cincinnati tied with Jets for final AFC wild card berth, but New York has tiebreakers in its favor. ... Game will match Bengals WR A.J. Green, the fourth overall pick, and Cardinals CB Patrick Peterson, the fifth overall pick. They went head-to-head twice in college at Georgia and LSU, splitting their two games. ... Green needs seven catches and four yards receiving to top Cris Collinsworth's club rookie records from 1981. ... QB Andy Dalton needs two TD passes to join Peyton Manning, Charlie Conerly and Dan Marino with 20 as a rookie. ... Dalton became the fifth rookie to throw for 3,000 yards last week, joining Manning, Cam Newton, Sam Bradford and Matt Ryan. ... Game won't be sold out. Cincinnati has sold out one of its seven games at Paul Brown Stadium, when Steelers are brought thousands of fans.

JACKSONVILLE (4-10) AT TENNESSEE (7-7)
Noon, today
OPENING LINE — Titans by 7½
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Jacksonville 4-9-1; Tennessee 9-5-2
SERIES RECORD — Titans lead 19-15
LAST MEETING — Jaguars beat Titans 16-14, Sept. 11
LAST WEEK: Jaguars lost to Falcons 41-14; Titans lost to Colts 27-13.
JAGUARS OFFENSE — OVERALL (32), RUSH (12), PASS (32)
JAGUARS DEFENSE — OVERALL (4), RUSH (14), PASS (4)
TITANS OFFENSE — OVERALL (17), RUSH (31), PASS (13)
TITANS DEFENSE — OVERALL (16), RUSH (23), PASS (15)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Jaguars receive QB Blaine Gabbert has at least one TD pass in four of the road starts. ... Jaguars got first road win against AFC South opponent Nov. 13 at Colts. ... Maurice Jones-Drew (81) needs two rushing TDs to pass Fred Taylor (62) for most in team history. Jones-Drew has 73 career TDs, most total TDs in club history. Jones-Drew has NFL-best 1,334 yards rushing and needs 58 yards rushing to pass his career-best of 1,391 yards in 2009. Jones-Drew has run for 177 and 186 yards in his past two games at Tennessee. ... WR Chastin West caught his first TD pass of his career last week. ... LB Paul Posluszny leads Jaguars with 110 tackles. ... DE Jeremy Mincey has career-best 5 1/2 sacks. Titans CB Matt Hasselbeck has thrown for 750 yards with eight TDs and three interceptions with a 97.5 passer rating in past three games vs Jaguars. Hasselbeck needs 76 yards passing to reach 3,000 for eighth season. ... Chris Johnson needs 70 yards rushing to reach 1,000 for fourth straight season to start career. Johnson averaging 95.4 yards rushing in 11 career home games vs AFC South. ... Johnson (38) needs two rushing TDs to join Earl Campbell (73) and Eddie George (64) as only players to reach 40 for a career in team history. ... WR Nate Washington (66) needs four catches to become first Titans WR to reach 70 catches in season since 2004. Washington has AFC-best 27 catches on third down. ... CB Jason McCourty leads team with 90 tackles.

ST. LOUIS (2-12) AT PITTSBURGH (10-4)
Noon, today
OPENING LINE — Off
RECORD VS. SPREAD — St. Louis 2-12; Pittsburgh 6-7
SERIES RECORD — Rams lead 17-6-2
LAST MEETING — Steelers beat Rams 41-24, Dec. 20, 2007
LAST WEEK — Rams lost to Bengals 20-13; Steelers lost to 49ers 20-3
RAMS OFFENSE — OVERALL (30), RUSH (28), PASS (27)
RAMS DEFENSE — OVERALL (21), RUSH (32), PASS (8)
STEELERS OFFENSE — OVERALL (12), RUSH (17), PASS (8)
STEELERS DEFENSE — OVERALL (1), RUSH (6), PASS (1)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — St. Louis has dominated series, and is 11-1-1 in Pittsburgh. Lone loss coming in 1996. ... St. Louis DE Chris Long with six passes for a sack, fifth-highest total by a Rams player since stat became official in 1982. ... St. Louis RB Stephen Jackson needs 34 yards to top 1,000 yards for seventh straight season, longest active streak in league. ... Rams lost in league in scoring, averaging 11.9 points per game while Steelers allowing 15.5 points per game, second-fewest in NFL. ... Pittsburgh QB Ben Roethlisberger needs to average 236 yards passing over final two games to break his team record for yards in a season (4,328) set in 2009. ... Pittsburgh TE Heath Miller broke franchise record for career receptions by tight end last week and needs three receptions to su pass Hall of Famer Lynn Swann for fourth-place on team's all-time reception list. ... Pittsburgh would finish 7-1 at Heinz Field this season with a victory, first time since 2007 Steelers have won at least seven home games in a season. ... Rams have lost five straight games. ... Steelers 3-3 all-time on Christmas Eve. ... Pittsburgh WR Hines Ward needs nine receptions to reach 1,000 for his career. He would become second player in NFL history to have 1,000 career receptions and multiple Super Bowl rings, joining Jerry Rice.

DENVER (8-6) AT BUFFALO (5-9)
Noon, today, CBS
OPENING LINE — Broncos by 3
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Denver 7-7; Buffalo 6-7-1
SERIES RECORD — Bills lead 19-15-1
LAST MEETING — Bills beat Broncos 30-23, Dec. 21, 2008
LAST WEEK — Broncos lost to Patriots 41-23; Bills lost to Dolphins 30-23
BRONCOS OFFENSE — OVERALL (19), RUSH (1), PASS (31)
BRONCOS DEFENSE — OVERALL (22), RUSH (20), PASS (20)
BILLS OFFENSE — OVERALL (14), RUSH (13), PASS (15)
BILLS DEFENSE — OVERALL (26), RUSH (29), PASS (16)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Bills coach Chan Gailey is friends with Bob Tebow, father of Broncos QB Tim Tebow, going back to when the two attended Florida together in early 1970s. Gailey, who spent 2002-07 as Georgia Tech coach, attempted to recruit Tim Tebow to play for Yellow Jackets, but lost out to Florida. ... Broncos have won five of past six meetings. ... Denver, 7-2 in past nine, controls own destiny in attempting to clinch first playoff berth since 2005. ... Broncos avenging NFL-leading 161.3 yards rushing, and facing team that's allowing 139.5 yards rushing a game, including season-worst 254 last week. ... Tebow has engineered 18 scoring drives in fourth quarter or OT in past 10 games. ... RB Willis McGahee facing former team for third time since Buffalo traded 2009 first-round pick to Baltimore in March 2007. With 890 yards rushing this season, he's 10 yards from joining Ricky Watters in becoming second NFL player to reach 1,000 with three teams. ... LB Von Miller is second among NFL rookies with 11 1/2 sacks, and has matched franchise rookie record set by Tokan Jones in 1980. ... WR Demaryius Thomas leads NFL with 338 yards receiving this month. ... Bills have lost seven straight, their longest skid since 0-8 start last season. Broncos lost seven straight home games and will miss playoffs for 12 straight year — AFC's longest drought now that Houston clinched postseason berth this season. ... After outscoring opponents 211-142 in getting off to 5-2 start, have been outscored 224-100 in past seven. ... QB Ryan Fitzpatrick has NFL worst 19 interceptions, 12 coming in past seven games. ... Bills' defense generated 18 takeaways (14 interceptions, four fumbles) in first seven games; has had interceptions and six fumbles in past seven. ... RB C.J. Spiller had career-best 187 yards from scrimmage (91 rushing, 76 receiving) last week. ... DT Marcell Dareus has 5 1/2 sacks, most by team rookie since Aaron Schobel had 6 1/2 in 2001. ... Bills 1-4 all-time on Dec. 24.

TAMPA BAY (4-10) AT CAROLINA (6-8)
Noon, today
OPENING LINE — Panthers by 7
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Tamps Bay 4-10; Carolina 8-5-1
SERIES RECORD — Panthers lead 13-9
LAST MEETING — Panthers beat Bucs 38-19
LAST WEEK — Bucs lost to Cowboys, 31-15; Panthers beat Texans 28-13
BUCS OFFENSE — OVERALL (20), RUSH (27), PASS (18)
BUCS DEFENSE — OVERALL (30), RUSH (25), PASS (28)
PANTHERS OFFENSE — OVERALL (5), RUSH (5), PASS (10)
PANTHERS DEFENSE — OVERALL (23), RUSH (25), PASS (18)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Bucs have lost eight straight games. ... Bucs have scored 20 or more points in one of past eight games. ... QB Josh Freeman has eclipsed 3,000 yards passing for second straight year, but has more interceptions (18) than touchdown passes (15). ... Freeman didn't play in last meeting with Carolina. He has won past two starts against Carolina with 419 yards passing, four touchdowns and no interceptions. ... Bucs WR Mike Williams had 93 yards receiving in last meeting with Carolina. ... RB LaGarrette Blount was held to 19 yards rushing in the last meeting with Carolina. ... TE Kellen Winslow has caught a pass in 80 straight games. ... Ronde Barber has started 197 consecutive games, most by cornerback in NFL history. ... DE Adrian Clayborn tied for second among NFC rookies with 7 1/2 sacks. ... Panthers QB Cam Newton has 30 touchdowns (17 passing, 13 rushing), the most by rookie in NFL history. ... Newton needs 18 yards passing to top Peyton Manning's rookie passing record. Newton has 3,722 yards passing. ... In his last meeting with Bucs, Newton became first quarterback in NFL history to rush for three touchdowns, throw a touchdown pass and catch a pass. ... RB DeAngelo Williams has four rushing touchdowns in past four games. ... WR Steve Smith is second in NFL with 1,299 yards receiving and needs 101 to reach 1,400 yards for third time in career. ... Panthers TE Richie Brockel scored first career touchdown last week on trick play. Brockel was on U.S. national team that won gold medal at IFAF World Championship. ... LB Jordan Senn had 14 tackles, an interception and a forced fumble last week against the Texans.

MINNESOTA (2-12) AT WASHINGTON (5-9)
Noon, today
OPENING LINE — Redskins by 5 1/2
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Minnesota 5-6-1; Washington 7-7
SERIES RECORD — Redskins lead 11-9
LAST MEETING — Vikings beat Redskins 17-13, Nov. 29, 2010
LAST WEEK — Vikings lost to Saints 42-20; Redskins beat Giants 23-10
VIKINGS OFFENSE — OVERALL (18), RUSH (4), PASS (28)
VIKINGS DEFENSE — OVERALL (24), RUSH (10), PASS (30)
REDSKINS OFFENSE — OVERALL (16), RUSH (29), PASS (14)
REDSKINS DEFENSE — OVERALL (12), RUSH (15), PASS (13)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Vikings have lost six straight, need to win last two to avoid matching or setting new worst record in franchise history. Current low-water mark is 3-13 in 1984. ... Minnesota hasn't lost seven in row in single season since expansion year of 1961. ... Win at Washington last November came in Leslie Frazier's debut as Minnesota's coach. He is 5-15 overall. ... Minnesota DE Jared Allen second in NFL with 17 ½ sacks, needs 5 ½ to surpass NFL season record (22 1/2 set by Michael Strahan in 2001). Allen has 27 1/2 sacks in last 23 games, including 16 in last 12. Since entering NFL in 2004, he has NFL-best 100 1/2 sacks. ... Vikings RB Adrian Peterson is 68 yards shy of fifth straight 1,000-yard season. ... Game features two of NFL's lowest rated quarterbacks: Minnesota's Christian Ponder (72.2, and Washington's Rex Grossman (71.4), ranked 28th and 29th, respectively. ... Ponder has been sacked at least three times in seven straight games. He has seven touchdowns and six interceptions in his last three. ... Grossman tied for first in NFL with 22 giveaways (16 interceptions, four lost fumbles). He has thrown at least one interception in 10 straight starts. ... Washington has committed at least one turnover in 28 straight games, longest active NFL streak. ... Redskins have lost five straight at home, haven't lost six straight home games since 1994. ... Redskins RB Ryan Kelly leads NFC rookies with 47 receptions. ... Washington LB Ryan Kerrigan is tied for second among NFC rookies with 7 1/2 sacks.

CLEVELAND (4-10) AT BALTIMORE (10-4)
Noon, today
OPENING LINE — Ravens by 13
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Cleveland 5-8-1; Baltimore 7-6-1
SERIES RECORD — Ravens lead 18-7
LAST MEETING — Ravens beat Browns 24-10, Dec. 4
LAST WEEK — Browns lost to Cardinals 20-17 OT; Ravens lost to Chargers 34-14
BROWNS OFFENSE — OVERALL (29), RUSH (30), PASS (22)
BROWNS DEFENSE — OVERALL (14), RUSH (31), PASS (3)
RAVENS OFFENSE — OVERALL (15), RUSH (18), PASS (16)
RAVENS DEFENSE — OVERALL (3), RUSH (2), PASS (5)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Second meeting this month between AFC North foes. Ravens have won seven straight in lop-sided series. ... In last meeting, Ray Rice ran for career-high 204 yards on muddy field in Cleveland. ... Browns coach Pat Shurmur and Ravens receiver John Harbaugh coached together with Philadelphia from 1999-2007. ... Browns 1-6 on road; Ravens 7-0 at home. Browns 0-4 in division; Ravens 4-0. ... Cleveland expected to start Seneca Wallace at QB ahead of injured Colt McCoy (concussion). ... Browns LB D'Qwell Jackson, who leads team with 138 tackles, played in college at Maryland. ... Cleveland RB Peyton Hillis ran for 144 yards on 22 carries with TD in last game at Baltimore, a 34-17 defeat. ... Ravens seeking to complete first 8-0 season at home. ... Baltimore QB Joe Flacco 7-0 vs. Browns with eight TDs and four INTs. ... Ravens have won six straight AFC North games. ... Baltimore RB Ricky Williams needs 64 yards to reach 10,000 in career. ... Ravens signed K Shayne Graham on Wednesday. He is expected replace injured Billy Cundiff (calf). ... Ravens S Ed Reed has 10 career INTs vs. Cleveland, the most against any opponent. ... Baltimore is only NFL team that has not yielded a first-quarter sack.

MIAMI (6-6) AT NEW ENGLAND (11-3)
Noon, today
OPENING LINE — Patriots by 9 1/2
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Miami 7-6; New England 7-6
SERIES RECORD — Dolphins lead 50-42
LAST MEETING — Patriots beat Dolphins 38-24, Sept. 12
LAST WEEK — Dolphins beat Bills 30-23; Patriots beat Broncos 41-23
DOLPHINS OFFENSE — OVERALL (21), RUSH (7), PASS (24)
DOLPHINS DEFENSE — OVERALL (15), RUSH (3), PASS (25)
PATRIOTS OFFENSE — OVERALL (2), RUSH (20), PASS (2)
PATRIOTS DEFENSE — OVERALL (32), RUSH (16), PASS (32)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — In first meeting in season opener, teams combined for NFL single-game record of 906 yards passing. ... Patriots have won seven of last nine games against Dolphins. ... Team led for first in AFC with 34 pass plays of 25 yards or more. ... Miami coach Todd Bowles 1-0 since replacing fired Tony Sparano. ... RB Reggie Bush sixth in AFC with 973 yards rushing in getting career-high 203 last Sunday. ... Dolphins have just 34 offensive penalties, second fewest in league to Jacksonville's 33. ... Miami 5-2 since losing first seven games. ...Matt Moore has completed fewer than 60 percent of his passes in each of last four games. ... Brandon Marshall second in NFL in receptions starting in 2007 with 463. New England's Wes Welker is first with 536. ... Patriots can clinch home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs if they win and Houston, Baltimore and Pittsburgh all lose or tie. ... Tom Brady needs 491 yards passing in his last two games to pass NFL record-holder Dan Marino's 5,084. New Orleans' Drew Brees needs 304. ... Patriots 19-1 at home in December since 2002, when Gillette Stadium opened. ... Rob Gronkowski needs 150 yards receiving in last two games to surpass record of 1,290 for tight ends set in 1980 by Kellen Winslow of San Diego. ... Patriots have allowed most total yards for season in NFL for all but first two weeks.

SAN DIEGO (7-7) AT DETROIT (9-5)
3:05 p.m., today
OPENING LINE — Lions by 3
RECORD VS. SPREAD — San Diego 5-9; Detroit 6-6-2
SERIES RECORD — Chargers 6-3
LAST MEETING — Chargers beat Lions 51-14, Dec. 16, 2007
LAST WEEK — Chargers beat Ravens 34-14; Lions beat Raiders 29-27
CHARGERS OFFENSE — OVERALL (7), RUSH (15), PASS (6)
CHARGERS DEFENSE — OVERALL (11), RUSH (21), PASS (6)
LIONS OFFENSE — OVERALL (9), RUSH (28), PASS (5)
LIONS DEFENSE — OVERALL (18), RUSH (27), PASS (12)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Detroit can clinch first playoff berth since 1999 season with win. ... Last week, Chargers QB Philip Rivers joined Peyton Manning and Drew Brees as only passers with at least four consecutive 4,000-yard seasons. Rivers 23-2 as starter in December, best mark among QBs who began careers in Super Bowl era with minimum of 15 starts. ... Lions have won record four games after trailing by at least 13 points. ... San Diego TE Antonio Gates needs three catches to surpass Hall of Famer Charles Sims (589) for franchise record. ...Lions QB Matthew Stafford is second-youngest QB to pass for at least 4,000 yards and 30 touchdowns in season, behind Dan Marino. ... Detroit WR Calvin Johnson has 14 touchdown catches, joining Lance Alworth and Jerry Rice as only players with at least 12 in three of their first seasons. ... San Diego has converted NFL-best 63.3 percent on third-and-less-than-4. ... Lions have scored NFL-best 63 points on drives of under four plays. ... Chargers allowing opponents to convert 46.7 percent of third downs — second-highest mark in league. ... Detroit has allowed 63 points in final two minutes of first or second half, second-highest total in league.

NEW YORK GIANTS (7-7) AT NEW YORK JETS (9-5)
Noon, today, Fox
OPENING LINE — Jets by 3
RECORD VS. SPREAD — NY Giants 6-6; NY Jets 6-8
SERIES RECORD — Giants lead 7-4
LAST MEETING — Giants beat Jets 35-24, Oct. 7, 2007
LAST WEEK — Giants lost to Redskins 23-10; Jets lost to Eagles 45-19
GIANTS OFFENSE — OVERALL (8), RUSH (32), PASS (5)
GIANTS DEFENSE — OVERALL (28), RUSH (22), PASS (29)
JETS OFFENSE — OVERALL (28), RUSH (21), PASS (21)
JETS DEFENSE — OVERALL (7), RUSH (16), PASS (7)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — After week of trash talk, most of it from Jets coach Rex Ryan, teams meet in showdown of New York-area rivals with plenty of playoff implications. If Giants beat Jets and then Dallas next weekend, they win NFC East and return to playoffs for first time since 2008. Two wins will likely clinch Jets a third straight wild-card appearance under Ryan. ... Three players in game have played for both Ryan and Giants coach Tom Coughlin: Jets WR Plaxico Burress and QB Mark Brunell, and Giants P Steve Weatherford. ... Giants have lost five of last six, but have won last four regular-season games against Jets. ... QB Eli Manning has thrown for franchise-record 4,202 yards, and with 25 TDs joined Peyton Manning, Brett Favre, Dan Marino and Drew Brees as only QBs with at least 3,000 yards and 20 TDs in seven straight seasons. Manning, who won only other start vs. Jets, has 14 TDs in fourth quarter, tied for most in a season. Also has three 400-yard games, tied for NFL's single-season mark. ... WR Victor Cruz has 1,194 yards receiving and needs 150 in last two games to top Amani Toomer's team record set in 2002. ... Hakeem Nicks has 1,086 yards receiving, making him and Cruz the first pair of Giants WRs to have 1,000 yards in same season. ... DE Jason Pierre-Paul has 13½ sacks, and at least a half-sack in 10 of 14 games this season. ... Jets looking to improve to 7-1 at home, which would match best mark in team history — last set in 1998. ... Burress facing Giants for first time since they released him in 2009 after accidentally shooting himself in November 2008. Later served 20 months in prison on gun charge, and signed with Jets less than two months after release. ... QB Mark Sanchez needs 283 yards passing to top career best of 3,291 set last season. ... RB Shonn Greene needs 90 yards rushing to reach 1,000 for the first time in three-year career. Leads AFC with four TDs rushing in December. ... RB LaDainian Tomlinson has 13,599 yards rushing, 64 from passing Jerome Bettis for fifth place on career list. ... WR Santonio Holmes has TD catch in four straight games, and he and Burress are only duo from same team in AFC with at least eight TD receptions. ... KR-RB Joe McKnight leads NFL with 32.3 yard kickoff return average, but status was uncertain as he recovers from separated right shoulder and hyperextended right elbow.

SAN FRANCISCO (11-3) AT SEATTLE (7-7)
3:15 p.m., today
OPENING LINE — 49ers by 3
RECORD VS. SPREAD — San Francisco 11-2-1; Seattle 9-4-1
SERIES RECORD — Seahawks lead 13-12.
LAST MEETING — 49ers beat Seahawks 33-17, Sept. 11
LAST WEEK — 49ers beat Steelers 20-3; Seahawks beat Bears 38-14
49ERS OFFENSE — OVERALL (25), RUSH (8), PASS (29)
49ERS DEFENSE — OVERALL (5), RUSH (1), PASS (21)
SEAHAWKS OFFENSE — OVERALL (28), RUSH (22), PASS (28)
SEAHAWKS DEFENSE — OVERALL (6), RUSH (11), PASS (137)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — San Francisco beat Seattle 33-17 in season opener on strength of two kick returns for touchdowns by Ted Ginn, Jr. in final 4 minutes after Seattle had pulled within 19-17. ... San Francisco has won two straight over Seattle, both in Bay Area. ... Win by San Francisco and loss by New Orleans would clinch the 2 seed and first-round playoff bye for 49ers. ... QB Alex Smith has won 12 of past 15 starts dating back to last season and is 5-1 in last six starts vs. NFC West. 49ers 10-0 this season when Smith has a passer rating of more than 100. ... 49ers have allowed five touchdowns in first half this season and haven't surrendered a touchdown rushing all year. According to STATS LLC, since 1932 no team has allowed zero touchdowns rushing in a season. The fewest is two. 49ers are first team in NFL history to not allow a TD rushing in first 14 games. They have not allowed 100-yard rusher in 36 games in row, longest active streak in league. ... Offensive line gave up no sacks vs. Steelers after Smith was clobbered 18 times in previous two games. ... LB Aldon Smith leads all rookies with 13 sacks. ... Seahawks have won five of six to inch back into NFC playoff race, but needs to win its final two games and get two losses from Detroit and/or Atlanta to have shot at postseason. ... Seattle had string of six straight games with at least 100 yards rushing snapped last week at Chicago when Seahawks were held to 60 yards. ... Marshawn Lynch had worst game in yards rushing since Week 8 against Cincinnati with 42 yards on 20 carries vs. Bears, but scored two touchdowns rushing to give him 11 for season. He's scored a TD in 10 straight games, longest streak in franchise history. ... Lynch also became Seattle's first 1,000-yard rusher since Shaun Alexander ran for 1,880 yards and 27 touchdowns in his MVP season of 2005. ... QB Tarvaris Jackson was 15 of 19 for 176 yards, one touchdown and a passer rating of 122.8 in the second half against Chicago. ... Since Week 10, Seattle has 10 takeaways, most in NFL. ... Seattle has climbed to fifth in league with a plus-8 turnover margin. ... CB Brandon Browner has at least one interception in four straight games, tying franchise record. He set franchise record for interception return yards in a season last week vs. Chicago with his 42-yard interception return for a touchdown.

CHICAGO (7-7) AT GREEN BAY (13-1)
7:20 p.m., Sunday, NBC
OPENING LINE — Packers by 12½
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Bears 7-7; Green Bay 9-5
SERIES RECORD — Bears lead 92-85-6
LAST MEETING — Packers beat Bears 27-17, Sept. 25
LAST WEEK — Bears lost to Seahawks 38-14; Packers lost to Chiefs 19-14
BEARS OFFENSE — OVERALL (24), RUSH (10), PASS (25)
BEARS DEFENSE — OVERALL (17), RUSH (8), PASS (27)
PACKERS OFFENSE — OVERALL (4), RUSH (25), PASS (4)
PACKERS DEFENSE — OVERALL (31), RUSH (12), PASS (31)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Packers can clinch home-field advantage in NFC with win, or San Francisco loss, on Sunday. ... Packers' loss at Kansas City last Sunday broke 19-game winning streak and was first loss in nearly a year, having lost at New England on Dec. 12, 2010. ... Will be fourth meeting between Bears and Packers in 2011. Two teams faced off in 2010 regular season finale, NFC championship game, and earlier this season. ... QB Aaron Rodgers is first Packers player and fifth player overall in NFL history to throw 40-plus touchdowns in season. ... Five of WR Jordy Nelson's 10 touchdowns this season have been for 35-plus yards. ... WR Donald Driver has 9,979 yards receiving and needs 21 to become the Packers player with 10,000. ... CB Charles Woodson has five interceptions against Bears. Since joining Packers in 2006, Woodson has 37 interceptions and nine interception returns for touchdowns. ... Bears would be eliminated from playoff contention with a loss. ...Josh McCown replaces Caleb Hanie as Bears starting QB after Hanie struggled in wake of Jay Cutler's thumb injury. McCown hasn't started a game since Dec. 23, 2007, for Oakland against Jacksonville. ... Cutler remains out, and RB Matt Forte expected to remain sidelined with knee injury. ... Including NFC championship game, Bears LB Brian Urlacher aims for third game in row vs. Packers with an interception. ... Bears DE Julius Peppers had sack and fumble recovery in last game vs. Packers. Since entering NFL in 2002, Peppers is tied for third in league with 99 sacks.

ATLANTA (9-5) AT NEW ORLEANS (11-3)
7:13 p.m., Monday, ESPN
OPENING LINE — Saints by 6½
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Atlanta 7-6-1; New Orleans 10-4
SERIES RECORD — Falcons lead 45-39
LAST MEETING — Saints beat Falcons 26-23 OT, Nov. 13
LAST WEEK — Saints beat Vikings 42-20; Falcons beat Jaguars 41-14
FALCONS OFFENSE — OVERALL (13), RUSH (18), PASS (9)
FALCONS DEFENSE — OVERALL (20), RUSH (16), PASS (22)
SAINTS OFFENSE — OVERALL (1), RUSH (6), PASS (1)
SAINTS DEFENSE — OVERALL (24), RUSH (13), PASS (28)
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Falcons have won seven of past nine games, with one of two loses coming against New Orleans. ... QB Matt Ryan has completed 64 percent of his passes for 544 yards, seven TDs and no INTs in last two games. ... Ryan needs 302 yards passing to become second Falcons QB with 4,000 yards passing in a season. ... WR Roddy White had 10 catches for 135 yards and two TDs last week. ... White has five TDs in his last four games and also has 1,100 yards receiving this season, his team-record fifth consecutive 1,000-yard season. ... Rookie WR Julio Jones has eight catches for 189 yards and three TDs in his past two games. ... DE John Abraham had 3 1/2 sacks and two forced fumbles last week. ... Saints have won six straight. ... QB Drew Brees leads NFL with 4,780 yards passing. ... Brees needs 305 yards to pass Hall of Fame QB Dan Marino (5,084 in 1984) for most yards passing in season. ... Brees has passed for 300 or more yards in a game 11 times this season, the most in a season in NFL history. ... Brees has 20 or more completions in NFL-record 34 straight games. ... Brees has a TD pass in 41 consecutive games, second-longest streak in NFL history behind Johnny Unitas (47). ... Jimmy Graham leads NFL TEs in receptions (87) and yards receiving (1,171). ... Saints have won nine of 11 vs. Atlanta since Sean Payton became New Orleans coach in 2006. ... Darren Sproles leads NFL with 2,292 combined yards (495 rushing, 859 receiving, 888 on kickoff returns, 249 on punt returns).

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'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Classified Style

"Twas the day before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even my spouse;
The presents were wrapped, except for that one,
Just a gift for my wife and then I was done;
The evening was early, my wife locked in bed,
Alone for her present I was dying my head;
So I snuck to my car, the store would be open,
And drove to the mall by the light of the moon.
When just up ahead I was a flash of blue lights,
"I stopped," they said, "you won't make it tonight
The road has been closed, and ours are now down,"
In an instant I knew I could not make it to town.
My hope slowed all gone as I made the turn right,
Knowing down needs to the darkness of night,
I was lost in my thoughts, when I saw out of the corner,
But a bright yard sale sign, "A few times of year"
"We had a yard sale on the Christmas eve?"
I know in a moment that I must believe,
I pulled up the drive and found my place,
I had not seen a sale like this one before;
There were rack-racks, appliances, stereos and tools
Furniture, clothing, even bracelets and jewelry
Toys and books, pots and pans, and a kitchen;
There were dresses and dresses of bargains to find,
I browsed through the tables of stuff piled high,
So many out there, but nothing I'd buy,
"Oh why do I wait," I continued to think,
"I know Christmas shopping will give me migraines."

And then, in a twinkling, I heard from indoors,
It sounded like someone was doing his chores.
I backed from the table, and was turning around,
When the front of the sale came out with a bound,
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
"Excuse my red costume, it is strange I admit,
But my wife just got me, it still wouldn't fit."
He was stocky and merry, his face was unique,
But I couldn't quite place those rosy red cheeks,
I thought to myself, "Have I met him before?
At the office, through friends or maybe a store?"
He offered no answers, but tried to explain,
"My basement's too full and my wife just complains;
I'll tell you it all at a rock bottom price,
Promise," he laughed, "You're not naughty, but nice!"
"Well, what's your's?" I said with a smile,
"And could use a big help for that one thing I need,
A gift for my wife would truly be grand,
Is there anything here that might be name brand?"
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And reached into a bag, then turned with a jerk,
"This great little present will make your wife shine,
It should be just right, as it's top of the line!"
Turning to my car, full of joy and good cheer,
And as I drove home, I had no fear,
I wrapped the gift, and then disappeared,
Yet I heard him exclaim, as I drove out of sight,

"Happy Christmas to all,
and to all a good-night."

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Yesterday's Answer: FALCON, COYOTE, LEOPARD, HYENA

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COMEBACK

From 1C

great part thanks to the arrival of top overall draft pick Cam Newton. Smith was coming off a down year in which Carolina was the league's worst team, with no quarterbacks who could get him the ball. It was a miserable situation, and Smith has been known to blow a fuse.

Then Newton showed up, and Smith was revitalized.

Smith now is over 10,000 yards receiving for his career.

"You know, it doesn't matter how many articles are written about me — about how I'm a bad character guy, or erratic or moody — no matter how many negative things are written, the power of public opinion doesn't win on this one," Smith said. "This is a stat that I've earned, with the help of a lot of other people, that can't be taken away.

"It's a milestone that I would say really counts. It really matters."

One thing that really has mattered for Denver has been the return of Dumervil. He missed the entire 2010 season with a torn chest muscle suffered in the preseason. The previous year, his 17 sacks led the league.

It took a while this year for Dumervil to get back to his old form. A left shoulder injury hampered him, but as the Broncos began their surge to the top of the AFC West, Dumervil was one of the leaders.

"Sometimes you just have to get your body right, man," he said. "That's been the biggest issue for me."

At issue for 49ers QB Alex Smith has been, well, everything. He's played for seven coordinators in his seven pro seasons, stymieing any chance for growth in one season.

This year, under new coach Jim Harbaugh, who immediately displayed his faith in the 2005 overall No. 1 draft pick, Smith has flourished and the Niners won the NFC West — their first playoff berth since 2002.

"He wants to be successful and learn as much as he possibly can about this game and try to find ways to help this team get better down the road," tight end Vernon Davis said. "I'm all for it. I'm a big supporter."

Bengals kicker Nugent couldn't be sure how much support he had in Cincinnati as he returned from a major injury to his right knee suffered in mid-November 2010. His accuracy on field goals erased any doubts, and he's been the league's most pinpoint kicker, 27 for 29 thus far.

"It was tough because when you tear your ACL, you lose your quad (muscles), which is the first thing that stops doing anything," Nugent said. "It's basically the whole offseason getting your quad back to where it was before. It was tough at times because I felt like I was a level behind everyone else."

Not any longer.

Others who have made impressive comebacks this year include quarterbacks Romo of Dallas, Hasselbeck of Tennessee, and Matthew Stafford of Detroit; 49ers CB Rogers; linebackers Ryans and Connor Barwin of Houston, D'Qwell Jackson of Cleveland, and Nick Barnett of Dallas; and two running backs who have been sensational recently, Marshawn Lynch of Seattle and Reggie Bush of Miami.

"It definitely means a lot," Bush said of becoming the dependable, everydown back he wants to be. "It means that I'm doing everything that I expected I was going to be doing. This isn't so much me being surprised this happened. It's more the fact this is something I expected."

Even if not a lot of others did, which makes a comeback even more special.

TEXANS

From 1C

Houston has scored 20 points or fewer in five straight games since Matt Schaub went out with a right Lisfranc fracture. Backup Matt Leinart broke his left collarbone in the second quarter of Texans' 20-13 win at Jacksonville in Week 12, and Houston has averaged 16 points in the four games Yates has started.

Yates is hardly the only one to blame for the recent offensive struggles.

Arian Foster ran for 158 yards on 23 carries on Thursday night, but backup Ben Tate was held to minus-1 yard on six carries. Tate was tackled behind the line of scrimmage on consecutive plays in the third quarter, when Houston had the ball inside the Colts 20-yard line.

Houston also went 1-for-10 on third downs and finished with 283 yards against the Colts' 28th-ranked defense. Against Carolina, the Texans were 2-for-9 on third downs.

Kubiak says the Texans haven't been productive enough on first- and second-down plays, and that's creating too many third-and-long situations. Kubiak also wanted to play it safe on some of the third downs in Indy out of concern for Colts' defensive ends Dwight Freeney and Robert Mathis.

"We ran the ball very well, but we had some situations, some second-and-8, second-and-9 runs that were negative plays for us and ended up some third-and-12s," Kubiak said. "In that place, with those pass rushers and that speed coming off the edge, when you get in those situations, it gets very, very dangerous."

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	WildA.	House	GMA Saturday		Wild C.	Ocean M.	Explore	Culinate	Everyday	Food for	Mercury	Mercury
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	The Early Show on Saturday				DoodleB.	DoodleB.	Busytown	Busytown	Danger R.	Horse	The NFL Today (L)	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Mag-N.	Mag-N.	Sonic X	Sonic X	YuGiOh!	Yu-Gi-Oh	DragonB.	DragonB.	Tai Chi	YuGiOh!	Stanton	Hollywd.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	FoxNews	Horse	Animal R.	Into Wild	Animals	Aqua Kid	Weekend Marketplace				Fox NFL Sunday (N)	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	(5:00) Light of south		K.I.C.K.S.	Donkey	Wonder	G. Bill	News	J.P.	Alan Lee	Laurie	Alewine	Jean-Cla
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	Fam It.	Paid	Saturday Today (N)				TurboDog	Shellfish	Magic8	Baker	Wild Life	Peadie
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Shalom	Cal Hot	SuperWi	DinoTrain	Curious George		Holiday Parade		The Nutcracker		Holidays Murray St.	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Concha	Concha	Pocoyo	Backyard	Ziggy	MeynBM.	Dora	Diego	Iglesia	Mercury	Vivo la familia	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		MuzicW.	MuzicW.	BETA	Dragon	Dog Tales	Pets.TV	Missing	Awesome	Whatever	Aqua Kid	Inspiration Min.	
FLIX	340	65		165		(:45) ★★★ White Fang (1991, Drama) Ethan Hawke.				★ Wishin' Fang 2: Myth of the White Wolf				★ ★★★ Paris, Texas (1984, Drama) Harry Dean Stanton.			
HBO	300	68	14	14		(:30) ★ October Sky	Do This	★ The Adjustment Bureau				1st.Look	Real Sports		24/7 "Flyers/Rangers"	Movie	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	(:45) ★ ★★ The Transporter Jason Statham.			★ ★★ Knight and Day (10, Act) Tom Cruise.				★ ★★ Ocean's Eleven			
HBO3	304	70	16	102		(:315) ★ Cool Miner's Daughter		★ ★ Forces of Nature				(:15) ★ ★★ Shuttered Glass				★ The Devil's Own	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(:315) ★ Star Trek: The Motion...		★ ★★ Splash (1984, Romance) Tom Hanks.				(:30) ★ ★★ MacGruber			(:30) ★ ★★ S.W.A.T.		
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:315) ★ Yes With M...	(:15) ★ ★ Bride of Chucky		(:45) ★ Big Momma's Like Father, Like Son			(:30) ★ Fantastic Mr. Fox					
PLEX			96			(:315) ★ Some Time, Next Year		(:30) ★ ★★ Moments of an Invisible Man				(:30) ★ ★★ Empire Records			(:10) ★ The Four S...		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(:315) ★ Masters of ...	Inside the NFL		A Game of Honor						★ The Italian Job Mark Wahlberg.		
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(:300) ★ The Cantor's...	(:35) ★ The Hallback of Mona ...			(:30) ★ Out of the Cold Keith Carradine					(:25) Scrubs (:55) ★ Super Bad...		
ABE	27	32	28	35	47	House	Sell House	House	House	House	House	House	Flip	Flip "The Money Pit"		Sell "Los Angeles"	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	Rifleman	★ ★★ Young Guns II (90, West) Emilio Estevez.					★ Lonesome Dove...	
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) BET Inspiration	The Mo'Nique Show	The Mo'Nique Show	Chris	Chris	Chris	Chris	Wife Kids	Wife Kids	Wife Kids	Wife Kids	Wife Kids
BRAVO	65	63		41		WhenAll	Housewives NJ	Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Housewives/NewJersey		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Set.	Senjay	CNN Saturday Morning			Line	CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	M.Mouse	Jake	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	Phineas	FishHook	Jessie	A.N.T.	Wizards	Wizards
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportC.	MatchUp	SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Sunday NFL Countdown (L)					
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	SportsCentre	S.Sci. (N)	MatchUp	NFL Live			OLiver	Report	SportsC.	Fantasy Football Now		
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	DrumBoy	DrumBoy	Cranberry	Magic	Cat Hat	The Lorax	Pinocchio	Christmas	C'mas	Christmas in July		
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	(5:00) Fox & Friends Saturday						Bull Bear	Cavuto	Forbes	Cash In	America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	50	27	68	54	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Hunter	Outdoor	Hunting	GunsAmm	Game365	Paid	Paid	Paid	CottonBo	Big 12	NBA Basket. Playoffs	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	Mother	M-Mother	★ ★★ Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!				★ ★★ Deck the Halls Danny de Vito.				★ Christmas With ...	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(5:00) ★ The Christm...		★ Three Wise Women Kennedy Flanagan.				★ ★★ The Christmas Card Edward Asner.				★ Moonlight & M...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Disaster	Disaster	Income	Cousins	Property	Property	Crashers	Crashers	Crashers	Crashers	Crashers	Crashers
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Heavy Metal		Ax Men		Ax Men		Ax Men "Under Fire"		Ax Men "Overboard"		Ice Road Truckers	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Christine	Christine	★ Hidden Luggage	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Up With Chris Hayes				Weekends With Alex Witt						MSNBCDocumentary	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Parents	Parents	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Kung Fu	Kung Fu	Power	Ninjas
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	★ ★★ Jawz: The Revenge (97, Hor) Lorraine Gary.				★ ★★ Jaws 2 (78, Suspense) Roy Scheider.			
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Twilight	★ ★★ The Postman (1997, Drama) Will Patton, Larenz Tate, Olivia Cotton.						
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Earl	Name Earl	Earl	Acc.Jim	★ ★★ This Christmas (07, Com) Delroy Lindo.						★ Last Holiday	
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:30) ★ Love Finds ...	★ ★★★ Little Women June Allyson.					(:15) ★ ★★ Meet John Doe (41, Dra) Gary Cooper.				Movie	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Paid	Paid	M. Bus	Babar	TurboDog	Wimzie's	Paid	Paid	Paid	Camera	Nitido	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Lottery Changed		Lottery Changed		Lottery Changed		Lottery Changed	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Law & Order		LawOrder "Lost Boys"		Leverage		Rizzoli & Isles		Closer "Road Block"		★ Deck the Halls	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Nanny	The Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Nanny	Makeover: Home	
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	NCIS "Frame-Up"		NCIS "Family Secret"		NCIS "Hiatus" 1/2	
VERSUS	38	39				Campbell's Challenge	Whitetail	Whitetail	Whitetail	Deer TV	Whitetail	Bucks	Realhunt	Legends	Beretta	Browning	Fishing
WGN	19	18				Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Walker, TX		Walker, TX		Law & O: CI "Poison"		Law & Order: C.I.	

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — DECEMBER 24, 2011

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						12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Mercury	Mercury	Mercury	Mercury	To Be Announced		ESPN Sports Saturday (N)				Mercury	News
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	NFL Football (L)								Monster Jam		Gifts	News
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	THS "Clay Allen"	★ ★★ Uptown Girls Brittany Murphy.					★ ★★ Home for the Holidays Holly Hunter.				'Til Death	Queens
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	NFL Football (L)						(:15) NFL Football (L)					
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	News	Denis O	MarvinWi	Uri Harel	Light of the Southwest		Best of Week		DoorwayoWisdom		Baruch	R.Booker
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	W.America	Outdoors	Paid	Paid	PGA Year in Review		PGA Golf Skills Challenge				Paid	Paid
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Christmas at Belmont		★ Curious George...		Holiday Parade		Christmas/Trail		Christmas at St. Olaf		Holiday Pops/ Flint	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Central de abasto				Nuestra Navidad		★ Jesus el Niño de Dios (Religious)				F. Diez	Noticiero
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Apex	Ski & Snow	Homes	Homeown.	Hazelton	O.House	AmAthlete	CARS.TV	Latino	LatiNet.	Scrubs	Business
FLIX	340	65		165		Movie	★ ★★★ The Joy Luck Club (93, Dra) Rosalind Chao.					★ ★★ Up Close and Personal				(:45) ★ Spy Kids 2:...	
HBO	300	68	14	14		(11:30) ★ ★★★ The Blind Side	(:45) ★ ★★ Daredevil (03, Fant) Ben Affleck.					★ The Adjustment Bureau				(:15) ★ Charlie St...	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	★ The Dilemma ("10, Com) Vince Vaugn.			★ ★★ Drumline (02, Fam) Nick Cannon.				★ ★★ Independence Day			
HBO3	304	70	16	102		(11:00) ★ The Devil's ...	★ ★★ Amelia (09, Bio) Hilary Swank.					6 Ft Und "Untitled"		★ Too Big to Fail Topher Grace.		Movie	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:30) ★ ★★ Tremors ("90, Hor) Kevin Bacon.					★ ★★ The A-Team ("10, Act) Liam Neeson.				(:45) ★ ★ Half Baked	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		★ ★★ House of Sand and Fog		(:15) ★ ★★ Conviction Hilary Swank.						(:15) ★ ★ Out of Sight George Clooney.			
PLEX			96			(11:15) ★ The Four S...	★ The Truth About Cats & Do...			(:45) ★ ★★ Same Time, Next Year					(:45) ★ ★ White Water Summer		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(:15) Wendy Liebman	★ ★ The Switch			(:45) ★ ★ The Back-Up Plan				Dexter		Homeland	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	Movie	★ ★★★ Emma ("96, Rom) Gwyneth Paltrow.			★ Paper Man ("10, ComDra) Lisa Kudrow.				★ The Janky Promoters			
ABE	27	32	28	35	47	Bounty	Bounty	Bounty	Bounty	Bounty Hunter		Bounty "Rain Check"		Bounty	Bounty	Bounty Hunter	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(11:00) ★ Lonesome...	★ Lonesome Dove: On the Trail					★ Lonesome Dove: The Plains				★ Lonesome Dove...	
BET	58	26		40		Parkers	Parkers	Parkers	Parkers	Parkers	★ All Things Fell Apart (11, Dra) 50 Cent.			BET Hip Hop Awards			
BRAVO	65	63		41		Housewives NJ	Housewives NJ	Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	Your Money		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		The Situation Room	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	★ The Search for Santa Paws		(:45) FishH	PixGames	Shake Up	Austin	Austin	Austin	GoodLuck	Jessie	(:20) Sonny With ...	
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Golf		SportsC.	Rise Up "Ohio"			E:60		E:60		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	STIHL	STIHL Timbersports		STIHL	ESPN Films		ESPN Films "Catching Hell"				SEC Storied	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	C'mas	Rudolph			Mickey	Winnie	Jack Frost		Prep & L	Prep and	Rudolph's New Year	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	America's News HQ		Journal E.	Fox News	Special Report		America's News HQ				America's News HQ	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Cupcake Wars	Iron Chef "Finale"			Challenge		Diners, Drive-Ins		Iron Chef America		Chef Hunter	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	(11:00) NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball Playoffs Dallas vs Miami					Mavricks	Moody Madness				Words
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(11:00) ★ Christmas...	★ ★★ Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa					★ Night at the Museum: Battle of the S...				★ 101 Aqc: Down ...	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(11:00) ★ Lonesome Dove	★ ★★ Eve's Christmas Cherry Lerd.					★ ★★★ Number One Christmas				★ Falcon Angel	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Home Strange Home	Holiday Inc.			Holiday Block Party		Celeb. Homes		American Christmas		Whitehouse C'mas	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Ice Road Truckers	Truckers "Meltdown"			Ice Road Truckers		Swamp People		Swamp "First Mate"		Swamp "Hot Pursuit"	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(11:00) ★ Sunday B...	★ The Carousel Boys Hope Lorraine ...					★ ★★ Sin Nombre Paulina Gaitan.				★ Hidden Luggage	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	MSNBCDocumentary	MSNBCDocumentary			MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sponge	Victorious	Victori.	iCarly	iCarly		Big Time	Big Time	Victori.	Victori.	iCarly	iCarly
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	★ Jaws 2 (78, Suspense) Roy Scheider.						(:15) ★ ★★ Jaws 3 (83, Adv) Dennis Quaid.				★ Jaws 2 (78, Suspense) Roy Scheider.	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Movie	★ ★★ Serenity (05, SciFi) Gina Torres, Nathan Fillion.					★ ★★ Outlander (08, SciFi) Jamie Campbell Bower.				Movie	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Movie	★ ★ Call Me Claus Whoopi Goldberg.				Queens	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Bigbang	Bigbang
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(11:30) ★ It Happened on Fifth ...	★ ★★★ Holiday Affair					★ ★★★ It Happened in Brooklyn Frank Sinatra.				★ Meet Me in St...	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Descontrol		★ ★★★ El Escaparate Mario Moreno.				★ ★★★ El Analfabeto ("61, Dra) Cantinflas.				Camara	Movie
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Lottery Changed	Extreme C'mas Trees	Invasion/C'mas Light				Invasion Christmas		Invasion Christmas		Crazy Lights	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(11:00) ★ Deck the H...	★ ★ The Legend of Zorro					(:15) ★ ★★ Sahara ("05, Act) Matthew McConaughey.				Movie	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(11:00) Makeover	Van Dyke	Van Dyke	Van Dyke	Van Dyke	Van Dyke	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Griffith
USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "Hiatus, Part II"	NCIS "Escaped"	NCIS "Driven"				NCIS "Cover Story"		NCIS		NCIS "Family"	
VERSUS	38	39				Ruger's	Quests	Ruger's	Outdoors	USSA Alpine Skiing		USSA Snowboarding		★ ★★★ Rocky II Sylvester Stallone.			
WGN	19	18				Law & Order: C.I.	Law & Order: C.I.	Law & Order: C.I.		Law & Order: C.I.		LawOrd "Blasters"		Law & Order: C.I.		Law & Order: C.I.	

SATURDAY PRIME TIME — DECEMBER 24, 2011

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	★ ★★★ The Sound of Music (1965, Musical) Christopher Plummer, Eleanor Parker, Julie Andrews. A woman leaves an Austrian convent to become governess to a captain's seven children.						Mercury Media	(:30) Mass "Come All Ye Faithful" (N)		(:30) Mercury		
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	The Insider	Blue Bloods "My Funny Valentine"		48 Hours Mystery Featured crime stories are examined from all angles.				CBS 7 News	(:35) Entertainment Tonight Weekend	(:35) Texas Music	
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Chaperone"	House "Merry Little Christmas"		House "Joy to the World"		'70s Winter	That '70s Show	Holiday Hearth			
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	(5:15) NFL Football	The OT	Terra Nova "Hopeless"		Terra Nova "Proof"		Criminal Watching	Somebody's	Hell's Kitchen "5 Chefs Compete Again"		HateTown Daughter	First Baptist
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Y.Salamanca	Dr. Diana Dye	Andrew Gabriel Roth		Light of the Southwest		Best of Week		Mark Blitz	Mark Wilson	Doorways to Wisdom	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Country Reporter	★ ★★★ It's a Wonderful Life James Stewart. An angel shows a suicidal banker how important he has been in the lives of others.						News-West 9	To Be Announced		Christmas Eve Mass
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Lawrence Welk Show "Christmas Reunion"	Walk Show Mormon Choir	West. Perspec.		St. Olaf "Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing"		Christmas at Belmont			West. Perspec.	Backstage Pass "Christmas Vol. 2"	
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe	Sábado gigante							13 Minutos	Noticiero Univision	Miss de Galla Univision	Christmas music
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Law & Order		★ All Dogs Go to Heaven: A Christmas C...				The Unit		30 Rock	Sonny	Office	Chris
FLIX	340	65		165		(:45) ★ ★ Dry Wind (2...	(:15) ★ ★★★ The Dark Crystal (1982, Fant) Jim Henson.					(:30) ★ The Great Muppet Caper (1981, Com) Jim Henson.					
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:15) ★ Charlie St...	★ Diary of a ...	Law & Order		(:45) ★ ★★★ The Blind Side (09, Dra) Sandra Bullock.						(:15) 24/7	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Movie	Fourteen 1.5. "21"					(:15) ★ ★ Knight and Day ("10, Act) Tom Cruise.		Heights	Heights		
HBO3	304	70	16	102		★ Kinsey		★ ★ Kinsey and Mary (10, Act) Ashley Judd.								Movie	
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:30) ★ ★ An America ("90, Act) Mel Gibson.				Strike Back		★ ★ Hereafter ("10, Dra) Matt Damon.				(:15) Strike Back	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		Movie	★ Gator Bait II: Hom...			★ Big Momma's Like Father, ...		(:30) Hot Line "Party Night"				(:15) ★ Lost in Tra...	
PLEX			96			(:15) ★ ★★ Moments of an Invisible Man				★ The Truth About Cats & Do...		(:45) ★ ★★ Empire Records				(:15) ★ White Wate...	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:30) Homeland	★ ★ The Company Men Ben Affleck.					★ ★ The Switch Jason Bateman.				Homeland	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	★ ★★ How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days				★ ★ Scream ("96, Hor) Neve Campbell.				★ ★ Scream 2 ("97, Hor) Neve Campbell.			
ABE	27	32	28	35	47	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter		Bounty Hunter		Bounty	Bounty	Bounty	Bounty	Bounty Hunter	
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(5:00) ★ Lonesome ...	★ ★ American Outlaws Colin Farrell.			Hell on "Invitations"				★ ★ American Outlaws Colin Farrell.			
BET	58	26		40		(4:30) Hip Hop Awards	BET Awards Kevin Hart hosts; Chris Brown and Jill Scott perform.									Mart.Mix	Movie
BRAVO	65	63		41		WhenAll	Black as Ink*	Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ		Housewives NJ	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Housewives	Housewives	Americans Great		Kevin Orman Show		'Til Debt	'Til Debt	American Road		Suze Orman Show	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan		CNN Newsroom		CNN Presents		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	(5:30) ★ Beethoven's ...	★ Good Luck Charlie, It's Ch...		Shake Up	Sonbordon	Austin	Austin	Shake Up	Shake Up	Phineas		
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	SportsCenter	NCAA Football Hawaii Bowl Nevada vs. University of Southern Mississippi (L)							SportsCenter			
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	ESPN Films	NFL PrimeTime	SportsCenter		SportsCenter				SportsC.	Quarter "The Mariinsky Project"		
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Santa Claus	Year Without Santa	★ ★ ★ Angel Wings		★ ★ Angel Wings		★ Angel in New York			★ ★★★ The Santa Clause		
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	Fox Report Weekend	Justice	Justice Judge Jeanine		Justice Judge Jeanine		Outside of Logic		Journal E.	Fox News	Justice Judge Jeanine	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rest. "Mitch Cole"	Restaurant	Rest. "McShane's"		Rest. "McShane's"		Rest. "Matt Corlin"		Iron Chef America		Rest. "McShane's"	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	NBA Basketball Playoffs	Mavs vs Dallas	NBA Basketball Playoffs		Dallas vs Miami		Cowboys	Insider	Cowboys	Insider	Golf Poker	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★ Mr. Popper's Pen...	★ Mr. Popper's Pen...	★ Mr. Popper's Pen...		★ Mr. Popper's Pen...		★ Mr. Popper's Pen...		★ Mr. Popper's Pen...		★ Mr. Popper's Pen...	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(5:00) ★ Fallen Angel	★ ★ The Christmas Card Edward Asner.					★ ★★★ November Christmas				★ The Ultimate Gift	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Celeb. Holiday Homes	Celeb. Homes	Design	High Low	D.Party	Donna	House	House	House	Design	High Low	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Swamp "Lost Water"	Swamp People	Swamp "Road Sou"		Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People		Swamp People	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	★ Hidden Luggage						★ ★★ A Wife's Crime				★ Undercover Cho...	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	MSNBCDocumentary	MSNBCDocumentary	MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	iCarly	iCarly	iCarly	Victori.	Big Time	iCarly	'70s	'70s	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(5:30) ★ ★★★ Jaws 3 (83, Adv) Dennis Quaid.						(:15) ★ ★★★ Jaws 3 (83, Adv) Dennis Quaid.					
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Movie	★ ★★★ The Fifth Element (

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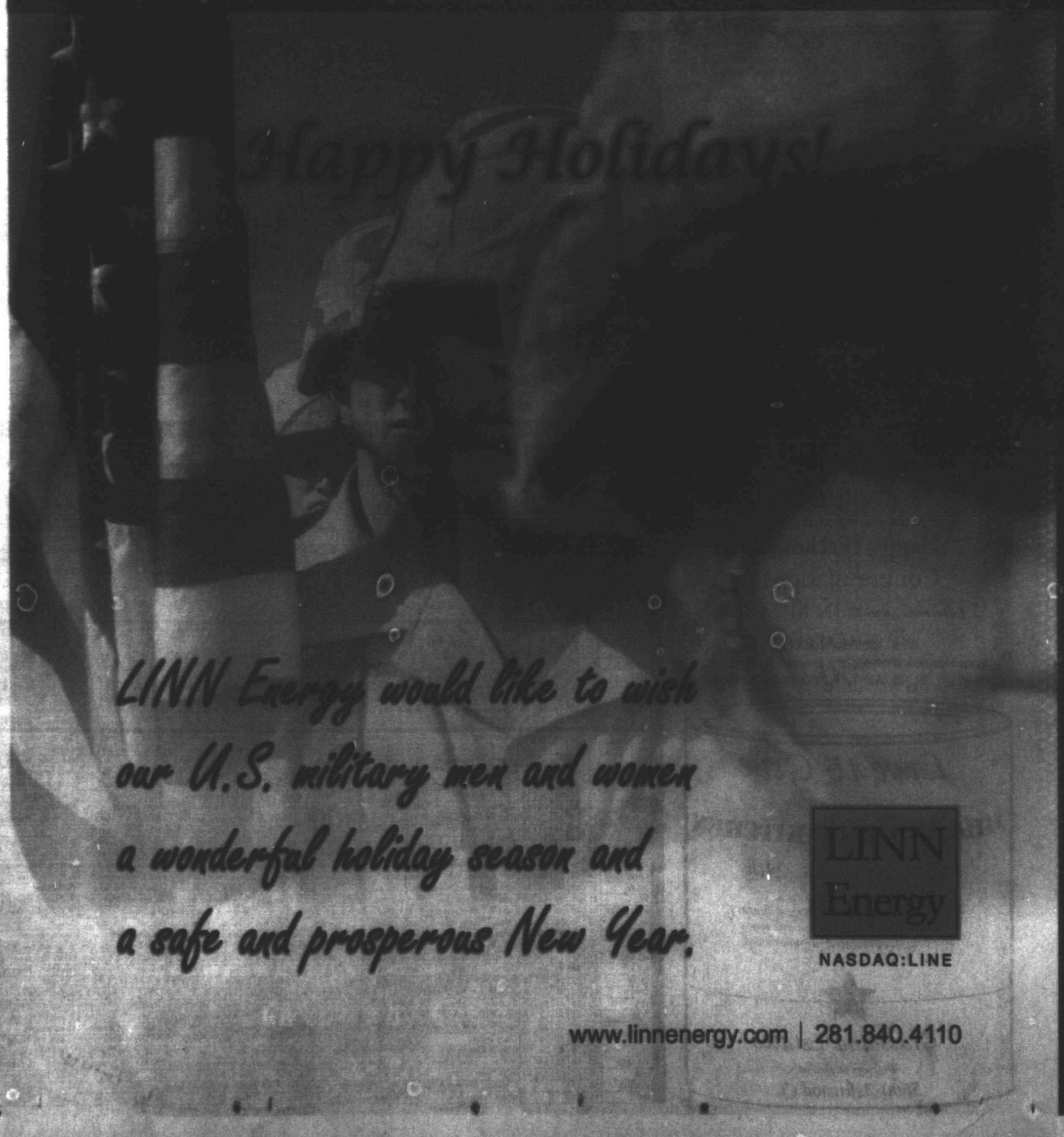

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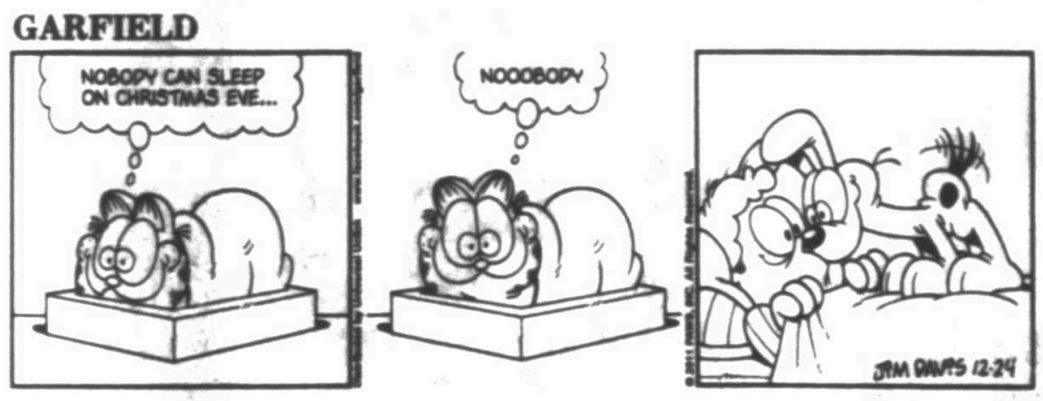

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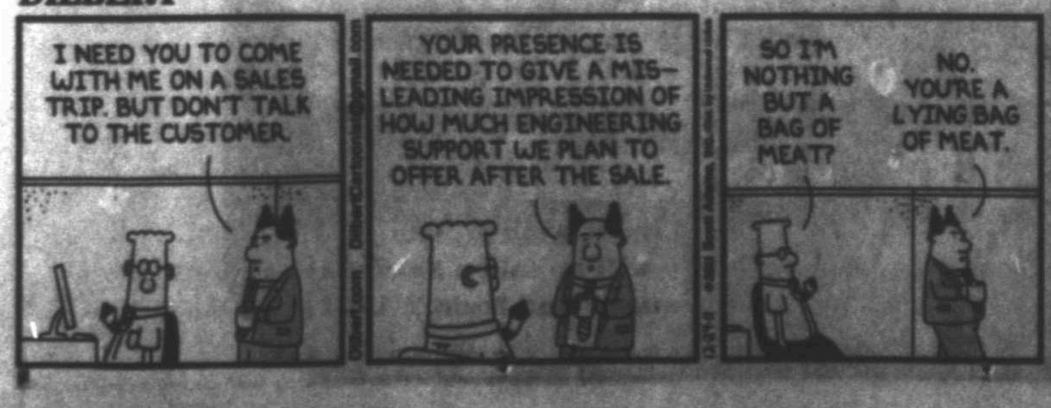

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HONDA 2000 Prelude with 114k, silver, super nice. $6,275. Call 432-682-1706.

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NISSAN 2010 Altima Silver, 4 dr, auto, 2.5L, 47k. Excellent car! $15,000. 218-8941.

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SATURN 1998 SL2, 4 door, automatic, 30+ mpg. $1300. Call 432-664-4690.

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TOYOTA 2010 Camry Hybrid 23,000 miles, like new condition, $21,500 432-230-7594 reinrwb@hotmail.com

VW 2000 Beetle, 82k miles, automatic, sunroof, leather, $5250. Call 694-1100.

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Will buy wrecked & unwanted cars & pickups. 432-685-4079

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FORD 2008 ESCAPE HYBRID, 30MPG City. We finance W.A.C. B&B Auto 683-6222.

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TOYOTA 2008 Prius white, loaded, plus navigation $14,975. 82k mi. 684-6666

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230" R.E.D. Dragster, rave ready, $25,000 obo. 28' tag along enclosed pace trailer, $22,500. 559-0600.

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FORD 1977 RANCHERO-RARE Squire Trim, 351M-V8, runs good, interior good, needs exterior restoration. $2,000 OBO. 432-694-9663.

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Pickup Trucks

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CHEVROLET 2004 Silverado Super Cab LS. V8, 84k miles, bedliner, new tires, $9500. Call 432-689-9374.

CHEVY 2004 2500 HD great condition, extras, 103k, $12,000 firm, 432-238-4625.

CHEVY 2004 Colorado, extended cab, auto, 72K miles, B&B Auto 683-6222.

CHEVY 2006 Extended Cab LS, 24mo warranty, B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222.

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FORD 2008 F150 SuperCrew XLT. Black with gray interior, nice truck, 87K mi., 3 year transferable warranty available. $15,500. Pictures @ www.chipmcservet.com 432-553-9972.

Pickup Trucks

FORD 2008 F-250, super duty, crew cab, power stroke V-8 diesel, tow package, power seats, power tow mirrors, power windows, audiophile AM-FM, CD, Sirius, premium sterio package, Pueblo gold metallic with tan interior, 53K miles, some warranty remaining, Yokohama new tires & factory alloy wheels, still smells & looks new! NADA $32,900 give away price $27,900. Call 432-258-6250

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In observance of Christmas Day

The Midland Reporter-Telegram will be closed
Monday, Dec. 26, 2011

Advertising Deadlines

Classified Word Ads	
Publishing On:	**Deadline is:**
Fri., Dec. 23rd	Thur., Dec. 22nd, 3 PM
Sat., Dec. 24th	Thur., Dec. 22nd, 5 PM
Sun., Dec. 25th	Fri., Dec. 23rd, 12 PM
Mon., Dec. 26th	Fri., Dec. 23rd, 3 PM
Tues., Dec. 27th	Fri., Dec. 23rd, 5 PM

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Retail Display Ads	
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Sun., Dec. 25th	Tues., Dec. 20th, 5 PM
(Oil Report/West Texas Living, Arts & Ent.)	
Mon., Dec. 26th	Thur., Dec. 22nd, 5 PM
Tues., Dec. 27th	Thur., Dec. 22nd, 5 PM

CIRCULATION HOURS
Customer Service calls will be taken Saturday, Dec 24th thru Monday, Dec. 26th from 7 AM-11 AM only.
We will re-open Tuesday, Dec. 27th for regular business hours.

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Attention Readers
In Observance Of New Year's

The Midland Reporter-Telegram will be closed
Monday, January 2, 2012

Advertising Deadlines

Classified Word Ads	
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Fri., Dec. 30th	Thur., Dec. 29th, 3 PM
Sat., Dec. 31st	Thur., Dec. 29th, 5 PM
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Mon., Jan. 2nd	Fri., Dec. 30th, 3 PM
Tues., Jan. 3rd	Fri., Dec. 30th, 5 PM

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Sat., Dec. 31st	Wed., Dec. 28th, 5 PM
Sun., Jan. 1st	Thur., Dec. 29th, 12 PM
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(Oil Report/Business, Arts & Entertainment)	
Mon., Jan. 2nd	Thur., Dec. 29th, 5 PM
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Circulation Hours
Customer Service calls will be taken Saturday, December 31st and Monday, January 2nd from 7 AM-11 AM only.
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MSRP $50,905
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GOLD MIST METALLIC

0% UP TO 72 MONTHS

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MSRP $46,705
BERG DISCOUNT $4,106
REBATE $4,000
OR 0% UP TO 72 MOS

YOUR PRICE $38,599

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2012 GMC ACADIA SLT-1

CARBON BLACK METALLIC

0% UP TO 72 MONTHS

STK# CJ166337
MSRP $41,235
BERG DISCOUNT $2,236
REBATE $1,500
OR 0% UP TO 60 MONTHS!

YOUR PRICE $37,499

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2012 BUICK ENCLAVE PREMIUM

WHITE DIAMOND TRICOAT

0% UP TO 72 MONTHS

STK# CJ111328
MSRP $49,570
BERG DISCOUNT $2,871
REBATE $1,500
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YOUR PRICE $45,099

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0% UP TO 72 MONTHS

STK# BR365720
MSRP $70,000
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REBATE $4,000
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YOUR PRICE $61,999

HOLIDAY SALE

2004 CADILLAC SRX $14,900 — Only 40k Miles! CALL LARRY 681-6251 STK# 1507

2003 GMC ENVOY XL $11,900 — Only 57k Miles, 3rd Row CALL LARRY 681-6251 STK# 8667

2006 DODGE DURANGO SLT $15,900 — Sunroof, DVD CALL LARRY 681-6251 STK# 7048

2010 CADILLAC ESCALADE $61,900 — CALL LARRY 681-6251 — Platinum Edition Loaded!!! STK# 5665

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2010 GMC YUKON DENALI $45,900 — CALL LARRY 681-6251 — Nav., Sunroof, DVD, 6.2L V-8 STK# 0347

2011 CHEVROLET CRUZE LTZ $21,000 — Alloy Wheels, Rear Defrost CALL LARRY 681-6251 STK# 4009

2011 CHEVROLET EQUINOX LS $21,900 — OnStar System CALL LARRY 681-6251 STK# 6149

2005 CADILLAC ESCALADE ESV $18,900 — Navigation System, DVD CALL LARRY 681-6251 STK# 2306

2011 CHEVY CAMARO SS $32,900 — Leather, Sunroof, 6.2L V-8, 4k Miles! CALL LARRY 681-6251 STK# 8543

2008 PONTIAC TORRENT $12,900 — Leather, Keyless Entry CALL LARRY 681-6251 STK# 4412

2008 PONTIAC G6 $12,900 — 5 Passenger Seating CALL LARRY 681-6251 STK# 1511

2004 CHEVY SILVERADO $12,900 — 60k Miles, Great Condition! CALL LARRY 681-6251 STK# 9017

2008 PONTIAC G6 GT $14,900 — OnStar System, Leather CALL LARRY 681-6251 STK# 0911

2006 GMC SIERRA Z-71 $21,900 — 4x4, Only 42k Miles!! CALL LARRY 681-6251 STK# 4709

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Now hiring a Service Advisor. Must be detail-oriented, computer literate, and customer friendly. We are only looking for the best. ADP experience a plus.
No Saturdays. Apply in person at 5801 Andrews Hwy.

Auto Mechanic
Littlefield Automotive FT
Auto Mechanic needed with foreign car experience. Salary depending on experience. Must have own tools and tool box. Call 423-683-6611.

OFFICE & ADMINISTRATIVE

Bookkeeper
Confidential FT
Full time Bookkeeper needed for a very casual office. General bookkeeping experience and Quickbooks would be helpful. Please fax resume, references and salary requirements to Paula at 682-6416.

Secretary
Hillard Companies FT
Hillard companies is looking for an experienced secretary to fill a full time position. This applicant must be proficient in Microsoft office, exhibit superior customer service skills, and have the versatility of performing different task. For questions, please call 432-683-9100. To apply, please send resume to sterlingh@mmbo.com.

CONSTRUCTION & CRAFTSMEN

Construction Help
Campbell Construction Co. FT
Campbell Construction Company seeking a Superintendent, Carpenter and Laborer. Pre-employment drug test required. Good Benefits & Salary DOE. Apply at 241-A Spring Park Drive, Midland or send resume to PO Box 11293, Midland, TX 79702 or fax to (432)683-5943.

HEALTHCARE

Bilingual Providers
St. Joseph Home Health PT
St. Joseph Home Health is immediately hiring for Bilingual Providers. Please contact Stephanie at 432-684-5858.

DENTAL OFFICE MANAGER
Qualified candidates are well-rounded, detail oriented, able to multi-task in a fast paced environment, and possess excellent customer service skills. This person should be a self-starter that has the initiative and drive necessary to manage an entire dental office with little supervision. Computer skills, competency in Microsoft Office, and adaptability to technological changes are required. Bilingual, previous dental office management experience, and RDA is preferred but not required. Complete Benefits Package Offered.
Interested applicants send resume to: P-119 c/o
Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, TX 79701

FRONT DESK CLERK
Seeking an experienced Front Desk Clerk for a busy physicians office, this will be a fulltime position (MSO5000) Please fax or mail your resume to ATTN: Alesha McCoy P.O. Box 5291 Midland, TX 79704 or fax to 432-682-2284. NO WALK-IN'S PLEASE.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Looking for an experienced Medical Assistant for a busy physicians office for a PRN position (PCB5053). Please fax or mail your resume to ATTN: Alesha McCoy P.O. Box 5291 Midland, TX 79704 or fax to 432-682-2284. NO WALK-IN'S PLEASE.

MEDICAL RECORDS CLERK
Busy medical facility needs a responsible Medical Records Clerk(PP-5276). Responsibilities include data transfer of medical records to electronic health records. Applicant should be detailed oriented. Will train the right person. Growth opp'rtunities with employer. Fax or mail resume to 432-682-2284 or mail to P.O. Box 5291 Midland, TX 79704 Attn: Alesha McCoy. NO WALK-IN'S PLEASE OR PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

Private Caregivers
Confidential FT
Private Caregivers needed for night time shifts. Call 694-8259.

Private Caregivers
HomeCare Plus FT
Now hiring private caregivers. All shifts available. Contact Karen Gill at 570-7587 or come by 501 Andrews Hwy in Midland. If you can not pass our drug screening or criminal background check, do not apply.

RN
CorVel Corp. FT
CorVel, National Medical Mgt. Corp. is seeking an RN with certified case manager for the Permian Basin area. Will provide services to worker compensation claimants. Contact Deb Mills 972-393-1714.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

Front Desk
Holiday Inn Express FT/PT
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Now hiring Front Desk FT& PT. Professional appearance required. Will train the right person. Competitive pay. Apply in person only. No phone calls.

Maintenance
Holiday Inn Express FT
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Now hiring full time & part time Maintenance. Professional appearance required. Will train the right person. Serious inquiries only. Previous applicants need not apply. Apply in person only. No phone calls. Competitive pay.

Various Positions
Travel Lodge #10062 FT/PT
Immediate opening for Housekeepers and Laundry for Day shifts and Front Desk Clerks for rotating shifts. Apply at: 2500 Commerce Dr, Midland, TX.

OTHER JOBS

Detail/Porter
Alderson European Motors FT
Duties include washing vehicles, transporting customers, cleaning the shop. Must have clean driving record, over 21 years of age, and current Texas Drivers License. Apply in person:5801 Andrews Hwy, Midland TX.

First United Methodist Church
Terrific job opportunity in a wonderful work environment for the right person. After completing a 90 day probationary period with our custodial crew, health insurance, sick leave, pay raise and paid vacation will be offered. Seeking hard working applicants. Contact Bobby Dent at bobbydent@firstmethodistmidland.com or 432.682.3701.

LAND Gaugers & Production Clerks
ISLAND OPERATING COMPANY is seeking LAND Gaugers with a minimal experience of 3 years, and also production clerks with clerical experience, some knowledge of Excel to be responsible for daily production reporting. These positions will require the candidates to work in the Big Lake, Texas area. Island Operating offers great benefits and pay. All interested parties should contact Kim Isaac @ 337-652-2516 for more information on this position. Island Operating Company is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Maintenance
Hillard Companies FT
Hillard companies is looking for an experienced person to mange and maintain Hillard Companies properties. Applicant must be knowledgeable and experienced in plumbing, electrical, automotive, landscaping, with time management, and have the versatility with performing different task. For questions, please call 432-683-9100. To apply, please send resume to sterlingh@mmbo.com.

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Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk
Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: ellsworth@hearstnp.com
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

Route Person Needed
Jordan Amusements FT
Route Person Needed - Must have valid driver's license, communication skills, trustworthy and pass drug test. Apply in person or fax resume to Jordan Amusement Co. 10100 W. Hwy 80 432-563-2740

Staff Members
The Boys and Girls Club PT
Hiring staff members that works well with kids with outgoing personality. Must be able to pass background check and drug screen. Monday-Friday 3pm-8:30pm. $8-$11 per hour. Call Michael at 432-683-0050.

NEWSPAPER CARRIERS NEEDED
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Call Tony Gonzalez (432) 687-9002
*Must have vehicle, insurance, & valid driver's license
Midland and Big Spring Areas Available

WEEKEND LAUNDRY AND JANITORIAL
YMCA of Midland has PT for weekend laundry and janitorial positions. Apply in person at 800 N. Big Spring. No phone calls please.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Consultants Wanted
Midland based petroleum engineering firm has immediate opening for Consultant for well site supervision, drilling, completion and work over operations. Retired personnel welcome. Send resume to: M- 52 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701.

REAL ESTATE

Property Manager
Experienced full-time, on-site Property Manager needed. Apply at Santa Fe Apartments. Call Santa Fe Apts. 432-520-3751.

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

All PT/FT Positions
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SALES JOBS

MCU MARKETING
Account Sales Manager
Set up and Maintain Accounts
Manage a small sales team
2 Years in sales and management
Average Annual Income FT 40-50k
Send resume to:
mkelley@mcumarketing.com

Outside Sale Representative
Hillard Office Solutions FT
Is looking for an Outside Sales Rep. Training is provided. Must have ability to make cold calls, have customer service & closing skills, and a drivers license with a clean record. For questions, please call 432-683-9100. To apply, send resume to: sterlingh@mmbo.com

Sales Associate
Now Hiring Full-time Sales Associates!
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Countyline Adult Video
5847 E. Commerce
Odessa, TX 79761
432-552-0055

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Midland, TX 79701
Position open for person knowledgeable in truck accessories or automotive industry. Salary plus commission, Monday-Friday 7:30 am-5:30 pm, vacation, insurance option. Bilingual a plus. Salary DOE. Send resume to: kerry@fendergroup.com

SKILLED LABOR

Full Time Maintenance
Villa Chateau Apartments FT
Full time maintenance person needed, must have own tools. Drug Screen/ Background Check done. Apply in person at Villa Chateau Apts. 1603 N. Midkiff Rd. No phone calls please.

Landscape Maintenance Foreman
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Weekly pay with benefits. Experienced individuals only. Please call 432-682-8222.

Lead Maintenance
Summerhill Apartments FT
Now hiring Lead Maintenance. Must be HVAC certified. Apply in person only at: 3001 North Midland Dr. Midland, TX 79707.

Licensed Experienced Journeyman Electrician
Now hiring! Email resume with references & salary requirements to: journeymanelectrician-resume@yahoo.com.

Maintenance Supervisor
Forty Four Hundred Apartments FT
Maintenance Supervisor needed. No phone calls. Apply in person at 4400 Andrews Hwy, Midland TX. 79703.

Midland Based Land Manager
Active Midland based O&G broker seeks Land Manager candidates. Primary responsibilities include oversight of Field Landmen in the areas of lease acquisition, title examination and curative. Must have local industry contacts, previous experience as an In-House Land Manager preferred, CPL designation preferred, and 3-5 years of experience required. To apply, please email resume and reference to landmgr12@gmail.com.

Operator with Class A CDL
Operator with Class A CDL needed for Excavating Company. Contact Jerry Kibodeaux at 254-522-5807.

Pump Mechanics
DXP Enterprises, Inc. FT
DXP is Hiring Pump Mechanics in San Antonio, TX. Oil field experience preferred, willing to train. $22-$35/hr. Apply online at www.dxpe.com

RIG HANDS - MIDLAND, TX
Wireline company now hiring! Call 432-694-6712 for an excellent opportunity. We offer top pay, job bonus, insurance, 401k and uniforms. Must have CDL, Haz-Mat a plus, pass drug screen & background check.

Sand Blasters, Painters & Helpers
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Hiring sand blasters, painters, helpers. Please call Accurate, Inc. at 432-563-1224 or 512-352-5278 or apply at 9504W.CR 127, Midland.

Shop Hand
Crescent Directional Drilling, LP. FT
Crescent Directional Drilling, L.P. is currently seeking a full-time Shop Hand for the Midland, TX district. The person selected for this position will need to be experienced with mud motors, forklift, dispatch, maintenance duties in the shop/yard and will handle shipping and receiving. This position may also require some after hours, weekend work and candidate will need a valid driver's license.

We offer a competitive compensation and benefits package including medical, vision and dental coverage, life insurance, 401(k). For consideration, please submit your resume to mstanley@crescentdirectional.com or fax to 432-618-1138. EOE

Technician Needed
Jordan Amusements FT
Must have Electronics experience, have valid driver's license, communication skills, trustworthy and pass drug test. Apply in person or fax resume to Jordan Amusement Co. 10100 W. Hwy 80 432-563-2740 fax

TIRE TECHNICIANS
Discount Tire is now hiring! We offer flexible schedules, benefits, and great starting pay. No experience needed; we will train. If you have a great attitude and you are a hard, reliable worker, please apply in person at one of our three Discount Tire Stores: 3100 N. Loop 250 (Midland), 2201 Rankin Highway (Midland), or 4211 Grandview Ave. (Odessa) No phone calls please.

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Welders
Energy Fabrication FT
Now accepting applications for Welders.Top pay, 401K and paid vacation. Please send resume to: 3750 Kermit Highway, Odessa, TX 79764, or apply in person.

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7-Passenger Can-Doability: 2012 Dodge Durango SUV

RoadWorthy!

By Ken Chester, Jr.
Motor News Media Corporation

Completely updated last year, the large Dodge SUV rides on the same chassis as the redesigned 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee SUV. As the first Dodge ever built in Jeep's Jefferson North (MI) Assembly Plant, the new Durango is billed as "an SUV with a Soul". Delivering crossover versatility, SUV capability and performance in a different league than other vehicles in its segment, the Durango is designed for the crew and engineered for the driver. Newly revised trim levels for 2012 include SXT, Crew, R/T and Citadel.

The Durango is available with two powertrains that provide rear-wheel-drive performance and fuel efficiency. A flex-fuel 3.6l Pentastar V-6 engine is bolted to a W5A580 five-speed automatic transmission, while the powerful 5.7L HEMI V-8 prime mover receives a new-for-2012 65RFE six-speed automatic transmission. Both engines feature variable valve timing (VVT).

The large Dodge SUV is equipped with two available full-time all-wheel-drive systems (V-6 and V-8 versions). The drivelines provide smooth operation of the vehicle over a variety of road conditions. Where competitors have switched to car-based platforms, the HEMI-powered, all-wheel-drive Durango features a low-range transfer case for light off-road recreation and to ease maneuvers while towing, such as pulling a boat out of the water from a high degree launch or backing up with a trailer attached.

The 2012 Dodge Durango has been engineered to be a driver's SUV that delivers impressive on-road performance and capability with the flexibility of a three-row SUV. Benchmarked against premium performance SUV's in the market, the unibody structure is built with a selection of high-strength and ultra-high-strength steels that improve driving dynamics by integrating the suspension with the body — reducing flex when compared with the previous body-on-frame design. In fact, 52 percent of the Durango's structure is made from these advanced steels.

The short/long arm front suspension and isolated multi-link rear suspension features isolated front and rear cradles for improved on-road handling and comfort. The Dodge SUV delivers on the pavement with aggressive shock and spring rates and large sway bars to handle body roll in hard turning maneuvers. Available electro-hydraulic performance steering, along with standard electronic stability control also contribute to maintain tire grip and vehicle stability. A drag coefficient of approximately 0.35 enables an aerodynamic improvement of more than 14 percent compared with its predecessor, contributing to quiet interior and improved fuel efficiency.

The Durango's passenger cabin is created by the same interior design studio that designed the much-lauded interior in the Ram trucks and the all-new Jeep® Grand Cherokee, the Durango's upscale interior materials and thoughtful design will make owners and their crews want to jump in, hunker down and thoroughly enjoy even the longest drive. Durango's interior is also extremely comfortable for all three rows of passengers, and there's a surprising amount of interior flexibility.

The instrument panel features a beautifully crafted monotone or two-tone appearance with a dark upper and lighter lower color and premium soft-touch materials for all price classes. Panel construction also features tighter gaps when compared to its predecessor and almost 50 percent fewer intersections of parts for higher fit and finish levels.

The Durango boasts 28 different seating configurations, with as much as 85 cubic feet of cargo and storage areas, leaving plenty of legroom for passengers and gear. With second- and third-row seats folded flat, the Durango can fit a 6-foot couch with room for a coffee table, or for do-it-yourselfers, enough 10-foot 2x4s to build a tree house. Visibility over the third row was critical. Engineering and design worked together to develop a simple solution. When the third row is empty, a single motion actuator can drop the headrests with the push of a button to increase visibility.

DIMENSIONS & SPECIFICATIONS

Wheelbase: 119.8; **overall length:** 199.8; **width:** 75.8; **height:** 70.9 All vehicle measurements are in inches

Engine: 3.6L V6 – 290 hp at 6,400 rpm and 260 lbs-ft of torque at 4,800 rpm; 5.7L HEMI V8 – 360 hp at 5,150 rpm and 390 lbs-ft of torque at 4,250 rpm

Transmission: five-speed automatic with overdrive, six-speed automatic

EPA Fuel Economy: 3.6L V6 – 16 city/23 hwy; 5.7L HEMI V8 – 14 city/20 hwy. (RWD), 13 city/20 hwy. (AWD).
Cargo capacity: 84.5 cubic feet

Payload capacity: 1,430 lbs.

Towing capacity: 7,400 lbs.

SAFETY FEATURES

Dual front airbags, front seat mounted side-impact airbags, dual head curtain side-impact airbags, four-wheel disc brakes with anti-lock, brake assist, rain brake support, ready alert braking, electronic stability control, all-speed traction control, engine immobilizer, trailer sway control, battery run-down protection, automatic head-lamps, fog lamps, tire pressure monitors, remote keyless entry, and hill-start assist control. Crew adds HomeLink universal transceiver, Keyless Enter-N-Go, ParkView rear backup camera, ParkSense rear park assist, security alarm, hands-free phone system, and keyless engine start. R/T adds high-intensity discharge low beam headlamps. Citadel adds SmartBeam auto-dimming high-beam headlight control system, blind-spot monitoring, rear cross path detection, adaptive cruise control, forward collision warning and rain-sensing windshield wipers.

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PRICING

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Classified Style

'Twas the day before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even my spouse;
The presents were wrapped, except for that one,
Just a gift for my wife and then I was done;
The evening was early, my wife tucked in bed,
Ideas for her present now danced through my head;
So I snuck to my car, the store would close soon,
And drove to the mall by the light of the moon.
When just up ahead was a flash of blue lights,
"A detour," they said, "you won't make it tonight!
The road has been closed and some trees are now down."
In an instant I knew I could not make it to town.
My hope seemed all gone as I made the turn right,
Travelling down roads in the darkness of night,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a bright yard sale sign, "at this time of year?"
"Who has a yard sale on this Christmas eve?"
I knew in a moment that I must believe,
I pulled up the drive and found tables galore,
I had not seen a sale like this one before;
There were nick-knacks, appliances, stereos and tools!
Furniture, clothing, even bracelets and jewels!
From knock-offs to brand names, and one of a kinds,
There were dozens and dozens of bargains to find.
I browsed through the tables of stuff piled high,
So many odd items, but nothing I'd buy,
"Oh why do I wait," I continued to strain,
"I know Christmas shopping, will give me migraines."

And then, in a twinkling, I heard from indoors,
It sounded like someone was doing his chores.
I backed from the table, and was turning around,
When the host of the sale came out with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
"Excuse my rod costume, it is strange I admit,
But my wife just bet me it still wouldn't fit."
His eyes seemed familiar, his face was unique,
But I couldn't quite place those rosy red cheeks,
I thought to myself, "Have I met him before?
At the office, through friends or maybe a store?"
He offered no answers, but tried to explain,
"My basement's too full and my wife just complains;
I'll sell you it all at a rock bottom price,
Provided," he laughed, "You're not naughty, but nice!"
"I forgot my wife's gift," I must sadly concede,
"And could use a big help for that one thing I need,
A gift for my wife would truly be grand,
Is there anything here that might be name brand?"
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And reached into a bag; then turned with a jerk,
"This great little present will make your wife shine,
It should be just right, as it's top of the line!"
I sprang to my car, full of joy and good cheer,
And turned to say "thanks", but the man disappeared.
Yet I heard him exclaim, as I drove out of sight,

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night."

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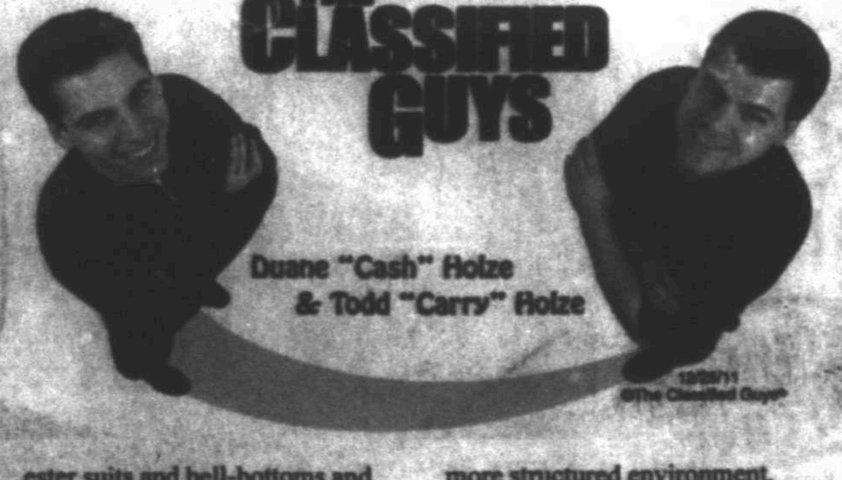
Ask the Guys

Dear Classified Guys,
I don't get it. I've been a Human Resources Manager for over 20 years and still don't understand the dress of today's young workers. Last week I had to circulate a memo about the need to wear undergarments to work and the appropriate length of skirts. And next week I'll have to put out a memo on how exposing body piercings & tattoos is unprofessional. It has gotten so bad that I now note "appropriate dress required" in my employment ads. Don't young workers want to strive to be more professional? Has acceptable dress changed that much in the past few years? Maybe it's time for me to retire.

Carry: At least you know company employees will read your memos. They never know what topic you will bring up next.

Cash: Your problem is one that many businesses face. Today's fashion has crept into even the most conservative companies.

Carry: Although, I'm not sure how much has changed over the years. Every generation has chosen a different style to express themselves: the sixties introduced tie-die, seventies brought poly-



ester suits and bell-bottoms and the eighties created obnoxiously large hairstyles.

Cash: Although most of us would like to burn the pictures that prove it.

Carry: The style changes are perfectly acceptable in society, however corporate attire is another arena altogether. Businesses need a structure to survive and inappropriate clothing can affect the workplace.

Cash: The early 90's and the dot-com era introduced a new workplace. Companies were based on creativity rather than corporate policies and dress codes. However, most of the companies that survived the boom adopted a more structured environment.

Carry: As a result, many of today's businesses have more relaxed policies on dress codes. Yet, most of them would probably encourage wearing underwear to work.

Cash: Your company's problem may not be from the changes in fashion, but instead, to a lack of policy enforcement. Memos are a good start, but the dress codes need to be supported by all departments and management in order to be effective.

Carry: So it may not be time for you to retire just yet. Otherwise, who would be there to tell employees how to get dressed in the morning?

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Fast Facts

Perfect Fit

In an effort to standardize women's clothing sizes, The National Bureau of Home Economics conducted a survey of 15,000 women in 1940. Fifty-nine measurements from each volunteer were used to create standard sizes. However, through the years, both American men and women have gained weight. Clothing manufactures began selling larger clothes labeled with smaller sizes to produce better sales. As a result, the Dept. of Commerce officially withdrew the commercial standards in 1983, leaving today's clothing industry with no set guidelines for women's sizes.

All Dressed Up

Are you looking for a promotion? If so, dress the part. In today's business world, your appearance can go a long way to setting a good impression. The typical rule of thumb is to dress for the position you want, not the position you currently have. Even if your company has a casual dress code, adopt a more business look to your wardrobe. A professional appearance can make you feel more confident and leave a good impression with your superiors and co-workers.

Reader Humor

Hard-Earned

My daughter has always had trouble managing her money. When I started giving her an allowance, she would spend it on the first thing she saw in the store.

So when she turned 16, I suggested she get a part-time job at the mall to earn her own money. She quickly realized how much work it took to earn a few extra dollars.

That Friday she came home all excited about her first paycheck. Trying to encourage her new-found respect for money, I asked, "So how much did you make this week?"

To my disappointment she held up a shopping bag and replied, "I earned two blouses and a skirt."

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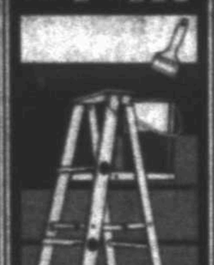

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