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CHRISTMAS PHOTOS

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Soup Kitchen offers toys, faith on Christmas Eve

■ Midland Soup Kitchen Ministries serves 200 on Christmas Eve

By Joseph Basco
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As Jason Ivy pointed up to the sky at Midland Soup Kitchen Ministry on Christmas Eve, he quoted John 3:16, which states that whoever believes in God shall not perish but have eternal life.

Jason, along with his wife, Nancy Ivy, and a group of volunteers, provided not only a holiday meal, clothing, blankets and toys for needy families, but also an offering of faith for those who chose to walk through the soup kitchen's doors on Orchard Lane in east Midland.

"The most important thing we give here is Jesus Christ," Nancy Ivy said. "If we don't tell them the main reason for their lives, this means nothing."

On Tuesday, about 200 people enjoyed a meal, received donated goods such as toiletries and clothing and heard Jason preach his lungs out about God and salvation. Though the ministry typically serves 50 to 100 people daily, the soup kitchen helped about 350 on Thanksgiving and expects to serve about 400 today.

Even before the soup kitchen opened its doors at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, about 50 adults and children were already lined up. When they entered, children smiled when they saw Santa and smiled even brighter when they received a toy from Santa's bag of goodies.

Santa was actually Mariano Rendon, who founded the soup kitchen with his wife, Mary. Their daughter, Nancy Ivy, now operates the facility with her husband and their sons, Nathan Ivy and Jay Ivy. The family-run soup kitchen has been serving Midlanders for 28 years.

"They (Nathan and Jay) have made it just like I have," Nancy said. "They're growing up in the ministry, learning to give back."

Needy families, some who are regulars at the soup kitchen, bring their children to share food and faith with

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Homes shine a light on charity

By Tyler White
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Roughly 40,000 LED lights cycle in unison to 32 catchy Christmas songs this holiday season in the 1600 block of Neely Avenue.

But along with the jingle bells and holly, the light show is used to attract donations for the Midland Humane Coalition to spread some Christmas cheer.

Joel Buckingham set up the light show this year to benefit the coalition because the organization is doing great work to save animals at its no-kill animal shelter.

"They've done a lot of good," he said.

He will be accepting monetary donations until New Year's Day, while the lights continue to highlight his neighborhood.

It took Buckingham and neighbors Tommy and Samanda Stavley about a week to put up all of the lights and decorations, which have attracted numerous viewers and even limousine parties.

Buckingham said it is so much fun to host the light show for the community "and our electricity bill does not go up that much."

Meanwhile, elaborate Christmas lights are customary for Ricky Thames and his family. They have been hosting their Christmas lights display at 5600 Ashwood Court for 11 years. This year was the seventh year he hosted a collection for the Midland Soup Kitchen. Thames worked close to 430 hours

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First Baptist Church's Live Nativity 2012 — *James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram*

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:11-12

Church signs roll dice with hip quips

By Jim Suhr
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Pastor Mike Butzberger insists he only had holiday spirit in mind when his Florida church's marquee read "Christmas — Easier to spell than Hanukkah."

But after a passer-by told him she found the message offensive and a local television station inquired about it, the Lighthouse Baptist Church preacher hustled to blunt any uproar by begrudgingly changing the sign to "Jesus Loves You."

"By no means would I as human or Christian ever put anything on the sign with the intention of hurting or insulting," Butzberger told The Associated Press from his church in North Palm Beach, Fla. "The purpose of the sign is to draw people to God, which is, in our 'business,' what we're selling."

Welcome to the challenge for pastors eager to update the age-old practice of luring in worshippers with messages on marquees out front of the church. Long the place for gospel quotes and Christmas Eve sermon hours, now the signs are often clever, pithy or funny. But pastors are finding that joking about religion is a serious business, and it's easy to cross a line.

When Darrin Lee launched his suburban Detroit church six years ago, he had just 11 members, a rickety old building and a plywood board marquee. The sign was replaced, thanks to a benefactor's $5,000 donation, with a roadside one Lee now uses for slogans he credits for

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Bells of Bethlehem ring out
33 times
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FROM STAFF REPORTS

Tracking Santa

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Since 1955, military personnel at the North American Aerospace Defense Command track Santa.

■ Last year, volunteers answered 114,000 phone calls from around the world. The website had 22.3 million unique visitors. NORAD Tracks Santa had 1.2 million followers on Facebook and 129,000 on Twitter.

■ The tradition began when a local newspaper advertisement invited children to call Santa but mistakenly listed the hotline of NORAD's predecessor. Rather than disappoint the kids, commanders told them they indeed knew where Santa was.

■ This year a children's advocacy group complained that an animated video on the NORAD Tracks Santa website injected militarism into Christmas by showing fighter jets escorting Santa's sleigh on a 39-second video promoting the event. NORAD said the fighter escort is nothing new. NORAD began depicting jets accompanying Santa and his reindeer in the 1960s.

■ Among the questions kids asked when they called in previous years:

— "Am I on the nice list or the naughty list?"

— "Can you put my brother on the naughty list?"

— "Are you an elf?"

— "How much to adopt one of Santa's reindeer?"

Source: Associated Press

Christmas church services

■ Christ Church Midland Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. www.ccanglican.com.

■ Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine Christmas Remembrance Mass at 10 a.m. 682-2581.

■ St. Ann's Catholic Church Mass for Christmas Day at 10 a.m., Spanish Mass at 1 p.m. 682-6303.

■ St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church Christmas Day service at 10 a.m. www.stnicksmt.org.

■ St. Stephen's Catholic Church Mass at 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Spanish, 5 p.m. 520-7394.

Restaurants open today

■ Buffalo Wild Wings, 5107 W. Wadley Ave., 694-9400, 5 p.m.-2 a.m.

■ Denny's, 3701 W. Wall St., 520-5306, 24 hours.

■ Furr's, 1116 N. Midkiff Road, 694-1619, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

■ Grand Buffet, 2510 W. Louisiana Ave., 688-8881, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

■ DoubleTrere by Hilton, 117 W. Wall St., 683-6131. Call for hours.

■ IHOP, 2507 W. Loop 250, 684-5759; 301 E. Interstate 20, 686-0537, 24 hours.

■ MD Pizza Factory, 4706 N. Midkiff Road Suite 13, 682-4440, 4-9:30 p.m.

■ Way Out West Steak and Buffet, 515 Andrews Highway, 697-4196. 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Dinner donation

Albertsons recently donated turkey dinners to the West Texas Food Bank. The company's donation, valued at almost $7,000, will be used to provide meals to 156 families in need this holiday season, according to Libby Campbell, executive director of the food bank.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 7-6-5
Pick 3 day: 1-3-3
Daily 4 morning: 8-1-4-5
Daily 4 day: 8-7-1-8
All or Nothing morning: 3-4-5-12-13-14-16-17-20-21-22-23
All or Nothing day: 5-7-10-11-12-13-15-17-18-21-22-24

Note: Because of an early dealine Tuesday, the evening and night numbers were unavailable.

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 25, the 359th day of 2013. There are six days left in the year. This is Christmas Day.

Today's highlight:

On Dec. 25, 1818, "Silent Night (Stille Nacht)," written by Franz Gruber and Father Joseph Mohr, was publicly performed for the first time during the Christmas Midnight Mass at the Church of St. Nikolaus in Oberndorf, Austria.

On this date:

In 1926, Hirohito became emperor of Japan, succeeding his father, Emperor Yoshihito.

In 1931, New York's Metropolitan Opera broadcast an entire live opera over radio for the first time: "Hansel and Gretel" by Engelbert Humperdinck.

In 1973, "The Sting," starring Paul Newman and Robert Redford as a pair of 1930s grifters, was released.

In 1989, ousted Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, and his wife, Elena, were executed following a popular uprising.

In 1991, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev went on television to announce his resignation as the eighth and final leader of a communist superpower that had already gone out of existence.

In 2009, passengers aboard Northwest Airlines Flight 253 foiled an attempt to blow up the plane as it was landing in Detroit by seizing a man who tried to set off explosives in his underwear.

Today's birthdays: Actor Gary Sandy is 68. Singer Jimmy Buffett is 67. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Larry Csonka is 67. Country singer Barbara Mandrell is 65. Actress Sissy Spacek is 64. Former White House adviser Karl Rove is 63. Singer Annie Lennox is 59. Baseball Hall of Famer Rickey Henderson is 55. Rock singer Mac Powell (Third Day) is 41.

ECISD hires Tom Crowe as superintendent

From staff reports

ODESSA — Ector County ISD trustees on Tuesday unanimously voted to hire the interim superintendent as the full-time superintendent of schools.

Trustees approved a $255,000 annual contract for Thomas Crowe. The contract runs through June 30, 2017.

He will be reimbursed up to $6,000 for moving expenses, and ECISD will pay his dues to two local civic clubs. Crowe will be responsible for providing health insurance for himself and his family.

"What a great Christmas present," Crowe said following the meeting. "It feels great. We have a great staff and a great (leadership team). And I think this also helps them to know there won't be a lot of changes after Christmas. They know how I work and we'll be ready to go."

Crowe has been in education for 38 years. He was named interim superintendent in August, and before that he was superintendent of McKinney ISD from July 2004 until he retired in December 2009.

"Mr. Crowe is a proven educational leader and the district was fortunate to secure his services," said school board president Ray Beaty when Crowe was named the lone finalist for this job on Dec. 2. "During his service, the district has stabilized, and it is evident that he has provided a positive direction for the students and staff in our school district."

Crowe's first priority is to get test scores up.

"In all my years as a superintendent I've never talked about scores much, but in this case we have to. Once we do that then we can look at how we can move ECISD toward being the shining star of West Texas that it ought to be," Crowe said.

MPD: Woman arrested for crack cocaine possession

From staff reports

Palko

A Midland woman was arrested early Friday after being found in possession of at least 15.7 grams of crack cocaine, according to court documents.

Anna Margaret Palko, 21, was being held on a $50,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams in a drug-free zone. She posted bond and was released Monday.

A Midland police officer observed a woman pulling out of a private driveway late Thursday near the 200 block of North Lee Street. The driver she did not use her signals.

The officer then conducted a traffic stop in the 1100 block of East Golf Course Road.

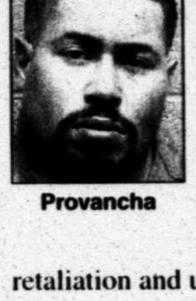
The officer said he arrested the driver — Palko — after he found multiple crack rocks scattered inside the vehicle. Once at the Midland County jail, a jailer found on Palko a plastic bag containing about 15.7 grams of crack, according to the arrest affidavit.

Palko had driven through a drug-free zone, De Zavala Elementary School, while in possession of the drugs, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Palko faces five to 99 years in prison.

MPD: Man retaliated against officer, fired gun outside bar

From staff reports



Provancha

A Midland man was arrested Sunday after he allegedly retaliated against a police officer and admitted to firing a pistol outside of a bar, according to court documents.

Coby Lee Provancha, 27, is being held on a $60,000 bond for third-degree felony charges of obstruction or retaliation and unlawful carry of a handgun on a premises licensed to sell alcohol.

Midland police officers responded to a disturbance at about 1:10 a.m. Sunday at the 1300 block of Atlanta Street.

The officers saw two people walking toward them and then one of the persons shined a flashlight into the patrol car.

As the officers got out of the vehicle, one of the persons told the other to "(expletive) him up" in reference to one of the officers. One of them, Provancha, raised his fists and aggressively approached one of the officers. He then was detained by the second officer, according to the arrest affidavit.

Provancha told the officers he had been in a fight at El Mexicano, a bar in the 2300 block of Garden City Highway, and that he fired a pistol into the air while he was in the parking lot, according to the affidavit.

The affidavit and arrest records obtained through the Midland County Sheriff's Office do not indicate whether the other person involved in the disturbance was arrested.

If convicted, Provancha faces up to 10 years in prison for each charge.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Cynthia H. Aquilina, 45, of Odessa, was charged Monday with assault of a public servant, bench warrant, possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Marcus W. Brooks, 50, of Midland, was charged Monday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Rafael C. Carrillo, 34, of Midland, was charged Monday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Casey R. Davis, 25, of Midland, was charged Monday with bench warrant.

Rodney A. Lee, 55, of Midland, was charged Monday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Darian D. Oneal, 18, of Midland, was charged Monday with theft of a firearm and burglary of a habitation.

Korey W. Patton, 27, of Midland, was charged Monday with assault on a family or household member with a previous conviction.

Randon S. Prince, 23, of Midland, was charged Monday with violation of probation and bench warrant.

Ramon A. Ramirez, 47, of Midland, was charged Monday with fugitive from justice.

Christopher L. Ransom, 26, of Midland, was charged Monday with bench warrant.

Darrin S. Stark Jr., 28, of Joshua, was charged Monday with violation of probation.

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John 3:16

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LIGHTS

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to place the 57,851 lights surrounding his home. The light show will be accompanied by bubble and snow machines and additional vibrant decorations, he said.

Thames has generally received between 800 and 1,100 pounds of canned goods each year, but this year his goal is 2,000 pounds.

Donations have been "overwhelming" this year, said Thames, who has already received at least 1,500 pounds of canned goods. He thinks a newly purchased sign in front of his home as a reason for the increase.

Thames will be accepting canned goods and monetary donations through the rest of the month, and he expects to come close to or meet his lofty goal.

Light shows

Address: 1609 & 1611 Neely Ave.
Hosted by: Joel Buckingham, Tommy and Samanda Stavley
Tune in to hear Christmas music at: FM 100.1
Hours of operation: 6 p.m. - midnight.

Address: 5600 Ashwood Court
Hosted by: The Thames family (Ricky, Lucy, Eric and Ethane)
Hours of operation: 6 to 11 p.m.
Tune in to hear Christmas music at: FM 90.3

KITCHEN

From 1A

the Ivy family. One of those children, Xavier Rios, 3, received a toy John Deere tractor from Santa and waited patiently as his mother, Lucy, removed the toy from the packaging.

Lucy Rios said this time of the year is special because Midlanders will pitch in and help the soup kitchen serve those in need.

"God goes through them to provide everything for everybody," Rios said. "That's a blessing."

Celeste Pruitt said God inspired her to help out at the soup kitchen on Christmas Eve. About two or three years ago, Pruitt and a friend decided to volunteer. She continues to volunteer because of the love, encouragement and offering of faith that the soup kitchen provides.

"It's a place to come and be fed, spiritually and physically," Pruitt said.

Did you know? Christmas by the numbers

From staff reports

Following are some intersesting factoids about the Christmas holiday.

Percentage of people who:

■ Attend a gathering with family of friends on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day: 86 percent

■ Attend religious services on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day: 54 percent

■ Pretend Santa Claus will visit their home: 31 percent

■ Buy gifts for friends or family: 86 percent

■ Give homemade gifts such as crafts or baked goods: 58 percent

■ What you most look forward to at the holidays: time with friends and family, 69 percent; religious reflection or going to church, 11 percent; people are happy, 7 percent

■ What do you like least about the holidays: commercialism/materialism, 33 percent; money, too expensive, 22 percent; shopping, crowded stores, 10 percent.

■ Is Christmas more of a religious holiday or cultural holiday: religious, 51 percent; cultural, 32 percent.

Source: Pew Research Center's December study: "Celebrating Christmas and the Holidays, Then and Now." (Sample of 2,001 adults)

Outages challenge Christmas cheer

Associated Press

For the first time in days, the sun shined and skies were blue when Doug Jennings stepped outside his home Tuesday in central Maine. But the power that disappeared in a massive weekend ice storm? It was still out, setting up his family for a very cold and very dark Christmas Eve.

"It's going to be problematic. We're going to have to do something about it, go to a hotel or whatever," said Jennings, who lives in one of several towns near Augusta that were almost completely blacked out. "I don't know."

Jennings and his family were among the half a million utility customers — from Maine to Michigan and into Canada — who lost power in a weekend ice storm that one utility called the worst during a Christmas week in its history. Repair crews worked to restore service, but thousands prepared for a holiday at home without electricity.

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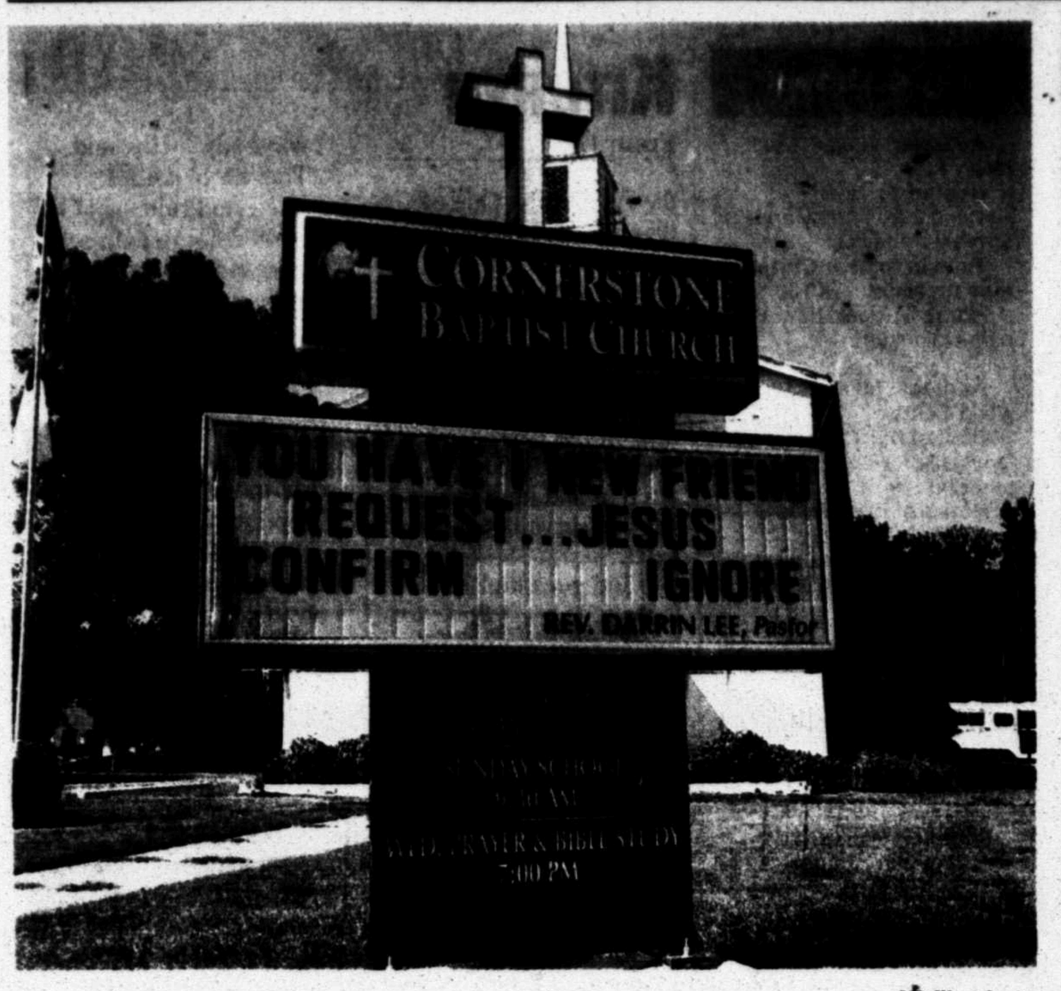

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In this Sept. 2010 photo, the sign outside Cornerstone Baptist Church displays its message to drivers in Farmington Hills, Mich. Darrin Lee credits the slogans on his sign for helping his flock grow to more than 100.

SIGNS

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helping his Cornerstone Baptist Church flock grow to more than 100.

"I think that sign added life to this church, saying, 'Hey, we're up to date. We're not some old relic church,'" he said from his church, which is passed daily by about 45,000 vehicles. "When you look at other churches with marquees that don't put up messages, I think they're missing the boat."

Though he has hit a few bumps. One of his slogans — "Don't Let Worry Kill You. Let The Church Help" — made the rounds on Facebook and Twitter, leaving him to offer the obligatory confirmation that "obviously we're not in the killing business." One caller wanted to chat about evolution after his marquee read: "If Man Came From Apes, Why Do We Still Have Apes."

Dozens of websites and social media sites collect pictures of church signage, celebrating those that seem to work — "Many Who Seek God at the Eleventh Hour Die at 10:30" — or panning others, such as, "Stop, Drop and Roll Doesn't Work in Hell."

Some even inspired books. Pam Paulson and her husband, Steve, took a four-year, 122,000-mile trek through all 50 states to chronicle interesting church marquees after noticing the changing signs at two churches near their Florida home. With a van full of hundreds of maps, it was a slow go after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, with churches seldom straying from patriotic themes. But around the middle of the decade, Pam Paulson said, cleverer messages began emerging.

"A lot of people we talked to thought it was just a good way to get people to at least acknowledge their church. It was true," the 59-year-old Methodist said. "We weren't looking for the humorous, but they were always the ones that caught our attention."

And that's the point, according to Wes Henson, pastor at the Walnut Street Baptist Church in southern Illinois city of Carbondale. He admitted he once drew an earful from a woman angry about the potential sexual innuendo when his marquee read, "Waking up and shouting, 'Oh God' is not the same as being in church."

"I guess I did that on a day I felt bold and confident," Henson said. "But when you have something on there that catches attention, at least for a moment, it means at least they're thinking about your church."

Churches largely are left on their own when it comes to marquees. The 13 million-member United Methodist Church doesn't tell its congregations what to write, said Larry Holland, the church's global communications chief. But it offers a big suggestion: Make them welcoming, non-judgmental and theologically accurate.

"We do take them seriously because they are a communications level. We consider them to be grassroots," Holland said.

But the messages should be fresh and avoid negative slogans, such as "'hell's waiting for you' kinda thing," said Woody Murray, a former advertising agency worker who in recent years wrote a column about church signs.

"A clever message wears old in a few days, like television commercials that have a joke," said Murray, a suburban Nashville Baptist now working for Gideons International. "Once you see it, you don't wanna see it again."

Sources of the signage run the gamut, from sermons to pithy themes found on road trips. At West Salem Trinity United Methodist Church in southern Illinois' Mount Vernon, Brad Henson gets much of his guidance from the Internet — making the task far easier than when he used a 3-inch-thick book of illustrations.

Henson, whose church sign has sported such messages as "A closed mouth gathers no foot" and "Dairy Queen is not the only place that has awesome Sundays," acknowledged that motorists who see his signs may never come into his church.

But that's not his goal. Henson said it's simply about preaching in a different, sometimes softer, way with messages that provoke thought or provide comfort to those passing by.

"That's an awesome ministry, whether they darken the doors of our church or not," he said. "That's really powerful as far as I'm concerned."

China pastor's supporters beaten on Christmas Eve

Associated Press

BEIJING — A group of rights lawyers and churchgoers supporting a jailed Chinese Christian pastor were attacked by hired thugs on Christmas Eve at his house in central China, his wife and two lawyers said.

Wang Fengrui, his wife, said dozens of thugs kicked and punched members of the group on Tuesday when they attempted to leave the house in Nanle county in Henan province.

Pastor Zhang Shaojie and his aides were arrested more than a month ago over a land dispute and have been denied access to lawyers. His case has drawn the scrutiny of rights lawyers and activists who say it exposes a county government's ability to act with impunity against a local church even if it is state-sanctioned.

While land disputes are common in China, Zhang's popularity has prompted many of the country's Christians to rally around him to defend what they say is religious freedom. They say the county government reneged on an agreement to provide Zhang's congregation with land for a building, leaving them without a place of worship.

Among those kept at the house Tuesday were three lawyers and an assistant, who had traveled to Nanle to seek meetings with Zhang and his aides.

Five churchgoers who were at Zhang's house along with the lawyers had hoped to hold a prayer meeting on Monday to rally support for him, but were prevented by authorities.

The conflict became violent when the thugs forcibly prevented the lawyers and churchgoers from leaving the house on Tuesday, according to Wang and two lawyers at the house.

"About 20 or so people had staked out the house overnight with lights and bonfires, and they used violence to prevent some of us from leaving, grabbing their clothes, taking their possessions such as bank cards and beating them," said Zhang's lawyer, Xia Jun.

Among those beaten was 63-year-old lawyer Cheng Weishan, who said he was praying for forgiveness of the thugs when they came after him, pulling his briefcase while punching him in the back and hitting his hands to force him to release it.

"I thought they would have some limit when dealing with an elderly person like me, but they had none," said Cheng, who was left with only the briefcase's two handles.

The crowd of thugs grew to about 40, and the lawyers said they called police for help but to no avail. A man who answered the phone at the local police station said he had no knowledge of the incident, and calls to the county government office rang unanswered.

Both Xia and Wang said Cao Nan, a preacher who came from Shenzhen to Nanle for the prayer meeting, told them he was placed inside a cage at the local police station, beaten, and sprayed with pepper water on Monday before being allowed to go to Zhang's house.

"I saw his shredded clothes and bruises on his body, his legs and his face," Wang said. "He could not sleep at all last night."

Witnesses said Cao was determined to leave the house on Tuesday but was beaten again.

The thugs grabbed Cao by his limbs, dumped him in front of the house and beat him before he grabbed a kitchen knife for self-defense, Cheng said.

"We have been calling police since yesterday for help, but they never came," Cheng said. "The moment Cao went out with a cleaver, they appeared instantly to chase after him."

Cao was believed to have been taken away again by police.

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OPINION

Beethoven's 'Ninth Symphony' hasn't lost its power

■ The masterpiece is familiar to the point of ubiquity, yet is still vital

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

In a season of joy, it is worth dwelling on and marveling at the world's anthem of joy, arguably the best piece of music ever written, which hasn't lost its power to astound after nearly 200 years and, as long as there is such a thing as civilization, never will.

It is, of course, Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Everyone knows the unforgettable melody of its "Ode to Joy," the fourth movement that sets a poem by Friedrich Schiller. Performances of the symphony always feel like an event. When the Berlin Wall fell, it was natural that Leonard Bernstein turned to the "Ninth" at the celebration.

The man who gave us this hymn of affirmation and possibility could be nasty and arrogant. But he was a towering musical genius who left to posterity incalculable gifts. Music historian Paul Lang says of Beethoven that "there is still no department of music that does not owe him its very soul." The great composer would have expected as much.

In all of his letters, Mozart never referred to himself as an artist. Beethoven considered himself an artist with a capital "A." He evangelized for the importance of music in general and himself in particular.

Listening to his work, it is hard not to conclude that he got his place in the firmament exactly right. Beethoven began composing the "Ninth" in 1818, when he was already deaf, but had thought about setting Schiller's poem to music as far back as the early 1790s. The symphony premiered in Vienna in 1824. The story goes that Beethoven was on stage beating the time and, with his back to the audience, couldn't hear the applause. A singer turned him around so he could see the rapturous reaction.

The first three movements are brilliant enough — shimmering to life from nothingness at the beginning in what has been compared to the Creation story, then delivering crashing drama — but the fourth is a revelation. Soaring and haunting, it builds toward the entry of the baritone soloist: "O friends, not these tones. But rather, let us strike up more pleasant and more joyful ones."

A chorus erupts, singing "Joy! Joy!" The singers praise "joy, beautiful spark of divinity" and tell of how "all mankind become brothers," and exult "Be embraced you millions/This kiss goes to the whole world."

These sentiments, uncontroversial if not banal today, had a political point. Dismayed by the ascendancy of reaction in Europe, Beethoven meant the symphony to be an enduring expression of his faith in democracy and the brotherhood of man.

But it is more than that. "Joy is beautiful because it provides harmony," Schiller wrote of his poem. "It is 'god-descended' because all harmony is derived from the Master of Worlds and flows back to him." The ode declares, "Brothers — above the starry canopy/A beloved father must surely dwell." Beethoven biographer Lewis Lockwood notes how the composer brought the religious message to the fore "as part of the great synthesis in which humanity's ideal state can be found only by reaching toward the heavens to find God."

It is a testament to Beethoven's achievement that his masterpiece is familiar to the point of ubiquity — the anthem of the European Union no less — yet still vital. A new documentary, "Following the Ninth," traces its impact on people around the world. A few months ago, "60 Minutes" did a segment on a plucky, against-the-odds symphony orchestra in the desperately poor Congo. Its rendition of the "Ninth" is ragged, but heartfelt and as moving as anything ever performed in Vienna.

The music historian Harold Schonberg writes of the Ninth Symphony, "The music is not pretty or even attractive. It is merely sublime." The Ode to Joy asks, "Do you sense the Creator, World?" It is the miracle of the "Ninth" that, at the height of its power, it almost compels the listener to answer "Yes!"

OUR VIEW

'Let God love others through you'

In the words of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, "It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you ... yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand."

For the Roman Catholic nun who died in 1997 at the age of 87, every day was Christmas.

She defined the day, which isn't about adding thousands of dollars to our credit card bill for Christmas gifts or setting a perfect holiday table. It's about remembering the birth of Jesus and being his hands and feet and serving those less fortunate than ourselves.

Mother Teresa founded the Order of the Missionaries of Charity to minister to "the poorest of the poor," according to the website of the Mother Teresa of Calcutta Center (www.motherteresa.org). She established orphanages and centers for the dying and unwanted around the world, as well as homes for drug addicts, prostitutes and those suffering from AIDS/HIV.

Mother Teresa wholeheartedly believed in the words Jesus spoke in the Gospel. "Jesus made it very clear," she said. "Whatever you do to the least of my brethren, you do it to me."

What can we do for the "least of my brethren"?

For starters, we can volunteer at a local nonprofit agency such as Habitat for Humanity, the Midland Soup Kitchen or Midland Need to Read. We can serve as mentors to at-risk students. We can become involved at whatever church we attend. We can spend time with a family member or friend we haven't seen in a while or with whom we've had a falling out.

Serving the less fortunate can be that simple. Or as in the case of Mother Teresa, it can be a lifelong ministry.

So on this most holiest of days, vow to "let God love others through you."

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Like you, our Reporter-Telegram associates are celebrating the holiday with their family or friends. To avail them of this opportunity, there was an early deadline on Tuesday, which prevented publication of certain items in today's edition. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Christmas story paints picture of the world

■ Narrative depicts how humans relate to one another, is link between God and man

ROSS DOUTHAT
New York Times News Service

Pause for a moment, in the last leg of your holiday shopping, to glance at one of the manger scenes you pass along the way. Cast your eyes across the shepherds and animals, the infant and the kings. Then try to see the scene this way: not just as a pious set-piece, but as a complete world picture — intimate, miniature and comprehensive.

Because that's what the Christmas story really is — an entire worldview in a compact narrative, a depiction of how human beings relate to the universe and to one another. It's about the vertical link between God and man — the angels, the star, the creator stooping to enter his creation. But it's also about the horizontal relationships of society, because it locates transcendence in the ordinary, the commonplace, the low.

It's easy in our own democratic era to forget how revolutionary the latter idea was. But the biblical narrative, the great critic Erich Auerbach wrote, depicted "something which neither the poets nor the historians of antiquity ever set out to portray: the birth of a spiritual movement in the depths of the common people, from within the everyday occurrences of contemporary life."

And because that egalitarian idea is so powerful today, one useful — and seasonally appropriate — way to look at our divided culture's competing worldviews is to see what each one takes from the crèche in Bethlehem.

Many Americans still take everything: They accept the New Testament as factual, believe God came in the flesh, and endorse the creeds that explain how and why that happened. And then alongside traditional Christians, there are observant Jews and Muslims who believe the same God revealed himself directly in some other historical and binding form.

But this biblical world picture is increasingly losing market share to what you might call the spiritual world picture, which keeps the theological outlines suggested by the manger scene — the divine is active in human affairs, every person is precious in God's sight — but doesn't sweat the details.

This is the world picture that red-staters get from Joel Osteen, blue-staters from Oprah, and everybody gets from our "God bless America" civic religion. It's Christian-ish but syncretistic; adaptable, easygoing and egalitarian. It doesn't care whether the angel really appeared to Mary: the important thing is that a spiritual version of that visitation could happen to anyone — including you.

Then, finally, there's the secular world picture, relatively rare among the general public but dominant within the intelligentsia. This worldview keeps the horizontal message of the Christmas story but eliminates the vertical entirely. The stars and angels disappear: There is no God, no miracles, no incarnation. But the egalitarian message — the common person as the center of creation's drama — remains intact, and with it the doctrines of liberty, fraternity and human rights.

As these world pictures jostle and compete, their strengths and weaknesses emerge. The biblical picture has the weight of tradition going for it, the glory of centuries of Western art, the richness of millenniums' worth of theological speculation. But its specificity creates specific problems: how to remain loyal to biblical ethics in a commercial, sexually liberated society.

The spiritual picture lacks the biblical picture's resources and rigor, but it makes up for them in flexibility. A doctrine challenged by science can be abandoned; a commandment that clashes with modern attitudes ignored; the problem of evil washed away in a New Age bath.

The secular picture, meanwhile, seems to have the rigor of the scientific method behind it. But it actually suffers from a deeper intellectual incoherence than either of its rivals, because its cosmology does not harmonize at all with its moral picture.

In essence, it proposes a purely physical and purposeless universe, inhabited by evolutionary accidents whose sense of self is probably illusory. And yet it then continues to insist on moral and political absolutes with all the vigor of a 17th-century New England preacher. And the rope bridges flung across this chasm — the scientific-sounding logic of utilitarianism, the Darwinian justifications for altruism — tend to waft, gently, into a logical abyss.

So there are two interesting religious questions that will probably face Americans for many Christmases to come. The first is whether biblical religion can regain some of the ground it has lost, or whether the spiritual worldview will continue to carry all before it.

The second is whether the intelligentsia's fusion of scientific materialism and liberal egalitarianism — the crèche without the star, the shepherds' importance without the angels' blessing — will eventually crack up and give way to something new.

The cracks are visible, in philosophy and science alike. But the alternative is not. One can imagine possibilities: a deist revival or a pantheist turn, a new respect for biblical religion, a rebirth of the 20th century's utopianism and will-to-power cruelty.

But for now, though a few intellectuals scan the heavens, they have yet to find their star.

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Ringing the bells of Bethlehem tradition fades

By Mohammed Daraghmeh
Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — A Palestinian college student is one of the last keepers of a fading tradition — ringing the bells of Bethlehem.

Twice a week, Khadir Jaraiseh climbs to the roof of the Church of the Nativity, built over the grotto where tradition says Jesus was born. He pulls the ropes of four bells in a rooftop tower for a total of 33 times to symbolize the number of years Jesus was believed to have lived.

Jaraiseh rings the bells for prayer services of the Armenian Apostolic Church, one of three denominations that administer the basilica, one of Christianity's holiest shrines. The Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox denominations at the Nativity church — each of which has its own set of bells — have switched to automatic bell-ringing.

But there's something special about the traditional approach, said Jaraiseh, who uses both hands and a floor pedal to pull the ropes.

"I feel like I'm making music and talking to God," said the 22-year-old, who has worked at the church for four years and is studying to become a tourist guide. "There is nothing better than working in the place of Jesus' birth."

Jaraiseh rings the bells two days a week and an older colleague covers the remaining five days. During the Christmas season, his task is particularly enjoyable, he said.

His rooftop perch offers a view of old stone houses, and cobblestone alleys in the center of Bethlehem.

On Sunday, patches of snow were left on rooftops, remnants of a rare snow storm that hit earlier this month. Much of the church was covered in scaffolding, as part of urgent repairs of a leaking roof — the first facelift in 600 years. Below, Manger Square was filled with tour groups, including visitors from India and Africa.

But the postcard-like vista is disrupted by a string of Israeli settlements and Israel's West Bank separation barrier in the background. Around Bethlehem, the barrier is made up of ugly gray cement slabs, one of the many manifestations of the festering Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Israel portrays the barrier as a defense against militants, while Palestinians say it's an excuse for another Israeli land grab.

The conflict is ever-present in the Palestinian territories, even during the Christmas season, though not always acutely felt. Tensions have dropped in recent years, the U.S. is making a new attempt to broker a peace deal, Bethlehem hotel rooms are booked through December and the number of visitors is rising steadily.

Jaraiseh said Christmas remains the highlight of his year despite the political situation. "We wait for it, it's a happy day and we feel happy, regardless," he said.

The Armenians mark Christmas on Jan. 19. The day before, Jaraiseh will ring the bells for longer, while the Christmas Eve procession of the Armenian patriarch makes its way into church. Though he is the bell-ringer for the Armenians, Jaraiseh is Roman Catholic and celebrates Christmas this week.

The Greek Orthodox switched to a computerized system after their bell ringer died a few years ago.

"We just press the button, without any need to go up to the roof in bad or good weather," said Issa Talgiyeh, a Greek Orthodox priest. "This is much easier," he said — though he acknowledged that the bells rung by hand sound more beautiful.

The Roman Catholics went the same route, using a generator to back up the system.

The Armenians initially had five bells that were installed in 1923. One was damaged during Israel's 2002 siege of the church when Palestinian gunmen were holed up inside the shrine for 40 days.

Khat Joundourian, a senior Armenian priest, said his church decided to preserve tradition.

"What if one day the computer (for the bells) doesn't work or needs to be reset?" he said. "Would we skip the call to prayer?"

Nasser Nasser/AP

Armenian clergymen take part in the Sunday prayer services inside the Grotto, underneath the Church of the Nativity, in the West Bank city of Bethlehem. A Palestinian college student is one of the last keepers of a fading tradition — ringing the bells of Bethlehem. Twice a week, Khadir Jaraiseh climbs to the roof of the Church of the Nativity, built over the grotto where tradition says Jesus was born. He pulls the ropes of four bells in a short tower for a total of 33 times to symbolize the number of years Jesus was believed to have lived.

In typhoon's wake, Christmas infused with tragedy

Associated Press

TACLOBAN, Philippines — Christmas lights blink in a handful of restaurants in Tacloban, but at nightfall, much of this city flattened by Typhoon Haiyan slips into darkness.

A few downtown shops have reopened. Roadside vendors peddle fruits of the season: oranges and red apples. There is rebuilding, though much of it consists of residents hammering shelters out of scavenged debris.

The Nov. 8 typhoon killed more than 6,100 people in the eastern Philippines, displaced at least 4 million others and left its most gruesome mark on Tacloban, a city of 240,000 that will need years to recover.

Soon after the storm, Philippine Energy Secretary Jericho Petilla promised to restore power by Christmas Eve or resign, and indeed, electricity has returned to nearly all of the more than 300 towns that lost it. But relatively few people are able to use it. Officials said many storm-ravaged houses and shops will spend the holidays in the dark because their wiring systems are damaged.

City Hall, a seaside hilltop complex surrounded by ruins, buzzes with typhoon relief work, with dozens of staffers and foreign aid workers busy on the phone or huddled in talks.

"I am hoping by a year you'll see some significant improvements," Mayor Alfred Romualdez said. dBut he's not sure when his city will fully bounce back.

Christmas Day Mass here will be celebrated by the papal envoy. There was a Christmas Eve dinner for foreign aid workers and local officials.

But mostly, Christmas will be a celebration amid deprivation, in tents, makeshift homes and damaged churches. The smell of death remains in parts of the city. Thousands of people have simply left.

"Many of them, I know, prefer not to spend it here," Romualdez says. "Maybe a change of scenery first and then come back after the holidays."

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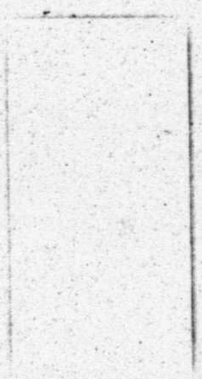

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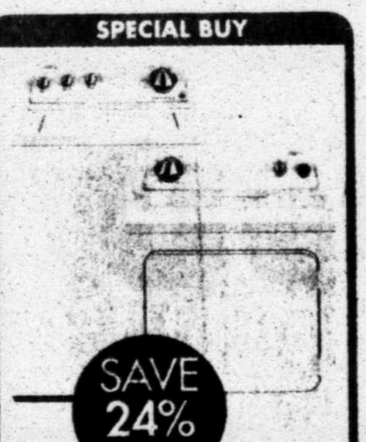

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Parade of Lights on Dec. 14.

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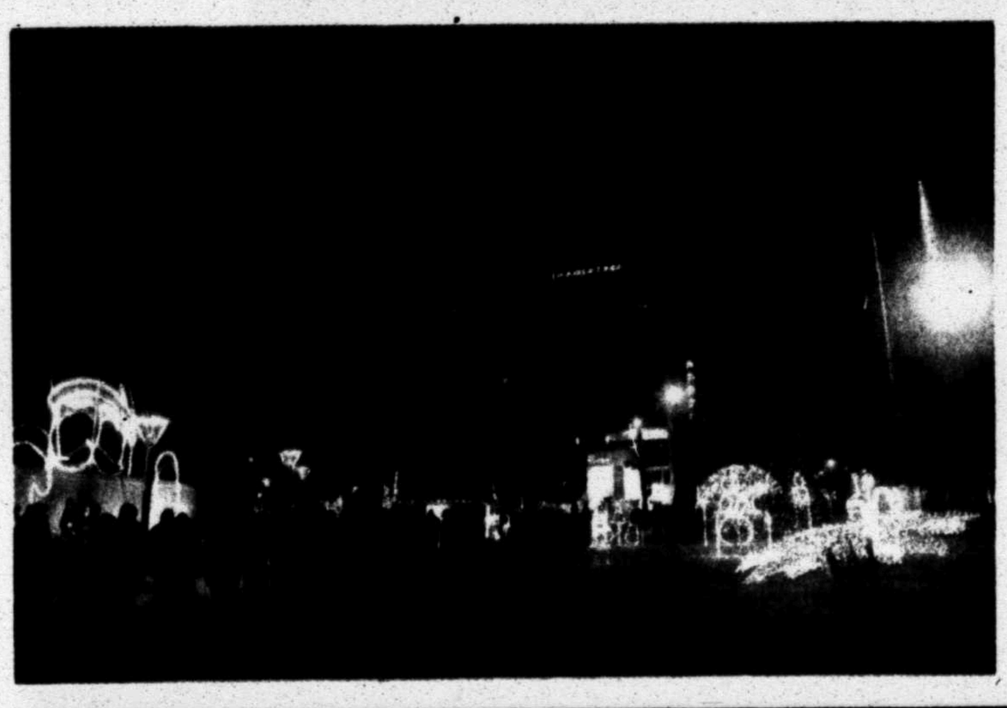
Centennial Park tree lighting on Dec. 14.



TOP
Ugly Sweater 5K Run participants start the race Dec. 14 at the Museum of the Southwest.

ABOVE
Lincoln Reznik, 4, and Brinnin Nethery, 6, play with foam snow during an Ugly Sweater 5K Run.

LEFT CENTER
Bonham Elementary families line up to see Santa during a Partner in Education Christmas party for Bonham Elementary students and families Dec. 12 at First Capital Bank.

LEFT BOTTOM
Children make crafts during the Centers for Children & Families "Operation Elf" event Dec. 11 at the Junior League of Midland.

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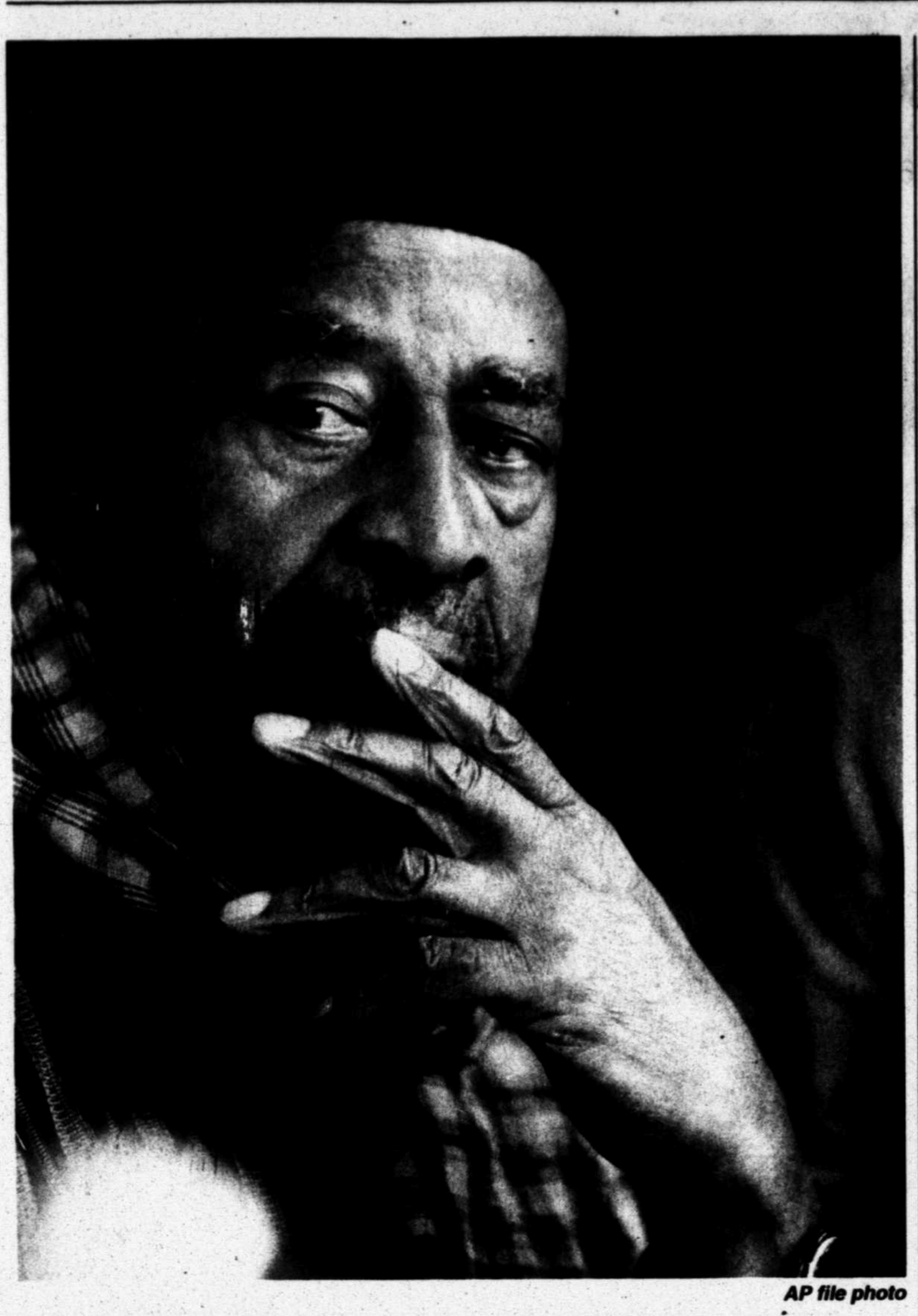

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Jazz flutist Yusef Lateef discusses his music in the Jazz Talk Tent at Hart Plaza at the 2007 Detroit International Jazz Festival in Detroit. Grammy-winning musician and composer Lateef, one of the first to incorporate world music into traditional jazz, died Monday. He was 93

Saxophonist Yusef Lateef dies at age 93 in Massachusetts

Associated Presss

SHUTESBURY, Mass. — Grammy-winning musician and composer Yusef Lateef, one of the first to incorporate world music into traditional jazz, has died. He was 93.

Lateef died Monday at his home in Shutesbury in western Massachusetts, according to the Douglass Funeral Home in Amherst.

Lateef, a tenor saxophonist known for his impressive technique, also became a top flutist. He was a jazz soloist on the oboe and played bassoon. He introduced different types of flutes and other woodwind instruments from many countries into his music and is credited with playing world music before it was officially named.

"I believe that all humans have knowledge," he said in a 2009 interview for the National Endowment for the Arts. "Each culture has some knowledge. That's why I studied with Saj Dev, an Indian flute player. That's why I studied Stockhausen's music. The pygmies' music of the rain forest is very rich music. So the knowledge is out there. And I also believe one should seek knowledge from the cradle to the grave. With that kind of inquisitiveness, one discovers things that were unknown before."

As a composer, he created works for performers ranging from soloists to bands to choirs. His longer pieces have been played by symphony orchestras throughout the United States and in Germany. In 1987, he won a Grammy Award for his new age recording "Yusef Lateef's Little Symphony," on which he played all of the instruments.

In 2010, he was named an NEA Jazz Master, the nation's highest jazz honor.

Lateef had an international following and toured extensively in the U.S., Europe, Japan and Africa. His last tour was during the summer.

He held a bachelor's degree in music and a master's degree in music education from the Manhattan School of Music, and from 1987 to 2002, he was a professor at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, from which he was awarded a doctorate in education.

He created his own music theory called "Autophysiopsychic Music," which he described in the NEA interview as "music from one's physical, mental and spiritual self, and also from the heart."

Born William Emanuel Huddleston in Chattanooga, Tenn., in 1920, Lateef moved with his family to Detroit five years later. He became acquainted with many top musicians who were part of Detroit's active music scene and by age 18 he was touring professionally with swing bands led by Lucky Millinder, Roy Eldridge, Hot Lips Page and Ernie Fields.

In 1949, he was invited to perform with the Dizzy Gillespie Orchestra, which was playing be-bop. He took the name Yusef Lateef after becoming a member of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, and twice made the pilgrimage to Mecca.

He became a fixture on the Detroit jazz scene in the 1950s leading his own quintet. In 1960, he moved to New York and joined Charles Mingus' band. Lateef would go on to perform with some of jazz's best talent, including Cannonball Adderley, Donald Byrd and Miles Davis.

Lateef first began recording under his own name in 1956 for Savoy Records, and made more than 100 recordings as a leader for such labels as Prestige, Impulse, Atlantic and his own YAL. His most enduring early recordings included such songs as "Love Theme from Spartacus" and "Morning."

Obituaries

Hazel Gibson

Hazel H. Gibson was born in Mexia, Texas on February 7, 1924. She went to meet her Lord Jesus on December 22, 2013.

Hazel graduated valedictorian of her class in 1941 at the State Home High School in Corsicana, Texas. After graduation she attended Draughon Business College in Wichita Falls, Texas. During World War II she worked at Shepherd Air Force Base. Following the war she moved to Ft. Worth, Texas where she worked for Consolidated Aircraft. She moved to Midland, Texas in 1970 and worked for Joseph I. O'Neill Oil Company until her retirement. She was a member of First Baptist Church for 43 years and volunteered at the Baptist Crisis Center for 17 years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Mary Hudson; her granddaughter, Jamie Robbins; her husband of 63 years, Marvin A. Gibson.

Hazel is survived by her daughter, Patricia Robbins and husband Jim; her son, Mark Gibson and wife Elizabeth; her son, Stephen Gibson and wife Sharon; her three granddaughters: Katie Guist, Ashley Welch and Kari Jones; her grandson, Andy Robbins; her great grandson, Trace Welch; her sister Rose Marje Johnson and husband Bob and numerous nephews and nieces.

Hazel will lie in state on Thursday, December 26, 2013 between the hours of 12:00pm and 9:00pm at Ellis Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held on Friday, December 27, 2013 at 2:00pm at First Baptist Church. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Midland or the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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William "Bill" W. Franklin

Jul 6, 1954 - Dec 23, 2013
MIDLAND, TEXAS

Bill was born in Bartlesville, Oklahoma to Sam and Claudia Franklin on July 6, 1954. He was baptized by his grandfather, The Reverend Samuel W. Franklin, at the First Methodist Church in Pawnee, Oklahoma. He attended elementary school at Ranch Heights in Bartlesville, earned his Eagle Scout rank while in Oklahoma City, and graduated from Tulsa Memorial High School in 1972. Bill Franklin, of Midland, Texas, passed away on December 23, 2013 at the age of 59 years, 5 months, and 17 days following a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer.

Strong in his Christian faith, honorable, smart, a gentleman, loving, kind, unselfish, and funny are a few of the words to describe Bill. He married Linda Morgan in Enid, Oklahoma on December 23, 1978; he and Linda were devoted partners and best friends throughout their marriage.

In 1976, Bill graduated from Oklahoma City University with a degree in history. Bill worked for Conoco, Inc. in Ponca City, Oklahoma from the early 1980s until 1992 when he transferred to Houston, Texas. In 1994, Bill transferred to Midland and worked as Senior Land Advisor before returning to Houston in 1999 where he became Chief Landman for the company. In 2006, he moved to Midland again after the corporate acquisition of Burlington Resources Oil and Gas Company. He was promoted to Principal Landman and then named the Land Supervisor of the North Area of the Mid-Continent Business Unit. Bill elected to retire from ConocoPhillips in 2011. Shortly after his retirement, Bill joined Diamondback Energy as Vice President of Land and Business Development where he was instrumental in the company's growth and successful IPO.

A member of the American Association of Professional Landmen (AAPL), Bill was highly regarded for his integrity, sincerity, ultimate professionalism, and his satisfaction in mentoring new landmen, while maintaining his character of humility as a consummate gentleman.

Bill loved playing baseball, basketball, and golf, as well as being an avid runner with his two favorite canine companions, Wilbur and Forbes.

Bill is survived by his loving and devoted wife Linda Franklin of Midland, Texas; son William Walsh Franklin, Jr. (Will) and daughter-in-law Kristel of Austin, Texas; his daughter Carly Ann Franklin of Austin, and his beloved grandson William Walsh Franklin, III (Liam) of Austin. Other survivors include his mother, Claudia Franklin; his twin sister, Sally Ryser; his younger sister, Mary Geddie; and many wonderful cousins, nieces, a nephew, great nephews, and other loved Morgan family members. Bill took great pleasure in being with his family; he was a wonderful husband, father, brother, uncle and grandpa - "Goop." Bill was preceded in death by his father, Sam Franklin.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Pawnee on Saturday, Dec. 28, 2013 with his brother-in-law, The Reverend Charles Ryser, officiating. Committal will follow at the Highland Cemetery. A reception celebrating Bill's life will also be held in Midland with the time and date to be announced.

Bill developed a passion for the ministry of the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) and their disaster relief efforts and became a faithful supporter of Operation Blessing. Bill was also a frequent blood donor, and his family encourages anyone who can to give blood. In lieu of flowers, donations to honor the life of Bill Franklin may be made to CBN - Operation Blessing (Account #140576349); 977 Centerville Turnpike; Virginia Beach, VA 23463. Condolences may be left in Bill's online guestbook at legacy.com.

Death Notices

James D. "J.D." Felts, Sr.

James D. "J.D." Felts, Sr., 82, of Big Spring passed away on Saturday, December 21, 2013.

No services are planned.

He is survived by one daughter: Connie Fletcher; eight grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sons: James David Felts, Jr., and Russell Dean Felts. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Natividad Ynostrosa Campos

Natividad Ynostrosa Campos, 88 of Midland, passed away on Monday, December 23, 2013.

A prayer service will be held Thursday, Dec. 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Funeral service is set for Friday, Dec. 27 at 2:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Adelaida Campos; three sons: Paul Campos, Tony Ramirez Jr. and Michael Ramirez, TX; four daughters: Gregoria Villarreal, Anita Bennett and Susie Campos Schieber and Nellie R. Pando; one brother; three sisters; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nephews, nieces and cousins.

OTHERDEATHS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Former Roswell police chief Al Solis dies

ALBUQUERQUE — Al Solis, Roswell's former police chief and the state's former interim secretary of the Department of Corrections, died Monday, Roswell officials confirmed. He was 65 and had been battling cancer.

Roswell City Manager Larry Fry said officials were informed that Solis died in Las Cruces. "He was certainly a man of integrity and had a long, distinguished career in law enforcement," Fry said.

His death comes just a few months after Solis announced in July he was stepping down for health reasons. He said at the time that his cancer was contained but not going away.

The longtime lawman came to Roswell as administrator to the Chaves County Detention Center and later became the department's chief.

He spent 21 years with the U.S. Marshals Service and served briefly as interim secretary of the Department of Corrections under Gov. Susana Martinez.

In 2011 interview with The Associated Press, Solis said he was happy to help Martinez reshape the corrections department and get it ready for incoming Corrections Secretary Gregg Marcantel. "But police work is what I enjoy doing," he said. "I really enjoy working to make communities safer."

As Roswell's police chief, Solis invited Homeland Security Investigations to the small southeastern New Mexico city to help the department fight the city's violent gang problem.

State data shows that Roswell and Chaves County have the state's highest "firearm injury emergency department visit rate," largely due to gang violence. The county's rate was 44.8 per 100,000 residents from 2008 to 2010, the latest data showed, compared with the state average of 18.

Roswell said his small department couldn't handle the violence alone and was happy federal agents were lending their support and helping convict suspects under various stronger federal laws.

Funeral services have not been announced.

LOS ANGELES

Janet Dailey, romance novelist who overcame plagiarism scandal, dies at 69

Romance novelist Janet Dailey, who went from secretary to bestselling author with millions of copies of her books sold worldwide, found herself in the midst of a scandal in 1997 that could have been a career-ender.

But in her world, the heroine always found a way to overcome dire straits.

In Dailey's "Night of the Cotillion" (1977), Amanda finds love with Jarod, though he mocks her early on for being "wrapped up in those romantic notions ... and the happily-ever-afters." In "For the Love of God" (1981), Abbie overcomes cruel gossip to win the hand of Seth, the town's new minister. Similar happy endings were in store for the protagonists of "Valley of the Vapours," "For Bitter or Worse" and the nearly 100 other books she wrote.

Dailey's real-life dilemma came when she was accused of plagiarizing the prose of the biggest name in the genre, Nora Roberts. Dailey eventually admitted to the infractions and lost her big-name publisher. But she kept on writing, and many of her fans stuck by her.

"There's a formula in women's fiction called: 'sin, suffer and repent,'" said Dailey's agent, Richard Curtiss. "Well, she sinned, suffered and repented. And then she went on."

Dailey, 69, died Dec. 14 at her home in Branson, Mo., according to Taney County Coroner Kevin Tweedy. Although he declined to give an exact cause of death, Tweedy said it was "health reasons."

She wrote about 100 books in her lifetime, beginning with "No Quarter Asked," which was published in 1974 by romance specialty house Harlequin Enterprises. By then, she and her husband, Bill — who she said was the model for the rugged men in her books — had taken early retirement and were traveling the country in a Silver Streak trailer.

"I had always wanted to be a writer, but I didn't have the vaguest notion of what to write about," Dailey said in a 1981 Los Angeles Times interview. "Then I started reading romances."

By the time of the article, the extremely prolific Dailey had more than 50 books out, several of which had hit bestseller lists. In a Washington Post interview, she claimed to be able to write a novel in 16 days.

Dailey wrote several themed series of books, including her "Americana" series of 50 novels with one set in each state. Her devotion to U.S. settings and themes was one of the keys to her success, Curtiss said.

"Until Janet, the romances were English drawing room stories, very stylized and not very sexy," he said. Indeed, Dailey was the first U.S. author published by the Canada-based Harlequin. "Janet's books were much more muscular, with red-blooded males, and they had more explicit sex scenes."

Dailey did not shy away from calling her books escapism. "The enormous majority of my readers are all women just like myself, who are combining a career and home life," she said in the Times interview. "They need the escape from frustration that romance gives, but they know what reality is."

Janet Anne Haradon was born in the small town of Storm Lake, Iowa, on May 21, 1944. After attending secretarial school in Omaha, she went to work for a construction company owned by Bill Dailey. They eventually married, and he became the main researcher for her books that were steeped in history. Bill Dailey died in 2005.

Janet Dailey is survived by stepson Jim Dailey, stepdaughter Linda Scheibe, three sisters, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Parade of Lights and Centennial Park tree lighting on Dec. 14.

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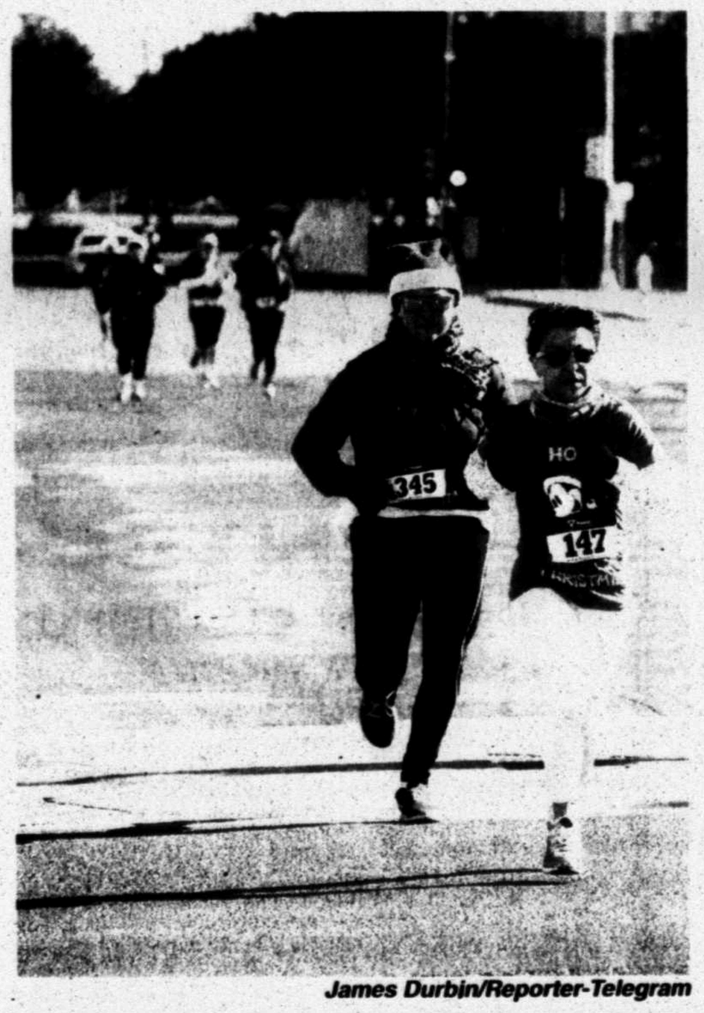
CHRISTMASTIME IN THE CITY
John Irby and his wife, Stacy, with sons James and Andrew enjoy free hotdogs, cotton candy, kettle corn and hot chocolate Dec. 21 at Stonegate Fellowship's Christmastime in the City.



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RUN FOR IT
Ugly Sweater 5K Run participants cross Big Spring Street on Dec. 21 at the Museum of the Southwest.

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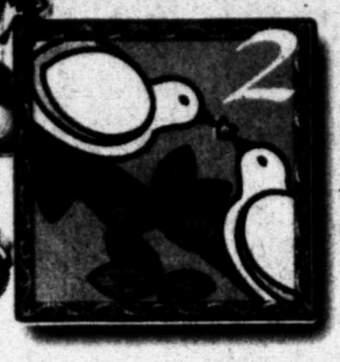

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my true love sent to me
Three French hens, two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the fourth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Four calling Birds, three French hens, two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the fifth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Five golden rings.
three French hens, two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the sixth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings.
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the seventh day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings.
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.

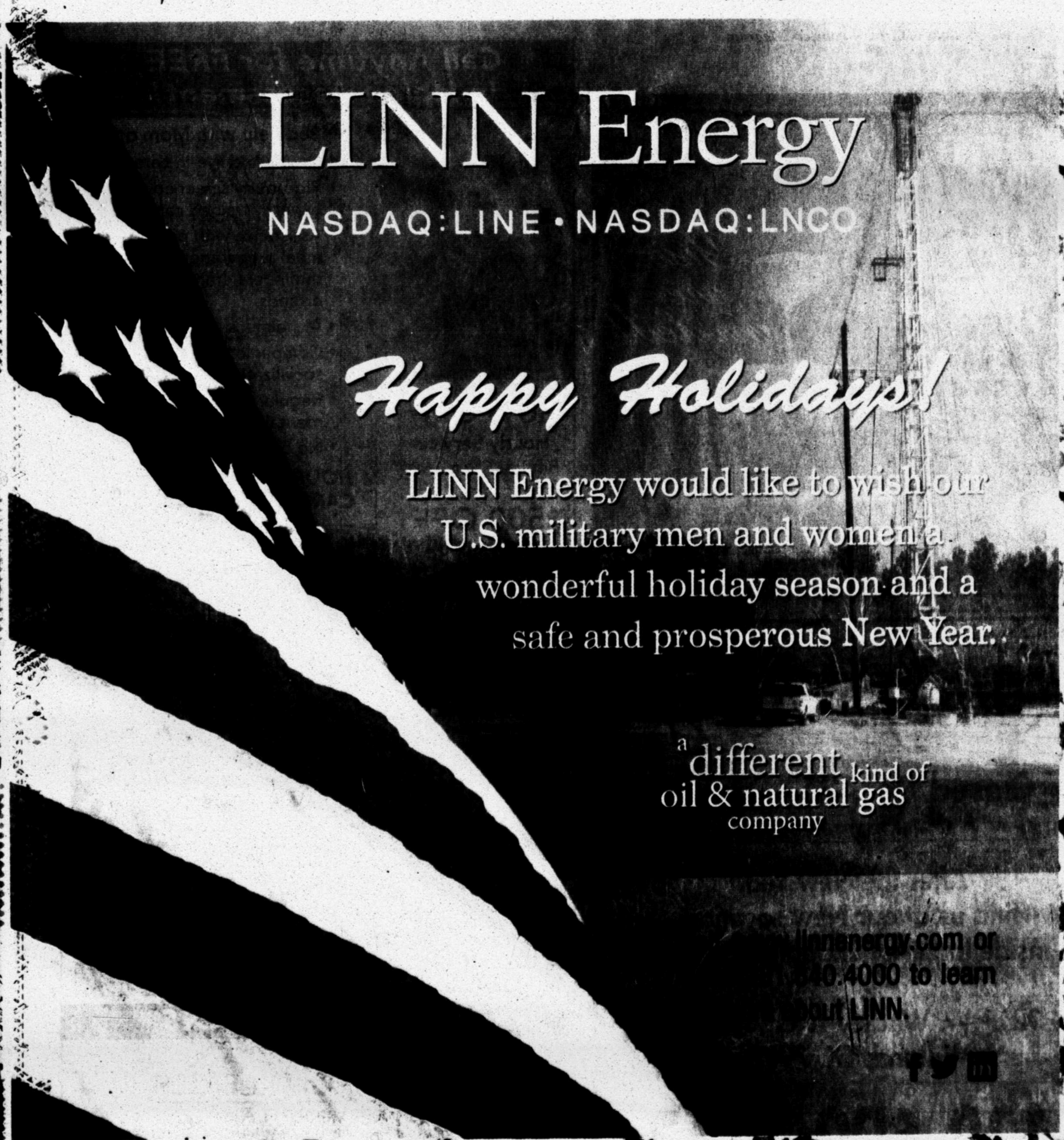
On the eighth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Eight maids a milking, Seven swans
a-swimming, Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings.
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the ninth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings.
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the tenth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Ten lords a-leaping, Nine ladies dancing, Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings.
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the eleventh day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Eleven pipers piping, Ten lords a-leaping, Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings.
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.

On the twelfth day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Twelve drummers drumming, Eleven pipers piping,
Ten lords a-leaping, Nine ladies dancing,
Eight maids a-milking,
Seven swans a-swimming, Six geese a-laying,
Five golden rings.
Four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves
And a partridge in a pear tree.



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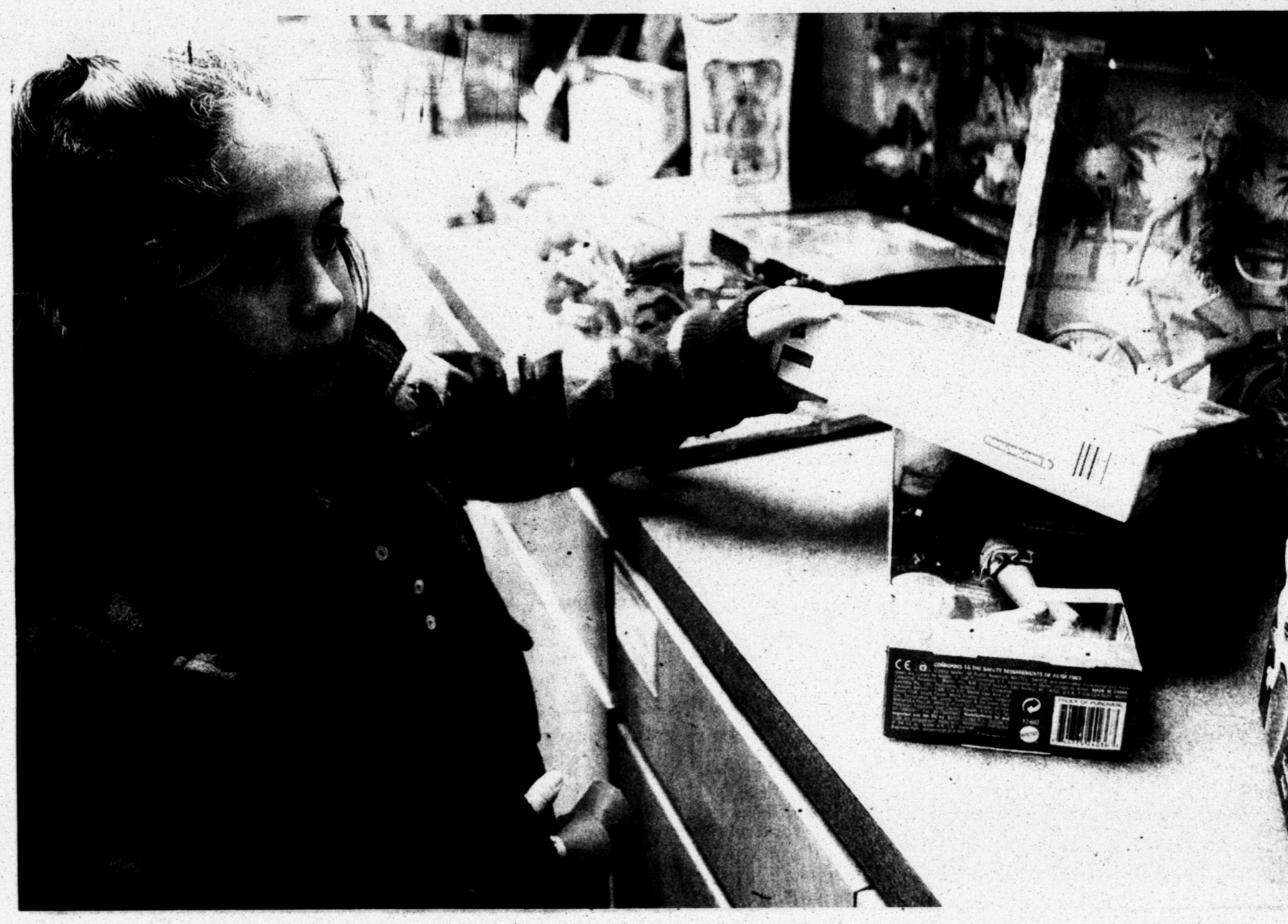
Children pick out presents during the Centers for Children & Families "Operation Elf" event Dec. 11 at the Junior League of Midland.



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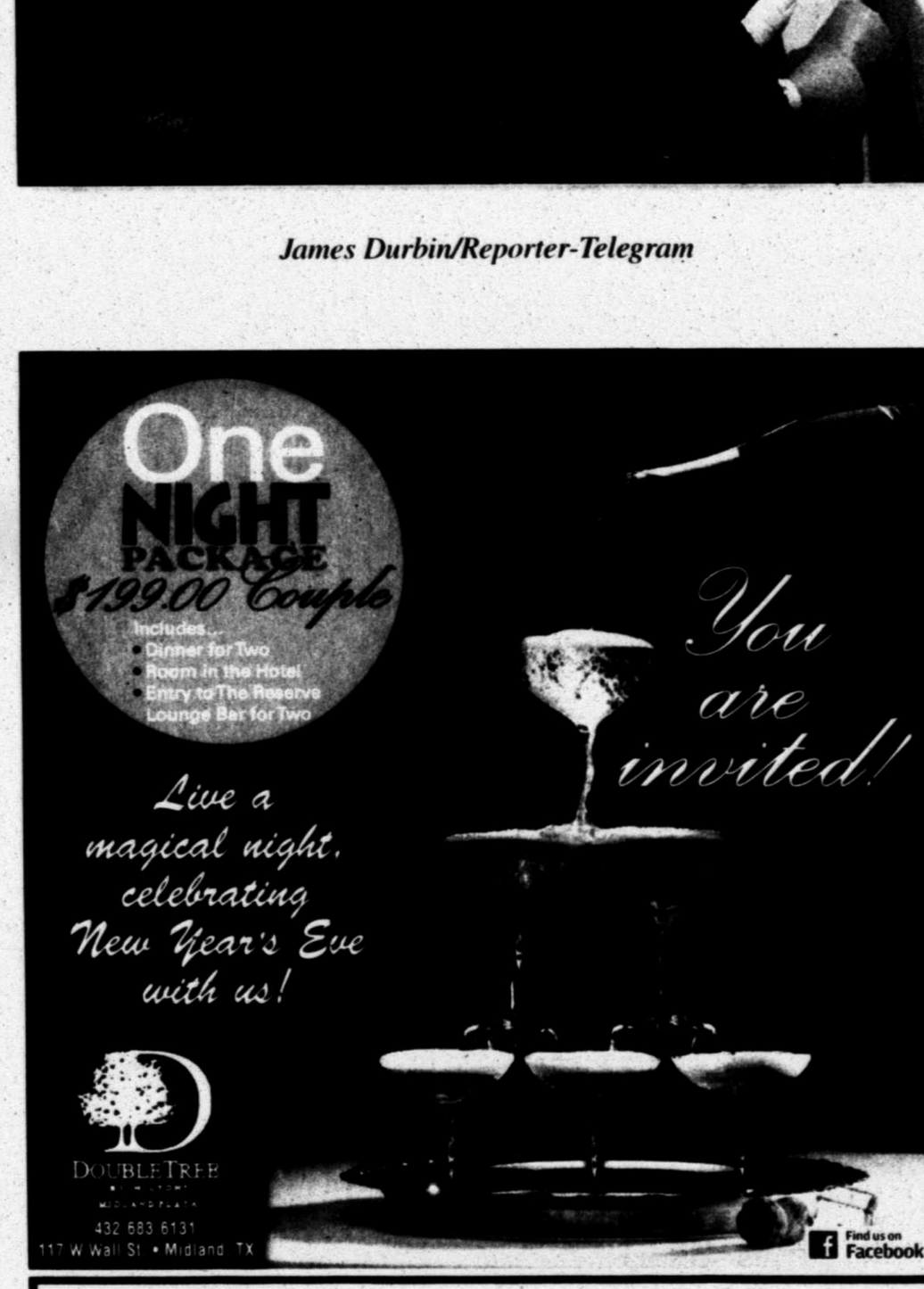

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TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 49 Low: 28

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 52 Low: 28

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 57 Low: 32

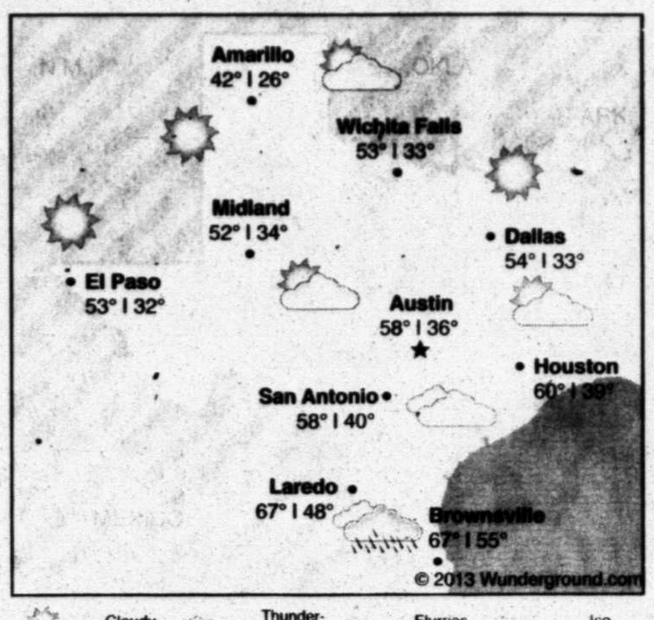
Weather Whys

Q: There's supposed to be a type of cloud that is often confused with being a UFO. What kind of cloud is it?

It's most likely the lenticular cloud, said Brent McRoberts, of Texas A&M University. Lenticular clouds are so-called because they often look like a camera lens. They can produce some of the oddest shapes of all clouds, many times looking like huge pancakes stacked on top of each other, he said. "One reason they may be mistaken for UFOs is their odd shape," McRoberts said. "Also, lenticular clouds don't move like other clouds. They tend to linger in one spot for a long time. They are often seen in the western U.S. but have been photographed all over."

Q: What causes their strange shape?

"Lenticular clouds are often formed by waves of air moving over high mountains," McRoberts said. "At the highest points in the cloud, moisture condenses in an outward motion. By doing so, it tends to form a wave-like appearance and the edges are round, giving them the appearance of a flying saucer. Some scientists believe lenticular clouds tell us a change in the weather is coming, often meaning a snowstorm.



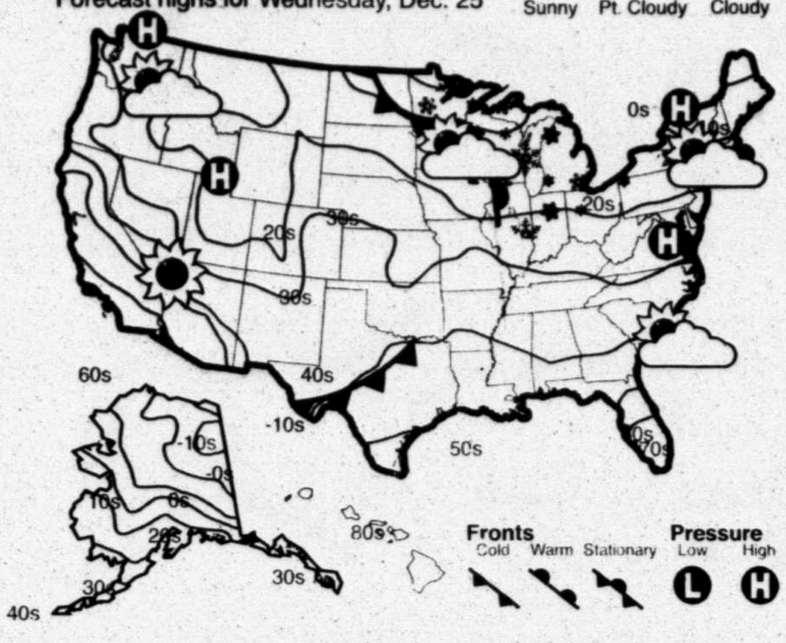
Cloudy, Partly Cloudy, Thunderstorms, Showers, Rain, Flurries, Snow, Ice

Precipitation	
Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.44 in.
Year total	8.51 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.46 in.

Tuesday's temperatures	
High	59
Low	30
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:47 a.m.
Sunset	5:51 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Dec. 25



Don't wait until tomorrow to tell the people you love

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: My sister faced various life-threatening illnesses. She always said, "Never put off telling the people you love how you feel about them because you might not have a tomorrow." She practiced what she preached, and we all knew that she loved us. When she passed away eight years ago, it was a painful loss, especially for our mother.

Last week, Mom finally succeeded in talking Dad into opening a stuck drawer in a cabinet. Inside she found a letter from my sister that had been put away and forgotten years ago. In the letter my sister wrote how blessed she felt she was to have a mother like ours, how all the sacrifices Mom made for her had been appreciated and how much she loved her.

That long-forgotten letter is now my mother's most prized possession. Please remind your readers not to take tomorrow for granted, and to tell those they love how they feel TODAY. — JULIE'S SISTER IN LOUISVILLE, KY.

DEAR SISTER: The loving message your sister wrote has conveyed her feelings from beyond the grave, and it is understandable that it is even more meaningful now than when it was written. I'm glad to remind readers to verbalize their affection for each other. But the written word is something that can be savored over and over.

DEAR ABBY: My brother mocks everything I do, the friends I spend time with and my politics. When we're together, he is often condescending and confrontational. I'm tired of arguing when I go to his home and he asks me what's going on. I have started to answer, "Nothing." So now he tells me how "boring" I am, in addition to his other criticisms.

Abby, his comments are hurtful and I try to stay away from him, but I love my little nieces and want to be around them as they grow up. I don't have problems with anyone but him. Our other brother stopped talking to him years ago, but I don't think I can do anything that extreme.

How can I change the dynamic in our relationship? It doesn't seem to have progressed since we were kids. — UNDER ATTACK IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR UNDER ATTACK: The dynamic in your relationship hasn't changed since you were kids because your brother never stopped being a bully. He calls you boring when you don't take the bait because he considers belittling you to be a form of entertainment. You can't change him. If you point out what he's doing, he will deny it and blame you for being "too sensitive."

You can, however, understand his childish motivation. Ignore him as much as possible and focus your attention on your nieces since that's your only reason for going over there anyway.

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my partner for six years. She is 14 years older than I am. We get along great and have a wonderful relationship.

"Marsha" and I live in a small city. She is well-known and politically active. While everyone knows she is gay, they rarely realize I'm her partner because I look much younger. We are often approached with, "Oh, is this your daughter?"

How are we supposed to respond? Marsha and I work in the same place, so it happens there, too. It's awkward. Any ideas? — AIN'T MY MAMA

DEAR AIN'T: Because Marsha is a public person and it's no secret she's gay, when the two of you are asked if you are mother and daughter, Marsha should reply, "No, she is my partner." (And ask them to spread the word.)

TO MY CHRISTIAN READERS: I wish each and every one of you a very merry and meaningful Christmas.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ 10
♥ K 9 8 6 3
♦ A 10 9 8
♣ A J 3

WEST
♠ A Q 8 7 4 3
♥ Void
♦ 7 6 5 4
♣ 8 7 6

EAST
♠ K 9 2
♥ 4 2
♦ Q J 3
♣ K 10 9 5 2

SOUTH
♠ J 6 5
♥ A Q J 10 7 5
♦ K 2
♣ Q 4

The bidding:

WEST	FRED	EAST	ESTHER
2♣	Dbl	4♠	4
Pass	6♥	Pass	Pass
Pass			

Fred forgot that he doubled on the previous round!

Opening lead: Ace of ♣

It was Esther's birthday, and she asked her husband, Fred, to play with her at the local duplicate.

West won the first trick and shifted to the eight of clubs. Esther thought, "If I take this club finesse I might go down at trick two, and Fred will never play with me again. I better play the ace and hope something lucky happens."

Esther rose with the ace of clubs and led a trump to her hand. She ruffed a spade, played another trump to her hand and ruffed her last spade high. Dummy's last trump was played back to her hand and she ran all of her trumps, leaving this position:

NORTH
♠ Void
♥ Void
♦ A 10 9
♣ Void

WEST
♠ Void
♥ Void
♦ 7 6
♣ 6

EAST
♠ Void
♥ Void
♦ Q J 3
♣ K

SOUTH
♠ Void
♥ Void
♦ K 2
♣ Q

East pitched the king of clubs. Esther cashed the queen of clubs and claimed the last two tricks with the ace and king of diamonds. After the opponents left the table, Esther said to Fred: "I can't imagine why that nice man discarded his king of clubs. Do you think he knew it was my birthday?"

East overheard the question. He leaned over and whispered in Esther's ear: "It's not just your birthday, Esther. Merry Christmas!"

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 Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2013:

This year you often will be dealing with an assertive authority figure. Your career and community involvement become high priorities. You will focus on your image and your long-term goals. If you are single, many people will be drawn to you. If you choose a person who wants to change you, the results might be less than desirable. Look for someone who accepts you for you. If you are attached, you often create a lot of excitement on the homefront. Don't be surprised if you move, remodel or make a change within your domestic life. LIBRA does not have the same drive as you to get to the bottom of a problem.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ On some level, you might feel as if you must go overboard with others; however, you might throw several people off, as they won't know how to deal with the new you. Be sure to use your high energy well. Tonight: Let someone dote on you for a change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Try to maintain a steady pace, as you know how much you need to do. An unexpected guest or development could present a quandary. You might not be sure which way to go. Observe, and you will figure it out. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Be more forthright with a child or loved one in the morning. You could be much more in tune with this person's energy than he or she is. The excitement of the moment could be somewhat overwhelming. Stay levelheaded. Tonight: Love the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You will be where you are happiest — at home, enjoying the moment. You might wonder about a situation involving a close friend or loved one. Be careful, as you tend to expend a lot of energy and could be accident-prone. Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Your words mean a lot to loved ones. In fact, they might even be more significant than your gifts. An unexpected call from someone at a distance could surprise you. Consider what you want to do, and follow through quickly. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Somehow, you will find a way to spend money at the last minute. Stop. Just enjoy the people around you at the moment. Even if you forgot a gift, you can plan to take this person shopping and let him or her decide on something. Tonight: Indulge in the good vibes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might feel as if you can take on anyone, but all you need to do is enjoy your day and the people around you. Your wish will be someone else's command. An unexpected event could throw you and others into a tizzy. Tonight: Choose your company well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ You know when to back off and when to move forward. A friend or loved one could surprise you with an insight about someone you have been missing. Try to take a nap at some point in the afternoon; otherwise, you could become cranky, like a little kid. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You understand what is going on in your immediate circle. A male friend or family member could become inordinately pushy or difficult. How you hold this person back could have implications in the moment. Tonight: Invite a friend over.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ The excitement of the moment could dissolve the best of plans. Assume your natural role in bringing people and events together. You have the ability to make the worst project fun. Do just that! Tonight: Kick up your feet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Your mind could be everywhere but where it needs to be. You might be missing someone or wishing you had made other plans. Return calls from family members and friends. Catch up on others' news. Tonight: Be grateful for those around you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might want to spend the day with a loved one and do nothing else. If that is a possibility, do it. You often go overboard when trying to do the right thing, but sometimes it is more important to take care of yourself. Tonight: Enjoy a call from a special person.

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BORN TODAY

Singer/songwriter Jimmy Buffett (1946), actor Humphrey Bogart (1899), screenwriter Rod Sterling (1924)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Dying-out sound
5 Ararat's successor
10 __ job
14 Aftershave additive
15 "Tales of Trail and Town" author
16 Super
17 Breeders' Cup track
19 Paid attendance
20 Soft drink options
21 Hangout featuring doo-wop music
23 Doo-wop __
24 Uganda's Amin
27 Toll booth waiter
28 Horticulturist with a berry named for him
35 Part of an act
37 Sucking-up type
38 Anklebones
39 Watertight frames
42 Oscar-nominated Peter Fonda role
43 Home that may include a tunnel
45 Ostensible
47 2000 Ben Affleck thriller
50 Bill: Abbr.
51 Parisian pal
52 Peter, Paul and Mary: Abbr.
55 Periodically
60 Bowler's concern
62 Former student
63 Classic Leroy Anderson holiday tune
66 Popular bar game
67 Old piano craftsman's raw material
68 Word in many golf tournament names
69 Fifth Avenue store
70 Midmorning hr.
71 Beckoning sound

DOWN

1 Old hat
2 Natural ability
3 Sitcom Arthur better known by his nickname
4 Idee source
5 Exclamation when a light goes on?
6 Prohibit
7 Edge
8 Staple or glue
9 Aquanaut's workplace
10 Drops over time
11 Biblical captain
12 Not taken in by
13 Blubber
18 In reserve
22 Easy pace
25 "The bell __ toll for him": Donne
26 Stevedore's gp.
29 Confederacy foe
30 Frigid
31 "__ kidding!"
32 Christmas shopper's accumulation
33 Paradise
34 Duma negative
35 Ado
36 Ticket seller's enclosure
40 Solheim Cup co-sponsoring org.
41 Junk email
44 Chief Valhalla god
46 "Witness" sect
48 Throws him out, say
49 Develop slowly
53 Nautical table listing
54 Arterial implant
55 Flooring trees
56 Dog bugger
57 Dejected spell
58 Big name in cookies
59 Flashy sign
61 "West Side Story" knife, e.g.
64 Playwright Levin
65 Training site

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

A	C	M	E		R	I	P	A		S	O	N	A	R
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T	O	U	C	H	D	O	W	N		P	L	E	B	E
S	K	I		O	I	L	S		S	P	A	C	E	K
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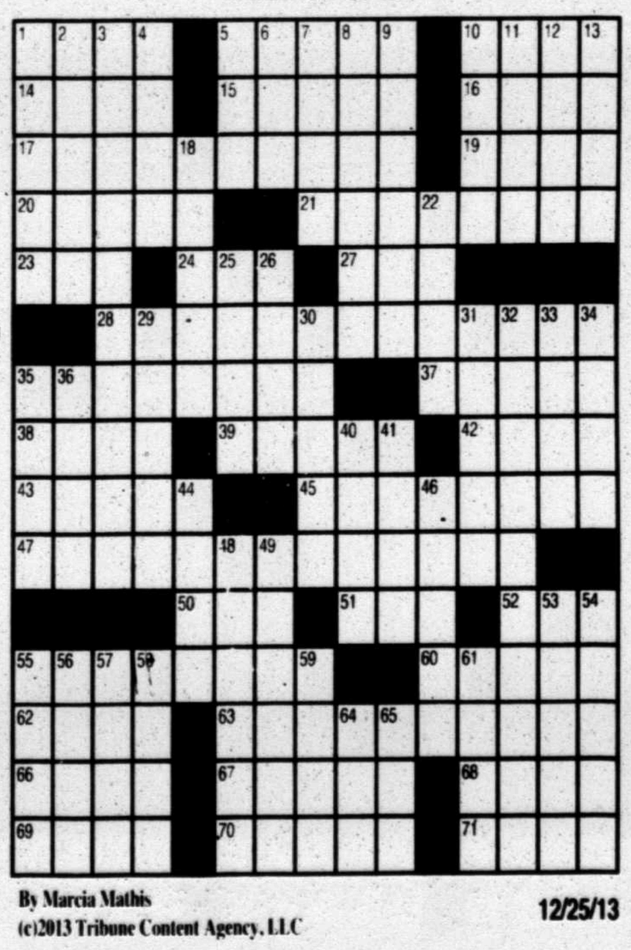

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ABOVE
Marisol Dias, 9, picks out a new bike Saturday at Miracle on Tyler Street.

ABOVE RIGHT
Nikki Johnson, volunteer with Greater Ideal Bapist Church, moves bikes up as she and others help to give away 1,500 new bikes Saturday at Miracle on Tyler Street.

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Every year since 2004, we have compiled as many fall all-district teams as we have received and run them all on Christmas Day.

This year, because the local sporting world has slowed down — and so has the national sporting world — we decided to put together a photo collage of athletes from Midland County that earned superlative or first team all-district honors this fall, along with a few select area football players.

If we didn't have action pictures of a player, we used that player's head shot that we had on file. For football players outside of Midland County, we ran photos of players that earned either superlative honors or had multiple first-team selections on their respective all-district team.

We hope you enjoy it.

The list of all-district teams from this fall is on Page 3C.

Thanks, and have a Merry Christmas
Len Hayward, Sports Editor

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FROM STORY & WIRE REPORTS

WHAT'S ON TV

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

- Diamond Head Classic, third place game, teams TBD, at Honolulu, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2
- Diamond Head Classic, championship, teams TBD, at Honolulu, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2

NBA

- Chicago at Brooklyn, 11 a.m., ESPN
- Oklahoma City at New York, 1:30 p.m., ABC
- Miami at L.A. Lakers, 4 p.m., ABC
- Houston at San Antonio, 7 p.m., ESPN
- L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

- Don Bosco Prep (N.J.) at St. Joseph Regional (N.J.), 9 a.m., FS1

NHL STANDINGS

Eastern Conference	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	37	25	10	2	52	105	77
Tampa Bay	37	23	11	3	49	105	87
Detroit	36	22	13	3	47	95	84
Ottawa	35	17	13	5	39	98	105
Toronto	35	16	15	4	36	108	113
Buffalo	37	16	15	6	38	111	126
Montreal	36	14	19	3	31	92	103
Florida	37	10	24	3	23	85	105
Metropolitan Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	35	27	11	1	55	121	88
Washington	37	19	14	4	42	117	112
Philadelphia	37	17	16	4	38	93	104
N.Y. Rangers	36	16	16	2	34	93	102
New Jersey	35	15	16	7	37	82	89
Columbus	37	16	17	4	36	101	103
Carolina	37	14	15	8	36	95	105
N.Y. Islanders	35	11	20	7	29	88	109
Western Conference	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Central Division							
Chicago	39	26	7	6	58	136	107
St. Louis	37	24	7	5	53	128	85
Colorado	36	23	10	3	49	103	86
Minnesota	38	20	14	5	45	98	95
Dallas	38	16	12	9	42	108	107
Winnipeg	38	16	16	6	38	102	120
Nashville	37	16	17	4	36	85	98
Pacific Division							
Anaheim	38	27	7	4	58	137	99
Los Angeles	38	25	9	4	54	133	79
San Jose	37	23	8	6	52	121	84
Vancouver	39	22	11	6	50	133	99
Phoenix	38	19	10	7	45	111	110
Calgary	37	14	17	6	34	85	110
Edmonton	38	12	24	3	27	101	135

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

Monday's Games

N.Y. Rangers 3, Toronto 1, SO
Calgary 4, St. Louis 3, SO
San Jose 5, Colorado 4, SO
Buffalo 2, Florida 1, OT
Anaheim 3, Washington 2
Columbus 4, Carolina 3
Ottawa 5, Pittsburgh 0
N.Y. Islanders 3, Detroit 0
Tampa Bay 6, Boston 1
Phoenix 4, Minnesota 1
Chicago 5, New Jersey 2
Boston 6, Nashville 2
Edmonton 6, Winnipeg 2
Dallas 3, Los Angeles 2

GLANTZ-CULVER LINE

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	OU	UNDERDOG
		Dec. 26 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl At Detroit		
Bowling Green	5½	6 Potato Bowl At San Diego	(46½)	Pittsburgh
N. Illinois	2	1½ Dec. 27 Military Bowl At Annapolis, Md.	(57)	Utah St.
Marshall	1	2½ Texas Bowl At Houston	(63)	Maryland
Minnesota	4½	4½ Fight Hunger Bowl At San Francisco	(45½)	Syracuse
Washington	3	3 Dec. 28 Pinstripe Bowl At New York	(57½)	BYU
Notre Dame	15½	16½ Belk Bowl At Charlotte, N.C.	(51)	Rutgers
North Carolina	3	3 Russell Athletic Bowl At Orlando, Fla.	(58½)	Cincinnati
Louisville	3	3 Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl At Tempe, Ariz.	(56½)	Miami
Kansas St.	3	3 Dec. 29 Armed Forces Bowl At Fort Worth, Texas	(56½)	Michigan
Navy	6½	6½ Music City Bowl At Nashville, Tenn.	(56½)	Middle Tenn.
Mississippi	2½	3 Alamo Bowl At San Antonio	(58)	Georgia Tech
Oregon	10½	13 Holiday Bowl At San Diego	(69½)	Texas
Arizona St.	11½	13½ Dec. 31 AdvoCare V100 Bowl At Birmingham, La.	(72)	Texas Tech
Arizona	7	7 Sun Bowl At El Paso, Texas	(57½)	Boston College
UCLA	7½	7 Liberty Bowl At Memphis, Tenn.	(48)	Virginia Tech
Mississippi St.	7	7 Chick-fil-A Bowl At Atlanta	(51½)	Rice
Texas A&M	11½	12 Jan. 1 Gator Bowl At Jacksonville, Fla.	(69)	Duke
Georgia	9	9	(60)	Nebraska
Heart of Dallas Bowl North Texas	6½	6½ Capital One Bowl At Orlando, Fla.	(55½)	UNLV
Wisconsin	2	1½ Outback Bowl At Tampa, Fla.	(51)	South Carolina
LSU	7	7½ Rose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif.	(49)	Iowa
Stanford	1½	5½ Fiesta Bowl At Glendale, Ariz.	(42½)	Michigan St.
Baylor	17½	16½ Jan. 2 Sugar Bowl At New Orleans	(69)	UCF
Alabama	14½	15 Jan. 3 Cotton Bowl At Arlington, Texas	(51½)	Oklahoma
Missouri	Pk	1 Orange Bowl At Miami	(60½)	OklahomaSt.
Ohio St.	5	2½	(68½)	Clemson

Off Key
La.-Lafayette QB questionable

FAVORITE	OPEN	THURSDAY TODAY	OU	UNDERDOG
		SUNDAY		
at Atlanta	8	8	(46½)	Carolina
at Chicago	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Green Bay
at Tennessee	6	7	(44½)	Houston
at Pittsburgh	5½	7	(44)	Cleveland
at N.Y. Giants	3	3½	(48)	Washington
at Cincinnati	4	6	(44½)	Baltimore
at Indianapolis	4	11½	(45½)	Jacksonville
Philadelphia	2½	7	(52½)	at Dallas
at Miami	6½	6½	(41)	N.Y. Jets
at Minnesota	2	3½	(52)	Detroit
at New England	7½	9½	(47)	Buffalo
at New Orleans	12½	12½	(47½)	Tampa Bay
Denver	10½	12½	(54)	at Oakland
at Arizona	3	3	(43½)	San Francisco
at San Diego	10	10	(45)	Kansas City
at Seattle	10½	10	(43)	St. Louis

Off Key
Green Bay QB questionable

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

James Durham/Reporter-Telegram

Lee High's Kyra Lewis (12) fights for control of the ball against San Angelo Central's Allison Hurst (33) on Dec. 20 at Lee.

Game 4: Ector vs. Midland Lee, 8:30 p.m.
Game 5: Odessa Permian vs. Midland High, 8:30 p.m.
Game 6: Odessa Permian vs. Midland High, 9:30 p.m.
Game 7: Odessa Permian vs. Midland High, 10:30 p.m.
Game 8: Odessa Permian vs. Midland High, 11:30 p.m.
Game 9: Abilene High vs. Abilene Cooper, 2 p.m.
Game 10: Abilene High vs. Abilene Cooper, 3 p.m.
Game 11: Abilene High vs. Abilene Cooper, 4 p.m.
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Game 14: Abilene High vs. Abilene Cooper, 7 p.m.
Game 15: Abilene High vs. Abilene Cooper, 8 p.m.
Game 16: Lee vs. Sweetwater, 9 p.m.
Game 17: Lee vs. Sweetwater, 10 p.m.
Game 18: Lee vs. Sweetwater, 11 p.m.
Game 19: Abilene High vs. Midland Lee, 12 p.m.
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Jerry Jones: Romo could be cleared to face Eagles

Associated Press

IRVING — Dallas owner Jerry Jones says the Cowboys aren't ruling Tony Romo out of a winner-take-all game against Philadelphia because doctors could clear him after treating his back injury.

Jones said on his radio show Tuesday that his quarterback has proven he can play with pain but won't if doctors advise against it.

The Cowboys (8-7) and Eagles (9-6) are playing Sunday night in Dallas' third straight season finale against an NFC East rival with the division title and a playoff berth on the line.

Romo was the starter in losses to the New York Giants two years ago and Redskins last season.

He injured his back in the fourth quarter of Sunday's 24-23 win at Washington. Kyle Orton, who hasn't started a game since 2011, is the backup.

Jones said he had lengthy discussions with Romo and his doctors Monday about getting the 33-year-old ready to play. The owner wouldn't discuss the details of Romo's injury.

"If you know Tony, you can't imagine what a competitor he is, and he doesn't want to miss a snap," Jones said. "He was very disappointed, particularly disappointed for his team, repeated over and over again, 'Jerry, I can't tell you how badly I feel relative to you and relative to my teammates.'"

Romo didn't miss a game in 2011 after breaking his ribs in Week 2 against San Francisco. He was heavily padded and medicated the next week against Washington and did enough to get the Cowboys an 18-16 win.

"Tony will play with all the pain," Jones said. "But his doctor has to clear him."

If Romo isn't cleared, Orton will make his first start since the 2011 season finale for Kansas City against Denver, the team that waived him earlier that year after making Tim Tebow the starter.

Orton signed a three-year, $10.5 million contract with the Cowboys that offseason — an investment that Jones says was for just the scenario facing Dallas now.

"The main thing is that it's not like Kyle Orton just gets here this morning or gets here tomorrow morning," Jones said. "Kyle Orton has been here, and he knows this system, frankly, as well as Romo does. And has practiced it. He just doesn't have the game time that he would have had as the starter, and he doesn't get the reps."

Jones said the Cowboys were bringing in "multiple" quarterbacks for tryouts Tuesday, mostly looking for someone to ease the throwing load on Orton if Romo is either out or limited in practice.

Romo and Orton are the only quarterbacks on the roster after Alex Tanney was claimed off the practice squad by Cleveland last month.

"If you don't realize that you're going to be dealing with injury information, sudden change in plans, then you're in the wrong area," Jones said. "We're in as good a shape under these circumstances as you could possibly be in. We have planned on this very event."

Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo passes the ball during the second half against the Washington Redskins in Landover, Md., Sunday.

2013 FALL ALL-DISTRICT TEAMS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Football

2-5A ALL-DISTRICT

Co-Offensive MVP — Mickey Scott, Sr., QB, San Angelo Central; Lorenzo Joe, Sr., QB, Abilene Cooper

Defensive MVP — Brives Turner, Sr., LB, Lee

Co-Newcomers of the Year — Christian Hayes, Fr., QB, Lubbock Coronado; Kaleb Nunez, Soph., TE, Lee

Co-Coach of the Year — Brent Davis, San Angelo Central; James Morton, Lee

First Team Offense

Quarterback — Caden Costner, Sr., Lee

Running Backs — "C.J. Eddison", Sr., Odessa High; Trey Dye, Sr., Abilene Cooper; Robert Lee, Sr., Lubbock Coronado

Receivers — Landon Sawyer, Jr., San Angelo Central; Doug Wilson, Sr., Abilene High; Brandon Sherlin, Jr., Lubbock Coronado; Alex Bell, Sr., Lee

Tight End — Nick Barron, Sr., San Angelo Central

Center — Colton Freeman*, Sr., San Angelo Central

Guards — Riley Owens, Sr., Abilene Cooper; Derron Gatewood, Sr., Odessa Permian

Tackles — Lucas Raley, Sr., Abilene Cooper; Braden Lee, Sr., San Angelo Central

Kicker — Brady Roper, Jr., Lee

Utility — Brandon Infiesto, Sr., Midland High

First Team Defense

Defensive Ends — Mickey Scott, Sr., Abilene High; Eli Howard, Jr., San Angelo Central; William Coleman, Sr., Abilene Cooper

Defensive Tackles — Joseph Brooks*, Sr., San Angelo Central; Nick Gonzales, Sr., Lee

Inside Linebackers — Austin Beasley, Sr., Amarillo Tascosa; Edgar Contreras, Jr., Odessa High

Outside Linebackers — Lane Ward, Jr., San Angelo Central; Cade Kennedy, Sr., Lee

Cornerbacks — Jaylon Law*, Jr., San Angelo Central; Juwan Lee*, Jr., Lee

Safeties — KV Hazlett, Sr., Abilene Cooper; Bryan Bass, Sr., San Angelo Central

Punter — Tucker Davidson, Sr., Amarillo Tascosa

Utility — Luke West, Jr., San Angelo Central

Second Team Offense

Quarterback — Derek Scott, Jr., Abilene High

Running Backs — Mikorhan Fields, Sr., Odessa Permian; Braden Bailey, Sr., Abilene High; Eli Howard, Jr., San Angelo Central; William Coleman, Sr., Abilene Cooper

Receivers — Fabian Galindo, Sr., Odessa High; Aaron Andrade, Soph., Abilene Cooper; Quincy Goodloe, Sr., Midland High; Isaiah Johnson, Sr., Lee

Tight End — Dustin Stills, Sr., Abilene Cooper

Center — Cameron Ellis, Jr., Lee

Guards — Anthony Vega, Sr., Lee; Ben Weatherby, Jr., San Angelo Central

Tackles — Jason Hunter, Sr., Abilene High; Jonathan Nicholson, Jr., Abilene Cooper; Adrian Adams, Sr., Midland High; Manny Perez, Sr., Lee

Kicker — Zach Lohr, Jr., Abilene Cooper

Second Team Defense

Defensive Ends — Nathan Bailey, Sr., Lee; Brady Watson, Sr., Midland High

Defensive Tackles — Brian McCuna, Soph., Odessa Permian; Colton Whitlock, Jr., Midland High

Inside Linebackers — Davis Martin, Jr., San Angelo Central; Emilio Sola, Jr., Abilene High

Outside Linebackers — Conner Attwood, Sr., Lubbock Coronado; Britt Boler, Jr., Midland High

Cornerbacks — Connor Franklin, Jr., San Angelo Central; Jordan Scott, Jr., Lee

Safeties — Logan Vaula, Sr., Lee; Beau Gray, Sr., Amarillo Tascosa

Punter — Ryan Scott, Jr., Abilene High

Honorable Mention Offense

Ryan Martinez, Sr., OB, Odessa High; Daniel Cooper, Sr., RB, Abilene Cooper; Lance Watts, Sr., RB, Midland High; Taylor Thomas, Jr., WR, Odessa Permian; Austin Bell, Sr., WR, San Angelo Central; Denver Grant, Sr., WR, Abilene Cooper; Brandon Scott, Sr., WR, San Angelo Central; Trey Dennis, Jr., WR, Abilene High; Cody Boone, Sr., WR, Abilene Cooper; Trevion Bates, Sr., WR, Amarillo Tascosa; Jason Houghton, Sr., WR, Midland High; Kaiton Vaughan, Sr., TE, Lee; Jacob Vines, Jr., OC, Abilene Cooper; Jack Field, Jr, OC, Odessa Permian; Bryson Walker, Jr., OC, Abilene High; Ariel Daniel, Sr., OB, Amarillo Tascosa; Travis Stone, Sr., OG, San Angelo Central; Pablo Gutierrez, Sr., OG, Odessa High; Brandon Bourgeois, Jr., OT, San Angelo Central; Shannon McCowan, Sr., OT, Lubbock Coronado; Hugo Alvarado, Sr., OT, Lee; Hunter Williams, Sr., OT, Odessa Permian; Jacob Sills, Jr., K, San Angelo Central

Honorable Mention Defense

Tanner Whitney, Sr., DE, Amarillo Tascosa; Brandon Hall, Jr., DE, Lubbock Coronado; Lael Harrell, Sr., DE, San Angelo Central; Quan Harrell, Sr., DE, Abilene Cooper; Mobien Thomas, Sr., DE, Amarillo Tascosa; Hernan Cortez, Jr., DT, Abilene High; Zach Boyd, Jr., DT, Abilene Cooper; Nate Hamick, Sr., DT, San Angelo Central; Jack Vale, Jr., LB, Abilene Cooper; Jacob Ellis, Sr., LB, San Angelo Central; Cameron Hazelwood, Jr., LB, Lubbock Coronado; Isaiah Lewis, Sr., LB, Amarillo Tascosa; Ryan Hamilton, Sr., LB, Abilene High; Brandon Hurst, Sr., LB, Lubbock Coronado; Brandon Vega, Sr., LB, Abilene Cooper; Cd Rolland, Sr., CB, Amarillo Tascosa; Billy Allen, Jr., CB, Abilene Cooper; Luke Wood, Jr., S, Odessa High; Garrett Stuart, Soph., S, Amarillo Tascosa; Jay Vaughn, Soph., S, Odessa Permian; Ben Bradley, Sr., S, Lee; Kaleb Nunez, Jr., UT, Lubbock Coronado; Rebenhan Brown, Jr., UT, Lee.

*Denotes unanimous selection

2-5A DISTRICT 1 ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

MVP — Weston McWatters, Sr., Midland Christian

Offensive Player of the Year — Jared Hayes, Sr., Midland Christian

Co-Defensive Players of the Year — Brian Shields, Sr., Midland Christian; Kaleb Weaver, Jr., Midland Christian

Co-Newcomers of the Year — Brian Arnold, Soph., Fort Worth Christian

Newcomer of the Year — Ben Arnold, Soph., Greenville Faith

First Team Offense

Linemen — Jackson Bailey, Jr., MCS*; Bryan Beasley, Soph., MCS*; Justin Cabaniss, Sr., MCS*; John Pulliam, Sr., FW Christian; Ryan Roach, Sr., Greenville Faith

Quarterback — Weston McWatters, Sr., MCS*

Backs — Justin Fondren, Jr., MCS*; Brad Hamner, Sr., Arlington Grace Prep; Ryan Hamilton, Sr., FW Christian; Chris Hunter, Jr., FW Christian; Cole Tarpley, Sr., FW Christian

Receivers — Jordan Hall, Jr., MCS*; Brad Hamner, Sr., Arlington Grace Prep; Michael Hodges, Soph., FW Christian; Doc Woodson, Jr., Arlington Pantego; Caleb Stone, Jr., FW Christian; Roy Ward, Jr., Waco Reicher; Manny Ramirez, Sr., Arlington Grace Prep

Kicker — Travis Causey, Jr., MCS*

Defense

Linemen — Erwin Baquirin, Sr., MCS*; Reid Talley, Sr., MCS*; Dakota Jones, Sr., MCS*; Darian Jackson, Sr., Arlington Grace Prep; Jake Fletcher, Sr., FW Christian

Linebackers — Kaleb Warren, Jr., MCS*; Justin Fender, Jr., MCS*; Will Sanford, Jr., MCS*; Richard Burgess, Sr., FW Christian; Brady Stallings, Sr., Grapevine Faith

Secondary — Jarrod Koym, Sr., MCS*; Reagan Brown, Jr., MCS*; Ben Ashton, Soph., Grapevine Faith; Britt Hooper, Sr., MCS; Payton Murrell, Sr., FW Christian

Punter — Ben Ashton, Soph., Grapevine Faith

* Denotes unanimous selection

Second Team Offense

Linemen — Kail Ellison, Sr., Arlington Grace Prep; Lucas Morales, Sr., Waco Reicher; Jeremiah Bernal, Sr., MCS; Caleb Tarpley, Soph., Grapevine Faith; Justin Winnett, Jr., FW Christian

Quarterback — Payne Sullins, Sr., Waco Reicher

Backs — Drake Reeves, Sr., Grapevine Faith; Payton Murrell, Sr., FW Christian; Sam Cooper, Soph., FW SW Christian; Allen Scott, Jr., Waco Reicher; Sam Gilbert, Jr., MCS

Receivers — Aaron Bettge, Jr., Waco Reicher; Reagan Brown, Jr., MCS; Grant Little, Soph., MCS; Andrew Estes, Jr., Waco Reicher

Tight end/Athlete — Gabe Paschal, Sr., FW SW Christian

Kicker — Kyle Snyder, Sr., FW Christian; Jeremy Sheehy, Sr., Waco Reicher

Defense

Linemen — Patrick Crocin, Jr., FW SW Christian; Mario Castro, Jr., Waco Reicher; Cole Cantrell, Sr., Arlington Pantego; Brandon Glossop, Sr., MCS; Justin Winnett, Jr., FW Christian

Linebacker — Brad Horner, Sr., Arlington Grace Prep; Michael Bergquist, Soph., FW Christian; Doc Woodson, Jr., Arlington Pantego; Caleb Stone, Jr., FW Christian; Roy Ward, Jr., Waco Reicher; Manny Ramirez, Sr., Arlington Grace Prep

Secondary — Elias Aguirre, Sr., MCS; Hunter Smiley, Sr., FW Christian; Cornelius Carrington, Sr. FW Christian; Drake Reeves, Sr., Grapevine Faith; Bryce Wasserman, Sr., Grapevine Faith

Punter — Tyler Teel, Jr., Arlington Grace Prep

Honorable Mention

Midland Christian

Offensive line — Jacob Tucker, Jr., Jordan Hall, Jr., Reagan Brown, Jr.

Defensive line — TD Reager-North, Sr.

Secondary — McLane Mannix, Fresh.

2013 DISTRICT 2-3A FOOTBALL ALL-DISTRICT

District MVP — Jarek Black, Sr., Shallowater

Co-Offensive MVP — Stanton Keane, Sr., Lubbock Cooper; Wes McCutcheon, Sr., Shallowater

Defensive MVP — Jared Moore, Sr., Shallowater

Newcomer of the Year — Raheem Hatchett Cooper, Soph., Lubbock Estacado

Coach/Staff of the Year — Kyle Maofield and Shallowater staff

First Team Offense

Quarterback — Jason Tennison, Jr., Estacado

Running backs — Robert Johnson, Sr., Estacado; Brandon Fisk, Jr., Shallowater

Wide receivers — Sabriun Adams, Jr., Seminole; Trenton Jones, Jr., Levelland; Jace Robertson, Sr., Shallowater

Tight end — Cameron Knight, Sr., Shallowater

Center — Slaton Smitherman, Sr., Lubbock Cooper

Guards — Ty Webb, Sr., Shallowater; James Christophe, Jr., Estacado; Chris Simmons, Jr., Levelland

Tackles — Azel Alvarez, Sr., Andrews; Luperfalos, Sr., Shallowater; Brandyn Duffy, Sr., Lubbock Cooper

Kicker — Tommy Mitchell, Soph., Shallowater

First Team Defense

Tackles — Micah Melton, Jr., Andrews; Landon Loya, Sr., Shallowater; Aaron Young, Sr., Estacado; Matt Walters, Sr., Levelland

Ends — Matt Garber, Sr., Levelland; Montana Vega, Sr., Cooper

Inside linebackers — Marcus Lopez, Sr., Cooper; Keagan Gray, Soph., Andrews

Outside linebackers — Ricky Mendez, Jr., Cooper; Israel Gonzalez, Sr., Estacado

Secondary — Jace Robertson, Sr., Shallowater; Carl Willard, Jr., Estacado

Cornerbacks — Lamar Ara, Sr., Cooper; Stetson Fisher, Jr., Shallowater

Punters — Reed Baggs, Sr., Levelland; Caleb O'Connor, Jr., Andrews

Honorable Mention Team

Carson Cole, Sr., Shallowater

Jack Cordell, Jr., Andrews

Trenton Jones, Jr., Levelland

Hunter Evans, Jr., Seminole

Robert Johnson, Sr., Estacado

Kolton Stanley, Jr., Cooper

Second Team Offense

Quarterback — Alex Hernandez, Jr., Andrews

Running backs — Dakota Graham, Jr., Cooper; Tommy Tony, Sr., Estacado; Grant Petty, Jr., Seminole

Wide receivers — Sam McHugh, Jr., Cooper; Clay Cox, Sr., Seminole; Ryan Stephens, Jr., Cooper; Keagan Gray, Soph., Andrews

Tight end — Preston Shell, Jr., Shallowater

Center — Hayden Cobb, Sr., Shallowater

Guards — Landon Lara, Sr., Shallowater; Noah Jackson, Sr., Cooper

Tackles — John McQueen, Jr., Estacado; Jared Morris, Jr., Cooper

Kicker — Jackson Pruit, Fr., Cooper

Second Team Defense

Tackles — Kaleb Weaver, Jr., Shallowater; Mohsen Phillips, Sr., Estacado; Deshawn Fitts, Sr., Levelland

Ends — Ricky Vasquez, Soph., Cooper; Dustin Lee, Jr., Shallowater

Inside linebackers — Ricky Mendez, Jr., Cooper; Justin Considine, Sr., Estacado; BJ Tinsley, Sr., Cooper

Outside linebackers — Andrew Vasquez, Sr., Levelland; Ryan Hayes, Sr., Shallowater

Cornerbacks — Jace Robertson, Sr., Shallowater; Ty Brown, Sr., Estacado; John Lindsey, Sr., Cooper

Punter — Jace Robertson, Sr., Shallowater

Andrews Honorable Mention — OT Joe Mendez, Fr Deshawn Fitts, LB Israel Gonzalez, C Brian Amos, DE Juan Ramirez, S Jace Cordell, OB Robert Biggs, G, DT Andrew Bartolay

2013 ALL-DISTRICT 4-3A

District MVP — Clay Johnson, 6-1, 205, Jr., Abilene Wylie

Offensive MVP — Tobyn Tannehill, 6-1, 170, Jr., Big Spring; D'Vincent Allison, 5-10, 185, Sr., Snyder

Defensive MVP — Jaxon Bounds, 6-0, 205, Sr., Abilene Wylie

Newcomer of the Year — Preston Alexander, 5-9, 180, Fr., Big Spring; Nathan Fuentes, 5-8, 150, Soph. Monahans; Corey Mendez, 5-9, 210, Soph., Sweetwater

Offensive Lineman of the Year — Christian Gauch, 6-6, 275, Sr., Abilene Wylie

Defensive Lineman of the Year — Stephan Sell, 5-11, 210, Sr., Monahans

Ironman — Junior Morales, 6-5, 190, Sr., Monahans

Coaching Staff of the Year — Mickey Owens and Monahans staff; Hugh Sandifer and Abilene Wylie staff

First Team Offense

Quarterback — Blake Frampton, 6-2, 170, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Skillar Rinehart, 5-10, 155, Sr., Snyder; Keegan Jeffrey, 5-11, 210, Jr., Sweetwater

Running back — Hayden Lewis, 5-10, 185, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Braydn Moreland, 5-8, 165, Sr., Greenwood

Tight end — Bayten Baker, 6-4, 240, Jr., Abilene Wylie; Barry Clayton, 6-2, 245, Sr., Monahans

Wide receiver — Deric Ince, 5-11, 155, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Devin Roberson, 6-1, 170, Sr., Big Spring; Tate Kennedy, 6-4, 175, Sr., Big Spring; Taylor Munkres, 6-0, 165, Soph., Snyder; Bray Amos, 5-6, 150, Jr., Sweetwater; Kaleb Hoover, 6-2, 190, Jr., Sweetwater

Center — Andrew Davis, 5-11, 275, Sr., Sweetwater

Offensive line — Jesus Rodriguez, 5-10, 275, Soph., Garrett Brandenburg, 6-0, 305, Sr., Monahans; Kamar Smith, 5-9, 225, Sr., Monahans

Kicker — Jacob Lair, 5-8, 175, Jr., Monahans

First Team Defense

Defensive end — Bayten Baker, 6-4, 240, Jr., Abilene Wylie; Logan Gilliam, 6-4, 200, Jr., Abilene Wylie; Barry Clayton, 6-2, 245, Sr., Monahans; Kristian Crozier, 5-10, 185, Sr., Monahans; Chris Lindsey, 6-2, 230, Sr., Big Spring; Ronnie Bell, 5-0, 220, Sr., Big Spring

Defensive tackle — Daniel Sell, 5-10, 215, Sr., Monahans; Andrew Porter, 6-3, 250, Sr., Snyder

Linebackers — Tye Calhoun, 5-11, 185, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Kody Daniel, 6-2, 195, Jr., Abilene Wylie; Tyler Wigington, 5-11, 175, Sr., Big Spring; Brandon Brown, 6-0, 195, Sr., Greenwood; Zach Redwine, 5-11, 190, Jr., Greenwood; Bryan Venegas, 5-6, 160, Sr., Monahans; Brandon Francisco, 5-1, 185, Jr., Monahans; Brian Hernandez, 5-9, 170, Jr., Snyder; Guillermo Rodriguez, 5-9, 190, Sr., Snyder; Marqueos Jenkins, 5-8, 170, Jr., Sweetwater

Cornerbacks — Colby Awalt, 5-9, 155, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Deric Ince, Abilene Wylie; Brett Bromen, 5-10, 165, Sr., Big Spring; Devin Roberson, Big Spring; Drake Worthington, 5-9, 160, Sr., Big Spring; Isaac Renteria, 5-8, 130, Sr., Monahans; Jonathon Garcia, 5-10, 145, Sr., Snyder; Isaiah McGee, 5-9, 160, Jr., Sweetwater

Punter — Devin Roberson, Big Spring

Second Team Offense

Quarterback — Hassan Walker, 5-10, 170, Sr., Monahans

Running back — Colby Awalt, Abilene Wylie; Tye Calhoun, Abilene Wylie; Hunter Hill, 5-9, 170, Jr., Big Spring; Dustin Reid, 5-8, 205, Sr., Greenwood; Nicko Jones, 5-11, 185, Jr., Monahans

Wide receiver — Austin Reine, 5-8, 160, Jr., Abilene Wylie; Isaac Renteria, 5-8, 130, Sr., Monahans; Isaiah McGee, Sweetwater

Tight end — Garrett Wigington, 5-11, 200, Soph., Big Spring

Offensive line — Grant Olson, 6-0, 220, Jr., Abilene; Ryan Cox, 5-10, 200, Jr., Abilene Wylie; Aric Rutledge, 6-0, 265, Sr., Big Spring; Austin Canta, 6-0, 235, Sr., Big Spring; Charlie Boling, 6-1, 260, Jr., Big Spring; Sean Strickland, 6-0, 220, Jr., Greenwood; Daniel Primera, 5-10, 215, Sr., Monahans; Nathan Toma, 5-8, 195, Jr., Monahans; Jeremy Garza, 6-2, 270, Jr., Snyder; Aaron Steelman, 5-10, 270, Sr., Snyder; Angel Cabrera, 6-1, 260, Sr., Sweetwater; Ty Crain, 6-1, 230, Jr., Sweetwater

Utility player — Jordan Davis, 5-6, 135, Sr., Snyder

Kicker — Devin Roberson, Big Spring; Chance Rosales, Snyder

Second Team Defense

Defensive line — Blake Berry, 6-1, 255, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Jahsei Vanover, 5-10, 220, Sr., Big Spring

Defensive end — Aaron Mantilla, 6-2, 175, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Josh Swopes, 5-8, 185, Soph., Greenwood; Dawn Alvarez, 5-0, 160, Sr., Sweetwater; Jake Villanueva, 5-11, 185, Jr., Snyder

Linebacker — Ryan Archer, 6-0, 185, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Brandon Larson, 5-10, 165, Sr., Big Spring; Hunter Hill, Big Spring; Jacob Rogers, 5-9, 180, Soph., Greenwood; Felix Martinez, 5-9, 150, Sr., Snyder; Jacoby Hunt, 5-9, 165, Fr., Sweetwater

Defensive back — Dylan Anderson, 5-11, 195, Jr., Monahans; Dylan Bennett, 6-0, 175, Sr., Sweetwater; Stephen Mansfield, 5-10, 150, Sr., Big Spring

5A-4A DIVISION I DISTRICT 4 ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Coach of the Year — Trey Rickey, Borden County

Offensive MVP — E.J. Rodriguez, Jr., Grady

Co-Defensive MVP — Nathan Hastings, Sr., Klondike; Trevor Reynolds, Sr., Borden County

Newcomer of the Year — Colbin Summers, Fresh., Borden County

First Team Offense

Tight Ends — Colby Pennell, So., Borden County; John Turner, Sr., Klondike; Aaron Perez, Sr., Grady

Wide Receivers — Kaleb Martinez, So., Borden County; Jason Cantu, Jr., Borden County

Quarterback — Wyatt Tidwell, Sr., Klondike

Running Backs — Travis Lunsford, Jr., Grady; Tristan Brown, Fr., Borden County; Hunter Savage, Sr., Klondike

Fullback — Tristan Bernardez, Sr., Borden County

Guard Back — A.J. Rivas, So., O'Donnell

Utility Back — Hunter Jones, Fr., Borden County

Kicker — Axel Trejo, Jr., Grady; Riley Hardge, Jr., Borden County

Special Teams — Wyatt Tidwell, Sr., Klondike

Kick Returner — Jason Cantu, Jr., Borden County; Kaylon Harding, Sr., Klondike

Punter — Wyatt Tidwell, Sr., Klondike; Ryan Frank Bennett, Jr., Borden County; E.J. Rodriguez, Jr., Grady

Linebacker — Brandon Rosales, So., O'Donnell; Joseph Briseno, Jr., Grady; Aaron Skiles, So., Klondike

Cornerbacks — Korbin Martinez, So., Borden County; Corbin Summers, Fr., Borden County; Marcus Molina, So., Klondike

Safeties — Hunter Jones, Fr., Borden County; Kyle Garza, So., Grady; Chris Arismendez, So., Klondike

Utility Player — A.J. Rivas, So., O'Donnell

Punter — E.J. Rodriguez, Jr., Grady

Second Team Offense

Tight Ends — Nathan Hamm, Jr., Borden County; E.J. Morales, So., O'Donnell

Wide Receivers — Aaron Skiles, So., Klondike; Sterling Wilke, Jr., O'Donnell

Center — Cameron Seiffert, Jr., Grady

Quarterback — Riley Herridge, Jr., Borden County; Kyle Garcia, So., Grady

Running Backs — Marcus Molina, So., Klondike; Jordan Martinez, Sr., Borden County

Fullback — Chance Rosales, So., O'Donnell

Spread Back — Chris Arismendez, So., Klondike

Utility Back — Michael Rivas, Jr., O'Donnell

Kicker — Payton Cooper, Jr., Klondike

Special Teams — Michael Taylor, Jr., Borden County

Defense

Nose Guard — Cameron Seiffert, Jr., Grady

Defensive Ends — Colby Pennell, So., Borden County; Javier Reyna, So., Grady; Chance Rosales, So., O'Donnell; Erice Barkowsky, Jr., Klondike

Linebackers — Aaron Perez, Sr., Grady

Cornerbacks — Michael Rivas, Jr., O'Donnell; Jaylon Lewis, Fr., Borden County

Safety — Jordan Martinez, Sr., Borden County

Utility Player — Beau Lucas, Jr., Grady

Punter — Riley Herridge, Jr., Borden County

3-2A DIVISION I ALL-DISTRICT

MVP — Chance Campbell, Sr., Sonora

Defensive MVP — Gunner Tatum, Sr., Crane

Offensive MVP — Evan Moore, Sr., Alpine

Co-Newcomers of the Year — James Philip, So., Crane; Kyler Franks, So., Coahoma

Coach of the Year — Craten Phillips, Sonora

First Team Offense

Quarterback — Michael Rollert, Sr., Sonora; K.J. Glaspie, Jr., Stanton

Fullback — Elijah Cross, Jr., Sonora; Tyler Sutherland, Sr., Crane

Running Back — Abel Silvas, Sr., Alpine; Estevan Chavez, So., Stanton

Receiver — Ricky Martinez, Sr., Sonora; Austin Sandoval, Sr., Crane; Johnathan Frost, Sr., Alpine; Daniel Rojo, Jr. Alpine; Johnathan Ramos, Sr., Stanton

Tight End — Andres Acevedo, Jr., Sonora; Cody Stevens, Sr., Crane

Center — Jose Longoria, Sr., Sonora; Trevor Davis, Sr., Crane

Guard — Ethan Patlan, Jr., Sonora; Garrett Edwards, Sr., Crane; Ben Villa, Jr. Alpine

Tackle — Lionel DeLeon, Jr., Sonora; Ramon Flores, So., Crane; Alex Armendariz, Sr., Alpine

Defense

Defensive Tackle — Elijey Cross, Jr., Sonora; Ethan Patlan, Jr., Sonora; Mason Myrick, Sr., Stanton

Defensive End — Dub Latham, Jr., Sonora; Trevor Davis, Sr., Crane

Inside Linebacker — Sid Anderson, Jr., Sonora; Royl.ee Heredia, Sr., Crane; Ruben Cazares, Sr., Stanton

Outside Linebacker — Andres Acevedo, Jr., Sonora; Tyler Sutherland, Sr., Crane

Cornerback — Gabe Rollet, Jr., Sonora; Will Dutton, Sr., Sonora; Mykel Young, Sr., Crane; Julio Quezada, Sr., Alpine; Drew Snellgrove, Sr., Stanton

Safety — Braxton Iden, Jr., Coahoma; Austin Byrd, Sr., Stanton; Brandon Gibson, Sr., Alpine; Charles Tapia, Sr., Crane

Special Teams

Punter — Andres Acevedo, Jr., Sonora; Oscar Munguia, Jr., Crane

Kicker — Johnathan Ramos, Sr., Stanton

Kick Returner — Tyler Sutherland, Sr., Crane

Second Team

Offense

Quarterback — Charles Tapia, Sr., Crane; Braxton Iden, Jr., Coahoma

Fullback — Jaime Corrasco, Jr., Reagan County; David Ramsey, Jr., Stanton; Paul Cortez, So., Coahoma

Running Back — Sid Anderson, Jr., Sonora; Freddy Ibarra, Jr., Reagan County

Receiver — Raul Gomez, Jr., Sonora; Oscar Nunu, Jr., Crane; Matthew Chavez, Jr., Alpine; Austin Byrd, Sr., Stanton; B.J. Avila, Sr., Reagan County

Tight End — Johnathan Martinez, So., Sonora; Oscar Munguia, Jr., Crane; Shawn Wamsley, Sr., Coahoma

Center — Brandon Cano, Sr., Alpine; Zak Wolf, Jr., Coahoma

Guard — Hunter Hughes, Jr., Sonora; Amber Barrera, Sr., Crane; Bob Tavera, Sr., Stanton; Trenton Gardner, Sr., Reagan County; Joseph Mathis, Jr., Coahoma

Tackle — Liam Campbell, Fr., Sonora; Sunny Shields, Jr., Alpine; Andrew Saldana, Sr., Stanton; Angel Aguilera, Sr., Reagan County

Defense

Defensive Tackle — Ryan Christenson, Sr., Crane; Lionel DeLeon, Jr., Sonora; Sam Vela, Jr., Alpine

Defensive End — Brandon Cano, Sr., Alpine; Ramon Flores, So., Crane

Inside Linebacker — Dusti Gonzales, Sr., Sonora; Vince Kramer, Sr., Alpine; Joseph Mathis, Jr., Coahoma; Trenton Gardner, Sr., Reagan County

Outside Linebacker — Abel Silvas, Sr., Alpine; Jaime Corrasco, Jr., Reagan County; Cesar Nunu, Jr., Crane; Ruben Cazares, Sr., Stanton; Angel Aguilera, Sr., Reagan County

Cornerback — Cesar Nunu, Jr., Crane; Kyler Franks, So., Coahoma; Sam Vela, Jr., Alpine; Ryan Cox, Jr., Alpine; Ruben Cazares, Sr., Stanton; B.J. Avila, Sr., Reagan County

Safety — B.J. Avila, Sr., Reagan County; Lance Gonzales, Sr., Crane; Ryan Frank Bennett, Jr., Borden County; Bob Tavera, Sr., Stanton

Special Teams

Punter — K.J. Glaspie, Jr., Stanton; Hunter Hughes, Jr., Sonora

Kicker — Oscar Munguia, Jr., Crane

Kick Returner — Louis Cortez, So., Sonora

Honorable Mention

Cody Harper, Sr., Sonora; Jake Morgan, Sr., Sonora; Ty Bailey, Sr., Sonora; Dylan Gardner, Sr., Sonora; Cesar Nunu, Jr., Crane; Ryan Christenson, Sr., Crane; Charles Martinez, Jr., Coahoma

4-2A ALL-DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Most Valuable Player — Logan Little, Jr., Abilene High

Offensive Player — Kaylee Reynolds — Abilene Cooper; Jr., Shelbey

Outstanding Hitter — Robinson Hall, Sr., Abilene High

Defensive MVP — Aaron Castillo, Sr., Rankin

Newcomer of the Year — Hugo Almazan, Soph., Garden City

First Team

Offense

Tight end — Roger Alvarez, Sr., Marfa; Juan Bustos, Sr., Garden City

Wide receiver — Si Exum, Jr., Rankin; Horacio Ornelas, So., Marfa

Center — Hugo Almazan, So., Garden City

Quarterback — KO Ray, Jr., Rankin

Running back — Aaron Castillo, Sr., Rankin; Ismael Ramirez, Jr., Garden City

Fullback — Shawn Walker, Sr., Garden City

Spreadback — Timothy Flores, Sr., Marfa

Utility back — Junior Rodriguez, Jr., Rankin

Kicker — Michael Rodriguez, So., Rankin

Special Teams — Stetson Hilger, Sr., Garden City

Defense

Nose guard — Aaron Enriquez, Jr., Garden City

Defensive lineman — Shawn Walker, Sr., Garden City; Jamie Jameson, Sr., Rankin; Junior Rodriguez, Sr., Rankin

Linbacker — Juan Bustos, Sr., Garden City; Roger Alvarez, Sr., Marfa

Cornerback — Austin Odom, Sr., Garden City; Ismael Ramirez, Jr., Garden City

Safety — Si Exum, Jr., Rankin; Sam Miller, Sr., Garden City

Utility player — Tim Flores, Sr., Marfa

Punter — Trent Whitesell, So., Fort Davis

Second Team

Offense

Tight end — Tate Richards, So., Rankin; Dakota Wilbourn, Sr., Marfa

Wide receiver — Sam Miller, Sr., Garden City; Kutter Wright, Sr., Rankin

Center — Damion Cura, So., Rankin; Gavin Livingston, Jr., Marfa

Quarterback — Lalito Hernandez, Sr., Fort Davis

Running back — Beto Ramos, So., Marfa; Hunter Hurley, Sr., Fort Davis

Fullback — Jame Jameson, Sr., Rankin

Spreadback — Salvador Ramon, Fr., Marfa

Kicker — Julian Lara, Jr., Fort Davis

Defense

Nosegaurd — Ricardo Velazquez, Sr., Marfa

Defensive lineman — Cody Granado, So., Fort Davis; Jacob Sanchez, Fr., Rankin; Jeremy Guevara, So., Marfa

Linebacker — Quinten Mathis, Sr., Fort Davis; Stedon Hilger, Sr., Garden City

Cornerback — Isaiah Enriquez, So., Garden City; Eduardo Amaro, Jr., Marfa

Safety — Michael Rodriguez, So., Rankin; Cesar Chavez, Sr., Fort Davis

Utility — Cody Phillips, Jr., Rankin; Bryson Batta, Sr., Garden City

Punter — Epifanio Catano, Fr., Marfa

Honorable Mention

Offense

Tight end — James McQueen, Sr., Garden city

Wide receiver — Orlando Sanchez, Jr., Marfa

Center — Christian Schreiber, Jr., Fort Davis

Fullback — Mario Marquez, Sr., Garden City

Utility — Eduardo Amaro, Jr., Marfa

Defense

Defensive lineman — Cody Hallmann, Sr., Garden City; Jacob Sanchez, Sr., Fort Davis; Dakota Wilbourn, Sr., Marfa; Charles Zapata, Jr., Marfa

Nosegaurd — Matt Brooks, So., Fort Davis

Linebacker — Salvador Ramon, Fr., Marfa

Cornerback — Orlando Sanchez, Jr., Marfa

Safety — Orsco Ornelas, So., Marfa; Andrew Hutchens, Jr., Rankin

Volleyball

2-5A ALL-DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL TEAM

MVP — Mamie McIlraith, Sr., Amarillo Tascosa

Outstanding Hitter — Jordan Kohl, Sr., San Angelo Central

Outstanding Setter — Katie Reeves, Sr., Odessa Permian

Outstanding Defensive Player — Ciara Sheppard, Sr., Lee

Newcomer of Year — Zark McMilliam, Soph., Lubbock Coronado

Coach of the Year — April Bolen, Amarillo Tascosa

First Team

Channing Burleson, Midland High; Jenna Gilman, Midland High; Emily Ritchie, Lubbock Coronado; Mikell Russell, San Angelo Central; Loren Poss, San Angelo Central; Kiersi Mitchell, Abilene Cooper; Jordan Williams, Odessa Permian; Alexis Crow, Odessa Permian; Ashley Pierce, Abilene High; Sydney Franklin, Abilene High; Hannah Mitchell, Amarillo Tascosa; Abella Hughes, Amarillo Tascosa; Abby Harrison, Amarillo Tascosa

Second Team

Kaydee Strickland, Midland High; Emily Ladd, Lubbock Coronado; Shanae Swack, Lubbock Coronado; Kayci Meeks, Lubbock Coronado; Jeri Jeter, Leo; Darby O'Grady, Lee; McKenna Thomas, Odessa Permian; Regina Bejarano, Odessa High; Sophia Flores, San Angelo Central; Bailey Washington, San Angelo Central; Morgan Alcorta, Abilene High; Abby Berry, Abilene High; Sydney Crosco,

Bad luck, bad play leave NBA weak Christmas slate

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

NEW YORK — If the NBA had a Christmas wish, it might be for a different holiday schedule.

The one that was drawn up seemed strong enough when it was released, a potentially dynamite five-game treat from noon through night, packed with superstar scorers and championship contenders.

But like an old Christmas sweater, it doesn't look nearly as good now that time has passed.

Back luck and bad play have wrecked a number of teams the league picked to showcase. Derrick Rose, Kobe Bryant and Brook Lopez are all sitting out, as are Indiana and Portland, who share the NBA's best record.

But hey, there's two 9-18 teams and one that's 10-16.

The Miami Heat and Los Angeles Lakers got the late afternoon marquee time slot, but it's certainly no marquee attraction now that it won't feature a LeBron James-Bryant duel.

"That's probably not the matchup they wanted," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said.

The schedule is such a letdown that not until the fourth game will two winning teams meet, when Houston visits San Antonio. Rivers' team travels to Golden State in the nightcap.

Before that, Chicago, Brooklyn and New York all get TV time, all chosen for the honor long before anyone could have known they would sometimes look unwatchable.

"Those things are done way ahead of time. You just hope for the best matchups. Unfortunately, the Derrick Rose injury puts Chicago in a tough spot. Brooklyn and New York have not played particularly well," said Jeff Van Gundy, who will work the Heat-Lakers game on ABC.

"But I still think people will watch. It's Christmas Day, and people still care deeply about the Bulls and about the Knicks, even though they haven't played particularly well of late."

Christmas is something of a second opening day for the NBA, often the first time a national audience begins paying attention as football nears its conclusion. The league decided to capitalize a few years back by increasing to a five-game schedule that begins at noon EST.

The Christmas games have averaged more than 33 million U.S. viewers over the last three years, so Van Gundy is probably right about the fans still tuning in, even for a matchup that looks as ugly as those sleeved jerseys the players will be wearing.

"On the NFL, I've seen plenty of weak Thanksgiving games, but we still watch," Rivers said. "Now it's becoming basketball on Christmas. That's the good part, that the NBA has found that niche."

After Chicago (10-16) and Brooklyn (9-18) meet in the opener, Oklahoma City visits New York, matching the NBA's top two scorers in Kevin Durant and Carmelo Anthony — provided Anthony's left ankle is OK after he sprained it Monday at Orlando. The Knicks are a Christmas tradition, making their league-high 49th appearance, and the league hopes they'll provide a big audience despite their 9-18 record.

Injuries have hit hard around the NBA and the Christmas lineup is no exception.

Associated Press

Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant looks back during his team's loss to the Toronto Raptors during an NBA basketball game on Dec. 8 in Los Angeles. Bryant is expected to miss about six weeks with an injured left knee. The Lakers said Dec. 19 that an MRI scan showed that Bryant has a fracture of the lateral tibial plateau of his knee.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlantic Division				
Toronto	11	15	.423	—
Boston	12	17	.414	½
Brooklyn	9	18	.333	2½
New York	9	18	.333	2½
Philadelphia	8	20	.286	4
Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	21	6	.778	—
Atlanta	15	13	.536	6½
Charlotte	14	15	.483	8
Washington	12	13	.480	8
Orlando	8	20	.286	13½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	23	5	.821	—
Detroit	14	16	.467	10
Chicago	10	16	.385	12
Cleveland	10	17	.370	12½
Milwaukee	6	22	.214	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Southwest Division				
San Antonio	22	6	.786	—
Houston	18	11	.621	4½
Dallas	16	12	.571	6
New Orleans	12	14	.462	9
Memphis	12	15	.444	9½
Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	23	5	.821	—
Oklahoma City	22	5	.815	½
Denver	14	13	.519	8½
Minnesota	13	15	.464	10
Utah	8	23	.258	16½
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	20	9	.690	—
Phoenix	17	10	.630	2
Golden State	16	13	.552	4
L.A. Lakers	13	15	.464	6½
Sacramento	8	19	.296	11

Monday's Scores

New York 103, Orlando 96
Detroit 115, Cleveland 92
Charlotte 111, Milwaukee 110, OT
Miami 121, Atlanta 119, OT
Indiana 103, Brooklyn 86
Dallas 111, Houston 104
Memphis 104, Utah 94
San Antonio 112, Toronto 99
Phoenix 117, L.A. Lakers 90
Golden State 89, Denver 81
New Orleans 113, Sacramento 100

Today's Games

Chicago at Brooklyn, 11 a.m.
Oklahoma City at New York, 1:30 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Lakers, 4 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

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Thursday-Saturday
All games at Chaparral Center unless noted.

Girls

Pool play

Pool A — Midland High, Odessa Permian, El Paso Eastlake, Bushland
6 p.m. — Lee vs. Midland Classical, Plainview, Baytown Lee

Thursday

3 p.m. — Lee vs. Midland Classical
3 p.m. — Odessa Permian vs. Bushland, Midland High gym
4:30 p.m. — Baytown Lee vs. Plainview
6 p.m. — El Paso Eastlake vs. Midland High

Friday

9 a.m. — Plainview vs. Midland Classical
9 a.m. — El Paso Eastlake vs. Odessa Permian, Midland High gym
9:30 a.m. — Lee vs. Baytown Lee, Midland High gym
11 a.m. — Midland High vs. Bushland
2 p.m. — Baytown Lee vs. Midland Classical
6 p.m. — Plainview vs. Lee, Lee gym
6 p.m. — Bushland vs. El Paso Eastlake, Midland High gym
6 p.m. — Odessa Permian vs. Midland High

Saturday

Seventh-place Game

9 a.m. — Pool A 4th vs. Pool B 4th, Midland High gym

Fifth-place Game

9 a.m. — Pool A 3rd vs. Pool B 3rd

Third-place Game

Noon — Pool A 2nd vs. Pool B 2nd

Championship

3 p.m. — Pool A 1st vs. Pool B 1st

Boys

Pool play

Pool A — Midland High, Permian, Crowley, El Paso Eastlake
Pool B — Lee, Bushland, Alief Hastings, El Paso Americas

Thursday

4:30 p.m. — El Paso Americas vs. Lee
6 p.m. — Alief Hastings vs. Bushland, Midland High gym
7:30 p.m. — Crowley vs. El Paso Eastlake, Midland High gym
7:30 p.m. — Plainview vs. Midland High

Friday

9:30 a.m. — Lee vs. Bushland
11 a.m. — Alief Hastings vs. El Paso Americas, Midland High gym
12:30 p.m. — Midland High vs. El Paso Eastlake
12:30 p.m. — Crowley vs. Plainview, Midland High gym
3:30 p.m. — Bushland vs. El Paso Americas
7:30 p.m. — El Paso Eastlake vs. Plainview, Midland High gym
7:30 p.m. — Alief Hastings vs. Lee, Lee gym
7:30 p.m. — Crowley vs. Midland High

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Third-place Game

1:30 p.m. — Pool A 2nd vs. Pool B 2nd

Championship

4:30 p.m. — Pool A 1st vs. Pool B 1st

Tiebreakers within pool play

A two-team tie for first-place goes to head-to-head record.
A three-team tie for any place goes to point differential.

Twice-fired Terry Stotts finds success in Portland

Associated Press

It was the summer of 2007, and Terry Stotts had just been fired for the second time in four years.

The George Karl disciple wasn't sure where his coaching career was headed, so he took a pilgrimage to Europe to visit with some of the top international coaches in the game. He wanted to see things from a fresh perspective and, in the back of his mind, he wondered if he might need to make the move overseas to continue being a head coach.

"I've always been open to the idea of coaching in Europe," Stotts recently told The Associated Press. "I enjoy the lifestyle of living in a foreign country. That was always in the back of my mind that might be a possibility."

Six years later, Stotts has finally found a roster, and a front office, in Portland that has blended perfectly with his wide-open offensive philosophy. He's making the most of what may have been his last chance to be an NBA head coach.

In his second season, the Trail Blazers have become one of the biggest surprises in the league. They are off to a 23-5 start, tied for the third-best start in franchise history.

They lead the league in 3-point shooting and are third in attempts, and Stotts offers no apologies for the approach. He's meshed that around a devastating pick-and-roll/pick-and-pop team of Damian Lillard and LaMarcus Aldridge to make the Blazers offense one of the most entertaining to watch in the league. They've topped 105 points 13 games in a row, the longest streak since Denver did it in 2008.

"We're playing the style of basketball that I envisioned as far as moving, being unselfish, versatility, shooting 3s," Stotts said. "That's what we envisioned."

General manager Neil Olshey has filled the cupboard with goodies for Stotts, and the coach enjoys a supportive owner in Paul Allen. Those two entities weren't necessarily there in his first two head coaching jobs in Atlanta and Milwaukee.

Stotts was fired after two seasons both times.

"I thought Terry Stotts, both in Atlanta and in Milwaukee, did a great job," ESPN analyst and former coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "He just didn't have winning NBA talent. Oftentimes, when you get your first jobs in this league, you don't have talented-enough teams that can consistently win."

Stotts was fired by the Bucks with 18 games to play in 2007, and that's when he spent three weeks visiting with Ettore Messina and CSKA Moscow, Zeljko Obradovic with Panathinaikos in Greece and David Blatt in Istanbul.

Stotts played in Europe and has always been intrigued by the international style of play. When Rick Carlisle brought Stotts on as an assistant with Dallas in 2008, he brought some of those ideas to the table and helped the Mavericks win the championship in 2011.

"He has a great overall feel for the game," Carlisle said. "He's the best offensive coach I've ever been around."

Stotts credits his time in Dallas for helping crystalize his approach to being a coach.

"We played a style in Dallas that I really liked," Stotts said. "That really had as much of an impact on the coach that I am right now as compared to who I was in Milwaukee and Atlanta."

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Thursday December 26 - GIRLS Schedule
3:00 PM Chap Center Midland Lee vs Midland Classical
3:00 PM Midland High Permian vs Bushland
4:30 PM Midland High Baytown Lee vs Plainview
6:00 PM Chap Center EP Eastlake vs Midland High

Thursday December 26 - BOYS Schedule
4:30 PM Chap Center EP Americas vs Midland Lee
6:00 PM Midland High Bushland vs Alief Hastings
7:30 PM Midland High EP Eastlake vs Crowley
7:30 PM Chap Center Plainview vs Midland High

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Cutting sports a growing trend at major colleges

By Will Graves
Associated Press

The meeting was brief. A few minutes tops.

Temple athletic director Kevin Clark didn't mince words. Standing inside the football team's indoor practice facility earlier this month, Clark scanned the crowd of dozens of student-athletes — none of them football players — and told them the financially strapped athletic department was cutting their sport at the end of the 2013-14 academic year.

There weren't a lot of details. No lengthy question and answer session. Sitting alongside his 16 teammates on the men's gymnastics team, sophomore Evan Eigner sat in stunned silence.

"When I heard the news," Eigner said, "I kind of went numb a little bit."

Temple's announcement that it's going from 24 sports to 17 next fall, a move that will eventually save about $3-3.5 million a year, was just the latest in a growing line of colleges and universities that are reshaping overextended athletic programs by shuttering smaller sports to help make those that remain — particularly those designed to bring in revenue — more competitive.

To be honest, Eigner still isn't sure what happened. He understood the athletic department was in a tight spot money-wise. He knew there had been talk about changes and the threat of cuts. It was all just white noise until suddenly, it became only too real.

He heard the part where Clark said the school would honor all of the scholarships for the affected student athletes until they graduated. He heard the part where Clark said the school would do what it could to find new athletic homes for those wishing to transfer.

Eigner just didn't hear what he would consider a sensible argument for cutting a program that takes up a small fraction of the athletic department budget yet nets conference championships. He grew up wanting to compete at Temple, where his stepfather Fred Turoff has been coach since 1976. He grew up wanting to walk out of his graduation ceremony with a degree in hand and four years of college gymnastics under his belt.

Now he may get one or the other, but not both.

"I wouldn't want to go anywhere else but Temple," Eigner said. "Gymnastics is a big part of my life. Competing collegiately is a big goal of mine. For our team, gymnastics is really a part of our identities. If you take away the opportunity, you're affecting who we are as individuals."

A growing number of whom are finding themselves forced to choose between staying in school or competing elsewhere after their programs are dissolved to help other sports deal with geographically confounding — if more lucrative — conference alignments, increased travel budgets and coach salaries.

Rutgers did it in 2007. Maryland followed suit in 2012. It's not just the schools in power conferences either. Robert Morris, which plays in the Northeastern Conference, is trimming seven sports in 2014. Spelman College, a Division III historically black women's college in Atlanta, dropped intercollegiate athletics altogether this year in favor of a health and fitness program designed to benefit all 2,100 students. Though some schools are expanding — Duke announced recently it is adding softball in 2018 — the Blue Devils are a deep-pocketed exception.

While athletic departments at the Division I level aren't going anywhere, schools that opt to downsize are faced with thorny questions. The biggest is the notion that athletes in one sport are more valuable to the school — and vice versa — than athletes in another.

"It's a football thing and chasing the dollars," said Turoff, who has led Temple men's gymnastics to 18 Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League titles. "But there's nowhere in the mission statement of the athletic department that its goal is to raise money.

"It's to give opportunity to student athletes."

Robert Morris athletic director Craig Coleman isn't quite so sure that's a fair assessment. Like Clark at Temple and Maryland athletic director Kevin Anderson, Coleman stressed the school's decision-making is designed to do a better job of providing a level playing field for the sports it does offer.

The private school located 15 minutes west of Pittsburgh is thriving. Enrollment is skyrocketing so quickly the university bought a Holiday Inn located just off campus and turned it into a dorm. It wasn't always that way. Robert Morris added six sports between 2004-06 in part to help make the transformation from commuter school into a destination. While Coleman allows it worked, it also stretched the department thin.

The Colonials spent less money per student-athlete than any other program in the NEC. While there was enough money to field 23 teams, there wasn't enough in the school's $13 million athletic budget to give each sport what the school feels is necessary to become a contender.

The field hockey program, one the Colonials are cutting, went 11-8 this fall but is one of the few Division I programs in the country that doesn't practice or play on an artificial surface. The substandard facilities makes scheduling difficult.

"It's like having the ice hockey team practicing on slush," Coleman said.

With no plans or money to build a state-of-the-art field and a travel budget stretched to the limit, the school felt it would be easier cut field hockey entirely. Coleman said several field hockey players are in the process of transferring, one of the reasons Robert Morris announced the decision early.

NFL preps its biggest game for the biggest stage

Associated Press

Fans in the stands at Super Bowls past only think they've seen it all.

They've been sun-burned in Los Angeles, soaked in Miami and buffeted by winds at stops in between. Deafened during flyovers. Titillated at halftime, blacked out mid-game and even moved to tears by tributes to servicemen, veterans and the victims of 9/11.

Even so, this next Super Bowl promises those in attendance something different: The chance to freeze their rear ends off.

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Money.

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Saturday, Dec. 28
Pinstripe Bowl
At New York
Notre Dame (8-4) vs. Rutgers (6-6), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
Cincinnati (9-3) vs. North Carolina (6-6), 2:20 p.m. (ESPN)

Russell Athletic Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Miami (9-3) vs. Louisville (11-1), 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Kansas State (7-5) vs. Michigan (7-5), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 30
Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth
Middle Tennessee (8-4) vs. Navy (8-4), 10:45 a.m. (ESPN)

Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Mississippi (7-5) vs. Georgia Tech (7-5), 2:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Oregon (10-2) vs. Texas (8-4), 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Arizona State (10-3) vs. Texas Tech (7-5), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 31
AdvoCare V100 Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Arizona (7-5) vs. Boston College (7-5), 11:30 a.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
At El Paso
Virginia Tech (8-4) vs. UCLA (9-3), 1 p.m. (CBS)

Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Rice (9-3) vs. Mississippi State (6-6), 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
Texas A&M (8-4) vs. Duke (10-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Heart of Dallas Bowl
At Dallas
UNLV (7-5) vs. North Texas (8-4), 11 a.m. (ESPNU)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Nebraska (8-4) vs. Georgia (8-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN2)

Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Wisconsin (9-3) vs. South Carolina (10-2), noon (ABC)

Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Iowa (8-4) vs. LSU (9-3), noon (ESPN)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Stanford (11-2) vs. Michigan State (12-1), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Baylor (11-1) vs. UCF (11-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Alabama (11-1) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 3
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Ohio State (12-1) vs. Clemson (10-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Cotton Bowl
At Arlington
Missouri (11-2) vs. Oklahoma State (10-2), 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

Saturday, Jan. 4
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Vanderbilt (8-4) vs. Houston (8-4), noon (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 5
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Arkansas State (7-5) vs. Ball State (10-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 6
BCS National Championship
At Pasadena, Calif.
Florida State (13-0) vs. Auburn (12-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 18
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (NFLN)

Saturday, Jan. 25
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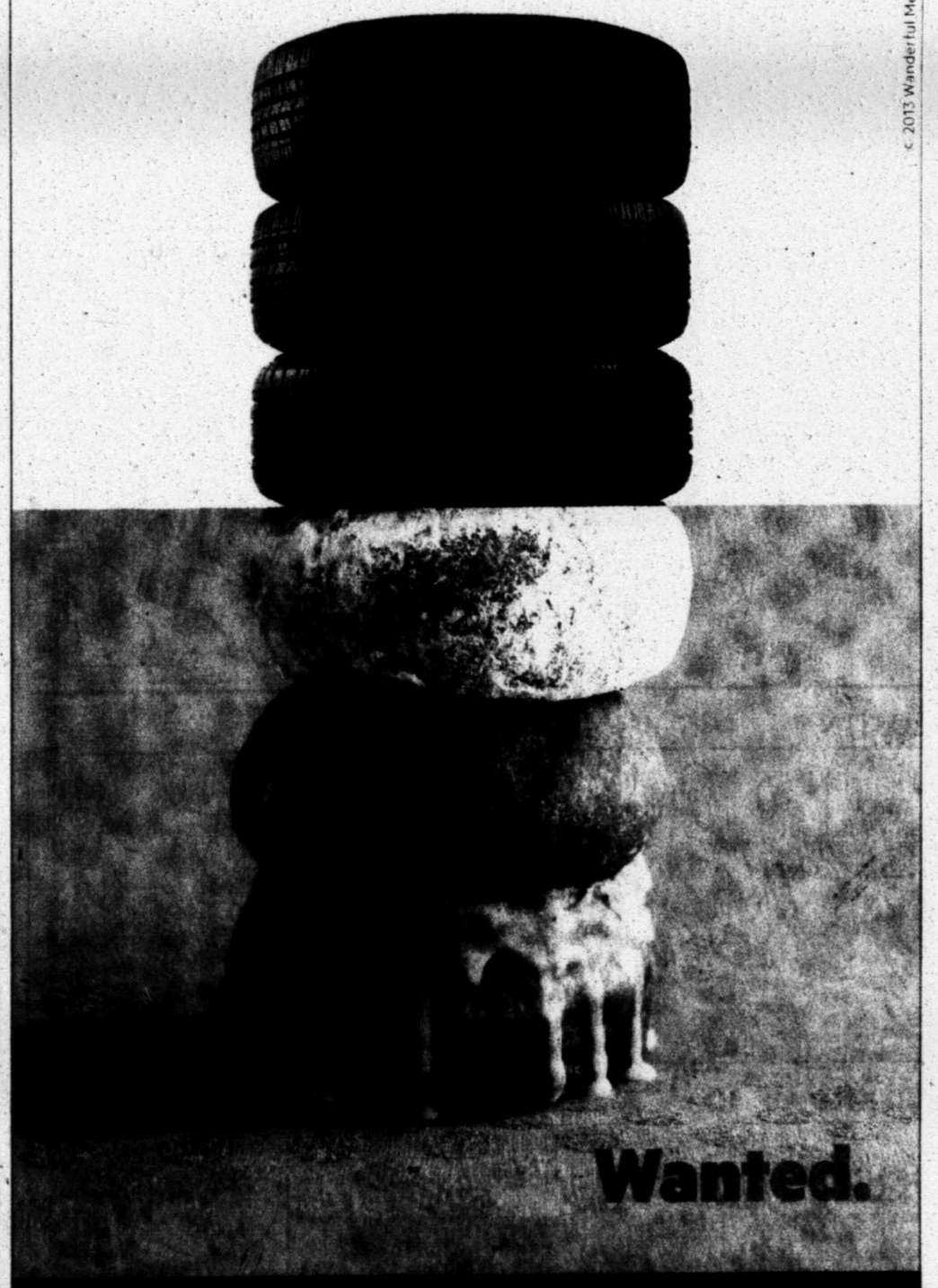

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Bad luck, bad play leave NBA weak Christmas slate

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

NEW YORK — If the NBA had a Christmas wish, it might be for a different holiday schedule.

The one that was drawn up seemed strong enough when it was released, a potentially dynamite five-game treat from noon through night, packed with superstar scorers and championship contenders.

But like an old Christmas sweater, it doesn't look nearly as good now that time has passed.

Back luck and bad play have wrecked a number of teams the league picked to showcase. Derrick Rose, Kobe Bryant and Brook Lopez are all sitting out, as are Indiana and Portland, who share the NBA's best record.

But hey, there's two 9-18 teams and one that's 10-16.

The Miami Heat and Los Angeles Lakers got the late afternoon marquee time slot, but it's certainly no marquee attraction now that it won't feature a LeBron James-Bryant duel.

"That's probably not the matchup they wanted," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said.

The schedule is such a letdown that not until the fourth game will two winning teams meet, when Houston visits San Antonio. Rivers' team travels to Golden State in the nightcap.

Before that, Chicago, Brooklyn and New York all get TV time, all chosen for the honor long before anyone could have known they would sometimes look unwatchable.

"Those things are done way ahead of time. You just hope for the best matchups. Unfortunately, the Derrick Rose injury puts Chicago in a tough spot. Brooklyn and New York have not played particularly well," said Jeff Van Gundy, who will work the Heat-Lakers game on ABC.

"But I still think people will watch. It's Christmas Day, and people still care deeply about the Bulls and about the Knicks, even though they haven't played particularly well of late."

Christmas is something of a second opening day for the NBA, often the first time a national audience begins paying attention as football nears its conclusion. The league decided to capitalize a few years back by increasing to a five-game schedule that begins at noon EST.

The Christmas games have averaged more than 33 million U.S. viewers over the last three years, so Van Gundy is probably right about the fans still tuning in, even for a matchup that looks as ugly as those sleeved jerseys the players will be wearing.

"On the NFL, I've seen plenty of weak Thanksgiving games, but we still watch," Rivers said. "Now it's becoming basketball on Christmas. That's the good part, that the NBA has found that niche."

After Chicago (10-16) and Brooklyn (9-18) meet in the opener, Oklahoma City visits New York, matching the NBA's top two scorers in Kevin Durant and Carmelo Anthony — provided Anthony's left ankle is OK after he sprained it Monday at Orlando. The Knicks are a Christmas tradition, making their league-high 49th appearance, and the league hopes they'll provide a big audience despite their 9-18 record.

Injuries have hit hard around the NBA and the Christmas lineup is no exception.

Associated Press

Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant looks back during his team's loss to the Toronto Raptors during an NBA basketball game on Dec. 8 in Los Angeles. Bryant is expected to miss about six weeks with an injured left knee. The Lakers said Dec. 19 that an MRI scan showed that Bryant has a fracture of the lateral tibial plateau of his knee.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	11	15	.423	—
Boston	12	17	.414	½
Brooklyn	9	18	.333	2½
New York	9	18	.333	2½
Philadelphia	8	20	.286	4

Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	21	6	.778	—
Atlanta	15	13	.536	6½
Charlotte	14	15	.483	8
Washington	12	13	.480	8
Orlando	8	20	.286	13½

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	23	5	.821	—
Detroit	14	16	.467	10
Chicago	10	16	.385	12
Cleveland	10	17	.370	12½
Milwaukee	6	22	.214	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	22	6	.786	—
Houston	18	11	.621	4½
Dallas	16	12	.571	6
New Orleans	12	14	.462	9
Memphis	12	15	.444	9½

Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	23	5	.821	—
Oklahoma City	22	5	.815	½
Denver	14	13	.519	8½
Minnesota	13	15	.464	10
Utah	8	23	.258	16½

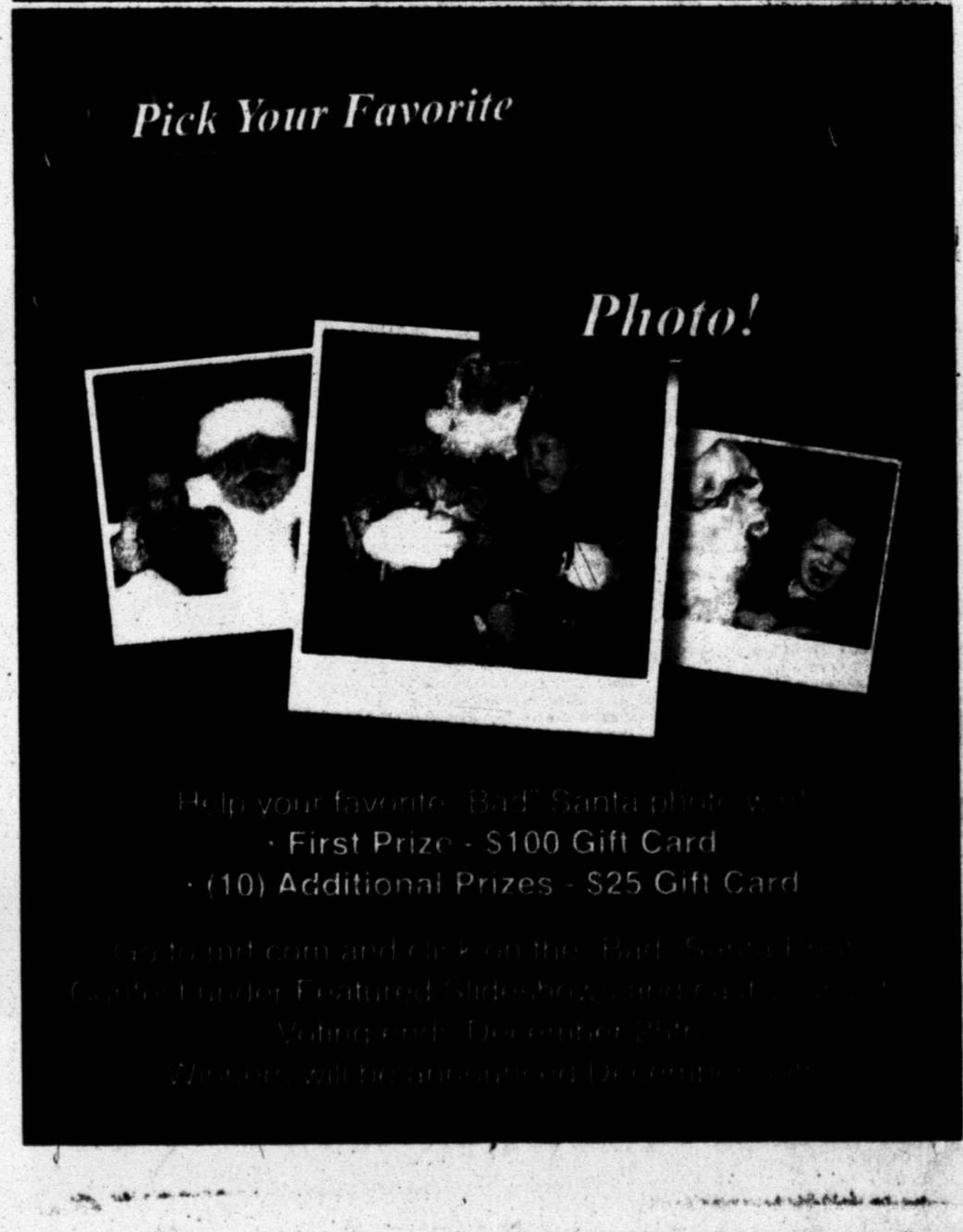
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	20	9	.690	—
Phoenix	17	10	.630	2
Golden State	16	13	.552	4
L.A. Lakers	13	15	.464	6½
Sacramento	8	19	.296	11

Monday's Scores

New York 103, Orlando 98
Detroit 115, Cleveland 92
Charlotte 111, Milwaukee 110, OT
Miami 121, Atlanta 118, OT
Indiana 103, Brooklyn 86
Dallas 111, Houston 104
Memphis 104, Utah 94
San Antonio 112, Toronto 99
Phoenix 117, L.A. Lakers 90
Golden State 89, Denver 81
New Orleans 113, Sacramento 100

Today's Games

Chicago at Brooklyn, 11 a.m.
Oklahoma City at New York, 1:30 p.m.
Miami at L.A. Lakers, 4 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.



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Thursday-Saturday
All games at Chaparral Center unless noted.

Girls

Pool play
Pool A — Midland High, Odessa Permian, El Paso Eastlake, Bushland
Pool B — Lee, Midland Classical, Plainview, Baytown Lee

Thursday
3 p.m. — Lee vs. Midland Classical
3 p.m. — Odessa Permian vs. Bushland, Midland High gym
4:30 p.m. — Baytown Lee vs. Plainview
6 p.m. — El Paso Eastlake vs. Midland High
Friday
8 a.m. — Plainview vs. Midland Classical
9 a.m. — El Paso Eastlake vs. Odessa Permian, Midland High gym
9:30 a.m. — Lee vs. Baytown Lee, Midland High gym
11 a.m. — Midland High vs. Bushland
2 p.m. — Baytown Lee vs. Midland Classical
6 p.m. — Plainview vs. Lee, Lee gym
6 p.m. — Bushland vs. El Paso Eastlake, Midland High gym
8 p.m. — Odessa Permian vs. Midland High

Saturday
Seventh-place Game
9 a.m. — Pool A 4th vs. Pool B 4th, Midland High gym
Fifth-place Game
9 a.m. — Pool A 3rd vs. Pool B 3rd
Third-place Game
Noon — Pool A 2nd vs. Pool B 2nd
Championship
3 p.m. — Pool A 1st vs. Pool B 1st

Boys

Pool play
Pool A — Midland High, Plainview, Crowley, El Paso Eastlake
Pool B — Lee, Bushland, Alief Hastings, El Paso Americas

Thursday
4:30 p.m. — El Paso Americas vs. Lee
6 p.m. — Alief Hastings vs. Bushland, Midland High gym
7:30 p.m. — Crowley vs. El Paso Eastlake, Midland High gym
7:30 p.m. — Plainview vs. Midland High
Friday
9:30 a.m. — Lee vs. Bushland
11 a.m. — Alief Hastings vs. El Paso Americas, Midland High gym
12:30 p.m. — Midland High vs. El Paso Eastlake
12:30 p.m. — Crowley vs. Plainview, Midland High gym
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Tiebreakers within pool play
A tie-breaker tie for first-place goes to head-to-head record.
A three-team tie for any place goes to point differential.

Twice-fired Terry Stotts finds success in Portland

Associated Press

It was the summer of 2007, and Terry Stotts had just been fired for the second time in four years.

The George Karl disciple wasn't sure where his coaching career was headed, so he took a pilgrimage to Europe to visit with some of the top international coaches in the game. He wanted to see things from a fresh perspective and, in the back of his mind, he wondered if he might need to make the move overseas to continue being a head coach.

"I've always been open to the idea of coaching in Europe," Stotts recently told The Associated Press. "I enjoy the lifestyle of living in a foreign country. That was always in the back of my mind that might be a possibility."

Six years later, Stotts has finally found a roster, and a front office, in Portland that has blended perfectly with his wide-open offensive philosophy. He's making the most of what may have been his last chance to be an NBA head coach.

In his second season, the Trail Blazers have become one of the biggest surprises in the league. They are off to a 23-5 start, tied for the third-best start in franchise history.

They lead the league in 3-point shooting and are third in attempts, and Stotts offers no apologies for the approach. He's meshed that around a devastating pick-and-roll/pick-and-pop team of Damian Lillard and LaMarcus Aldridge to make the Blazers offense one of the most entertaining to watch in the league. They've topped 105 points 13 games in a row, the longest streak since Denver did it in 2008.

"We're playing the style of basketball that I envisioned as far as moving, being unselfish, versatility, shooting 3s," Stotts said. "That's what we envisioned."

General manager Neil Olshey has filled the cupboard with goodies for Stotts, and the coach enjoys a supportive owner in Paul Allen. Those two entities weren't necessarily there in his first two head coaching jobs in Atlanta and Milwaukee.

Stotts was fired after two seasons both times.

"I thought Terry Stotts, both in Atlanta and in Milwaukee, did a great job," ESPN analyst and former coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "He just didn't have winning NBA talent. Oftentimes, when you get your first jobs in this league, you don't have talented-enough teams that can consistently win."

Stotts was fired by the Bucks with 18 games to play in 2007, and that's when he spent three weeks visiting with Ettore Messina and CSKA Moscow, Zeljko Obradovic with Panathinaikos in Greece and David Blatt in Istanbul.

Stotts played in Europe and has always been intrigued by the international style of play. When Rick Carlisle brought Stotts on as an assistant with Dallas in 2008, he brought some of those ideas to the table and helped the Mavericks win the championship in 2011.

"He has a great overall feel for the game," Carlisle said. "He's the best offensive coach I've ever been around."

Stotts credits his time in Dallas for helping crystalize his approach to being a coach.

"We played a style in Dallas that I really liked," Stotts said. "That really had as much of an impact on the coach that I am right now as compared to who I was in Milwaukee and Atlanta."

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Cutting sports a growing trend at major colleges

By Will Graves
Associated Press

The meeting was brief. A few minutes tops.

Temple athletic director Kevin Clark didn't mince words. Standing inside the football team's indoor practice facility earlier this month, Clark scanned the crowd of dozens of student-athletes — none of them football players — and told them the financially strapped athletic department was cutting their sport at the end of the 2013-14 academic year.

There weren't a lot of details. No lengthy question and answer session. Sitting alongside his 16 teammates on the men's gymnastics team, sophomore Evan Eigner sat in stunned silence.

"When I heard the news," Eigner said, "I kind of went numb a little bit."

Temple's announcement that it's going from 24 sports to 17 next fall, a move that will eventually save about $3-3.5 million a year, was just the latest in a growing line of colleges and universities that are reshaping overextended athletic programs by shuttering smaller sports to help make those that remain — particularly those designed to bring in revenue — more competitive.

To be honest, Eigner still isn't sure what happened. He understood the athletic department was in a tight spot moneywise. He knew there had been talk about changes and the threat of cuts. It was all just white noise until suddenly, it became only too real.

He heard the part where Clark said the school would honor all of the scholarships for the affected student athletes until they graduated. He heard the part where Clark said the school would do what it could to find new athletic homes for those wishing to transfer.

Eigner just didn't hear what he would consider a sensible argument for cutting a program that takes up a small fraction of the athletic department budget yet nets conference championships. He grew up wanting to compete at Temple, where his stepfather Fred Turoff has been coach since 1976. He grew up wanting to walk out of his graduation ceremony with a degree in hand and four years of college gymnastics under his belt.

Now he may get one or the other, but not both.

"I wouldn't want to go anywhere else but Temple," Eigner said. "Gymnastics is a big part of my life. Competing collegiately is a big goal of mine. For our team, gymnastics is really a part of our identities. If you take away the opportunity, you're affecting who we are as individuals."

A growing number of whom are finding themselves forced to choose between staying in school or competing elsewhere after their programs are dissolved to help other sports deal with geographically confounding — if more lucrative — conference alignments, increased travel budgets and coach salaries.

Rutgers did it in 2007. Maryland followed suit in 2012. It's not just the schools in power conferences either. Robert Morris, which plays in the Northeastern Conference, is trimming seven sports in 2014. Spelman College, a Division III historically black women's college in Atlanta, dropped intercollegiate athletics altogether this year in favor of a health and fitness program designed to benefit all 2,100 students. Though some schools are expanding — Duke announced recently it is adding softball in 2018 — the Blue Devils are a deep-pocketed exception.

While athletic departments at the Division I level aren't going anywhere, schools that opt to downsize are faced with thorny questions. The biggest is the notion that athletes in one sport are more valuable to the school — and vice versa — than athletes in another.

"It's a football thing and chasing the dollars," said Turoff, who has led Temple men's gymnastics to 18 Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League titles. "But there's nowhere in the mission statement of the athletic department that its goal is to raise money.

"It's to give opportunity to student athletes."

Robert Morris athletic director Craig Coleman isn't quite so sure that's a fair assessment. Like Clark at Temple and Maryland athletic director Kevin Anderson, Coleman stressed the school's decision-making is designed to do a better job of providing a level playing field for the sports it does offer.

The private school located 15 minutes west of Pittsburgh is thriving. Enrollment is skyrocketing so quickly the university bought a Holiday Inn located just off campus and turned it into a dorm. It wasn't always that way. Robert Morris added six sports between 2004-06 in part to help make the transformation from commuter school into a destination. While Coleman allows it worked, it also stretched the department thin.

The Colonials spent less money per student-athlete than any other program in the NEC. While there was enough money to field 23 teams, there wasn't enough in the school's $13 million athletic budget to give each sport what the school feels is necessary to become a contender.

The field hockey program, one the Colonials are cutting, went 11-8 this fall but is one of the few Division I programs in the country that doesn't practice or play on an artificial surface. The substandard facilities makes scheduling difficult.

"It's like having the ice hockey team practicing on slush," Coleman said.

With no plans or money to build a state-of-the-art field and a travel budget stretched to the limit, the school felt it would be easier cut field hockey entirely. Coleman said several field hockey players are in the process of transferring, one of the reasons Robert Morris announced the decision early.

NFL preps its biggest game for the biggest stage

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Texas Bowl
At Houston
Minnesota (8-4) vs. Syracuse (6-6), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Fight Hunger Bowl
At San Francisco
BYU (8-4) vs. Washington (8-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 28
Pinstripe Bowl
At New York
Notre Dame (8-4) vs. Rutgers (6-6), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
Cincinnati (9-3) vs. North Carolina (6-6), 2:20 p.m. (ESPN)

Russell Athletic Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Miami (9-3) vs. Louisville (11-1), 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Kansas State (7-5) vs. Michigan (7-5), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 30
Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth
Middle Tennessee (8-4) vs. Navy (8-4), 10:45 a.m. (ESPN)

Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Mississippi (7-5) vs. Georgia Tech (7-5), 2:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Oregon (10-2) vs. Texas (8-4), 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Arizona State (10-3) vs. Texas Tech (7-5), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 31
AdvoCare V100 Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Arizona (7-5) vs. Boston College (7-5), 11:30 a.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
At El Paso
Virginia Tech (6-4) vs. UCLA (9-3), 1 p.m. (CBS)

Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Rice (9-3) vs. Mississippi State (6-6), 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
Texas A&M (8-4) vs. Duke (10-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Heart of Dallas Bowl
At Dallas
UNLV (7-5) vs. North Texas (8-4), 11 a.m. (ESPNU)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Nebraska (8-4) vs. Georgia (8-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN2)

Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Wisconsin (9-3) vs. South Carolina (10-2), noon (ABC)

Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Iowa (8-4) vs. LSU (9-3), noon (ESPN)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Stanford (11-2) vs. Michigan State (12-1), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Baylor (11-1) vs. UCF (11-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Alabama (11-1) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 3
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Ohio State (12-1) vs. Clemson (10-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Cotton Bowl
At Arlington
Missouri (11-2) vs. Oklahoma State (10-2), 6:30 p.m. (FOX)

Saturday, Jan. 4
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Vanderbilt (8-4) vs. Houston (8-4), noon (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 5
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Arkansas State (7-5) vs. Ball State (10-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 6
BCS National Championship
At Pasadena, Calif.
Florida State (13-0) vs. Auburn (12-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 18
East-West Shrine Classic
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (NFLN)

Saturday, Jan. 25
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
South vs. North, 3 p.m. (NFLN)

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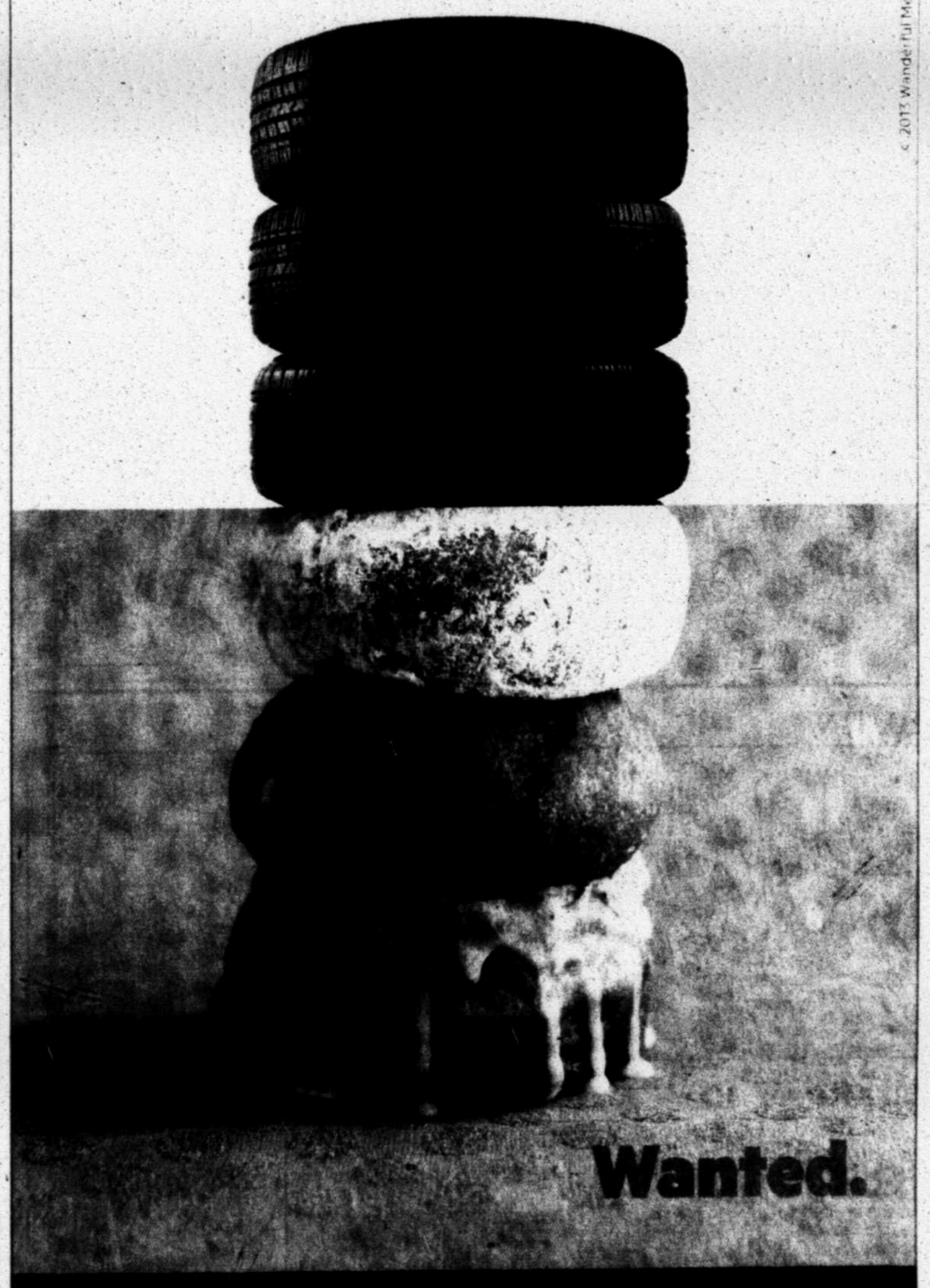

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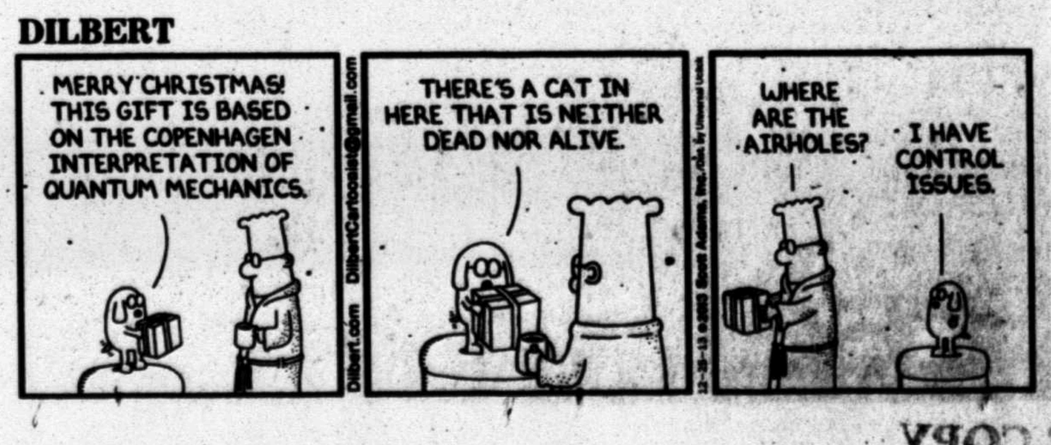

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FAMILY CIRCUS

AP file photo

This Oct. 6 photo shows United States team player Steve Stricker hitting from a bunker on the fourth hole during the single matches at the Presidents Cup golf tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio. Stricker finished the year with just over $4.4 million, the third-highest total of his career. His world ranking improved 10 spots to No. 8.

A year in golf: Tales from the Tour

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

Steve Stricker made it clear that money was not important.

His plan was to defend his title at Kapalua and walk away from the PGA Tour for the rest of the year. Over the holidays leading into 2013, he reached a compromise and cut his schedule roughly in half. He contacted his sponsors, and they supported him.

Stricker didn't have great expectations starting his year of semi-retirement.

"If I could just make enough money to pay yearly expenses, I'm fine with that," he said. "If we don't have to touch anything I've put away ... I don't need to do what I'm doing just to make money. I'd rather be staying at home, doing things at home with the foundation and with my kids."

No one else was around during this conversation, but Stricker still leaned in and lowered his voice as he stated what everyone already knew.

"You know, we're pretty conservative with our money," he said.

Stricker was runner-up that week at Kapalua and made $665,000. He didn't play for six weeks, and then reached the quarterfinals of the Accenture Match Play Championship to earn $275,000. Two weeks later, he was runner-up at Doral and brought in $880,000.

That should pay the bills.

He finished the year with just over $4.4 million, the third-highest total of his career. His world ranking improved 10 spots to No. 8. And by the end of the year, he had several players contemplating a similar schedule.

Along the way, there were plenty of other moments that showed more about players than just their birdies and bogeys, and the checks they cash.

Rory McIlroy generated a buzz no matter where he went at the start of the year. He had the hefty deal from Nike. He was No. 1 in the world. And he was struggling early with a missed cut in Abu Dhabi and a first-round departure in Match Play. Nothing caused a stir like Friday at the Honda Classic, when he abruptly shook hands with Ernie Els as they were making the turn and walked straight to the parking lot.

Information was a trickle. He was vague during a brisk walk to the car. Later, a statement from his management company said he had a sore wisdom tooth.

There was a golf tournament still going on. Michael Thompson shot 65 on that Friday to move to the top of the leaderboard. It was early afternoon and no one seemed interested. The announcement sounded more like a plea. "We have Michael Thompson in the interview room," the official said.

One voice broke the awkward silence. "Is he a dentist?" a reported asked.

No. But he did win his first PGA Tour event that week.

Angel Cabrera is a man of few words and loud actions.

A month after losing the Masters in a playoff, he was walking off the 18th green at TPC Sawgrass following a practice round. Fans thrust programs and flags for him to sign. There was bumping and pushing, and a marshal started to bark at everyone to back up.

Cabrera stepped back about 10 feet, and then instructed only the children to come under the ropes and join him. He spent the next 15 minutes signing for them.

It looked like the scene outside the mansion in "Young Frankenstein," missing only the pitchforks and torches.

The Pure Silk LPGA Bahamas Classic was played on a 12-hole course at The Ocean Club because of flooding. The first round didn't finish because of another storm system in the area. Players gathered in darkness outside the rules trailer to find out the plan for Friday. A computer error led players to believe — only for a moment — that they would keep their same tee time for the second round. Chaos ensued, filled with heated arguments among players and rules officials.

And it was at this moment the LPGA showed its true international flavor.

A group of Swedish players were off to the right, raising their voices in their native language. The Americans were in the front of the pack. The South Koreans were in the back. The Spaniards were in the middle. The Germans were over by the hedges. It was the ultimate melting pot.

And they ultimately got it all worked out.

There is no love lost between Tiger Woods and Sergio Garcia, as both made clear at The Players Championship and in the weeks that followed. The same could be said for Garcia and Padraig Harrington, as the Irishman showed on a couple of occasions this year in his subtle style.

Speaking to a small group of reporters at the TPC Sawgrass, where the Woods-Garcia flap was starting to unfold, Harrington said of all the times he has played with Woods he considered his etiquette "absolutely impeccable."

"I've played with Tiger many times," Harrington said. "I give him an A-plus on his etiquette on the course. I give him an A-plus for his respect for fellow players on the course."

A British reporter then asked Harrington what kind of grade he would give Garcia.

"I'm not in a position to rank players," he replied.

Later that summer, Harrington finished a practice round at Muirfield and was signing autographs. One fan had the British Open program turned to the page that showed Harrington winning his first claret jug.

Brad Alexander, a respected LPGA official, made the wrong call at the Solheim Cup. When the day was over, confusion and anger lingered. Alexander volunteered to accompany both captains to the media center to handle any questions from the press. He explained what happened. He made no excuses. He accepted all the blame. It was classy.

That kind of accountability would have come in handy at Augusta National this year.

The final week of December is the one week no meaningful tournaments are played on any tour in the world.

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	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00 PM	7:30	8:00 PM	8:30	9:00 PM	9:30	10:00 PM	10:30	11:00 PM	11:30
KMID. ABC	3	3	4	3	2	(6:00) NBA Basketball: Miami vs Los Angeles (L)		The Middle	Trophy Wife	Modern Family	"Arrested"	Super Fun Night
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Undercover Boss		Hawaii Five-0		Blue Bloods
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Seinfeld	Rules of Engage.	Kung Fu Panda	Merry-Madag	iHeartRadio "One Direction"		Rules of Engage.
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Ice Age Christmas	Gift Night Fury	Raising Hope	Raising Hope	Modern Family
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Mani Erfan	Jean-Claude	Update News	Dollars & Sense	Light of the Southwest		
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Kelly Clarkson		Michael Buble		Hollywood Game Night
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Christmas in Yellowstone"		A C'Mas Carol Dickens' classic tale has been adapted to a musical.		Danube
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Mentir Para Vivir		Por Siempre Mi Amor		Lo Que La Vida Me Robo		
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	Law:CI "Cuba Libre"		Law:CI "Monster"		My News 16
FLIX	340	65		465		(6:35) ★ Sing Blade		★★★ October Sky John Gyllenhaal.				★★★ Slap Shot ('77, Com) Paul Newman.
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:30) ★★★ The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey					Fight	Treme
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(6:00) ★ Fitch Perfect		Saving	1stLook	★ Promised Land ('12, Dra) Matt Damon.		
HBO5	304	70	16	102		(6:55) ★ Won't Back ...		The Sopranos		★ Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows		
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(6:15) ★ New Year's...		(:15) ★ Parental Guidance (2012, Comedy)				★★★ This Is 40 ('12, Com) Paul Rudd.
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(5:00) ★★ The Negotiator				Banshee		★ A Very Harold & Kumar C...
PLEX			96			Movie	★ ★★ Grand Theft Parsons			★ ★★ Opportunity Knocks		(:45) ★★★ Racing With the Moon
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	★ ★★★ Crash ('04, Dra) Sandra Bullock.				Inside the NFL		60 Minutes Sports
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(6:10) ★ Agent Cody...		★ Lemony Snicket's a Series of Unfortun...				★ The Perks of Being a Wallfl...
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	★ ★★★ El Dorado ('67, West) Robert Mitchum, John Wayne.						
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) ★ Queen 2/3 cont'd next		★ Queen ('93, Dra) Ann-Margret, Halle Berry. 3/3				
BRAVO	65	63		41		Movie	★ ★★★ Steel Magnolias ('89, Com/Dra) Sally Field.					
CNBC	46	45		39	72	60 Minutes		The Costco Craze		Target: Bullseye		Coca-Cola
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan Live		AC360 Later
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Dog Blog	Austin	Good Luck Jessie		Liv/Mad	Shake Up	GoodLuck Jessie
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) SportsCenter		NBA Basketball Houston Rockets vs. San Antonio Spurs (L)				
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	(5:30) NCAA Basketball				NCAA Basketball Diamond Head Classic (L)		
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	★ The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause				★ National Lampoon's Christmas Vacati...		
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Rachael vs. Guy		Rachael vs. Guy		Rachael vs. Guy		Rachael vs. Guy
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Big 12 Showcase	Cowboys Insider	WPT Poker Grand Prix de Paris		WPT Poker Grand Prix de Paris		WPT Poker Borgata Open
FX	31	31	59	64	69	★ ★★ Kung Fu Panda 2 ('11, Ani) Jack Black.				★ ★★★★ How to Train Your Dragon		
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Movie	★ A Very Merry Mix-Up			★ The Christmas Ornament		★ Let It Snow
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Hawaii	Hawaii	Property Brothers		Buying and Selling		HouseH
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	BibleSecretsRevealed		Bible Secrets		Bible Secrets		Bible Secrets
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) ★ Christmas on the Bayou Markie Post.		★ Kristin's Christmas Past (2013, Family) Will Kemp, Elizabeth Mitchell, Shiri Appleby.				★ A Snow Globe Christmas (2013, Romance) Trevor Donovan, Christina Milian.
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word
NBCSN	38	39				NFL Turning Point		NFL Turning Point		Still Standing		NFL Turning Point
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Parents	Parents	See Dad	Inst.Mom	F.House	F.House	F.House
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(6:30) ★ ★★★ Forrest Gump Tom Hanks.				★ ★★★ Forrest Gump ('94, Comedy/Drama) Sally Field, Gary Sinise, Tom Hanks.		
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★ Ice Quake ('10, Sci-Fi) Brendan Fehr.				★ Snowmageddon ('11, Fant) David Cubitt.		
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	(5:00) ★ ★★★ A Christmas Story		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(4:00) ★ King of Kings		★ ★★★★ Top Hat ('35, Mus) Fred Astaire.				★ ★★★★ Swing Time Fred Astaire.
TELE	20	8	10	20		★ Horton Hears a Who! ('08, Ani)		★ Ratatouille (2007, Animated)				
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Boss "Kampgrounds of America (KOA)"		Undercover Boss "ADJ"		Undercover Boss "Orkin"		Undercover Boss "Squaw Valley"
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	★ ★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest Jack Sparrow tries to save his soul from Davy Jones and his army of sea-phantoms.						★ ★★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End ('07, Adv) Johnny Depp. The pirates battle Davy Jones and the East India Company.
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby	Cosby	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Kirstie
USA	26	30	42	27	49	(4:30) ★ ★★ Couples Retreat Vince Vaughn.		★ ★★★ Bridesmaids (2011, Comedy) Maya Rudolph, Rose Byrne, Kristen Wiig.				
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KOSA CBS	CBS 7 News			(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Late Late		
KWWT CW	Community		Community		That '70s Show	'70s "Winter"		
KPEJ FOX	The Arsenio Hall Show				Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother		
KMLM IND	Dr. Rik Wadge		BAS Presents		Jean-Claude	Dr. William		
KWES NBC	News-West 9		(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno			(:35) LateNight		
KPBT PBS	Charlie Rose (N)				BBC News	Tavis Smiley		
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HBO2	Boxing's Best 2013				Boxing	Movie		
HBO5	(:15) ★ Cloud Atlas ('12, Adv) Tom Hanks.							
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PLEX	(:45) ★★★ Racing With the Moon				Movie			
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AMC	★ ★★★ The Sons of Katie Elder ('65, West) John Wayne.							
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BRAVO	Sally Field.	Movie						
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ESPN	NBA Basketball Los Angeles vs Golden State (L)							
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Army hires Jeff Monken as coach

Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Desperate to snap its long losing streak against its archrival, Army has hired former Navy assistant Jeff Monken as its 37th football coach.

Monken spent the past four seasons at Georgia Southern after learning the triple-option offense under Paul Johnson during stints with the Middies and Georgia Tech. He posted a 38-16 record at Georgia Southern and helped guide the program's transition to the Football Bowl Subdivision from the Football Championship Subdivision ranks.

"I am honored and humbled by their trust in me to lead the West Point football program," Monken said. "More than anyone else, I want to thank the men and women who have served and continue to serve our nation in the United States Army. I am proud to be your head football coach. I am anxious to get started."

Monken will be officially introduced Monday at a news conference. He replaces Rich Ellerson, who was fired last week after his fifth straight loss to Navy.

"We want a successful head coach who understands the challenges of working at a service academy, one who could help us win immediately, and one who understands the importance of West Point's mission. We found that in Jeff," athletic director Boo Corrigan said. "There was tremendous interest in the position nationally, and we felt there were several very qualified candidates. But throughout the process Jeff separated himself from the others. His passion, energy and strong experience in turning around a program immediately helped him rise to the top of our list."

The 60-year-old Ellerson went 20-41 at Army.

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Christmas Prayer

Father, as we busy ourselves this season obtaining gifts for others, help us to always keep in mind Your gift to us – your very own Son. For a people who have everything, but who really have nothing, You gave the one thing that is eternal. We can't thank You enough for giving us life except to give our lives to You in return. Thank you for Jesus. Amen

Mid-cities community church – Senior Pastor Daniel Stephens

Dear God in Heaven, we give thee thanks for the Light of the world, your Son, Jesus Christ, and for His condescending to come to earth and take on lowly human nature, in order to save us from everlasting death. During this Holy Season of Advent, which is an anticipation of Life, and during the Christmas season (beginning on that Holy Day of December 25 and extending through the Purification of Your Holy Mother, Mary ever Virgin, on February 2), which is a celebration of Life, we beseech Thee that You would change the hearts of those involved in the taking of innocent life, abortion. We give our extreme thanks to You for the closure of Planned Parenthood's abortion facilities in Midland, San Angelo, Abilene and Lubbock and freeing us from this visible culture of death. We pray for the change of heart of all those involved in the abortion industry, from abortionists to nurses to all employees, that they may see the light and your Light, the Light of Christ. We unworthy sinners beg Thee to rid our state, nation and world of the blight of abortion and the errors of Planned Parenthood. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, Who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church – Mike Banschbach

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, Rev. Dave Huxley.

O Lord, in mercy remember Your Church. Preserve her unconquerable until the day of Your return. Grant to her boldness in proclaiming Your Law and Gospel. Send faithful pastors to preach Your Word and administer Your Means of Grace. Bless all Christians with zeal in their profession of the faith.

O Lord, in mercy remember all families. Make each household a place where prayer is practiced and Your Word is proclaimed. Bless parents of young children with patience. Give comfort to the childless. Abide with the fatherless, widows and orphans, the lonely, and those separated from their families.

O Lord, in mercy remember this country. Grant to her leaders wisdom and justice, as they exercise Your authority to punish wrongdoers and protect the righteous. Use all citizens to speak in defense of the defenseless. Abide with those who labor on behalf of others, especially those emergency workers who toil even this day to keep us from harm. Bring wars to their conclusions, punish the wicked, defend the innocent and bring Your healing peace to all people at enmity with one another.

O Lord, in mercy remember those who grieve the death of loved ones. Give comfort to any who mourn, that they might find in this celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord hope in the midst of sorrow, knowing that You were born to die to conquer death and give resurrection and eternal life to all believers in You.

O Lord, in mercy remember us, Your people, as we await our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of You, our Savior. Enable us by Your grace to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, living self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.

All these things grant us for Your sake, Lord Jesus, as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Grace Lutheran – Pastor Pase

Loving God,

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And now in these hours before Christmas, the countdown continues. In just a few days we'll be moving on to the New Year, and then to other days marked on our calendars.

But this is one different holiday. You wrapped yourself up in a baby. You gave Yourself to us in the form of a baby - and a Savior.

Thank you!

This is a season of hope, joy, peace and love.

As we have received these gifts from you in Jesus, may we in turn give these gifts to those around us.

In the name of Jesus - Lord of the Manger and Hope of the World.

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Dr. Tim Walker, Senior Pastor
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In Jesus Name

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City of Midland, Texas

Legal & Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:42 a.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N0rth Loraine, on a request by Stanley Beard for a zone change from AE, Agriculture Estate Distnct to PD, Planned Distnct for a Housing Development on the following described property: Ori a 21.85-acre tract of land out of Section 11, Block "X", H.P. Hilliard Survey, City and County of Midland, Texas.

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Legal & Public Notices

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 10:33 a.m., on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by High Sky Partners, LLC (Cowden No. 1202D) for a Permit to Drill an Oil and Gas Well inside the City Limits on the following described property: Located 1,476 feet from south line and 1,834 feet from west line, Section 12, Block "X", H.P. Hilliard Survey, Midland County, Texas.

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 10:39 a.m., on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by High Sky Partners, LLC (Ramcon No. 1204D) for a Permit to Drill an Oil and Gas Well inside the City Limits on the following described property: Located 1,476 feet from south line and 1,934 feet from west line, Section 12, Block "X", H.P. Hilliard Survey, Midland County, Texas.

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:45 a.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Pulman, Cappuccio, Pullen, Benson & Jones, LLP for a zone change from O-1, Office District to PD, Planned District for a Office Center on the following described property: On Lots 2 and 3, Block 1, The Vineyard Addition, Section 3, City and County of Midland, Texas.

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at 10:48 a.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, on a request by Jeff Benson for a zone change from PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center to Amended Planned District on the following described property: On Lot 1A, Block 2, Gateway Plaza, Section 3, City and County of Midland, Texas.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 34, Blk. 37 T3S, T&P RR CO/ROE, C Survey, A-981, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 18 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER, OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Jan 9, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : SCHACKELFORD SPRABERRY UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No. : 3002H
Lease/Unit Acres : 28731.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 100.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 241.0

Lease Lines : 10246.0 F NORTH L, 2395.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines : 342.0 F SOUTH L, 2395.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s) : Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 10246.0 F NORTH L
2395.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location
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Survey: T&P RR CO / HASELDEN, J
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Survey Lines: 1420.0 F SOUTH L
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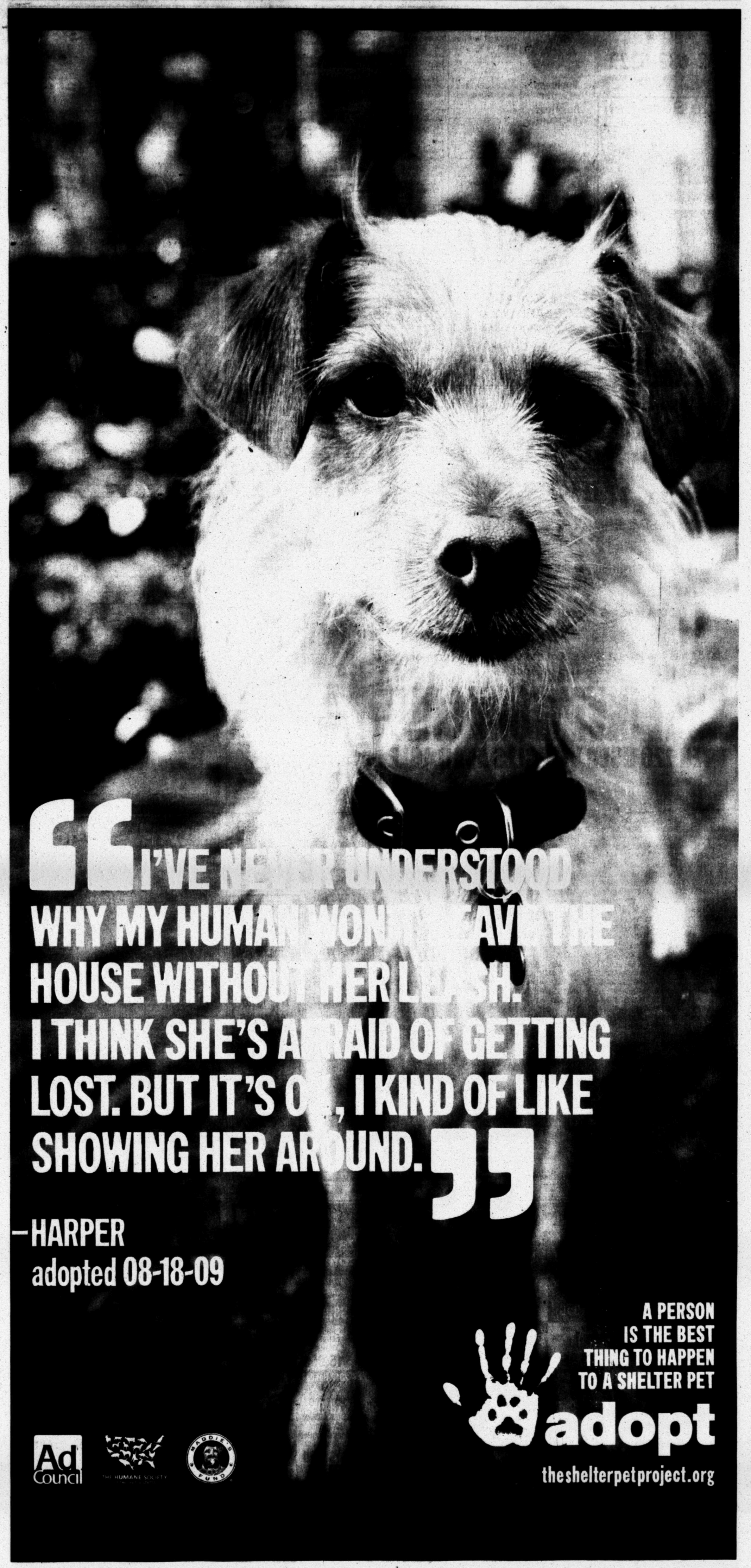
Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) : Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8500 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, MANDY HEDGPETH, at (972) 969-3873.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Attention Readers

In observance of New Year's Day The Midland Reporter-Telegram will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014

Advertising Deadlines

Classified Word Ads

Publishing On:	Deadline is:
Wed., Jan. 1st	Tues., Dec. 31st, NOON
Thurs., Jan. 2nd	Tues., Dec. 31st, 2 PM

Classified Display Ads

Publishing On:	Deadline is:
Wed., Jan. 1st	Mon., Dec. 30th, 5 PM
Thurs., Jan. 2nd	Mon., Dec. 30th,, 5 PM
Fri., Jan. 3rd	Tues., Dec. 31st, NOON

Retail Display Ads

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Wed., Jan 1st	Mon., Dec. 30th, 5 PM
Thurs., Jan 2nd	Mon., Dec. 30th, 5 PM
Sun., Jan 5th (Oil Report/West Texas Living, Arts & Ent.)	Mon., Dec. 30th, 5 PM
Fri., Jan 3rd	Tues., Dec. 31st, Noon

ELECTRONIC EDITIONS will be available online at www.mywesttexas.com

WEBSITE HOURS: 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Monday - Friday

We will resume Thursday, Jan. 2nd during our regular business hours.

Midland Reporter-Telegram

Real Estate Sales

Real Estate Quick Sale

(Private Parties Only)

- 14 days in the Midland Reporter-Telegram
- 14 days on mywesttexas.com
- Up to 10 lines of text
- New Today Banner-1st Day Only
- (1) Homes Gallery listing with photo

$75 (each additional line $5)

Call 682-6222 today!

Residential Sales

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- 30 days - Midland Reporter-Telegram
- 30 days - mywesttexas.com
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- Up to 10 lines of text

$55 (each additional line $5)

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ALL real estate advertising herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to indicate any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, age, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitations or discrimination.

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*11,155 ac. in of Snyder, 4 houses, pens/roping arena, 500 ft. mtn., creek, lakes, Whitetail deer, mule deer and quail $795/ac
*4,212 ac, Maverick Creek, canyons, whitetail and mule deer and quail $825/ac
*1,771 ac, windmill, creek, blinds and feeders, great w-tail and mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail $850/ac
• Nolan County
*646 ac, over 1 mile SOLD creek, blinds, feeders, elevation change, oak/cedar/ms $2,295/ac
*65 ac, Pecan Creek, approx 200 acres cleared for cattle, Lands/feeders, windmill, minerals $2,095/ac
• Haskell County
*842 ac, canyons, blinds/feeders, great deer, cedar/mesquite, surface water, some oilfield traffic $750/ac
*150 ac, big canyon SOLD anks, cedar/mesquites, great deer, turkey, jav $895/ac
• Stonewall County
*135 ac, Sulphur Springs Draw, mule deer and whitetail, hogs, varmints, metal storage building $1,150/ac

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EXPERIENCED TAX ACCOUNTANT
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Immediate openings for experienced tax accountants in our Odessa and Midland tax offices. Competitive salary and benefits. Come join our team of professionals at Johnson, Miller & Co., CPAs. Submit your resume to jobs@jmcotexas.com.

AUTOMOTIVE

Applicants for various positions
Stanley Ford - Andrews FT
Stanley Ford- Andrews is currently seeking applicants for the following positions:
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We are willing to offer top pay depending on experience. Benefits include: vacation and medical benefits.
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Pay will be discussed at interview.
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Because of our continued growth, WTNB has several opportunities available within our Operations group in Midland TX. Prior experience in bank Operations or IT is required- ATM, Item Processing, Project Management, Loan Processing, etc. **For consideration please contact Jearod Taylor at jtaylor@wtnb.com.**
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Midland, TX
Hebbronville Lone Star Rentals, LLC is seeking a full-time Office Administrator for its Corporate office, located in Midland. The right candidate will have three years + office experience, as well as experience working with MS Office, especially Excel. Attention to detail and ability to work in fast paced environment is a must. Rich benefits package; pay commensurate with experience. Great working environment. Please email resumes with salary requirements to hr@lonestarrentals.net, or fax to 855/833-8376. EOE

EDUCATION & TRAINING

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Patient and driven employees needed to care for children. Flexible hours and good pay. Part-time or Full-time, experience preferred. Needs to be available from 8:00 am-5:30 pm. Please call Amee Janna at 432-687-4000.

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OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person
Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.
Apply in person at [illegible]
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person
Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

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Apply in person at [illegible] Monday - Friday, 8:[illegible]
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ENERGY & UTILITIES

Hunt
A privately held exploration and production company, Hunt Oil has successfully conducted worldwide petroleum operations for over 75 years, and is one of the world's leading in dependent energy companies.

We are currently seeking candidates to work in Midland, TX in the following positions:
- **Production Foreman** - 10+ years' experience in field level supervision; High school diploma or equivalent required
- **Lease Operator** - 5+ years production experience; High school diploma or equivalent required
- **EHS & Regulatory Specialist** - strong oil & gas operational knowledge; experience in implementing safety & regulatory plans
- **Field Clerk** - experience as an Administrative Assistant or Field Clerk; High school diploma with college degree a plus
- **Production Engineer** - 3+ years' experience in Production Engineering and/or Well Completions; BS in Engineering required
- **Sr. Production Engineer** - 8+ years' experience in Production Engineering and/or Well Completions; BS in Engineering required
- **Assistant Foreman** - 7+ years' experience in operations; experience in field level supervision preferred
- **Gang Pusher** - 5+ years' experience in production; High school diploma or equivalent required.

Interested parties; please visit our website at www.huntoil.com and select the Career Opportunities link to find the appropriate position. You can "Apply for this Position" or if you are already registered use your email and password and select "Add to my Jobs" to be considered for this opportunity

DIRECTIONAL DRILLER
Directional drilling company seeking experienced drillers in West Texas. Must have at least 2 yrs experience. Send resume to resumes@aimdir.com.

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Uniforms and steel-toed boots are provided.

Field Service Technician
Perform service work for fleet of oil flooded screw rotary vane and reciprocating gas compression units. Knowledge of compressor unit wiring and PLC controls a plus. Must have own tools and clean driving record.

Purchasing Agent - Midland TX
Ideal candidate must be familiar with oilfield parts and products. Position requires heavy data entry with inventory system and accuracy is a must! Must be able to professionally communicate with vendors and have strong customer service skills.

All qualified candidates should send their resume and/or qualifications to: employment@hy-bon.com. Hy-Bon Engineering Company, 2404 Commerce, Midland, Texas 79703. If you have any questions, please call at 432-697-2292. Wages are based on experience. All applicants required to pass drug test and background check.

Experienced Well Testing Operators
South Texas based well testing company looking for Experienced Well Testing Operators for project to commence mid to late January 2014. Salary compatible with experience. Send resumes to: rgarza8209@gmail.com

Plant Operator
West Texas Gas FT
PLANT OPERATOR NEEDED IMMEDIATELY: Experience preferred but not required. Location near Stanton, TX. Fax resume to: (432) 458-3423 or mail to: Sale Ranch, 2873 FM 829, Stanton, TX 79782. Can Email resume to dsatterfield@wtgbenedum.com.

Tubing Testers & Scanners
Confidential FT
Odessa, TX 79763
Oilfield Service Company in Odessa, TX looking to hire Tubing Testers and Scanners. Must have clean driving record and be able to pass a drug test. Come to 1535 Windcrest, Odessa, TX to fill out application.

The Midland Reporter Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:
Pressman, Pressman Trainee
for our Harris N-1650 Printing presses. This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires night shift weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary/DOE.
Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.
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Multiple Positions
Peak Completion Technologies FT
Midland, TX
Peak Completion Technologies, an acknowledged leader in the field of well completions, is expanding our local office. We have opportunities for qualified applicants in our accounting and supply departments, our machine shop, and Midland shop operations. If you are experienced, energetic, and entrepreneurial, we would like to review your resume. Peak offers an excellent benefits package, competitive pay, and is an equal opportunity employer. If you are interested in joining the Peak team, please submit your resume to hr@peakcompletions.com to begin the review process.

HEALTHCARE

Caregivers wanted for 24 HR shifts
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•Compensation: 10.00 per hour/ 125.00 per day
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•Principals only. Recruiters, please don't contact this job poster.
•Please do not contact job poster about other services, products or commercial interests.

PREMIER PHYSICIANS
Premier Physicians currently has openings in the following offices:

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Experienced Physician's Assistant or Nurse Practitioner – must have at least one year experience in busy clinic setting.

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Please send qualified resumes to:
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Attn: Arita Routh
P.O. Box 5291
Midland, TX 79704 or by fax to 432.682.2284
PO# UC-7090

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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FTSI IS INTERVIEWING FOR:

Administrative Assistant
One to two years of payroll and accounts payable experience required.

Electronic Techs
One year experience preferred.

Equipment Operators
Class A CDL required, tanker and hazmat endorsements preferred.

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Must have own tools, two years experience required.

Dispatcher
Basic computer skills required.

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Odessa, TX

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RIGGERS

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Crane Operators are required to have 3 yrs. experience and the NCCCO or NCCER crane certification. Riggers are required to have 3 yrs. experience and pass a written & practical craft test. Successful applicants are required to pass a drug screen, physical, and safety orientations.

Email resumes to taylorj@bayltd.com,
call for an interview appointment at (361) 533-2916 or
apply in person at 1806 Cloverdale Rd., Midland, TX 79701 EOE M F D V

SKILLED LABOR

Forklift Operator

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the Position of "Fork Lift Operator" and other duties as assigned.

JOB REQUIREMENTS:
- Ability to read and write
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified
- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
- Capable of standing and walking for extended period of time
- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Accurate loading and unloading of printed materials in a safe and efficient manner
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- Perform other non-forklift duties when assigned

The Hearst Corporation is one of the largest diversified communications companies. Its major interests include magazines, newspapers and business publishing, cable networks, television and radio broadcasting, Internet businesses and more. As an associate of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, you join more than 20,000 in the Hearst family.

Send resume and salary requirements to: **John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities**
c/o Midland Reporter Telegram - 201 E. Illinois St - Midland, TX 79701
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Nursing Supervisor/Manager

Well organized self starter
Small stable staff
Some local travel (Midland/Odessa)
No Nights, Weekends or Holidays
Experience in sterile technique helpful (operating room, etc)

Apply in confidence. Mail resume to:
M- 12 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

Medical Assistant
Medical Assistant needed for busy physicians practice. Great Beneifit Package.
Please fax resumes to 682-2284 or mail to Premier Physicians, Attn: Arita Routh, PO Box 5291, Midland, Texas 79704. No phone calls please
PP-7233

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American Medical Group FT
Tired of working holidays, weekends and on-call? American Medical Group has an opening for a Registered Radiologic Technologist. Full time with competitive pay and benefits. Apply in person at 2410 N Fowler St Hobbs, New Mexico or fax resume to **575-392-0087**. No phone calls, please.

OTHER JOBS

All Positions
Firehouse Subs FT
Midland, TX 79701
Now hiring Slice, Prep, Cashiers, Catering & Kitchen help for AM/PM positions. Apply in person: 2900 W. Loop 250 North, Ste 162.

Housekeeper
Villa Chateau Apartments FT
Full time Housekeeper needed. Physical/Drug screen & Background check done. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apts., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd, Midland, TX 79701. No phone calls please.

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O-Tex FT/PT
Midland, TX
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OTHER JOBS

Wyndham Garden Hotel & Wall Street After 5 Sports Lounge
Positions needed: Front Desk agents, Admin Assistant, Housekeepers Food & Beverage Director & Supervisor, Cooks. Servers/Hostesses, Breakfast Attendants, Bar Managers, Bartenders
Pay based on experience. Please email resume wyndhammidlandgm@gmail.com or hand deliver at 3100 W. Wall Street, Midland, TX.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Oilfield Construction Manager
Minimum 5 years experience with bidding, invoicing and job cost tracking. Oversee building locations, roads, and containment pads. Please send resume to M-31 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Tx. 79701

QA & QUALITY CONTROL

NACE Level 1 Inspector
NACE Level 1 Inspector with ASME code experience needed to act as Quality Assurance Manager. Salary DOE. Send resume and salary requirements to **RWI Construction, 10700 State Hwy 191, Midland, TX 79707.**

SALES JOBS

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FLOWERLAND FT/PT
Salesperson needed. Must have good customer relations and phone etiquette. Computer experience preferred. Saturdays & holidays included. Fax resume to 432-682-8949, apply in person, or email resume to tomwilliams@flowerlandmidland.com, no phone calls please.

Salesperson
Salesperson needed for mattress store in Midland. Are you tired of working furniture store hours from dawn to dark? Personable, energetic individual needed for full time position. Should be good with people and have a professional appearance. Job description includes both sales and clerical/administrative duties. Compensation includes full commission (no tiers, minimums or holdbacks), plus spiffs, vacation, and 401k. No late hours or Sundays. Mail resume to Sleep Shop, 3303 W. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79703

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Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Store Managers** and **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

SKILLED LABOR

Apprentice/Journeyman Electricians
Apprentice/Journeyman Electricians needed. Fort Worth Electrical Contractor needs Apprentice and Journeyman Electricians for work in Andrews, TX area. Please fax resume, list of experience & salary requirements to: 817-355-5355, Attn: H.R. Dept.

I&E Tech : IMMEDIATELY NEEDED
West Texas Gas FT
I&E Tech for natural gas processing plant and gathering system near Rankin, Texas. Must have experience with electronic and pneumatic insturmantation and be able to troubleshoot 480V 3 phase electrical service. Experience with generators and plant automation a plus. Must be willing to take might and weekend call outs. Fax resume to (432)639-2132 or mail to Benedum Gas Plant, HC 34 Box 63, Midkiff, Texas, 79755.

SKILLED LABOR

Diesel Mechanic Night Supervisor
LPC Crude Oil Marketing, LLC FT
P. O. Box 3821
Midland, TX 79702
LPC Crude Oil Marketing LLC is seeking an Experienced Diesel Mechanic Night Supervisor. The qualified candidate will be responsible for performing routine maintenance as well as variety of repair work on Cummins and Cat engines. In doing so, the candidate must be able to safely drive the service truck to perform the repairs. All work done in this capacity is crucial to the safe and productive operation of the fleet. A class A or B CDL is preferred, but not required. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, performing repairs in an efficient, effective and timely manner. The qualified candidate must be able to communicate effectively. LPC offers a full benefit package including health, dental, vision and life insurance, as well as a retirement package. Please contact Darryl Mulkey at (432) 934-6148 or dmulkey@lpccrude.com

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Kelly Services now hiring Document Preppers, Drug & background screen required. $11.75/hour. Must be flexible and willing to work occasional Saturdays. Both Full Time and Part Time positions available. Apply in person at 4800 E. 42nd, Suite 205, Odessa. Or call 432-363-0123 for more information. Equal Opportunity Employer; Never an applicant fee.

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Multiple Positions
Confidential FT/
Midland, TX 0-1 Years Exp.
Wood production facility has immediate openings for production laborers, forklift operators and CDL holders in Midland. Please call 806-773-2520 to schedule an interview.

Rocker A Cementers
Rocker A Cementers is currently hiring Pump Operators, Bulk Equipment Operators, P&A Supervisors, and Wireline Operators. All positions are in the Lubbock area. Must have a Class A CDL, and be able to pass regular DOT drug testing. Fax resumes and contact information to 806-495-0066, or email to mtmccalli@gmail.com

Shop/Field Mechanics
Basin Engine and Pump FT
Shop and Field Mechanics needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Uniforms provided. Benefits package. Pay DOE. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email to felicia@basinengine.com. Office 432-570-1114. Applications may be filled out at: 1914 South County Rd 1083, Midland, TX

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Class A CDL Drivers & Shuttle Drivers
Class A CDL Drivers needed - $2,500 Sign-On Bonus! Guaranteed Pay! 2 years experience required. Apply: to Brown Brothers DOS @ 11308 W. Hwy 80 E. in Odessa, 79765. Email jobs@bbdos.com, Visit www.bbdos.com or Call 432-272-7640 for more information. ALSO HIRING Shuttle Drivers - valid drivers license required, clean MVR & must be at least 23 years of age.

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Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call **432-563-1894** for interview or online @ **www.rockwaterenergy.com**

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