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High Sky Ranch children receive dream gifts

Midlander uses holiday bonus, solicits donations to make Christmas memorable

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When he received a bonus from his company in November, Midlander Todd Mahan decided he wanted more than just his family to reap the benefits.

With previous knowledge of High Sky Children's Ranch, the children who live there and the work the organization does, Mahan wanted to ensure each child received exactly what he or she asked for to make it a memorable Christmas.

"We've all had Christmases where we didn't get exactly what we wanted and those where we did," Mahan said. "I wanted to ensure every child will have at least one Christmas where they get what they want."

During the past month Mahan has solicited gifts and sponsorships from friends, families and businesses to help him buy gifts such as Lincoln Log building sets, Barbie dolls, iPod touches, Nintendo DS gaming systems and laptops, Mahan said.

Mahan thought there were only 30 to 40 children at High Sky and figured he might be able to buy all the gifts himself. But after talking with Executive Director Jalynn Hogan and discovering the facility houses more than 100 children, he knew he needed help.

"The kids are all well-taken care of and loved, but when it comes to Christmas, they don't often get the gifts your kids or my kids may get," Mahan said. "I wanted to provide that, if only just for one year."

Hogan and the High Sky staff asked each child individually what they wanted for Christmas and provided Mahan with a list, Hogan said.

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From left, Lila Jones, 3, Duke Jones, 5, and Brandon Jones, 4, check out the presents they received from Santa at the High Sky Children's Ranch annual Christmas party on Dec. 11.

LIVING NATIVITY

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

First Baptist Church presented a live Nativity scene last week outside the church on the corner of Cuthbert Avenue and N Street.

Caroling event honors couple's contributions

■ Lee High School band surprises widow of former volunteer with impromptu Christmas concert.

By Tyler White
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Sheila Hopper went home on Dec. 14 to put up Christmas lights on her house before going to a friend's party.

Within a short time, several people — including two of her three children, Michael Chapman and Tressa Gutierrez — showed up to help her decorate the outside of the house.

Within an hour, around 40 members of the Lee High School band showed up to perform Christmas carols such as "Jingle Bells" and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas." The band also played the school's fight song and "Dixie."

Hopper was moved by the band's gesture.

"I just burst into tears because I was so shocked," Hopper said. "It was just awesome; I was so surprised that they took the time to come to my house."

Even her daughter, Melissa Chapman, who lives in McKinney, was involved in the planning of this event, she said.

Hopper's husband, Donald, who passed away Sept. 28 at the age of 63, volunteered with the Lee band.

Sheila Hopper said all of the kids in the band really seemed to like him and appreciate what he was doing for them.

"He just became a kid with them," said Mary Greer, a friend of the Hopper family.

Greer said Hopper was a quiet man, but he became a "barrel of fun" when he was working with kids.

Hopper said her husband was a helpful, friendly man who was "willing to do whatever needed to be done."

Band director Randy Storie said Hopper provided a support system for the students in the band. He said it was a wonderful opportunity to honor the couple's contributions through the band's annual Christmas caroling event.

"It was very emotional," Storie said. "He had the biggest heart of anybody in the world."

Two of the Hoppers' children were in the band, and the couple was involved with the program between 1988 and 1994. Among their tasks were passing out water and apples to the members to keep them hydrated during football games. The Hoppers helped out from time to time even after their children graduated from high school, Storie said.

"Parents like Don and Sheila are what make this a great experience for kids," Storie said. "They loved this with their whole heart and soul."

Each Christmas season band members perform Christmas carols for groups including at nursing homes and for people who have lost loved ones and at the home of former Mayor Ernest Angelo Jr.

Performing carols around the city reminds people of the "true meaning" of the Christmas season, Storie said.

"Giving, caring and having faith" are the reasons the band performs Christmas carols each year, he said.

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Show of Support plans small hunts next month

■ Johnson is encouraged by people telling him to 'keep it going.'

By Joseph Basco
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It has been more than a month since the fatal train wreck halted the Show of Support Hunt for Heroes event and took the lives of four veterans and injured 14 other people.

But that is not stopping Terry Johnson, president and founder of Show of Support, from holding more hunting events.

Johnson said his organization is planning two hunts next month: on Jan. 4-5 for two veterans and on Jan. 13-14 for four veterans. There won't be any festivities in conjunction with the hunting, Johnson said.

"I've been getting messages from people telling me I've got to keep it going," he said. "All that support caused me to continue."

Paula Johnson, team leader for the Hunt for Heroes wives program, said a female veteran will be hunting for the first time during the Jan. 4-5 hunt.

In addition to the January hunts, Terry Johnson said Show of Support plans to "do it over" on Nov. 21, 2013, by holding a banquet and hunting trip, two events that never happened on Nov. 15 because of the wreck.

"We're going to bring these people back," he said. "We're going to finish what we started."

Johnson said he plans to bring back 20 people, including the widows of Army Sgt. Joshua Michael, Army Sgt. William Lumbers, Army Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Boivin and Marine Chief Warrant Officer 3 Gary Stouffer.

"We're planning something to honor their husbands," Johnson said.

Paula Johnson said planned again for next year is the wives' program — activities for the spouses while the veterans are hunting.

"It's a chance for the wives to get away from everything," she said. "They will enjoy making new friends."

Terry Johnson said some different activities are planned for next year's Hunt for Heroes to take the place of the activities the group did this year.

Also in the works for next year is a procession that Johnson said will be different from parades of the past. He said the new format is in the planning stages.

"We're going to continue what we've always done. We're going to make it bigger and better," said Johnson, who has asked for continued prayers for the victims.

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Gasoline	$3.153 ▲	$0.021

The big number
On Nov. 6, Midland voters overwhelming approved a
$163.1 million
school bond. More on 1B.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today is Christmas

Christmas is both a sacred religious holiday and a worldwide cultural and commercial phenomenon. For two millennia, people around the world have been observing it with traditions and practices that are both religious and secular in nature. Christians celebrate Christmas Day as the anniversary of the birth of Jesus of Nazareth, a spiritual leader whose teachings form the basis of their religion. Popular customs include exchanging gifts, decorating Christmas trees, attending church, sharing meals with family and friends and, of course, waiting for Santa Claus to arrive. Dec. 25 — Christmas Day — has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1870.

Source: www.history.com

Restaurants open on Christmas

- Buffalo Wild Wings, 5107 W. Wadley Ave., 5 p.m.-2 a.m., 694-9400.
- Denny's, 3701 W. Wall St., open 24 hours a day, 520-5306.
- Furr's, 1116 N. Midkiff Road, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., 694-1619.
- Grand Buffet, 2510 W. Louisiana Ave., 11 a.m.-9 p.m., 688-8881.
- IHOP, 2507 W. Loop 250, 684-5759; 301 E. I-20-686-0537, 24 hours a day.
- MD Pizza Factory, 4706 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 13, 4-8:30 p.m; 692-4440
- Way Out West Steak and Buffet, 515 Andrews Highway, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m., 697-4196.

Grocery store hours

H-E-B: Closed
Albertsons: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Andrews Highway location only, other two stores will be closed)
Wal-Mart: Closed

Christmas Day weather

Warmest days

1955	78
1964	77
1942	76
1971	74
2005	73

Lowest lows

1983	7
1953	14
1998	17
2004	19
2009	19

Snowfalls

Year	Inches
1939	1.7
1997	1.0
1987	0.4
1974	0.1

Christmas tree disposal

The city of Midland has two drop-off areas designated for Christmas tree disposal: Citizens Collection Station, 4100 Smith Road, (off Veterans Airpark Lane); and Hogan Park, 1201 E. Wadley Ave. (behind the armory).

Parks and sanitation crews will pick up the trees from the Hogan Park location and haul them to the city landfill for mulching. Disposing trees in other areas is considered illegal dumping.

Source: city of Midland

Solid Waste holiday schedule

Holidays are the busiest time of year for the city of Midland's Solid Waste department, and officials are asking for residents' cooperation and patience in helping their operations run smoothly.

Because of holiday schedule changes, Solid Waste won't pick up trash again until Wednesday. The city asks that residents be patient as Solid Waste containers reach capacity, and hold their trash if necessary. Any waste left outside containers will be considered litter.

911 calls back to normal

Cellphone calls to 911 are back to normal after problems on Sunday, according to a press release from the city. The phone company that routes cellphone calls to the 911 circuits in Midland experienced difficulties Sunday, and only one cellphone call at a time was going through. Other callers received busy signals. The problem was resolved at about 3:30 a.m. Monday.

From staff reports

Community calendar

- Stand Up for Mental Health, featuring comic David Granirer, is 7:30 p.m. Jan. 12 at Midland Community Theater. The event is a benefit for the National Alliance on Mental Illness Midland amd Permian Basin Community Centers.

Tickets are $20 before Jan. 7 and $25 at the door. For advance tickets, call 570-3322.

- HOBBS, N.M. — Retired U.S. Army Gen. Colin Powell is to speak 7 p.m. Feb. 26 as part of the University of the Southwest's Jack Maddox Distinguished Lecture Series.

Powell was secretary of state under President George W. Bush. Before that he served in the Army for 35 years, served as national security advisor under President Ronald Reagan and as chairman of the joint chiefs of staff under Presidents George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton. Tickets will be available beginning Jan. 28. There is a four-ticket limit. The lecture is at Tydings Auditorium at Hobbs High School. Tickets may be obtained by emailing tickets@usw.edu or by calling 575-492-2108.

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 25, the 360th day of 2012. There are six days left in the year. This is Christmas Day.

On this date:

In 1868, President Andrew Johnson granted an unconditional pardon to all persons involved in the Southern rebellion that resulted in the Civil War.

NORAD volunteers track Santa's progress

Associated Press

PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. — Volunteers have pulled on their Santa hats, and are answering phone lines and monitoring wall-size tracking screens as NORAD Tracks Santa begins its 57th annual goodwill mission.

The first shift of Santa trackers started taking calls early Monday at 877-HI-NORAD (877-446-6723), telling children — and some adults — when Santa is due at their house. The last shift won't end until nearly 24 hours later.

They'll also post updates online, on Facebook and Twitter.

The volunteers are working from Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colo., home of the North American Aerospace Defense Command.

NORAD, a joint U.S.-Canada command responsible for protecting the skies over both nations, says its Santa-tracking rite was born of a humble typo in a newspaper ad in 1955.

The ad in a Colorado Springs newspaper invited children to call Santa but inadvertently listed the phone number for the Continental Air Defense Command, NORAD's predecessor, also based in Colorado Springs.

CONAD officers played along, and word spread that this Cold War military command charged with guarding the U.S. against an attack by the Soviet Union was also telling kids where Santa was.

Since then, NORAD Tracks Santa has gone global, progressing through bulletins on AM radios and black-and-white TVs to updates on Facebook, Twitter and smartphone aps.

Last year, volunteers answered almost 102,000 calls, nearly 25 percent more than the previous year.

They also answered more than 7,700 emails at noradtrackssanta@outlook.com.

The NORAD Tracks Santa website attracted 18.9 million unique visitors from 220 countries and territories during December 2011.

This year, the program has more than 1 million likes on Facebook and more than 114,000 followers on Twitter days before the tracking operation got under way.

ONLINE

- **Online:** www.noradsanta.org
- **Facebook:** www.facebook.com/noradsanta
- **Twitter:** twitter.com/NoradSanta

'O TANNENBAUM'

First-grade students from Travis and Pease elementary schools perform "O Tannenbaum" Christmas songs Thursday at Clay Desta atrium.

Photos by James Durbin Reporter-Telegram

Mood muted during last holiday shopping weekend

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Last-minute shoppers crowded into malls and stores to scoop up discounted clothing and toys during the last weekend before Christmas, but many didn't seem to be in the spending spirit.

This holiday season, Americans have a lot on their minds on top of the now familiar job worries.

Consumers in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic, which account for 24 percent of retail sales nationwide, were tripped up by Superstorm Sandy. The storm hit in late October and disrupted businesses and households for several weeks.

Shoppers are also increasingly worried about the fast approaching "fiscal cliff" deadline — the possibility that a stalemate between Congress and the White House over the U.S. budget could trigger a series of tax increases and spending cuts starting Jan. 1. Confidence among U.S. consumers dropped to its lowest point in December since July because of growing concerns about the economy, according to a monthly index released Friday.

And the recent Newtown, Conn., school shooting also dampened shoppers' spirits, analysts said.

This confluence of factors has led to a muted approach to holiday shopping — bad news for retailers, which can make up to 40 percent of annual sales during November and December and were counting on the last weekend before Christmas to make up for lost dollars earlier in the season.

The Saturday before Christmas was expected to be the second biggest sales day behind the Friday after Thanksgiving.

"It's so hard to put yourself in the mood," said Linda Fitzgerald, a 51-year-old nurse from Yonkers who was with her 17-month-old granddaughter at The Garden State Plaza in Paramus, N.J., on Saturday. She was out Christmas shopping for the first time this year.

She planned to spend $1,500 on gifts such as clothes for her boyfriend, down dramatically from $4,000 last year. She had expected to start shopping last weekend, but simply didn't feel like it, facing a sister's cancer diagnosis and worry about the economy and the Connecticut shooting.

Similarly, Deborah O'Conner, 51, from Westwood, N.J., also at Garden State Plaza on Saturday, had intentions of finishing her holiday shopping early, but Superstorm Sandy put a wrench in her plans.

She spent all last month helping out her parents and her cousin, whose Long Island, N.Y., homes were damaged.

"I had planned to be out early but it didn't happen," said O'Conner, the mother of three children, ages 22, 19 and 15. "If it weren't for the storm, I would have been done."

Marshal Cohen, chief research analyst at NPD Inc., a market research firm with a network of analysts at shopping centers around the country, estimates that customer traffic over the weekend was in line with the same time a year ago, but shoppers seem to be spending less.

GIFTS

From 1A

"It's always wonderful when people in the community will step up and make it their mission to do something special for kids," Hogan said. "What's really unique about Todd's project is that he's also including our young adults in the After Care program, providing gifts for them, too."

Today's celebration and distribution of Christmas presents is the second event for High Sky kids, Hogan said.

The board of directors hosted a Christmas party Dec. 11, when friends and families of High Sky visited and children received a toy and a Christmas outfit, Hogan said.

She anticipates kids will be shocked when they open their presents.

"The kids typically get great, nice gifts from the community, but they don't typically get laptops, iPads and things like that," Hogan said.

Even if Midland's economy wasn't as strong as it currently is, Mahan believes the Christmas gift donations would've happened because Midland is a generous community.

"We so appreciate the community and their support," Hogan said. "We could not meet the needs and heal the wounds without community support."

Mahan said he enjoyed organizing the event.

"It was a lot of fun to buy toys again because my kids are in college and I don't shop for toys anymore," said Mahan, who works for Citation Oil and Gas.

Mahan said even if he doesn't get a bonus next year, he'd like to continue the tradition of coordinating a gift drive for High Sky.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Duke Jones, 5, shows off a skateboard he received from Santa at the High Sky Children's Ranch annual Christmas party on Dec. 11.

MFD: Electrical fire displaces family

By Tyler White
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A central Midland family is out of their home on Christmas after a electrical fire on Christmas Eve.

The Midland Fire Department responded with seven units and about 18 firefighters close to 1 p.m. Monday at the 1200 block of North Terrell Street. The fire started near a water heater in the back of the home and was contained to one room, said Battalion Chief Ken Whiting.

The water heater initially was believed to be the source of the fire, but the gas connections to the heater had been cut off, he said.

The house sustained minimal smoke damage, but the fire made its way into the attic, he said. Because the firefighters had to turn off the home's power, the Permian Basin Chapter of the American Red Cross found the family temporary lodging.

The fire is still under investigation, Whiting said.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Michael A. Garcia, 22, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault on a family or household member by impeding breath.

Jonathan E. Hughey, 41, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault on a family or household member by impeding breath.

Joe L. Jackson, 19, of Odessa, was arrested Sunday on a charge of evading arrest.

Calistro J. Luna, 20, of Andrews, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Keldrick L. McLaughlin, 25, of Midland, was arrested Sunday on a charge of evading arrest.

Roland Saucedo, 37, of Louisville, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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Dewhurst pledges bold conservative agenda

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has promised a more conservative state Senate in 2013.

That's saying a lot.

The 31-member chamber has been dominated by a Republican majority since 1997 and was anything but liberal in 2011 when it passed new restrictions on abortion, cut public education, required voters to produce photo identification and approved a get-tough-on immigration measure.

If that's not conservative enough, just how far right does Dewhurst want the Senate to go? In an interview with The Associated Press, Dewhurst said he wants Texas to be "the most fiscally and socially conservative state in the country."

"We're going to pass one of the boldest agendas of the last decade, building even on the 2011 successful session, which is the most conservative session in recent history," Dewhurst said.

For Dewhurst, that means even tougher restrictions on abortion, new public school choice measures, drug tests for welfare and unemployment aid recipients and keeping Texas among the lowest in the nation in per-capita public spending when the Legislature convenes its 140-day session on Jan. 8.

Dewhurst had pledged a more conservative session after his stinging defeat in the Republican primary for the U.S. Senate. After a decade leading the state Senate, Dewhurst was defeated by rookie politician and tea party darling Ted Cruz in an election that rocked Texas establishment Republicans.

Dewhurst said he's moved on.

"That was then, this is now. I'm pleased to be where I am to help the state of Texas move forward," Dewhurst said.

Republicans will be watching Dewhurst, who was attacked by tea party conservatives during the election as not conservative enough.

If he plans to run for statewide office again in 2014, whether for another term as lieutenant governor or governor, he'll use the 2013 session as a proving ground for his conservative credentials, said Republican political consultant Bill Miller.

"He believes he was misunderstood and has a better conservative record than he was given credit for," Miller said. "He got flanked on the right and he knows that. He's not going to get flanked on the right again."

Dewhurst said he supports initiatives pushed by Gov. Rick Perry to ban abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy and drug tests for those seeking welfare and unemployment benefits.

"I'm not going to approve paying someone to sit at home and take drugs," Dewhurst said.

Dewhurst said he also supports a multi-pronged "school choice" proposal to increase the number of charter schools and giving parents more opportunities to let students in poor-performing public schools transfer to better ones, including private schools. Democrats have fiercely proposed the idea of vouchers, allowing families to use public money to enroll in private schools.

And Dewhurst said he expects the Senate to again approve allowing law enforcement to question people they detain about their citizenship status.

The measure passed the Senate in 2011 over strong resistance from Hispanic Democrats, but the bill ultimately died in the House without a vote in that chamber.

Senate Democrats are bracing for another fight in the Senate where they may be playing defense for the entire session.

Resurrecting the immigration enforcement bill would create a "toxic environment for those of us who represent Latino communities and are exactly the ones they are trying to target," said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio.

Van de Putte urged Dewhurst to set aside the Republican "red-meat" issues he is pushing to mollify conservative voters who rejected him.

TEXASROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Texas storm support team heading to New York

Texas Gov. Rick Perry says a 39-person team is being sent from Texas to New York to support Superstorm Sandy recovery efforts.

It's the third Incident Management Team from Texas to be deployed to the Northeast, which was slammed by the storm in October. Some 140 people were killed and millions of homes and properties were damaged or destroyed.

Perry said Monday the team is to help residents of Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island with power, water and medical problems and direct them to assistance programs.

Team members include people from the Texas A&M Forest Service and first responders from around the state, including three firefighters from Midland. There are 17 such teams based around Texas.

HOUSTON

El Paso man on death row loses federal appeal

A 31-year-old gang member from El Paso on death row for strangling a woman with an electrical cord and ordering her fingers be chopped off with a machete has lost a federal court appeal.

The ruling late Friday from the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals moves Justen Grant Hall a step closer to execution for the October 2002 slaying of Melanie Billhartz.

Evidence showed Billhartz was killed after an argument that escalated to an assault. Court records showed Hall and fellow Aryan Circle gang members feared their house where methamphetamines were known to be cooked would be identified after Billhartz threatened to call police to report the assault on her.

She was found dead in the New Mexico desert outside El Paso. Hall doesn't yet have an execution date.

HOUSTON

Police officer among 2 fatally shot in Houston

A police officer has died in Houston after a driver who refused to comply with a traffic stop crashed his vehicle then opened fire Monday.

A bystander was also fatally shot, according to Houston police spokesman John Cannon.

The officer, with a police department from the Houston enclave of Bellaire, died at a hospital, Cannon said. He did not release the names of the officer or the bystander.

Cannon said the incident began just before 9 a.m. when the officer tried to pull over the suspect's vehicle.

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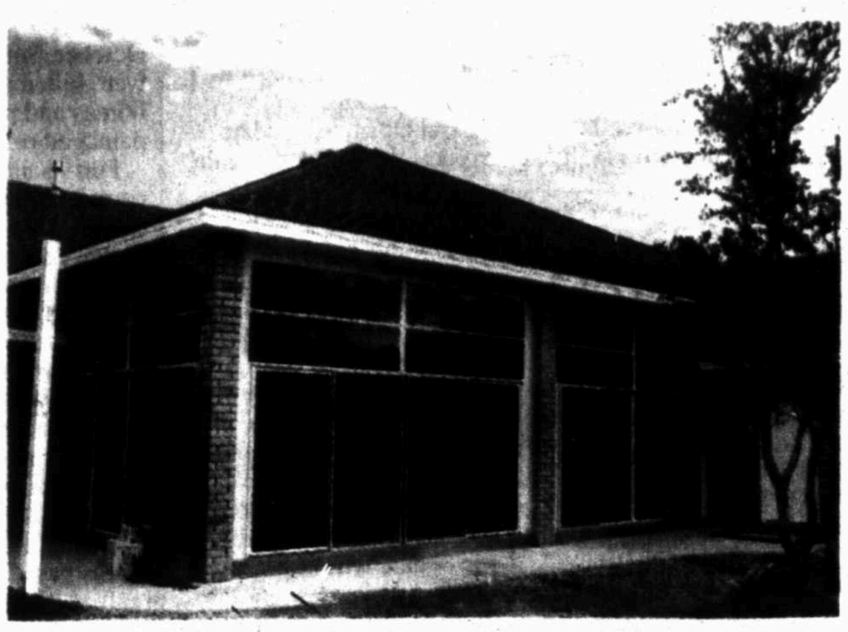

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Sandia Lab building solar test centers across US

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — One of the National Security Administration's three national laboratories is building regional testing centers around the country to field-test hardware for solar companies before their multimillion-dollar solar systems are installed in buildings.

The Sandia National Laboratory is building test centers in Albuquerque, Denver, Las Vegas, Orlando, Fla., and Burlington, Vt., the Albuquerque Journal reported.

"The centers are designed to not only provide independent assessments of commercial systems, but to do that in multiple locations and climates," Sandia solar group member Jennifer Granata said.

The test facilities will provide enhanced monitoring and improved performance prediction capabilities for new technologies being introduced to the market and will have detailed weather stations and measuring and monitoring equipment such as simulators, performance curve tracers and infrared and digital cameras.

They will help develop standard procedures to assess performance of large-scale systems that other labs, utilities and investors can use.

Select companies will then set up their own systems of between 10 and 300 kilowatts on site.

The companies doing field testing at the centers will be responsible for the costs of their systems, while the government will provide labor and expertise. The lab also just completed a $17.8 million upgrade to its National Solar Thermal Test Facility in Albuquerque.

While the test centers will focus on solar systems that directly convert sunlight to electricity, the lab's Solar Thermal Test Facility is working to improve concentrating solar power systems that use sunlight to heat liquids to generate steam for turbine generators.

That facility was established in 1976 in Albuquerque, but much of it had never been updated until now. Upgrades included construction of a $10 million Molten Salt Test Loop, and a nearly $4 million overhaul of the facility's "solar tower."

Concentrating solar power systems are increasingly using molten salt to retain heat from the sun because it's cheap and abundant, and it stores thermal energy for long periods, allowing the systems to generate steam for turbines well after the sun goes down.

But energy developers need a better understanding of how pressure, high temperature and flow rates interact and impact a system's overall operation.

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NEW MEXICO

Gun dealers near Farmington see rise in sales

FARMINGTON — Gun dealers near Farmington are reporting a sharp rise in sales.

The Farmington Daily Times reported that the most popular weapons being sold are military-style rifles similar to the AR-15 variant used by a gunman who killed 26 people, including 20 children, at a Connecticut elementary school on Dec. 14.

The shooting has brought calls from some people for tighter restrictions on guns.

President Barack Obama has tapped Vice President Joe Biden to lead an informal task force on gun violence in the aftermath of the Connecticut massacre.

Gun enthusiasts are reacting to the possibility of new federal restrictions.

Sales were rising at Hi-Power Sports in Bloomfield.

Owner Steve King said his store sold all its AR-15 and AK-47 type rifles and attributes some of the increase to holiday buyers.

NEW MEXICO

Fiscal cliff could cost Las Cruces $1.7 million

The city of Las Cruces stands to lose $1.7 million through possible federal funding cuts if Congress is unable to come up with a budget deal that keeps the country from going off the "fiscal cliff" that would trigger tax increases and deep spending cuts on Jan. 1.

The Las Cruces Sun-News reported that the possible cuts would reduce federal funding the city receives from the Federal Transit Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, and some Community Development Block Grants.

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OPINION

Berlin's 'White Christmas' endures for 70 years

■ As holiday's religious meaning becomes more remote, "pop songwriters seem to have less to say about it."

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

America's classic Christmas song was written by a Jewish immigrant. Born in Russia with the name Israel Baline, he was the genius songwriter we know as Irving Berlin. He wrote "White Christmas" for the 1942 Hollywood musical "Holiday Inn," starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire. On set, the movie's hit number was presumed to be another Berlin composition, the Valentine's Day song "Be Careful, It's My Heart."At first, it was. Then "White Christmas" captured the public's imagination and hasn't quite loosed its grip since.

As my colleague Mark Steyn puts it in a winsome podcast interview with Berlin's daughter Mary Ellin Barrett, "Berlin loved America and he sang its seasons": Easter ("Easter Parade"), July Fourth ("God Bless America") and, of course, Christmas.

Some estimates point to sales of all versions of "White Christmas" topping 100 million. According to Albert and Shirley Menendez in their book on American Christmas songs, it made the charts for two decades straight, and as late as 1969 was the No. 1 Christmas song in the country. You are sure to hear it multiple times any Christmas season, on the radio, on TV or at the mall.

It is a song built on yearning. In lines at the beginning of the original version that aren't usually performed, Berlin writes of being out in sunny California during the holiday: "There's never been such a day/ in Beverly Hills, L.A./But it's December the twenty-fourth./And I'm longing to be up North."

Steyn thinks that if America had entered World War II a few years earlier, the song might never have taken off. But 1942 was the year that American men were first shipped overseas, and it was released into a wave of homesickness. Mary Ellin Barrett says it first caught on with GIs in Great Britain. During the course of the war, it became the most requested song with Armed Forces Radio.

The irony of the son of a cantor writing the characteristic American Christmas song is obvious. Yet, his daughter says, "he believed in the great American Christmas." As a child on the Lower East Side of Manhattan, he loved to look at the little Christmas tree of his Catholic neighbors. He and his Christian wife, Ellin (theirs was a scandalous mixed marriage), put on elaborate, joyous Christmases for their three daughters. Not until later would they reveal that the day was a painful one for them because they had lost an infant child on Christmas.

Berlin knew he had something special with "White Christmas" as soon as he wrote it. He supposedly enthused to his secretary, "I just wrote the best song I've ever written — heck, I just wrote the best song that anybody's ever written!" The song evokes the warmth of the hearth and the comforts of our Christmas traditions in a way that hasn't yet stopped pulling at heartstrings.

Whereas Berlin's composition has proved its enduring appeal across more than half a century, Justin Bieber's or Cee Lo Green's latest holiday numbers probably won't. In an essay in The New Republic, Jonathan Fischer asks what has become of the golden age of pop Christmas songs between the 1930s and 1950s that not only gave us "White Christmas," but "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "The Christmas Song" and such lesser standards as "Silver Bells," "Santa Baby" and "Frosty the Snowman."

Well, the writing was better, the standards higher, the culture more charming and less abased. But Fischer notes something else — Christmas meant more. "As the religious purpose of Christmas has gotten increasingly remote," he writes, "pop songwriters seem to have less to say about it" and "a traditional and sentimental version of Christmas ... doesn't appeal to the wider, more fractured popular culture the way it once did."

Maybe we can't make great Christmas songs anymore, but we can still listen to them, and that will have to be consolation enough. May your days be merry and bright.

OUR VIEW

Nativity story is reason we celebrate today

"In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told."

— NIV, Luke 2:1-20

In short, this is the story of Christmas and the reason we celebrate today. It is our hope that all of mankind hears this story and we are glad to share it with you today. Merry Christmas to all!

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Today is 'Christmas;' Deal with it

■ Keep your separation of church and state to yourself. Today is not a holiday. It's the celebration of the "most influential person ever born."

BILL O'REILLY
Creators Syndicate

Anyone offended by public displays of Christmas needs to see a psychiatrist. Are we clear on this? You are a loon if the sight of baby Jesus arouses anger or sadness in you. Get help.

This brings us to the governor of Rhode Island, Lincoln Chafee. He recently told me on national television that the reason he will not use the word "Christmas" in describing the state Christmas tree is that the word might offend non-Christians. The governor calls the state-purchased symbol a "holiday tree."

My reply to the governor was that by excluding the word "Christmas," he might be offending the 73 percent of Americans who describe themselves as Christian, not to mention the 2.2 billion Christians worldwide. Chafee chafed when he heard that but had no answer.

And then the governor did a very interesting thing: He announced the lighting of the "holiday tree" in Providence a full 30 minutes before the cord was plugged in. Very few Rhode Islanders even knew about the tree lighting because it was done so surreptitiously. Chafee did that because he feared protestors would do what they did last year: sing Christmas carols at the lighting. And we can't have that, now, can we?

Jon Stewart and his merry band of elves will tell you that the so-called "War on Christmas" is a figment of the imagination, perhaps a result of indigestion after eating too much holiday pudding. Stewart's posture is similar to what Ebenezer Scrooge put forth when the Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come told him he was bound for hell. I am channeling Charles Dickens to see whether the ghost can visit Stewart on Christmas Eve. I'll let you know what happens.

There is something to the argument that there are more important things to worry about than whether people like Christmas. But the assaults against the national holiday are annoying, unnecessary and often disrespectful. I mean, here's how bad it is in this country: A pastor in Arkansas canceled a play called "Merry Christmas, Charlie Brown" because some nutty atheist objected to public school kids seeing it on church grounds. So Charlie, Snoopy and Linus were thrown under the bus by a Christian cleric. Good grief!

For all of you separation-of-church-and-state fans, here's the deal: Jesus of Nazareth was a man. In fact, he was the most influential person ever born. A third of the world's population has signed on to the Christian edicts: love God, and love your neighbor as yourself. That sounds like a good thing.

So, when President Grant honored Jesus by signing into law the national holiday of Christmas in 1870, the nation certified that a positive message of generosity and peace was worthy of a day off. Pretty much everybody was on board.

But not today. In our current state, the Thomas More Law Center has to litigate against attacks on Christmas every year. Anti-religion zealots put up billboards in Times Square denouncing Christmas as a "myth." Rabid secularists bridle at any mention of Jesus or his nice mom and dad.

To them I say: Peace on Earth and tough. You don't like the federal holiday? Try to rescind it. Start with our pal Lincoln Chafee. See how far you get with that.

And by the way, Merry Christmas to all. Even you loons.

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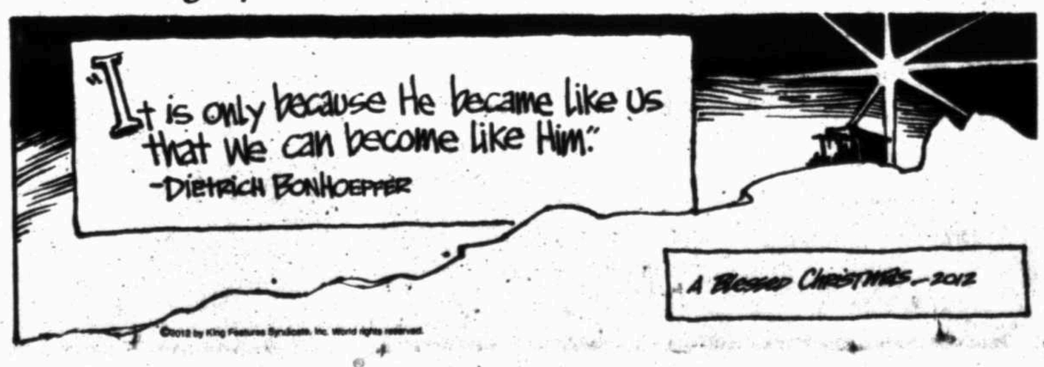

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WASHINGTON

Army teams going to Africa as terror threat grows

A U.S. Army brigade will send small teams into as many as 35 African nations early next year, part of an intensifying Pentagon effort to train countries to battle extremists and give the U.S. a ready and trained force to dispatch to Africa if crises requiring the U.S. military emerge.

The teams will be limited to training and equipping efforts, and will not be permitted to conduct military operations without specific, additional approvals from the secretary of defense.

The sharper focus on Africa by the U.S. comes against a backdrop of widespread insurgent violence across North Africa, and as the African Union and other nations discuss military intervention in northern Mali.

The terror threat from al-Qaida linked groups in Africa has been growing steadily, particularly with the rise of the extremist Islamist sect Boko Haram in Nigeria. Officials also believe that the Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. consulate in Benghazi, which killed the ambassador and three other Americans, may have been carried out by those who had ties to al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb.

This first-of-its-kind brigade assignment — involving teams from the 2nd Brigade, 1st Infantry Division — will target countries such as Libya, Sudan, Algeria and Niger, where al-Qaida-linked groups have been active.

Obama has long list to tackle when he returns

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's hardly a secret that Barack Obama, like every president no doubt, muses about his ultimate legacy and spot in the presidential pantheon. He approaches his second term confronting tough and shifting challenges that will play big roles in shaping the rest of his presidency and his eventual place in history.

In the coming months, Obama will have to decide where to be ambitious, where to be cautious, and where to buy time.

He draws political strength from his surprisingly easy re-election in a bad economy. It's partly offset, however, by Republicans' continued control of the House, plus their filibuster powers in the Senate.

Some of the big issues awaiting the president's decisions are familiar, long-simmering problems. They include immigration and the need for a tenable balance between taxes, spending and borrowing.

Another issue, gun control, jumped to the national agenda's top tier this month following the massacre of first-graders and teachers in a Connecticut school. And the issue of climate change remains unresolved.

Veteran politicians and presidential historians say it's almost impossible for Obama to "go big" on all these issues. Indeed, it might prove difficult to go big on even one. While some counsel caution, others urge the president to be as bold and ambitious as possible.

"Americans are yearning for leadership," said Gil Troy, a presidential scholar at McGill University.

As a president dealing with policy, he said, Obama has generally failed to give "that visionary, powerful address that we came to know and love and expect in the 2008 campaign."

Rather than let Congress take the lead on big issues, as it did in drafting the 2009 health care overhaul, Obama should be more forceful in pushing new legislation or using his executive powers to bypass Congress where possible, Troy said.

"The gun control issue is a major opportunity for Obama to make his mark on history — and solve a problem that has frustrated Democrats for decades," he added.

Other presidential historians, however, think Obama is severely constrained by political realities. They say he will have to carefully pick and choose which goals to emphasize in his second four years.

"I see Obama as almost uniquely handcuffed by circumstances," said John Baick of Western New England University. The number of big, unresolved problems facing the nation, coupled with a deeply divided public and Congress, he said, leave Obama with fewer viable options than most presidents have enjoyed.

At best, Baick said, the U.S. government "is a gigantic cruise liner, and the most he can do is keep us from hitting ice bergs."

For instance, Baick said, "if he goes big on gun control, then it's 1994 all over again."

Then-President Bill Clinton pushed an assault weapons ban through the Democratic-led Congress that year, prompting fierce pushback from gun-rights groups.

Clinton later would credit the NRA with shifting the House majority to the GOP for the first time in 40 years. However, other factors — including a House bank scandal — played big roles, too.

Paul Rego, a political scientist at Messiah College in Grantham, Pa., largely agrees with Baick.

"While President Obama does not face the same cataclysmic events that Abraham Lincoln faced, or that FDR encountered in the form of the Great Depression and World War II, his challenges are many and significant," Rego said in an email.

He said Obama "faces a hurdle that neither Lincoln nor Roosevelt had to overcome during the tumultuous years of their respective presidencies: divided government." Today's Democrats and Republicans differ so sharply about government's proper role, Rego said. He said that Obama's job "is actually harder than that of his most illustrious predecessors."

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President Barack Obama, center, with, first lady Michelle Obama, back left, and their children Sasha, back center, and Malia, right, greet children dressed like elves at the National Building Museum in Washington on Dec. 9.

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More messages of hope pour into Newtown, Conn.

Associated Press

NEWTOWN, Conn. — More messages of hope and solidarity poured into Newtown on Monday as the town prepared to observe Christmas Eve 10 days after the elementary school massacre that claimed the lives of 20 first-graders and six teachers and administrators.

Two dozen children and six adults arrived at town hall in the morning to deliver hundreds of handmade cards and snowflakes collected as they toured the state in a charter bus.

One of the organizers, Gwen Samuel of Meriden, said "we just want them to know they're not alone in their journey."

The effort was intended to give Connecticut children a chance to express their feelings about the Dec. 14 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Police say 20-year-old Adam Lanza killed his mother before going on the shooting rampage, then committed suicide. If they know why he shot his way into the school and gunned down 26 people, they have not said.

In the week since the shooting, messages similar to the ones delivered Monday have poured into Newtown from all over the world. People have donated toys, books, money and more.

"We know that they'll feel loved. They'll feel that somebody actually cares," said 15-year-old Treyvon Smalls of Middlebury, a few towns away from Newtown. "It gives us all a chance to speak out."

As Treyvon and the students traveling with him delivered their notes, another group of roughly two dozen people met in the town hall auditorium for a prayer service that was as much therapy session as religious gathering. Attendees expressed their sorrow and fears and looked to each other for support as they talked about what happened.

The town hall has become a gathering point for those dropping off donations and in need of a place to congregate and find comfort in one another. A "peace tree" created out of a log and adorned with a heart-shaped wreath, numerous peace signs and Christmas decorations sit in front of the town hall steps, where a large banner proclaims, "Together we birth a culture of peace."

Karen Pierce, one of the town hall's elected building managers, has been helping accept the deluge of donations and expressions of support that have been coming in all week.

"We've had people from all over the country. It is incredible, it's heartwarming, it's overwhelming. It's invigorating and exhausting," she said. "It's so uplifting and I believe that's what's been getting people through."

The town has been so inundated with donations for children that Pierce said she has redistributed some to other children dropping off their own notes and donations, saying that with their acts of kindness they too have qualified to be children of Newtown.

On Monday, she gave each of the children dropping off cards a golden stuffed monkey. She chose gold, she said, because it symbolizes a new dawn that everyone needs.

"At the same time we have this outpouring and we want to make sure we give respect for every phone call, every card, every gift, every flower, every kind word," she said. "And so that's one of the things that everyone in the community is trying to do is make sure while people are honoring us, that's the big question, how do you say to the world 'Thank you?'"

Later Monday, people throughout Newtown were expected to light luminaries outside in memory of those killed.

The idea was hatched by Nicole Russo of Fairfield, who has two nephews who attend Sandy Hook Elementary School and were unharmed. She decided to bring her neighborhood's Christmas tradition of lighting the way for Santa to Newtown.

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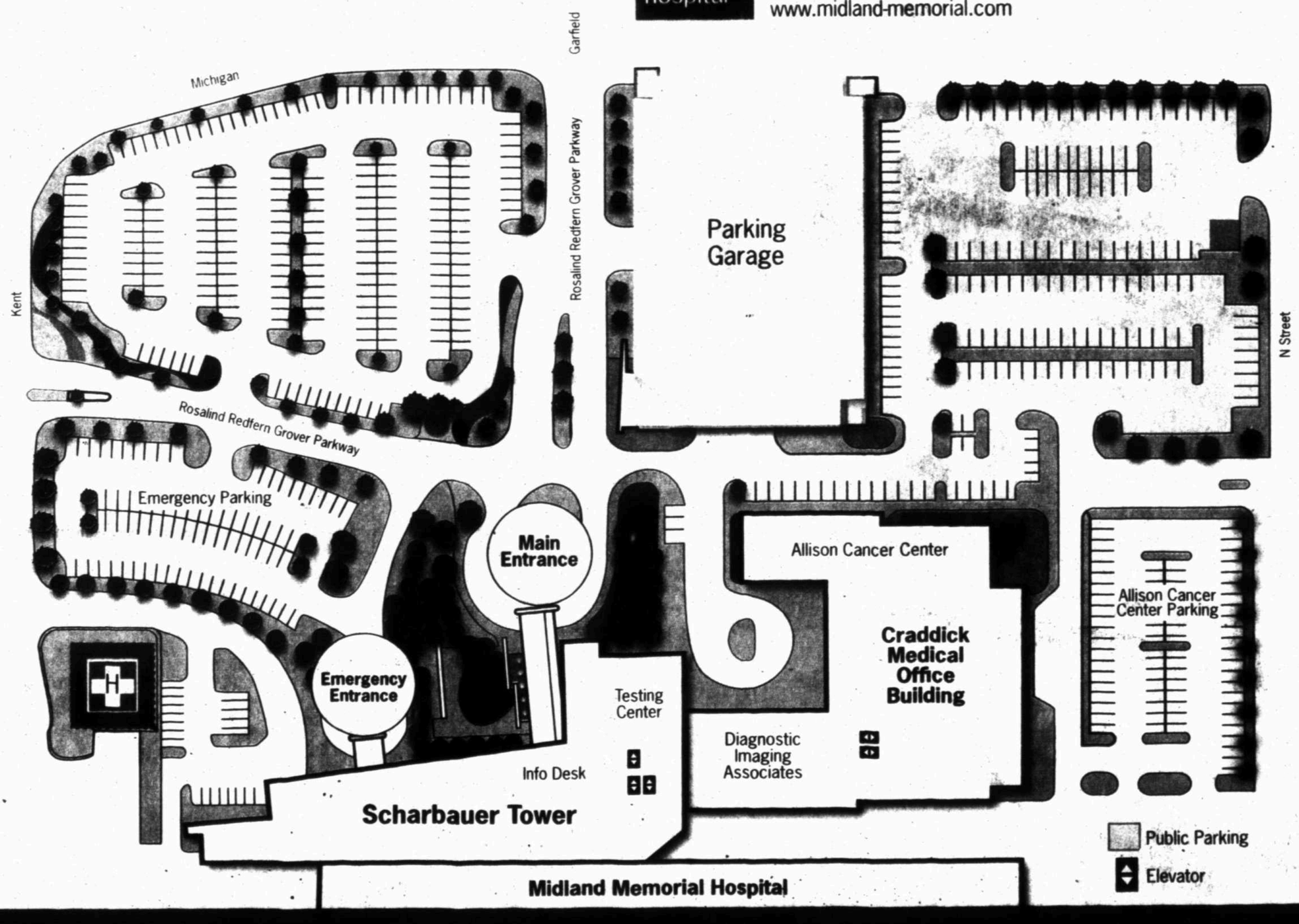

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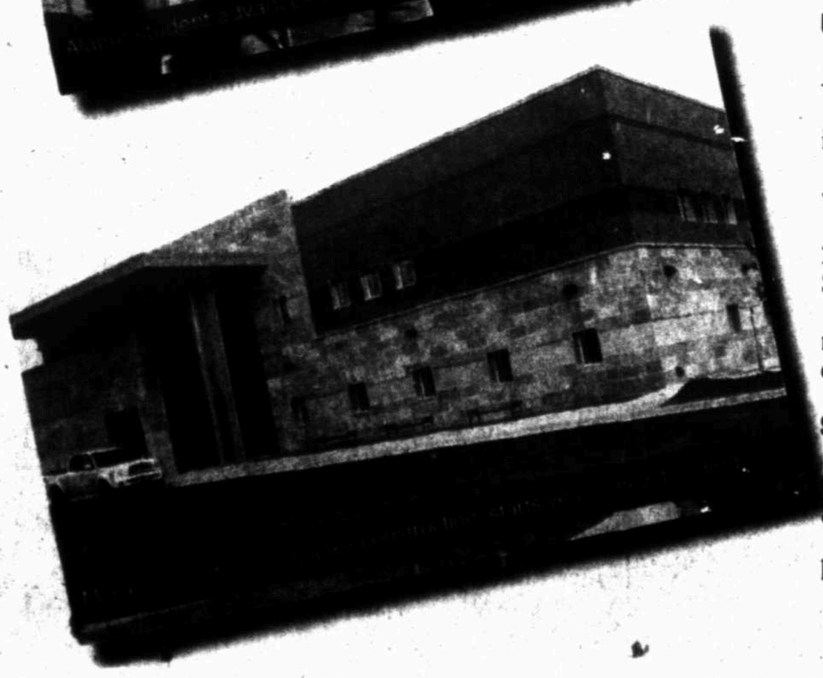

MISD's historic bond election, record enrollments among the year's highlights

By Meredith Moriak
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Midland voters pass historic school bond

On Nov. 6, Midland voters overwhelmingly approved the largest bond in the city's history: The $163.1 million bond to improve Midland ISD's 24 elementary schools and build three new, 800-student elementary campuses.

Voters passed the bond by 61.82 percent, a number that surprised MISD Superintendent Ryder Warren, school board members and bond supporters.

Better Schools for a Better Midland, the political action committee that supported the bond, raised $186,650 for campaign expenses to help with the bond. Midlanders Laura Roman, a partner with Weaver, LLC., and Patrick Payton, senior pastor at Stonegate Fellowship, led the PAC.

The bond projects, ranging in size from purchasing land for and building new schools to simple roofing repairs, are expected to be complete by January 2015, Warren said.

"Nothing is set in stone, but hopefully we'll be done with all construction in 2014 and have the new schools ready for classes in January 2015," Warren said.

Designing and constructing MISD's three new elementary schools — one at the former Bunche, one west of the Scharbaurer Sports Complex in Legends Park and one at a site to be determined — is expected to take the entire two years. All other projects are scheduled for completion by August 2014, according to the bond project design and construction schedule, said James Riggen, MISD's executive director of construction and school plant services.

School enrollments prompt districts to add classes, look at bonds

Permian Basin schools have observed record-setting enrollments this year as the oil boom brings more families west, leaving classrooms full and administrators examining bonds and building projects.

Midland ISD's enrollment currently sits at 23,120, Greenwood ISD's at 1,899 and Ector County ISD's at 29,426. Superintendents call this growth unprecedented, as first-day enrollments in 2011 were 21,468 in MISD, 1,682 in GISD and 25,732 in ECISD for comparison.

This enrollment growth prompted MISD to create at least 16 additional teaching positions this fall to help lower student-teacher ratios.

MISD and ECISD both passed bond elections Nov. 6 to combat student enrollment growth. GISD is considering a bond election for May that would increase the district's capacity to 2,800.

UTPB renames CEED campus, creates master plan for future

UT System regents in August approved the renaming of the CEED campus — located at the southeast corner of State Highway 191 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788 — to the UTPB Midland campus.

"When (the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification) facility was built, it was the only thing out here, and because of that, we named it the CEED campus," UTPB President David Watts said about the building that opened in 1989.

The outreach campus houses the Small Business Development Center and Petroleum Industry Alliance and serves as a meeting place for Permian Basin residents.

However, now that the $81 million Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center sits on the same campus and the upper-level engineering and music programs are housed at the site, Watts said it was time for a name change.

Regents also approved a 10-year master plan for the Midland campus. It calls for adding about 95,000 square feet with a free-standing engineering building, CEED building addition, an academic addition to Wagner Noel and on-campus and apartment-style housing for up to 200 students if growth continues in engineering and music programs.

About 120 students currently are enrolled in the mechanical engineering courses and more than 65 in petroleum engineering courses.

The mechanical engineering program began offering classes in 2009 and received accreditation from ABET Inc, the national accrediting body for engineering and technology programs, in September. Petroleum engineering was first offered at UTPB in fall 2011.

UTPB creates $10k science degree program

In response to Gov. Rick Perry's challenge for a $10,000 degree, UTPB established the Texas Science Scholar Program last spring, allowing students to work toward a bachelor's only $2,500 a year.

About 20 students enrolled in the scholar program at UTPB this fall, said Provost Bill Fannin. UTPB received 51 applications for the program, which was announced during the late spring, and accepted 31 students. About 20 accepted enrollment at UTPB.

Fannin said he anticipates the program to grow to about 100 students in each cohort during the coming years.

UTPB partners with Academic Partnerships to increase online enrollment

UTPB began contracting this year with Academic Partnerships, a Dallas-based higher education service provider that will recruit students and provide services for those enrolled in seven online UTPB degree programs.

As a result of the partnership, it is estimated that enrollment will increase by more than 4,000 students during the next five years, according to the master plan.

The classes, developed and taught by UTPB professors, cover the same curriculum as those taught in a traditional, 16-week semester setting, but sessions are only seven weeks long.

Bachelor's degrees in communications, psychology, sociology and business administration-management, and master's degrees in bilingual/ESL, educational leadership and special education are available through the new program.

UTPB previously offered bachelor's and master's degree programs online in applied arts and science, criminal justice, humanities, sociology, kinesiology and special education with an early childhood education component.

By working with Academic Partnerships, UTPB will outsource what is traditionally under the umbrella of student services — recruiting, enrollment guidance, course advising, tutoring assistance, IT help and some course grading. Academic Partnership will, in turn, be paid roughly 50 percent of the tuition paid by each student enrolled in the seven degree programs, said Fannin.

MISD moves MAP to West

MISD trustees at a meeting on Nov. 13 unanimously approved $4.8 million in renovations at the vacant West Elementary to convert it into the new home for the Midland Alternative Program.

MAP, which serves secondary students in the short-term Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs and the long-term District Disciplinary Alternative Education Program, will move from its location in MISD's downtown Mashburn building to the historic school in the Midland museum district.

The decision to move the school was contested by Missouri Avenue residents who said having an alternative school in their neighborhood will decrease property values.

However, with few properties available, trustees agreed there was no other place to put it.

Renovations to the 13-classroom building are expected to begin in May after four months of architectural design. The school should be completed and open by November, according to MISD's project design and construction schedule.

UTPB sets record enrollment, plans for 4,000-plus growth

After a dip in enrollment in 2011, UTPB enrolled more students than ever before — 4,170 students — in fall 2012.

"In the face of another challenge — raised admission standards — we've seen a 7 to 8 percent increase in enrollment since last fall," UTPB President David Watts said.

The previous enrollment peak was in fall 2010 with 4,133 students, but dropped off in fall 2011 when only 3,800 students enrolled.

In an effort to increase enrollment and work toward the ultimate goal of 8,400 students by fall 2022, UTPB introduced two new initiatives to provide students more access to college — the Texas Science Scholars program and seven online degree programs.

UTPB expects to meet its 8,400 student enrollment goal by expanding the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) course offerings and increasing the number and types of degrees offered in online formats.

Sex ed curriculum taught in junior highs

Seventh-graders in MISD received their first lesson in sex education in 2012 with the implementation of the "It's Your Game ... Keep it Real" abstinence-plus, classroom and computer-based HIV, STI and pregnancy prevention program.

The two-year curriculum addresses students in seventh and eighth grades, teaching sexual health and smart decision-making through role play, group discussions and small group exercises.

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Obituaries

Mary Francis Hillger

Mary Francis Hillger passed away on Friday, December 22, 2012, at the age of 80.

Mary was born on December 24, 1931, to W.L. and Bertie Robinson, in Howard County. Mary was raised and educated in Garden City, Texas. She married George Hillger on July 27, 1949. Mary took care of the children at Mother's Day Out, First Baptist Church, for many years. She kept the nursery and taught the Keenagers Class at Kelview Heights Baptist Church. Mary had love and a heart for children.

Mary was predeceased by her grandparents; her parents; her brother, Bill; and her husband, George.

Mary is survived by her four children: sons, James Hillger and wife, Nancy of Tallahassee, Florida, Billy Hillger and wife, Valerie of La Vernia, Texas; daughters, Mary Eschberger and Patty Edens, both of Midland; her 8 grandchildren: Jennifer George and husband Terry; Chris Guthrie and wife, Kristeda; Sean Eschberger and wife, Jennifer; Eric Eschberger; Mandy Blankenship; Nathan Hillger; Matt Hillger; and Randy Hillger. Mary is also survived by five great-grandchildren: Elizabeth George, Haylea George, Ben Eschberger, Berkley Eschberger, and Gracey Eschberger. Mary is survived by her sisters: Viola Hillger; Bertie Wooten and husband, Ervin; Deanie Craft; Betty Davis and husband, Wayne; Deborah Robinson; Becky Curnett and husband, Fred; her brothers: John Robinson; Jim Robinson; Kenneth Robinson and wife, Karen; Loren Robinson and wife, Faye; Gary Robinson and wife, Tomiko; Richard Robinson and wife, June; Melvin Robinson; and Jerry Robinson.

A visitation for Mary will be held on Wednesday, December 26, 2012, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Ellis Funeral Home. The funeral service will be on Thursday, December 27, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. A graveside service will be held at 12:30 p.m., at the Garden City Cemetery.

Pallbearers for Mary will be Sean Eschberger, Eric Eschberger, Chris Guthrie, Matt Hillger, Randy Hillger, and Terry George.

Memorials may be directed to The Home Hospice House, 903 Sam Houston, Odessa, Texas 79761.

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Mayo L. Marrs

Mayo L. Marrs, age 84, passed from this life on Sunday, December 23, 2012, at his home in Midland. Funeral service will be held 1:00 p.m., Thursday, December 27, 2012, in Stevens Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Jimmy Hester, officiating. Burial will follow in the Coleman City Cemetery, under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home in Coleman.

Mayo was born August 6, 1928, in Coleman, Texas, to Melvin Lee and Alma Mayo Marrs. He graduated from Coleman High School in the class of 1946 and he was a member of the Bluecat football team of 1944, 1945, and 1946.

Mayo married Mary Sue Lusk Marrs on October 15, 1949, in Coleman. He was in the trucking and oil business and moved to Kermit in 1973. He was the owner of Mayo Marrs Casing Pulling, until he retired in 1993. After retirement, he and Sue traveled in their RV. Mayo also raised Hereford cows and collected antique cars. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Marrs of Midland; one daughter, Marilyn Smith of Midland; one son, Mike Marrs and wife, Debbie of Midland; four grandchildren, Jason and wife, Brandi Smith of Memphis, Texas; Chad Smith of Lubbock; Shana and husband, Quang Bui of Centreville, Virginia; Layton Marrs of Austin; seven great-grandchildren, Tyler Smith of Memphis; Sydney Smith of Lubbock; Nicholas Bui and Talia Bui, both of Centreville; Kaitlyn Vela, Mackenzi Vela, and Kaden Vela, all of Memphis; three brothers, John and wife, Sammie Sue Marrs of Meadowlakes; Don and Melba Marrs of Houston; Bob and Inez Marrs of Eager, AZ; sister-in-law, Barbara Marrs of Lubbock; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters, Mary Kennedy, Jean Awalt, Jannette Humphreys, Annette Marrs; one brother, Jimmy Marrs.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 26 from 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., at Stevens Funeral Home, 400 W. Pecan Street, Coleman, Texas.

Please sign his on-line guestbook at: www.livingmemorials.com.

Death Notices

Ada H. Williams

Ada H. Williams, 99, of Monahans, passed away Wednesday, December 19, 2012, in the Monahans.

Services are scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Thursday, December 27, 2012, in the Harkey Funeral Home Chapel, with Billy Reed officiating. Burial to follow at Monahans Memorial Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the directions of Harkey Funeral Home.

Survivors include: son, Toby Williams; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

David Paul "Heavy D" Houghton

David Paul Houghton, "Heavy D", 46, of Odessa, passed away Thursday, December 20, 2012, in Odessa.

Survivors are his mother, Rita Houghton; brother, Ernest Houghton; and sisters, Melissa Johnson, Kerris Flowers, and Martha McDougle.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 27, 2012, at Vine Baptist Church, officiated by Robert Lamb. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel, 8115 W University, Odessa, TX.

Isidro Haro

Isidro Haro, 76, of Midland, passed away Saturday, December 22, 2012.

Services are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Bilingual picture books? ¡Sí, por favor!

By Steve Bennett
San Antonio Express-News

Lilliana Gonzalez wants her daughters to be fluent in Spanish, and finds the Arte Kids series of board books a useful tool in learning basic concepts such as numbers, shapes and colors.

"I love it," she said of "1,2,3 Sí: A Numbers Book in English and Spanish," published last year as a collaboration among the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, the San Antonio Museum of Art and Trinity University Press. "I bought it because we are trying to raise our girls bilingual, and they really like the colors and the art."

Four-year-old Gabriella loves the depictions of sculpture, paintings and precious objects, said the San Antonio mom, and baby Anahi is spellbound by the bright reds, yellows and blues.

Following a Museum of Modern Art model, "1,2,3 Sí" uses works from the San Antonio museum's collections as visual cues to teach young children how to count.

The just-published second and third books in the Arte Kids series — "Colores Everywhere!" and "Hello Círculos!" — help youngsters learn their colors and shapes.

Orange, for example, is represented by renowned Oaxacan folk artist Manuel Jiménez's carved wood - y muy naranja - "Fox," while the square is exemplified by American abstract painter Frank Stella's "Double Scramble."

Like the first book, which has more than 60,000 copies in print, a portion of the proceeds from sales of "Colores Everywhere!" and "Hello Círculos!" benefits the San Antonio Public Library Foundation's Born to Read initiative, which puts books and a library card in the hands of parents of local newborns.

Marketing the Arte Kids series expands on the usual plan for a university press' selection of publications. The books are available not only at bookstores, gift shops and online, but nationwide at some Target stores. The first book in the series is available at all San Antonio H-E-B stores, as well as throughout the Central Texas region. An Arte Kids website and a tablet app is in the works.

"Everyone's appreciative of this kind of visual book," said Tom Payton, associate director of Trinity University Press. "The books are really fun, and yet they are visually challenging. There is a wide diversity of art to appeal to a wide diversity of people. And with the bilingual content, we've just had an overwhelming response."

Payton said "1, 2, 3 Sí" has done well on the awards circuit, too, winning the Moonbeam Children's Book Award Gold Medal (best board book), taking second place for best educational children's bilingual book in the International Latino Book Awards and getting into the finals of Foreword magazine Best Children's Book Award (picture books).

Initially, "1,2,3 Sí" was intended to be a single publication.

"We didn't think it would be a series at first," said Emily Jones, director of special projects at the San Antonio Museum of Art. "But the book has been so well-received that we decided to do more. The response has been tremendous. We try to choose objects that are on view at the museum and will likely remain on view because we want people to be able to come to the museum and see them in person."

Payton said at least two more books are planned for the Arte Kids series: on animals and contrast, or black and white.

Tracey Bennett, president of the library foundation, calls the partnership among the three local organizations "amazing."

"It doesn't happen often," she pointed out, "for three organizations to come together on such a successful venture. And the books allow kids not only to embrace a love of reading, but to develop an interest in art, as well."

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The class of 2017 — this year's eighth graders — completed two weeks of 50-minute lessons during their seventh-grade science classes in May. The eighth-grade material will be taught after state testing concludes in the spring. This year's seventh-graders — the class of 2018 — completed the first two weeks of the program in October.

The school board approved an in-school sex education curriculum in April 2011 after 172 girls became pregnant during the 2010-11 school year.

Though few parents opted their children out of the program during its first year of implementation, MISD Health Services Supervisor Tracey Dees said more parents have chosen to remove their students from sex education instruction this year. The reason for this change is unknown, she said.

Tuition increases for UTPB, MC students

The cost of going to school at Midland College and UTPB increased this year for some students.

Both resident and non-resident students at UTPB absorbed a 2.57 percent increase for 2012 and a 2.63 percent increase for 2013. Students will be paying $83 more per semester in 2012-13 and $87 in 2013-14 (based on 15 credit hours).

This increase is expected to boost the university's revenue by $1.35 million. Of the increased revenue, $1.09 million will be invested in student success initiatives such as tutoring and supplemental instruction, mentoring and peer mentoring programs, an on-campus student employment initiative and enhanced college readiness programs.

At Midland College, the 36 percent of out-of-district, non-taxpaying students saw their tuition increase by $9 per credit hour starting this fall. The increase is predicted to bring in about $400,000, which will be used to provide faculty and staff raises, said Rick Bender, vice president of Administrative Services.

GISD, MISD and MC employees receive salary increases

To ensure employees have enough assets to pay rent and live in Midland, MISD, GISD and Midland College all approved salary increases for the 2012-13 school year.

Raises totaling $6.13 million in MISD moved the starting salary for teachers from $42,400 to $45,000. The salary schedule was adjusted accordingly, providing all teachers with 39 years experience or less will receive an additional $2,800 per year.

All support staff in the clerical, technical and manual trades were given a 5 percent and administrative a 3 percent raise of the midpoint salary.

In Greenwood, the starting salary for first-year teachers was increased to $39,000 and all staff not on the teacher salary-schedule received a 3 percent increase.

Raises at Midland College totaled $1.43 million, giving faculty members an increase of about $1,300 a semester. Faculty members received a salary increase of $325 per contract month and a $75 increase per semester credit hour for overload and adjunct instruction.

A raise of $325 per month, or $3,900 a year, was given to administrative assistants, secretaries, clerks, maintenance staff, grounds staff and other employees on the classified salary schedule. An additional $275 a month — $3,300 per year — was given to directors, other professionals and lab instructors. A raise of either $200 per month, or 2 percent of their salary, whichever is greater, occurred for vice presidents and deans.

Alamo student advanced to National Spelling Bee semifinals

In his second trip to the Scripps National Spelling Bee, then-Alamo eighth-graderThomas Rubio spelled his way into the semifinalists, becoming one of the top 50 student-spellers in the world.

However, it was the word "podilegous," having to do with bees and how they gather pollen, that ended his spelling bee career at the 2012 bee in Washington, D.C.

Rubio's loss ended an era when Rubio dominated the Reporter-Telegram's local bee, placing as runner-up in 2008 and 2010 and winning in both 2011 and 2012. His older sister, Danielle, won the 2006 bee.

Rubio, son of Abner and Mildred Rubio, attends Lee Freshman, where he is involved with tennis.

Midland High School custom license plates

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles approved a custom purple and gold bulldog license plates for Midland High School.

License plate sales will begin in February through the Texas DMV website and locally with MHS marketing students.

The creation of plates was spear-headed by Justin Walker, MHS' marketing teacher and Students in Philanthropy sponsor, as a way to teach his students about marketing and promote school spirit.

The basic Midland High plate without name customizations would cost $55 a year, $195 for five years or $295 for 10 years. This would be in addition to the annual $62.75 license plate registration paid annually to Midland County. For every plate sold, Midland High will receive $5.50 from My Plates.

Midland High will be the first West Texas high school with custom plates. Odessa and Permian high schools are discussing implementation.

Midland Christian completes construction, starts school year in new secondary building

Construction on Midland Christian's 76,910-square-foot Dale and Rita Brown secondary building was completed just days before classes started in August.

The two-story $15 million junior high and high school building includes administration offices and 36 classrooms for the school's 600 secondary students. Building funds were contributed by MCS parents, grandparents and friends.

Hillander breaks ground on science and math building

Construction on Hillander School's new 4,650-square-foot science and math building continues and Principal Karen Rhodes said it should be ready to open by August.

As the school's first construction project since 1984, the new building will include a science and computer lab, a cafeteria, two new classrooms, restrooms and an outdoor patio that will double as a classroom.

The building will be named in honor of the S. Javaid Anwar family. The former Hillander parent and president of Midland Energy Inc. gave $500,000 of the $2 million project.

New officers, incumbents start terms after election

The annual election cycle came and went for the Midland College, Greenwood ISD and Midland ISD boards of trustees.

The most contested race was in Greenwood where 10 residents vied for three spots. Justin Brooks won Place 3, Dane Crunk Place 5 and Josh Kidd Place 7. Place 4 trustee Cody Mebane was uncontested.

MISD incumbent Angel Hernandez won re-election over Place 2 challenger Robert Marquez by just 10 votes. Trustees Karen Fullen, James E. Fuller and Jay Isaacs were uncontested and did not participate in the election.

None of Midland College's incumbents, Neil Florer in Place 4, Stephen Castle in Place 5 and Charlene Romero McBride in Place 6, faced challengers for the election.

Other highlights in 2012

- Midland ISD teacher Sara Burleson was named the Region 18 Elementary Teacher of the Year. The teacher at Carver Center — for the district's full-time GEM program — also is a sponsor of Destination ImagiNation program.
- Lee High School Assistant Principal Roberto Cedillo was named the High School Assistant Principal of the Year by the Region 18 Texas Association of Secondary School Principals.
- Former MISD executive director of student services Bill Maurer retired from the district and became executive director at Bynum School.
- Midland College celebrated its 40th anniversary.
- State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, was named chair of the Senate Higher Education committee.
- Gov. Rick Perry named Midland native Michael Williams as Texas commissioner of Education.
- Stan Jacobs retired as Midland College's longest-serving employee in August, after 41 years. He most recently served as vice president of instruction.
- Midland ISD was among more than 600 Texas school districts to join a school finance lawsuit against the state education commissioner.
- The Lee HS honor band was selected to perform at the 2013 Music for All national festival in Indianapolis.
- The Lee HS orchestra received two concert harps, stands and carrying cases from the FMH Foundation.
- Midland HS robotics students attended the FIRST Tech Challenge World Championship, April 25-28 in St. Louis.
- Midland HS graduate Erin Bamford was the first MHS student to qualify for DECA's international competition since 2004.
- Midland HS mascot, Lori Langston, was selected as an All-American mascot during cheerleading camp. Langston will perform as Spike, MHS' mascot, during the Capital One Bowl on New Year's Day.
- Coleman High School graduated its first class of 112 students in May, 25 years after it was established as a school. Students previously received a diploma from either Lee or Midland high, but administrators decided it would mean more to grant them a diploma from the school where they completed their studies.
- More MISD students than ever are wearing uniforms to school after trustees approved standard attire requests at 12 additional elementary schools in the spring.

Standard attire is worn this year at 17 of MISD's 24 elementary campuses, all four junior highs and both freshman schools.

- The Midland Chamber of Commerce restructured its education committee in September as a way to increase its focus on students in private schools, higher education and Greenwood ISD.

The chamber's education committee has supported Midland ISD's Partners in Education program in the past and held the annual Excellence in Teaching awards. By breaking the education committee into three subcommittees — public, private and higher education — the chamber will be able to better serve its members and the schools, said Laura Roman, the chamber's vice president for education.

- MISD launched a Facebook page Nov. 12 as a way to better keep in touch with its parents and the community.

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What's not being said about 'downtrodden' Latino students?

■ Maybe Hispanics don't need to be treated like special cases.

Judging by news coverage of the nation's fastest growing ethnic minority, you'd think that "the Hispanic condition" was a pathology. With the exception of growing power in the voting booth, the news makes it seem as though we're all poor, sick and generally unable to cope with life as well as others.

There are simply too many examples of the negativity that seems to drive reporting on — and perceptions of — the health and economic well-being of Hispanics to list here. But let me illustrate my point with some recent coverage surrounding Latino learners.

"Mexican-American children lag in pre-literacy skills, but not social strengths, study reveals" was a popular headline based on research from the University of California.

This eye-popping statement in the university's press release exemplifies how these children have historically been cast as underachievers: "The researchers caution teachers, pediatricians and other health care providers to 'not assume social-emotional delays, even when language or cognitive skills lag somewhat behind.'"

The research found that Mexican-American toddlers ages 2 and 3 displayed language and cognitive skills about eight months behind those of their white peers, whether assessed in English or Spanish. The gap persisted through ages 4 and 5.

The interesting part was that this study finally made the environmental connection: While most Mexican-American parents nurture socially agile children, factors such as lower incomes, more children in the home and few family reading traditions usually mean these students will arrive at kindergarten behind their non-Hispanic classmates.

Stop and think about it — research is just now proving that Mexican-American youngsters aren't less cognitively able than their peers. They are just a little behind because the "read to your children" culture hasn't yet taken hold in their homes. I hope every educator in America gets that memo because Latino students are too often treated like "special cases."

Take, for instance, the double standard on second-language acquisition. For some reason, Hispanics have been singled out as the only children in our school systems who can't deal with English-language immersion lest it ruin their psyches, dishonor their ethnic roots, and needlessly challenge them.

In Illinois, children who would learn English as a second language are first taught to read and write — or taught exclusively — in their native tongue. This continues until they can be transitioned, over many years in most cases, into English-speaking classrooms.

And when I say their native language, I mean Spanish, because other immigrant students who show up to school speaking, say Russian, Polish or Chinese are mainstreamed with only minimal English-as-a-second-language supports. There simply aren't enough of them per grade level to offer special native-language classrooms.

Those who believe it is cruel to immerse a non-English-speaking Latino student in mainstream classes rarely shed any tears for the non-Hispanic ones who are regularly made to sink or swim. And it's not often acknowledged that such students, because of that immersion, are usually extremely successful in quickly learning to speak English.

When I taught "bilingual ed" at a high school, I saw non-Spanish-speaking immigrant students go from zero to near-fluency in English in mere months. Yet I also taught 16-year-old students who had been born in the U.S. but trapped in "bilingual" classrooms their whole lives and still couldn't speak English.

Ironically, immersion is having a bit of a heyday for non-Hispanic students. Recent headlines trumpeted how in Utah, young native English speakers have been immersed into French, Spanish and Chinese classes to great effect. Same goes for Delaware, where selected schools offer immersion in Mandarin Chinese and Spanish.

Rare is the instance when Latino students are given such opportunities.

Perhaps our education system thinks they're not up to it. Too frequently, educators get caught up in the "*pobrecito* syndrome," as in "poor baby, of course he's going to underachieve, he's disadvantaged!"

The steady diet of bad news about segments of the Hispanic population drive a myth that all Latinos are downtrodden, at risk or simply not as able as others. The next time you see a headline about Latinos' sorry state, flip the script by remembering: There's always, always more to the story.

Going to college probably isn't for everybody

■ One of the biggest problems in Texas will be education, and one of the questions we must solve is how we prepare all students for life after high school.

KEN HERMAN
Cox Newspapers

It's politically tricky for politicians to say some things. Among these is the undeniable notion that college isn't for everybody.

It's nice to think college is for everybody, and I'd have trouble telling a young child that college isn't for him or her. I'm guessing that's not a self-esteem booster.

That's why I gasped (OK, I didn't actually, really gasp) when I recently heard a local politician say in public that "college isn't for everybody." State Rep. Eddie Rodriguez, D-Austin, said it during a panel discussion of Texas' future demographics, a discussion always dominated by the undeniable growth of our Hispanic community. (Actually, the scale of that growth was kind of doubted, if not denied, by another lawmaker. More on that below.) The panel event was part of a conference for incoming lawmakers.

Rodriguez noted that the educational system isn't working for a disturbingly large number of Hispanics. "Those are the kids that are dropping out. Those are the kids that are getting pregnant and dropping out," he said. "That doesn't bode very well for the future of our state."

No, it does not.

"We have to figure out, as best we can, another way of looking at our education system," Rodriguez said. "It's not just about teaching kids. It's about the economic future. If they're not going to be educated to the point where they can be productive Texans than that's going to be a really big drag on Texas. We have an opportunity now to try to address this while they are all very young."

All of this was predicate for Rodriguez' foray into why college may not be part of the solution for some Hispanics. I sensed Rodriguez sensed the delicate nature of where he was headed. I respected him for going there.

First he talked about the need for a "skilled workforce," which can be code for jobs that do not involve what many of us think of as a college degree. Rodriguez said officials at San Antonio's Toyota plant have told him of their problems finding the "skilled workforce" of trained though not college-educated people needed to run it.

Predicate laid, Rodriguez moved carefully toward "college isn't for everybody," specifically tailoring his remarks toward Hispanics in a way that perhaps only an Hispanic can without getting in trouble.

"It's kind of a touchy issue in a way but we have to kind of go back to the days when we had kind of vocational schools in Texas," he said, recalling classes like "shop" and how "some kids went and worked on engines and that kind of thing."

(Let's acknowledge here that there still are some programs like that.)

"Well, the downside of that really was that for the most part the kids that were put in those kinds of classes were black and brown," Rodriguez said. "So that's where we have a touchy situation. A lot of my colleagues don't want to go back, obviously, to that."

And then he talked about students having a "clear choice. ... Do they want to go to college or do they want to get some skills and get ready for the workforce?"

It's a topic worth revisiting, Rodriguez said, nodding to the delicate nature of moving young kids in one direction or the other.

Then he talked about higher education truths known to parents who spent lots of money on degrees for their kids with limited income potential (I'm looking at you, art history degree parents). Rodriguez, a lawyer, mentioned his undergrad government degree from the University of Texas.

"A degree in government, y'all, doesn't really mean a whole lot," he said. "And you have kids who graduate with a degree in philosophy, a degree in sociology. And that's all wonderful things.

"And I think we want to encourage kids to go to school and to study what they want to study," Rodriguez said. "But they're going to make a lot less money, probably, than someone with an associate's degree that's doing anything from plumbing to working at the assembly line at the Toyota plant in San Antonio. They're going to be making significantly less money than that."

(Old joke: Plumber says to lawyer complaining of high cost of plumbing services, "Yeah, I used to complain about that back when I was a lawyer.")

Rodriguez said it's important to have a way for high school kids to get skills that can get them a good job. And that may not be synonymous with preparing a kid for college.

I hope he and other lawmakers do not stop talking about this. Rodriguez is correct about the delicate nature of what he's talking about. It's easy to talk about vocational education-type programs as worthwhile for many kids. It's much more difficult to figure out which kids, when the decision should be made, who should make it and for what reasons.

I've got a little more room here so let me make good on my promise to tell you about a lawmaker harboring some doubt about projections showing Hispanics well on their way to a plurality, and eventually a majority in Texas. State Demographer Lloyd Potter made that point in a presentation at the beginning of the conference at which Rodriguez was on a panel with Rep. Myra Crownover, R-Denton.

Crownover said she's studied Potter's projections "and he's working with models."

"And we know that models work until they don't," she said, "and things change. So we have events like a recession and we have events like the drug wars in Mexico."

And as an attempted counterpoint to Potter's projections concerning Hispanics, Crownover referred to this recent passage in The Economist:

"Fifty years ago Mexico was one of the world's great producers of people. In the 1960s Mexican women had an average of seven children each; now they have only 2.4, and before 2020 the number is expected to drop below two. That would give Mexico a lower fertility rate than the United States, which is expected to maintain its current rate of about 2.1."

Interesting, as was Crownover's on-target assessment of the biggest challenge we face as Texans.

"The big divide will not be about race, will not be about religion. It will not be about urban versus rural," she said. "It will be about the educated versus the uneducated and that is the divide we will need to address."

Correct. And the discussion about that divide must include updated looks at how we define education. Embedded in that discussion is this question: Is college for everybody?

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Peace, Darryl Knapp
Lay Ministry Coordinator/Organist & Choirmaster
St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church

Christmas Prayer 2012

O Gracious Father, bless the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that the good news of the incarnation of our Lord will be heard throughout the world in every land and tongue. Guard and defend the holy Christian Church and all who share in the joy of this day.

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Watch over, bless, and protect all who serve and protect us as we worship: our armed forces, police forces, firefighters, medical professionals, and others. Grant them joy in their work, and give them peace.

As we celebrate joy in the gift of Your Son, O Lord, we remember before You all those whose hearts are burdened and whose joy is not fulfilled. Comfort the lonely with Your presence. By Your gracious power in keeping with Your will grant healing to the sick. We pray that those whose hearts are burdened with memories of loved ones who are no longer present to celebrate with us this year may find peace and hope in the message of Your love.

Wrap us all in Your love for You are Immanuel, God with us!

In Your giving Name we pray. Amen.

Pastor Robert Pase
Grace Lutheran Church

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This is the season we come to You in silence. Like Mary, Jesus' mother, we are left "pondering all these things" in our hearts. Our minds shuttle back and forth between noise and silence, between rushing and slowing down, between hurrying to shop and pausing to pray. We appreciate the times of silence when only the heart sings the songs of Christmas.

This is the season of music. We enjoy the six-year old playing "Oh Come all Ye Faithful" in the recital. And we enjoy the glorious strains of the "Hallelujah Chorus." One of the ways we praise You is by singing familiar Christmas carols—again and again, and when it is inappropriate to sing aloud, we sing the familiar in our hearts. We even catch glimpses of Your presence in songs that are not even religious.

This is the season of sadness. Broken hearts, grieving family and friends, disappointed parents and children, loved ones who can't be with us—all of these surface the sadness during this season. While it is a season of great joy, You know that tears are flowing down the cheeks of many of Your children.

This is the season of worship. That's how it all began with You. A lot of wonder, and the glory of the singing angels, the light of the star, and the journey of the wise men—all are about the worship of Your Son, the Christ Child, our Savior.

This is Your season. We thank You for Your salvation, for wrapping Yourself up in the form of a babe, and breaking into the earth's history to make eternal life a human possibility.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

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Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Economics: Ty Malone Tipton

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Bachelor of Arts with a Major in History: Shawn Reynolds

Bachelor in Arts with a Major in Humanities: Sarah Mackenzy Conder

Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Leadership Studies: Hilary Ashlynn Baker

Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Multidisciplinary Studies: Janice Elizabeth Bigby, Liliana Castillo, Deann Muñoz, Lourdes Loraine Rentas

Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Political Science: Morris Wayne Williamson III

Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Psychology: Richard Denis Fournier, Stephen Alexander Hedrick, Whitney Desiree Kuhrt, Kasandra Lee Villarreal

Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Spanish: Pamela Falcon, Cindy Ann Pivaral, Adriana Gardea Saenz, Jazmin Shotts

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Student food banks fight hunger on campus

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. — University of Missouri junior Simone McGautha works three campus jobs and has accumulated $11,000 in student loans as she seeks to become the first in her family with a college degree. So when McGautha learned about a new campus food pantry for needy students, the 19-year-old was happy to have the help.

"I use every bit of money I have for basic needs," the Kansas City native said. "I don't have family putting money in my bank account. If somebody wants to help, why not?"

The student-run Tiger Pantry is among a growing number of programs at university campuses. Organizers said it's both a response to a weak economy and a sign of the latest trend in student activism.

The pantry, which opened in early October, is within easy walking distance of the University of Missouri's campus in Columbia. It has given free food to nearly 150 people and their families, and an additional 100 people have expressed an interest. Food recipients include nearly three dozen graduate students and a similar number of university employees, as well as a handful of professors.

Student organizers modeled the program on a similar effort at the University of Arkansas known as the Full Circle Food Pantry. As a sanctioned organization, the Tiger Pantry receives some money from student fees but primarily relies on donated food. Students can drop off donations in large bins around campus, and the local food pantry provided 2,500 pounds of food to help the Tiger Pantry get started.

The University of Mississippi and Auburn University are also starting campus food pantries, joining schools such as Central Florida, Georgia, Iowa State, Oregon State and West Virginia. The University of California Los Angeles deploys "economic crisis response" teams that assist students struggling to pay bills and rent or who live on the streets.

Campus organizers estimate at least 20 schools have similar programs, with even more interested in joining the effort.

At the Tiger Pantry, users are limited to monthly visits, and the amount of their bounty depends on family size. But they don't have to prove that they're struggling financially.

The Auburn food pantry is part of a broader anti-hunger campaign that includes an international hunger research institute that is a collaboration with the United Nations World Food Programme, an international hunger research institute. A student-driven "War on Hunger" campaign launched in 2004 has spread to more than 200 universities worldwide, the school said.

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	(4:00) NBA Basketball Oklahoma vs Miami (L)		How the Grinch	★ Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (In Grinch disguise he is Santa to steal Christ...				KMID News	(135) News Highlights	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
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KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	Hart of Dixie "Blue Christmas"		Emily Owens, M.D. "Pilot"		Seln. "The Caddy"	Seinfeld	'Til Death	'Til Death	That '70s Show	That '70s Show
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KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	★★★ Dr. Seuss' (08, Ani) Steve Carell, Jim Carrey		Horton Hears a Who!		Go On	The New Normal	News-West 9	(135) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	(135) LateNight	
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		★ Curious George: A Very Monkey C...		Nature "Christmas in Yellowstone"		Wonderful Time Pt. 2 of 2 from Dec 18		Charlie Rose		BBC News	Travis Smiley
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FLIX		340	65		165		(3:00) ★ Down & Out...		★★★ Beaches ('88, Drama) Bette Midler...				(205) ★★★ On Golden Pond				★ The Bridge Ma...	
HBO		300	68	14	14		(135) ★★ Rio ('11, Ani) Jesse Eisenberg...		★ Joyful Noise ('12, Com) Dolly Parton...						Boning		Mad Men (R) ★...	
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MAX		380	71	17	120	24	Movie		★★★★ Superman ('78, Sci-Fi) Christopher Reeve.				★ A Very Harold & Kumar C...		Zane		Strikeout	Movie
MAX2		382	72	18	122		(6:30) ★ Harry Potter & the Philosopher's S...				★★★ This Means War			Lingerie		(135) ★ When a Man Loves a Woman		
PLEX				96			(220) ★★★ Babe: Pig in the City				★★ North Eight Wood.				★★★ Peter Pan ('03, Fant) Jason Isaac.		Movie	
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	★ The Three Musketeers Logan Lerman.				★ War Horse ('11, Dra) Peter Mullan, Jeremy Irvine.						★★★ The Red Baron Wilm...	
TMC		336	67	22	155	26	(3:15) ★ Turner & H...		★ Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs...		★ Spy Kids 4: All the Time in...				★★ Against the Ropes Meg Ryan.			
A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ High Plains...		★★★ El Dorado ('67, West) Robert Mitchum, John Wayne.						★★ Big Jake ('71, West) John Wayne.			
BET		58	26		40		(5:00) ★ Roots: The Next Gener...		★ Roots: The Next Generations (TV-14) W/ cast of new...						★ Roots: The Next Generations (TV-14) W/			
BRAVO		65	63		41		Shahs of Sunset		★★ The Family Man ('01, Dra) Nicolas Cage.						★★ The Family Man ('01, Dra) Nicolas Cage.			
CNBC		46	45		39	72	Behind Closed Doors	60 Minutes		Steve Jobs		American Greed		60 Minutes		Steve Jobs		
CNN		43	24	51	30	56	Top 10 of 2012	Piers Morgan		Piers Morgan		Piers Morgan		Piers Morgan		Piers Morgan		
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FAMILY		53	54	34	42	13	★★★ Home Alone	Macaulay Culkin.		★ National Lampoon's Christmas Vacati...				The 700 Club		★ The Santa Clau...		
FNC		45	58	53	23	55	FOX Report		The O'Reilly Factor	Hannity		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Chopped: All Stars		Chopped: All Stars	Chopped: All Stars		Chopped: All Stars		Chopped		Chopped: All Stars		
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FX		31	31	59	64	69	(5:00) ★ Kung Fu P...		★★★ Shrek Forever After Mike Myers.			★★★ Kung Fu Panda Jack Black.				★ Monsters vs. Al...		
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Movie	★ A Bride for Christmas			★ Hitched for the Holidays			★ Naughty or Nice		★ Come Dance W...		
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	HouseH	House	Love It or List It		Property	Property	HouseH	House	Million Dollar Room	Property	Property	
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	(5:00) HatfieldMcCoys		Hatfields & McCoys				Hatfields & McCoys			Hatfields & McCoys		
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) ★ The Christmas Consultant		★ Merry In-Laws (2012, Romance) Shelley Long, Lucas Bryant, George Wendt.				★ Holiday Spin (2012, Drama) Karen Olivo, Erika Eleniak, Ralph Macchio.			★ Merry In-Laws George Wendt.		
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		The Ed Show	Rachel Maddow		
NBCSN		38	39				★★★★ Raging Bull ('80, Bio) Robert De Niro.					(:45) ★★★★ Raging Bull ('80, Bio) Cathy Moriarty, Robert De Niro.				USSA Ski		
NICK		34	39	34	37	37	Figure	Figure Out	All That	K & Kel	Hollywood	Heights	Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	(4:30) ★★★ A Bronx Tale		★★★ Goodfellas (1990, Crime Story) Joe Pesci, Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta.							★ Lucky Number ...		
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TNT		24	23	40	26	50	(:05) Rizzoli & Isles "Virtual Love"		Rizzoli & Isles "Over/Under"		Rizzoli "No More Drama in My Life"		Leverage "The Long Good-bye Job"		Rizzoli "No More Drama in My Life"		Leverage "The Long Good-bye Job"	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Roseanne	The Nanny	Cosby	Cosby	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	30	42	27	49	(4:20) ★ Indiana Jones & the Kingdom of t...		★★ G.I. Joe: The Rise of the Cobra Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje,			(:50) ★★★★ Raiders of the Lost Ark An archaeologist and a woman from his past search for the Ark of the Covenant in Egypt.					★ Indiana ...	
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Twins paired up as co-principals of Calif. school

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Students at a Northern California middle school are looking at double the trouble if they misbehave.

Two 36-year-old educators who are identical twins are sharing the job of principal at an Oakland's Claremont Middle School this year. And parents and staff said the novel arrangement involving Ronald and Reginald Richardson has been good for the public school and its 410 students, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

"There's a huge difference in the school culture," said Paul Kagiwada, father of a seventh-grader at Claremont, told the newspaper. "It's cleaner, nicer, quieter. There's an expectation of respect at all levels."

The Richardson brothers have followed the same academic and career paths all their lives. They were principals at neighboring elementary schools in Richmond before they were hired to work in Oakland last summer.

Before that, they both attended San Francisco State University on track and field scholarships, earned teaching credentials, and then master's degrees in education from UC Berkeley. Their grandmother also was a principal in Oakland and their mother taught school in the city.

"We both have this passion for leading," Reginald Richardson said. "Teaching was a natural fit for us. Fortunately, me and my brother had identical goals."

Although hardly anyone at school can tell them apart, the co-principals prefer leading by example over taking advantage of the situation to try to catch students telling fibs or breaking the rules.

"The students see us together, working well and respecting each other, and hopefully it sets a standard for the whole school," Ronald Richardson said.

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Yesterday's Answer: BIDDEN, GROUND, OCTANE, THRIVE

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WEDNESDAY: Partly sunny High: 42 Low: 26

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 62 Low: 36

Local forecast

Christmas Day forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high around 44 and west winds between 15 and 20 mph becoming northwest 25 and 30 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 20 and northwest winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday, look for partly sunny skies with a high around 42, a low around 26, and northwest winds around 5 mph becoming east in the afternoon.

Thursday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 62 and a low around 36.

The high on Monday reached 65, while the low dropped to 27. The record high for Dec. 24 is 82 set in 1955. The record low is minus 1 set in 1989.

National forecast

Nasty weather that includes a chance of strong tornadoes and howling thunderstorms is forecast on Christmas Day along the Gulf Coast from East Texas to north Florida.

The National Weather Service said people should prepare their yards for high winds.

Precipitation

Wednesday	0.00 in.
Thursday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	12.72 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.46 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	65
Low	27
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:47 a.m.
Sunset	5:51 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Dec. 25

Readers find creative ways to combat cemetery thieves

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: May I comment on the letter from "Itching to Get Even in Cincinnati" (Oct. 1), the woman who was upset that the handmade wreaths she had placed on her family graves had been stolen?

I volunteer at a historical cemetery. Many cemeteries have rules about the type and size of grave decorations that are allowed on the grounds, which is sometimes none at all. In fact, if decorations ARE allowed, unless they can be firmly attached to the ground, real flowers are usually preferred because they biodegrade and do not create a nightmare for groundskeepers when the plastic eventually weakens.

While it's touching that "Itching" and her sister continue to make thoughtful and beautiful arrangements for their deceased loved ones, they should consider speaking with the cemetery office or groundskeeper about any regulations they might have in order to avoid this kind of upset again. — MAUREEN IN BROOKLYN, N.Y.

DEAR MAUREEN: For the most part, readers agree that the policies of a cemetery should be checked out before placing wreaths or flowers on graves. However, other readers offered some interesting solutions to the problem:

DEAR ABBY: When Dad died, my mom and I returned to his grave the next day. All the flowers were missing, but the plastic they were attached to was still there. When we inquired about it we were told that deer come down at night and eat the flowers. My dad, a nature lover, would have been pleased that they provided a meal for the deer. — STILL MISSING HIM

DEAR ABBY: The dead are no longer of this world. When people visit their graves, they should leave good thoughts, not material items that end up as trash or stolen. — PAMELA IN VICTORVILLE, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: After my mother died, I bought a concrete garden angel statue and put it by her headstone. Like "Itching," I too was bitter after it was stolen.

When I told my husband, he told me, "Honey, your mother WAS an angel. She didn't need one. Someone else must have needed one." After he said it, it put the incident into a different perspective. — ANGEL'S DAUGHTER IN MISSOURI

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, the flags my mother and I had placed on Memorial Day were stolen. After that we would write, "Stolen from the grave of ..." on the sticks of the flags we left for my father's and stepfather's graves. It worked! — DOT IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR ABBY: My sister made a Christmas tree for our mother's grave and decorated it with functional lights. When I asked her why she went to the extra expense, she replied that she knew it would likely be stolen. She said she wanted the thief to have a tree with working lights, so the person would have a brighter Christmas. — GERRY IN HUNSTVILLE

DEAR ABBY: I had the same problem until I started attaching small signs to my floral wreaths that read, "Thou Shalt Not Steal." I make the signs business card-sized, cover them with clear tape, attach them to a beverage straw and insert them in the flowers or attach them to the wreaths. So far it has worked. And if it doesn't, at least it may make the thief think twice. — MARIE IN PENNSYLVANIA

TO MY CHRISTIAN READERS: A very merry Christmas to you all!

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Make the most of it

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A
♡ A 5 2
◇ K Q 4 3
♣ A K 7 6 2

WEST
♠ Q 9 8 3
♡ J 8 4
◇ J 10 9 8
♣ J 9

EAST
♠ K 5
♡ K Q 9 7 6 3
◇ 6 5
♣ Q 10 4

SOUTH
♠ J 10 7 6 4 2
♡ 10
◇ A 7 2
♣ 8 5 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	1♡	1♠	2♡
3◇	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Four of ♡

There is one simple "rule" about the play of the cards that will make anyone a better player. It is to be wary of "wasting" your honor cards. Here is a simple example of what we mean.

You arrive in four spades on a reasonable auction. West leads the four of hearts and you win in dummy with the ace and cash the ace of spades. You have one minor-suit loser so, to get home, you must hold your trump losers to two.

If trumps break 3-3, there is no problem, so you must protect against a 4-2 split — the percentage distribution. If either defender holds K Q 9 x, that is impossible, so you must find one defender with a doubleton honor. If you realize that in time, the problem vanishes.

If you come to hand with the ace of diamonds and lead the jack of trumps, you are going down in a cold contract! The defender with the doubleton honor wins and, no matter what you do, the other defender will, sooner or later, win two trump tricks to defeat you.

All you have to do is play a low trump! The defender with the doubleton honor wins, but you still have the J 10 of trumps against Q 9 and you have accomplished your task. When you get in you play one of your carefully preserved honors, and the other honor will draw the outstanding trump.

Don't sacrifice your high cards unnecessarily!

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012:

This year you have the ability to accomplish a lot, if you so choose. Understand that many people depend on you. Be careful, as they often will take your efforts, which go beyond the call of duty, for granted. If you decide to spend your time elsewhere, you will get a lot of flak. If you are single, romance gains your attention come summer 2013. If you are attached, the summer heat ignites the flames of love once more. You and your partner will act like newlyweds. GEMINI understands you very well, perhaps even better than you do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ An element of confusion runs through your morning. With Santa romping around the way he did last night, are you really that surprised? Expect a long, but friendly, Christmas dinner. People seem to be naturally delightful. Tonight: Fortunately, you do not have to do anything.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might want to extend your hospitality once more. Knowing when to stop will be important. Others sometimes feel uncomfortable when you do so much. Allow more give-and take into your scene. Tonight: Indulge in the moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You wake up knowing that everything will be fine. Someone in your immediate circle does not have the same feeling. You can't control this person, but you can choose not to get into his or her drama. Someone you have thought about a lot needs a call. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You likely have been a major force in making this day as special as it is. Take some time to step back and enjoy yourself. Know that you do not always have to be the responsible one. Enjoy a loved one's efforts. Tonight: If you are sleepy, take a nap.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ The more people you surround yourself with, the better you will feel. No one enjoys a party more than you do. A celebration just seems natural. Others express their happiness for just being part of what is happening. Tonight: Make sure everyone is having a good time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You might be asking yourself why you always end up being the one held accountable. More often than not, you seem to be saddled with responsibility. Part of the reason might be that you see the need for it and step in before someone else can. Tonight: You hear a lot of thank-you's.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out to that person whom you have not heard from in a while. What better time to call than now? Many people around you could be full of surprises. You feel appreciated, and those around you feel the same. Tonight: Let your mind drift to yonder lands.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Deal with a partner directly. You are very different people, but you have common interests. Do not feel as if you must say or do anything, but make sure that this person knows that you appreciate his or her efforts. Tonight: Visit with a pal over leftovers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Others seek you out, and not just Santa and his elves. Plan on hosting a gathering at your home in order to chat over eggnog or exchange gifts and good will. Don't worry so much if someone shows up and you do not have a gift for this person. Tonight: Go along with others' wishes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Pace yourself, as you might have a lot to do as a Santa stand-in. Christmas is not always easy for someone to handle alone. Check in with a friend at a distance. Your thoughtfulness will be appreciated more than you realize. Tonight: Help clean up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Others note the amusement in your smile and the twinkle in your eye. It seems as if you are going to stay mum and choose not to reveal the source of this happiness. It's OK to make people wonder. A child wants to share a new gift or game. Why not? Tonight: More fun ahead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Tension builds at home. You want everything to be perfect, and that desire is impossible as long as human beings are involved. Lighten up, and worry a little less. Everyone prefers your company over some "perfect" plan. Tonight: Close to home.

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Actor Humphrey Bogart (1899), screenwriter Rod Serling (1924), singer/songwriter Jimmy Buffett (1946)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Easy mark
6 Where X marks the spot
9 British county
14 Marry on the sly
15 Top pilot
16 __ wave
17 With 26- and 48-Across, unexpected Christmas morning observation
20 Oompah maker
21 "To a ..." poem
22 Take a breath
23 Rocky Balboa skipped it
25 Choir recess
26 See 17-Across
30 Office supplies order
34 The Tigers of the NCAA's Southeastern Conference
35 __ about: approximately
37 Prez on a penny
38 Old battle-ax
39 Big bang creator
40 Choir voices
42 Giggling syllable
43 __ gin fizz
45 Zips along
46 ExxonMobil trade name
48 See 17-Across
50 "That's unlikely"
52 Start from scratch
53 Pitchman's "Don't delay!"
56 "Sure, skipper!"
57 Where eggs mark the spot?
61 Goodies unclaimed as a result of this puzzle's predicament
64 Has the guts
65 Agua, across the Pyrenees
66 Milk dispenser
67 Bonnie's partner in crime
68 Paul's partner in song
69 Outdoes

DOWN
1 Pantry ant, e.g.
2 Matty or Felipe of baseball
3 Mummy's home
4 Underwater weapon
5 "However ..."
6 Damsel
7 Teen's woe
8 Place to hang your hat
9 Astonishes
10 More expensive
11 Item in a writer's notebook
12 Commuter's option
13 Alternatively
18 "Climb aboard!"
19 Safari heavyweight
24 Shrek and his relatives
25 Family reunion attendee
26 Secret supply
27 Angler's boxful
28 Melodious winds
29 Dead duck
31 Unlike leftovers
32 Home
33 Like many a dorm room
36 Fast
39 Publicize in a big way
41 Sidewalk stand buy
44 "My Fair Lady" composer Frederick
45 Transparent, as stockings
47 Sounded like a pig
49 Shout
51 Northwest capital
53 Electrically flexible
54 Naughty child's stocking filler
55 Revolutionary British sympathizer
56 "Bearing gifts, we traverse ..."
58 Comes to a stop
59 Kill the dele
60 Finishes, as a road
62 Ocean
63 Ocean traveler

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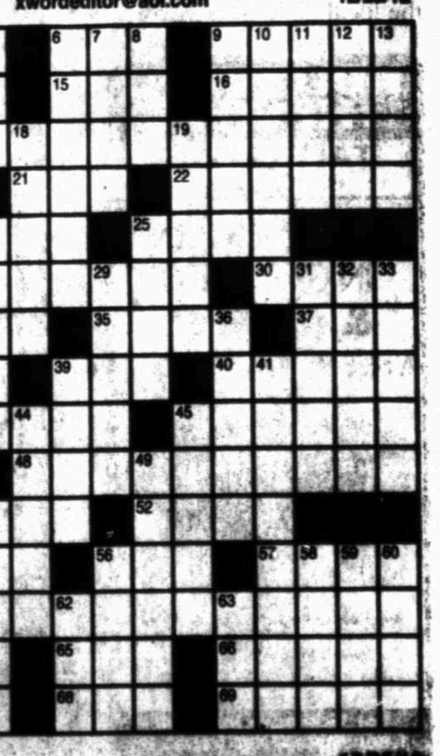

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Dallas counting on experience to aid it against Redskins

Brandon Wade/AP

Dallas' Gerald Sensabaugh (43) tries to bring down New Orleans' Marques Colston (12) on Sunday in Arlington.

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

IRVING — In May, Dallas Cowboys coach Jason Garrett stood before his team on the first day of offseason practices and gave it something magnificent to visualize.

"I said, 'Picture yourself holding the Super Bowl trophy over your head. Put that in the forefront of your mind. Really feel that, feel that experience, where we all want to go,' " Garrett recalled Monday.

The Cowboys (8-7) believe they can still get there, but first they must beat red-hot Washington (9-6). The winner of Sunday night's game at FedEx Field claims the NFC East and will be the fourth seed in the playoffs.

Dallas can't make the playoffs without winning the division, something it last did in 2009. If the Redskins lose, they can still qualify as a wild card if Chicago and Minnesota also lose.

"We are excited about it," said Garrett, whose team had its three-game winning streak snapped by a 34-31 overtime loss to New Orleans on Sunday. The Redskins have won six in a row.

"You live for games like this," Garrett said. "We have worked very hard to get to this point and it will be a great challenge for us going up to Washington."

Garrett made similar comments last season before the Cowboys' winner-take-all finale against another division rival, the New York Giants. But three weeks after losing to the Giants by three points at Cowboys Stadium, Dallas got clobbered by 17 at the Meadowlands to miss the playoffs for the second year in a row.

This is the fourth time in five seasons the Cowboys have faced a division rival in a finale with playoff implications.

With a wild-card berth at stake in 2008, Philadelphia crushed Dallas, 44-6. In 2009, the teams met again with the division title on the line, and the Cowboys romped, 24-0. In 2010, Dallas was eliminated from playoff contention well before the finale.

Garrett said the Cowboys should benefit from playing in so many pressure-packed late season games.

"Experience can be a really positive thing," he said, "and it doesn't

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Show of support

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Ron and Rulene Berry, teachers at Midland High, sit at Rulene's desk in her classroom with framed pictures of their daughter, Rayna Willis. Willis, seen by herself in the right photo and with her family in the left photo, is battling cancer.

In time of need, Midland residents pull through for Berry family

By Jonathan Hull
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For most, the first thing that comes to mind when they think of the Permian Basin is oil. But that's not the case for Rulene Berry, whose impression of this area has been greatly affected by what its people have done for her family.

Berry moved to the Permian Basin with her husband Ron — the head coach of the Midland High girls basketball team — in the summer of 2011. It was just a little more than a year later when the Berries received news that would be chilling to anyone.

Their 33-year-old daughter, Rayna Willis, had cancer.

"I don't think anyone can hear that word, no matter how you try to fight it, there is a fear that grips you," Rulene said.

In September, Willis discovered she had both cervical and thyroid cancer. She had a hysterectomy in hopes of clearing the cervical cancer. She should find out if worked in the next couple weeks.

The thyroid cancer hasn't been as easy to overcome. In fact, Willis just recently got a clear diagnosis of the type of thyroid cancer she has, and is finally ready to start treatment for it in the coming days.

"It's been really crazy," said Willis, who lives in Lipan with her husband, Greg, and their three children — Lacy, Kada and Ryder. "You always think, 'Oh, I will never get cancer.' And then it happens. I never thought I would have been on this side of it."

Willis' diagnosis came weeks before she was to complete her paramedic training, and forced her to go on leave from her job. Her husband had recently been laid off from his job as a paramedic, leaving the family of five strapped financially.

To make matters worse, Willis had just dropped the cancer insurance offered by her employer a couple weeks before being diagnosed, leaving no relief for the medical bills she was about to incur.

Rulene and Ron have done what they could with both financial and moral support for their daughter and her family. Rulene has been making the 250-mile trip east to Lipan at least every weekend to help Willis. At times, she's made that drive three times in a week, depending on the needs of her daughter.

Rulene has missed so many days of school that she has no sick days remaining and is no longer paid for her absences. With his added coaching duties, Ron hasn't been able to head to Lipan nearly as much, but said the school's administrators have been understanding.

"The day we got the news (Midland High principal Jeff) Horner walked down and talked to Ron and I both," Rulene said. "He told us to do whatever we had to do to take care of our family."

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Houston looks to improve as it seeks No. 1 seed

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans blew a chance to clinch home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs with Sunday's ugly loss to Minnesota.

They'll get another opportunity to do it in the regular-season finale at Indianapolis next Sunday. But a loss could drop them to third in the AFC.

If Houston loses to the Colts and both Denver and New England win, the Texans could fall to the third-seed and lose not only home-field advantage, but also a first-round bye. If Indianapolis beats Houston and Denver loses or New England loses or ties, Houston will still get a bye.

They can also get home-field advantage with a loss if the Broncos lose and the Patriots lose or tie.

"We know what it takes," defensive end J.J. Watt said. "We're going to get focused, and then we're going to come out there and earn ourselves home-field advantage."

To do that, coach Gary Kubiak will need to correct many problems on his team. The biggest one, he says, is improving on third downs. Houston (12-3) has struggled in that area recently. Against the Vikings was the worst yet as the Texans converted 1 of 11 chances.

"Obviously, we've got a problem on third downs right now," he said. "It has not been good the last three weeks. If there was one problem, we'd go address that. There's many, many issues going on. But there is one consistent issue and the consistent issue is third-and-long."

A glaring reason why there's been

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Dave Einsel/AP

Minnesota Vikings quarterback Christian Ponder (7) throws a pass as he is pressured by Houston Texans linebacker Whitney Mercilus (59) on Sunday in Houston.

NBA's Christmas Day schedule presents plenty of intrigue

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

The NBA's hottest team will be playing at home in Los Angeles, and it's the Clippers, not the Lakers. There's a finals rematch in Miami, a holiday matinee in Brooklyn, Kobe vs. the Knicks and the 20th anniversary of one of Michael Jordan's most memorable games in Chicago.

Welcome to Christmas, NBA style.

A five-game slate makes up the NBA's Christmas schedule, which this year comes with the additional bonus of not being the first day back after a lockout forced the cancellation of the opening portion of last season.

Schedule-makers set the matchups long ago, and the league always tries to get some marquee meetings.

This year, they pretty much struck gold.

The Clippers are riding a franchise-record 13-game winning streak. The New York Knicks will face their former coach, Mike D'Antoni, when they play the Lakers. Miami and Oklahoma City will be bringing the best records in their respective conferences into their first matchup since the Heat won the title. And Brooklyn and Boston face off, a few weeks after the teams started shoving one another and firing off some insults afterward.

"I don't know how much bad blood is still there," Nets guard Deron Williams told reporters Monday. "We beat them twice this year. I know they're aware of that and they'll come in ready to play."

On Christmas, that's the case with everybody.

"There's nothing like playing on Christmas," Knicks star Carmelo Anthony said.

Los Angeles will be the center of the league's Christmas bash, with two games at Staples Center on the same day, including an opener that features two teams which got off to surprising starts in very different ways.

The Knicks — with an Eastern Conference-leading 20 wins so far — venture out to play Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers, a team that reworked its roster over the summer and reworked its coaching staff after a slow early start, firing Mike Brown and bringing in D'Antoni.

It's the 48th time playing on Christmas for the Knicks, but only the eighth time on the road.

"When we were younger, watching the Christmas Day games was always special," Knicks forward Steve Novak said in a video posted to the team's website. "We know we can't play basketball forever, so for this time in our life, to be away from our families and be able to play on TV on Christmas Day is

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FAMILY

From 1C

Even MISD superintendent Dr. Ryder Warren has reached out to the Berries.

"Dr. Warren has called us several times," Ron said. "He caught us at one of the meetings to express the same thing."

But perhaps the first showing of kindness to the Berries came from Rulene's students. As a career and technology teacher for Midland High, Rulene took the phone call with news of her daughter's diagnosis while in the classroom.

"I'm pretty transparent with my students," Rulene said. "Standing in front of them I had big ol' tears just running down my face."

The next week three of her students walked into class with six red roses in a vase, a card and a plate of chocolate chip cookies.

"We couldn't be in a better place that has loved us more than we have been in Midland," Rulene said.

But perhaps the most overwhelming show of support for Willis from the Tall City came from strangers. Last month, the Midland High Boys Basketball Booster Club was preparing for its annual season kickoff dinner and fundraiser for the team, when Bulldogs coach Justin Hardin had a thought.

"Coach Hardin just commented that instead of having a fundraiser for the team he wished we could have a fundraiser for coach Berry and his family," booster club officer Michele Canis said. "He knew about coach Berry's daughter and her husband and knew what kind of hardship it had been for him and his wife along with their medical battles."

The moment Hardin uttered those words, a fundraiser for the family began to take shape.

"It was like as soon as the words were said, it started happening," Canis said. "It was like as soon as you said someone was in need, people were bending over backwards."

Canis recalled going to the MHS Football Booster Club Meeting just to tell them tickets were available to the dinner. But as she sat at the back of the room to sell tickets after the meeting, the donations began pouring in.

"It was like 'It's a Wonderful Life,'" Canis said. "I think everyone knows coaches do so much more for our kids. They're the first to know who is in trouble and they're often a father or mother figure. They recognized a need of one of our coaches and got behind him."

Canis' husband, Jon, had originally been volunteered to cook for the fundraiser, but he wasn't sure how to cook for the amount of people now planning on attending. Jon spoke with his employer David Henry, who is CEO of Henry Resources in Midland.

"Jon was telling me the story of (the Willis) family and how they were having lots of financial problems," Henry said. "I would think it's a horrible situation. I'm fortunate and have had things gone well in my life, and I always want to give back to those that might be less fortunate."

For the past few years, Henry and his friend Chris Jones had spearheaded a fundraiser to raise money for families in need by cooking and selling brisket, ribs and pork loins. Henry and Jones decided to first cater the kickoff dinner, but to also make Willis and her family the target of their own fundraiser.

"I thought of my own family and the needs of others," said Jones, who owns Colin's Creek Barbecue with his wife, Patty. "We've been blessed and wanted to bless someone else.

"We've been affected by cancer, and it played a lot into us helping them. We lost my father-in-law right around Christmastime, and I remember what my family went through. We wanted to do whatever we could for this family."

Henry and Jones ended up cooking meat for 92 different families, and gave Willis and her family a check for $3,000, and second check for nearly $2,000 from extra money those families donated to the cause. But that was just the tip of the iceberg.

By the end of the fundraiser, the MHS boys and girls basketball booster clubs handed the Berries $15,000 for their daughter's family. An amount that surprised the entire family.

"It was very unexpected," Rulene said. "I don't think there's words to say what it meant. People that we don't know, we wouldn't know who they were if we even saw them, left an indelible mark on our hearts and I think created such a wonderful image for this area of the country."

Henry and Jones had never experienced their fundraiser having as much success as it did with Willis.

"It honestly surprised me," Henry said. "That just shows well for our community for that many people to come together. We live in a great place."

Added Canis: "It blew me away. I had so many people tell me that they had once had a medical issue and the financial burden is one of the hardest parts of it. That's the reason so many people helped."

The charity of the people of Midland left such an imprint on Rulene that she coined a new quote she believes describes the Tall City.

"The only thing that flows more abundantly than gas and oil in the Permian Basin is the love and generosity of the people of Midland," Rulene said. "I felt like it was a well overflowing with support, generosity and love. This really spoke about what kind of people they are on the inside. They did it because of the type of people they are, not because they felt like they owed anybody."

The battle with this disease that seems to at least indirectly affect everyone is just beginning for Willis. And while there are few people in Midland outside of her parents who personally know her, those who do believe she has the spirit to beat this disease.

Lee girls basketball coach Morgan Moylan-Fowler played on an AAU basketball team with Willis when they were teenagers. Moylan-Fowler recalled a determined player with a fighting spirit.

"She was exactly what you wanted in a point guard," Moylan-Fowler said. "She was such a good, gritty player and a great leader. She knew what was happening on the court all the time. She was a great person and a great example off the court. My heart broke when I found out about this and it's so great to see the community of Midland helping her out."

And there might not be anyone who better understands the personality of Willis than her own father.

"I always thought about why God gave us such a strong-willed child because she was so strong-willed and it was hard to parent her because of it," Ron said with a smirk. "Now that I look back, this is the reason he gave us such a strong-willed child. If she had been a weak person, I don't know that she'd have been able to go through what she's had to go through with this."

Cancer has already taken its toll on Willis, who said her body "has been through the ringer the last few months." But the support she's gotten from her family, friends, church and total strangers has her encouraged.

"There's no way, no way we could ever pay people back for this," Willis said. "Perfect strangers have reached out to my family. It's renewed my spirit toward the human race. All I can say is that when my family gets back on its feet again, we're going to pay it forward to the next person who needs it.

"All of this support lets me know I can beat this. There are aspects of this I would never trade for the world. It's strengthened my already strong relationships with my family and with God. There are too many people, and I can't even write thank you cards to every one who has helped us. I just want to express my gratitude and let them know they are very much a part of my success."

As Midland High girls basketball coach, Ron naturally has a lot of fans in the Tall City. Turns out his daughter does, too.

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COMPILED ALL-DISTRICT TEAMS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

FOOTBALL

2-5A ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Offensive MVP — Even Abbe, Sr. Abilene High

Defensive MVP — Jake McMillon, Jr. Abilene High

Offensive Newcomer of the Year — Landon Sawyer, Soph., San Angelo Central

Defensive Newcomer of the Year — Miguel Espinoza, Soph., Abilene High

Coach of the Year — Steve Warren. Abilene High

First-Team

Offense

Quarterbacks — Mickey Scott, Jr., San Angelo Central; Lorenzo Joe, Jr., Abilene Cooper

Running Backs — Marcell Porter*, Sr., Abilene High; Kerry Sims, Sr. Abilene Cooper; Jason McAlee, Sr., Lee. Jomon Wilson. Sr. Odessa Permian

Receivers — Keevan Lucas*. Sr. Abilene High; Anthony Pierson, Sr., Abilene Cooper; DeAndre Goodley, Jr. Midland High; Andrew Perez, Sr. Odessa Permian

Tight Ends — Sam Berry, Sr. Abilene High

Offensive Tackles — Lucas Raley, Jr. Abilene Cooper; Adrian Adame, Jr., Midland High; Waylon Roberson, Sr., Lee. Andre Gillette, Sr. Odessa Permian

Guards — Ethan Miko*, Sr., Abilene High; Jesse Garza. Sr. Lee

Center — Chantz Anderson, Sr. Abilene High

Kicker — Nico Francino, Sr. Midland High

Utility — Tailor Nunez, Sr. Lee

Defense

Defensive Ends — Gabriel Jordan, Jr. Abilene High; Quinn Harrell. Abilene Cooper, Jr.

Defensive Tackles — Pablo Hernandez. Sr., Abilene Cooper. Joseph Brooks, Jr., San Angelo Central. Michael Morales. Sr., Lee

Inside Linebackers — Tanner Vestal. Sr. Odessa Permian; Tyler Lackey, Sr., Abilene High

Outside Linebackers — Cordell Dorsey. Jr. Abilene Cooper; Brandon Seely, Sr. Abilene High

Cornerbacks — Fred Lawrence*. Sr. Abilene Cooper; Nate Kittley, Sr. Abilene High

Safeties — Xavier Johnson, Sr., Abilene High; Clay Adams, Sr., Odessa Permian

Punter — Nico Francino. Sr. Midland High

Second-Team

Offense

Quarterback — Jack Wilkins, Sr., Odessa Permian

Running Backs — Rod Moore, Sr., Lubbock Coronado; C.J. Eddison, Jr., Odessa High; Jordan Charles, Sr., San Angelo Central

Receivers — Sterling Smith, Sr., San Angelo Central; Grant Alexander, Sr., Abilene High; Desmond Daniels, Sr., Odessa Permian; KaShawn Brown, Sr. Abilene Cooper; Mazelle Justice, Jr., Midland High; Josh Warren, Jr., Lee

Tight End — Hayden Bauer, Sr. Lee

Offensive Tackles — Josh Hunter, Jr. Abilene High; Braden Lee, Jr., San Angelo Central

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

Centers — David Salazar, Sr. Abilene Cooper; Hunter Meyers, Sr., Lee

Defense

Defensive Ends — Aaron Chatham, Sr., Odessa Permian; Gage McSwain. Sr., Lee

Defensive Tackles — Junior Sorola, Sr., Odessa Permian; Lance Sehr, Sr., Amarillo Tascosa

Inside Linebackers — Brives Turner, Jr., Lee; Kaleb Cory, Sr., Abilene Cooper

Outside Linebackers — Talmage Cockerell, Sr., Lee; Charles McGill, Sr., Abilene High; Justin Hall, Soph., Odessa Permian

Cornerbacks — Tion Wright, Sr., Amarillo Tascosa; Reily Gwin, Sr., Lee

Safeties — Kaleb Quesada, Sr., Abilene Cooper; Brent Stewart, Sr., Midland High

Honorable Mention

Lee — Eric Ortega, RB, Sr.; Chris Lara, OG, Sr.; Nathan Horrell, DT, Sr.; Joshua Burditt, DT, Sr.; Ryan Knittle, P Sr.

MHS — Connor Beck, QB, Sr.; Lance White, RB, Jr.; Stephen Reyes, TE, Sr.; Brady Watson, DE, Jr.; Eric Villegas, DT, Sr.; Jimmy Eastman, LB, Sr.; Jason Carter, CB, Jr.; Phillip Fuentes, Utility, Sr.

*denotes unanimous selection

9-3A ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM

District MVP — Taylor Grant, 5-11, 185, Sr., Abilene Wylie

Offensive MVP — Kam Williams, 6-3, 200, Sr., Greenwood

Defensive MVP — Jackson Scharf, 5-9, 185, Sr., Monahans; Jayon Bounds, 6-0, 180, Sr., Abilene Wylie

Newcomer of the Year — Tobyn Tannehill. 6-0, 170, Soph., Big Spring; Kaegan Jeffery, 5-11 200, Soph., Sweetwater

Lineman of the Year — Riley Olson 6-4, 295, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Tivo Armendariz, 5-11, 240, Sr., Monahans

Ironman — Patrick Walker, 6-1, 170. Sr. Abilene Wylie

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Quarterback — Zack Navarro, 5-11, 185. Sr., Monahans

Running backs — Hayden Lewis, 5-10, 185, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Garrett Martin, 5-10, 175, Sr., Monahans; D'Vincent Allison, 5-10, 170, Jr., Snyder

Fullback — Rogelio Sauceda, 5-6, 155, Sr., Monahans

Tight end — Elias Sigala, 6-1, 245, Sr., Monahans

QB — Brandon Reese, 5-11, 180, Jr., Abilene Wylie; Cole Coomer, 6-3, 190, Jr., Abilene Wylie

Wide receivers — Shante Brown, 5-11, 170, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Paul Goodrich, 6-0, 180, Sr., Abilene Wylie; Colin Sullivan, Greenwood, 5-10, 170, Sr.; Bray Amos, 5-6, 150, Soph., Sweetwater; Willie Norman, 5-10, 165, Sr., Sweetwater; Kaleb Hoover, 6-1, 170, Jr., Sweetwater; Zach Harris, 5-9, 170, Snyder; Devin Roberson, 6-1, 175, Jr., Utility back — Cali Carmichael, 6-2, 205, S. Center — Deandre Key, 6-2, 205, Sr., Wylie; Blain Latham, 5-10, 220, Sr.

Offensive line — Joe Brandenburg, 6-2, 220, Sr., Monahans; Christian Gonzales, 5-8, 200, Sr., Monahans; Aaron Steelman, 5-10, 270, Jr., Snyder; Chris Nunez, 6-4, 265, Sr., Big Spring

Kicker — Alejandro Mendoza, 5-7, 160, Sr., Monahans

First Team Defense

Defensive Line — Zach Toomer, 5-11, 225, Sr., Wylie; Julian Garcia, 5-11, 205, Sr., Greenwood; Tadeo Canon-Masjoan, 6-2, 235, Sr., Sweetwater; Nate Villanueva, 6-0, 225, Sr., Snyder; Chris Nunez, 6-4, 265, Sr. Big Spring

Defensive end — Jonathon Bott, 6-3, 200, Sr., Wylie; Rickey Harcrow, 6-1, 195, Sr., Greenwood; Kodee Simpson, 5-10, 200, Sr. Snyder

Linebackers — Hayden Lewis, 5-10, 180, Jr., Wylie; Sterling Bristow, 6-2, 205, Sr., Wylie; Luis Meza, 5-10, 185, Sr., Monahans. Logan Day, 5-0, 160, Sr., Greenwood; Ryan Linebaugh, 5-10, 195, Sr., Sweetwater; Max Pappajohn, 5-10, 180, Sr., Big Spring

Defensive backs — Shante Brown, 5-11, 170, Sr, Wylie; Dee Garcia, 5-7, 165, Sr., Monahans; Alejandro Mendoza, 5-7, 160 Sr., Monahans; Mason Fraley, 5-11, 155, Sr. Greenwood; Isaiah McGee, 5-9, 160, Soph., Sweetwater; Devin Roberson, 6-1, 175, Jr., Big Spring

Punter — Devin Roberson, 6-1, 175, Jr., Big Spring

Second Team Offense

Quarterback — Skillet Rinehart, 5-10, 155, Jr., Snyder

Running back — Braydn Moreland, 5-8, 180, Jr., Greenwood; Ryan Linebaugh. 5-10, 195, Sr., Sweetwater

Wide receivers — Tyler Roberson, 6-3, 185, Sr., Wylie; Justin Sazon, 5-9, 170, Jr., Wylie; Brackston Bauck, 6-0, 170, Sr., Greenwood; Tate Kennedy, 6-4, 170, Jr., Big Spring

Offensive line — Christian Gauch, 6-5, 275, Sr. Wylie; Colby Darrow, 6-1, 235, Jr., Wylie, Dimitri Pena, 6-0, 305, Sr. Monahans, Garrett Ford, 6-1, 250, Sr. Monahans; Andrew Davis, 5-10, 270, Jr. Sweetwater; Joe Martinez, 5-9, 220, Sr., Sweetwater; Jeremy Garza, 6-2, 270, Jr., Snyder

Kicker — Tadeo Canon-Masjoan, 6-2, 235, Sr. Sweetwater; Devin Roberson, 6-1, 175, Jr., Big Spring

Second Team Defense

Defensive line — Jesse Porras, 6-2, 205, Sr. Monahans

Defensive end — Baylen Baker, 6-4, 225, Soph., Wylie; Jonathon Hibler, 6-0, 200, Sr. Wylie; A.J. Sanchez, 5-9, 185, Sr., Monahans; Garrett Carlisle, 5-9, 175, Sr., Greenwood; Luis Galvez, 6-0, 190, Sr. Sweetwater; Hunter Wickline, 5-9, 160, Sr., Snyder; Isaac Garca, 6-2, 210, Sr., Big Spring

Linebackers — Jake Linn, 6-0, 200, Sr. Wylie; Tye Calhoun, 5-11, 180, Jr., Wylie; Bryan Venegas, 5-5, 145, Jr., Monahans. Dustin Rea, 6-0, 185, Jr., Greenwood; Tyler Wigington, 5-10, 175, Jr., Big Spring

Defensive back — Junior Morales, 6-5, 170, Jr. Monahans; Elam Tavarez, 5-8, 145, Sr., Greenwood; Zane Helms, 6-0, 200, Sr. Greenwood; Nick Nemir, 5-10, 175, Sr. Sweetwater; T.J Villa, 5-11, 140, Sr. Snyder. Drake Worthan, 5-9, 160, Big Spring

Punter — Junior Morales, 6-5, 170, Jr., Monahans

Greenwood Honorable Mention — Zach Redwine, soph., LB. Brandon Brown, Jr., LB. David Sanchez, Jr. OL. Jody Lively, Sr. DL. Sean Strickland. Sr. OL. J.T. Aldridge, Sr. OL. Ronnie Bell, Jr., OLB. Shaiheim Menefield, Jr. CB. Brett Brorman, Jr. S

3-3A ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM

MVP — RB, Jarek Black, Shallowater. 5-10. 210, Jr.

Co-Offensive MVP — WR Preston Woodard. Levelland, 5-8, 175, Sr.; QB Jacob Burtch, Seminole 6-2, 205, Sr.

Co-Defensive MVP — DL Trae Taylor. Levelland, 6-0, 245, Sr.; DE Guillermo Esparza. Andrews, 5-11, 225, Sr.

Newcomer of the Year — QB Jaleen Tennison, Lubbock Estacado, 5-10, 160, Soph.

Coach and coaching staff of the Year — Kyle Maxfield and Shallowater staff

First Team

Offense

Quarterback — Conner Fields. Shallowater, 6-0, 165, Sr.

Running Back — Tamony Terry, Lubbock Estacado, 5-9, 185, Jr.; Kade Willis. Shallowater, 5-9, 150, Sr.

WR — Ryan Moseley, Lubbock Cooper, 6-1, 180, Sr.; Tadarius Ridge, Andrews, 6-1, 165, Sr.; Coy Lopez. Andrews, 5-10, 165, Jr.; TC Courtney, Lubbock Estacado, 6-0, 175, Sr

TE — Cameron Knight. Shallowater, 6-3, 230, Jr.

C — Ryan Salinas, Lubbock Estacado, 5-10, 250, Jr.

G — Jessie Gomez, Lubbock Estacado, 6-0, 220, Sr.; Carlos Lara, Shallowater, 5-10, 260, Sr.; Guillermo Esparza, Andrews, 5-11, 225

T — Jared Moore. Shallowater, 6-0, 165, Jr.; Javier Torres, Andrews, 6-3, 315, Sr.; Riley Clark, Seminole, 5-10, 240, Jr.

K — Luke Stutler. Shallowater, 5-11, 155, Sr

Defense

DT — Aaron Young, Lubbock Estacado, 5-10, 190, Jr.; Jesus Islas, Shallowater, 6-3, 255, Sr., Anthony Maholly, Andrews, 5-9, 240, Jr.; Deshawn Fitts, Levelland, 5-9, 195, Jr.

DE — Adam Garcia, Shallowater, 6-1, 205, Sr., Kinaan Kayasseh, Lubbock cooper, 6-3, 215, Sr. Matt Gerber, Levelland, 6-1, 2C0, Jr.

ILB — Garrett Bawcom, Shallowater, 5-10, 200; Jesse Gomez, Lubbock Estacado, 6-0, 200, Sr., Cham Payne, Shallowater, 5-10, 190, Sr.

OLB — Colton Pirkle, Shallowater, 5-0, 180, Sr.; Cole Goosby, Lubbock Cooper, 6-0, 205, Sr

S — TC Courtney, Lubbock Estacado, 6-0, 175, Sr.; Kade Willis, Shallowater, 5-9, 150, Sr.

CB — Brandon Reese, 5-11, 180, Jr., Cole Coomer, 5-10, 165, Sr.; D'Ante Willard. Lubbock Estacado, 5-11, 165, Jr.

Punter — Coy Lopez, Andrews 5-10, 165, Jr.

Utility/Special Teams

WR Carson Ogle. Shallowater. 5-10, 165, Jr.; S Miguel Marquez, Andrews, 5-10, 150, Sr.; WR Preston Woodard, Levelland 5-8, 175, Sr.; RB/LB Ramon Juarez, Seminole, 5-8, 170, Jr.; WR TC Courtney, Lubbock Estacado, 6-0, 175, Sr; C Payden Piaskowski, Lubbock Cooper, 5-10, 165, Sr.

Second Team

Offense

QB — Travis Windham, Lubbock Cooper, 5-11, 185, Sr.

RB — Shanton Keane, Lubbock Cooper, 6-0, 195, Jr.; Trae Taylor, Levelland, 6-0, 245, Jr.

WR — Austin Luna, Andrews, 5-5, 125, Sr.; Sebraun Adame, Seminole, 5-9, 135, Soph.; Malik Williams, Lubbock Estacado, 5-7, 155, Sr.

TE — Hunter Wapishum, Seminole, 6-4, 235, Sr.

C — Stetson Smitherman, Lubbock Cooper, 6-0, 225, Jr

G — Ty Webb, Shallowater, 6-1, 250, Jr.; Tanner Hahn, Lubbock Cooper 6-2, 240, Sr.

T — Anthony Austin, Levelland, 6-1, 250, Sr.; Cole Coomer, 6-3, 340, Sr., Andrews; Lupe Islas, Shallowater, 5-9, 165, Jr.

K — Brandon Lingnau, Andrews, 6-5, 156, Sr.

Defense

DT — Dasean Price, Lubbock Estacado, 5-10, 190, Jr.; Cole Coomer, Andrews, 6-3, 345, Sr.; Trenton Lewis, Levelland, 5-11, 245, Sr.

DE — Azel Alvidrez, Andrews, 5-10, 210, Jr.; Malcom Rhodes, Lubbock Estacado, 5-10, 190, Jr

ILB — Tevrin Sweopes, Lubbock Estacado, 6-0, 220, Jr.; Ricky Martinez, Shallowater, 5-8, 160, Jr.

OLB — Dexter Longley, Seminole, 5-11, 190, Sr.; Justin Bills, Andrews, 6-0, 185, Sr

S — Preston Woodard, Levelland, 5-8, 175, Sr.; Rodrick Hall, Lubbock Estacado, 6-0, 170, Jr

CB — Tadarius Ridge, Andrews, 6-1, 165, Sr.; Sabraun Adams, Seminole, 5-10, 140, Soph.

Punter — Zach Garcia, Lubbock Estacado, 6-3, 230, Sr.

TAPPS DIVISION II DISTRICT 1 ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

MVP — Andrew Kaluza, Sr., Waco Reicher

Athlete of the Year — Myles Norwood, Sr., Arlington Grace Prep

Offensive Player of the Year — Mason McClendon, Jr., Midland Christian

Defensive Player of the Year — Enrique Brown-Spence, Sr., Arlington Pantego

Special Teams Player of the Year — Leandrew Gordon. Sr. Arlington Pantego

Newcomer of the Year — Grant Little. Fresh., Midland Christian

First Team

Offense

Linemen — Johnny Wilson, Soph., Midland Christian; Luke Alexander, Sr., Fort Worth Christian; Caleb Thomas, Sr., Midland Christian; Austin Todd, Sr. Fort Worth Christian; Hudson Heitmeier, Sr. Arlington Grace Prep

Quarterback — Mason McClendon, Jr., Midland Christian

Running back — Sergio Gordon, Jr., Arlington Pantego; Jarold Rogers, Sr., FW Southwest Christian; Myles Norwood. Sr. Arlington Grace Prep; Christian Whigham, Sr. Midland Christian

Receivers — Andrew Kaluza, Sr., Waco Reicher; Jarrod Koym, Jr., Midland Christian; Alex O'Neill. Sr., Waco Reicher; Elias Aguirre. Jr. Midland Christian

Tight end — Ben Trotter, Sr., Arlington Pantego

Kicker — Andrew Castaneda. Sr., Fort Worth Christian

Defense

Linemen — Justin Hollins, Jr., Arlington Grace Prep; Reid Talley, Soph., Midland Christian; Austin Todd. Sr., Fort Worth Christian; Edwin Morgan Sr., Arlington Grace Prep; Bryson Taylor. Sr., Midland Christian

Linebackers — Omar Gardea, Sr., Arlington Grace Prep; Matt Counts, Sr., Midland Christian; Enrique Brown-Spece, Sr., Arlington Pantego; Chase Hamilton, Sr., Fort Worth Christian. Trey Moore, Sr., Grapevine Faith

Secondary — Nate Hodapp. Sr., Arlington Grace Prep; Jarrod Koym, Jr., Midland Christian; Myles Norwood, Sr., Arlington Grace Prep; Reese Herring, Sr., Fort Worth Christian. Andrews Kaluza, Sr., Waco Reicher

Punter — Mason McClendon. Jr. Midland Christian

Second Team

Offense

Linemen — Ryan Zamborn, Jr., Arlington Pantego; Will Cooke, Sr., Midland Christian; Jeremy Carroll, Sr., FW Southwest Christian; Travis Tanner, Sr., Waco Reicher; Edward Morgan, Sr., Arlington Grace Prep

Quarterback — Payne Sullins, Jr., Waco Reicher

Running back — Romani Carter, Jr., Fort Worth Christian; Jade Tamplin, Sr., Midland Christian; Brad Horner, Jr., Arlington Grace Prep; Nate Albin, Sr., Fort Worth Christian

Receivers — Hill Alexander, Soph., Arlington Pantego; Trey Moore. Sr., Grapevine Faith; Jeremy Sheehy, Jr., Waco Reicher; Nate Hodapp. Sr., Arlington Grace Prep

Tight end — Dakota Jones, Sr., Midland Christian

Kicker — Jeremy Sheehy, Jr., Waco Reicher

Defense

Linemen — Johnny King, Sr., FW SW Christian; Ben Trotter, Sr., Arlington Pantego; Daniel Winnett, Sr., Fort Worth Christian; Peter McCoy, Sr., Waco Reicher; Darien Jackson, Jr., Arlington Grace Prep

Linebackers — Justin Fender, Soph., Midland Christian; Brad Horner, Jr., Arlington Grace Prep; Richard Burgess, Jr., Fort Worth Christian; Matt Price, Sr., Arlington Pantego; Pierce Hellman, Sr., Fort Worth Christian

Secondary — Chase Standard, Sr., Midland Christian; Nate Albin, Sr., Fort Worth Christian; Hill Alexander, Soph., Arlington Pantego; Payne Sullins, Jr., Waco Reicher; Ayden Broadwater, Jr., FW SW Christian

Punter — Chase Hamilton, Sr., Fort Worth Christian

Honorable Mention

Midland Christian only

Offensive line — Bryson Taylor, Sr.

Running back — Justin Fender, Soph.

Receivers — Grant Little, Fresh.; Reagan Brown, Soph.

Kicker — Travis Causey, Soph.

Defensive line — Dakota Jones, Sr.; TD Reeger-North, Jr.

Linebacker — Will Sanford, Soph.

Secondary — Matt Ramirez, Sr.; Blaine Perkins, Sr.

3-2A DIVISION II ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

MVP — Evan Moore, Jr. Alpine

Offensive MVP — Darien Lopez, Sr., Sonora

Defensive MVP — Gunner Tatum, Jr., Crane

Newcomer — Elijah Cross, Soph., Sonora

Coach of the Year — Stacey Martin, Alpine

First Team

Offense

Quarterback — Charles Tapia, Jr., Crane

Running Backs — Tanner Ruiz, Sr., Coahoma; Tim Anderson, Jr.; Stanton; Cody Aguilar, Sr., Alpine; Victor Carrasco, Sr., Reagan County

Receivels — Jolson Cavazos, Sr., Crane; Oscar Trevino, Sr., Alpine; Hagen Kennedy, Sr., Sonora; Edgar Lopez, Sr. Reagan County; Austin Sandoval, Jr., Crane

Tight Ends — Kade Wimberly, Sr., Sonora; Devan Cavazos, Sr., Crane

Offensive Linemen — Cody Huelsberg, Sr., Alpine; Lino Villanueva, Sr., Sonora; Logan Fryar, Sr., Stanton; Morgun Luce, Sr., Coahoma; Trevor Davis, Jr., Crane; Trenton Gardner, Jr., Reagan County; Brandon Cano, Jr. Alpine; Lionel DeLeon, Soph., Sonora

Defense

Defensive Tackles — Damon Evans, Sr., Sonora; Luke Swiger, Sr., Stanton; Cody Huelsberg, Sr., Alpine

Defensive Ends — Jason Alaman, Sr., Sonora; Payton Rodriguez, Sr., Coahoma; Trevor Davis, Jr., Crane

Inside Linebackers — Cody Aguilar, Sr., Alpine; Victor Carrasco, Sr., Reagan County; Ruben Cazares, Jr., Stanton; Sid Anderson, Soph., Sonora

Outside Linebackers — Hagen Kennedy, Sr., Sonora; Edgar Lopez, Sr., Reagan County; Abel Silvas, Jr., Alpine; Tyler Sutherland, Jr., Crane

Defensive Backs — Oscar Trevino, Sr., Alpine; Jolson Cavazos, Sr., Crane; Bryce Breeding, Sr., Stanton; Chance Campbell, Jr., Sonora; Brett Castillo, Soph., Sonora, Braxton Iden, Soph., Coahoma

Specialists

Kicker — Andres Chavez, Sr., Stanton

Punter — Andres Acevedo, Soph., Sonora

Kick Returners — Oscar Trevino, Sr., Alpine; Austin Sandoval, Jr., Crane

Second Team

Offense

Quarterback — Michael Rollert, Jr., Sonora

Running Backs — Damon Evans, Sr. Sonora. Steve Heredia, Sr., Crane; Steve Heredia, Sr., Crane; Laz Rodriguez, Sr., Reagan County; Chance Campbell, Jr., Sonora

Receivers — Jeremmy Ontiveros, Sr., Alpine; Mykal Young, Jr., Crane, Drew Snellgrove Jr., Stanton; Armani Guillama, Jr., Coahoma

Tight Ends — Eddie Higins, Sr., Coahoma; Justin Pullig, Jr., Reagan County

Offensive Linemen — Michael Sanchez, Sr., Sonora; Daniel Soils, Sr., Coahoma; Cesar Gallegos, Soph., Alpine; Garrett Edwards, Jr., Crane; Andrew Saldana, Jr., Stanton; Angel Aguilera, Jr., Reagan County; Dart Dodds, Jr., Alpine; RoyLee Heredia, Jr., Crane, Ethan Pattan, Soph., Sonora

Defense

Defensive Tackles — Sam Powers, Sr., Sonora; Omar Velasco, Sr., Crane; Beny Gutierrez, Jr., Reagan County; Mason Mylrock, Jr., Stanton

Defensive Ends — Cody Stevens, Jr., Crane; Kevin Sweeney, Jr., Reagan County

Inside Linebackers — Alex Hill, Sr., Coahoma; Vince Molinar, Jr. Alpine; RoyLee Heredia, Jr., Crane

Outside Linebackers — Devan Cavazos, Sr. Crane; T.J White Sr. Coahoma; Mykal Young, Jr. Crane; Aaron Ontiveroz, Soph., Alpine; Jeremey Ontiveros, Sr. Alpine; Ricky Martinez, Jr., Sonora; Justin Pullig, Jr., Reagan County

Specialists

Kicker — Kade Wimberly, Sr., Sonora

Punters — Ryan Rodriguez, Sr., Crane; Laz Rodriguez, Sr., Reagan County

Kick Returner — Tanner Ruiz, Sr., Coahoma

All-District Utility Team — Arturo Galindo, Sr., Alpine; Will Dutton, Jr., Sonora; Ramon Flores, Fresh., Crane; Jonathon Ramos, Jr., Stanton; Timothy Stark, Sr., Reagan County

Honorable Mention

Stanton — QB K.J Glaspie, Soph., OL Robert Teveni, Jr.

4-A Division I All-District Team

MVP — Hagen Hutchinson, Sr. Stamford

Offensive MVP — Jalen Garza, Jr. Anson

Defensive MVP — Ty McLemore, Jr., Stamford

Newcomer of the Year — Zach Cedillo, Fresh., Anson

Coaching Staff of the Year — Stamford

First Team

Offense

Center — Tyler Neatherlin. Jr. Stamford

Guard — Brendon Gomez. Sr. Stamford; Jesse Sanchez, Sr. Stamford; Chris Villanueva, Jr. Anson; Austen Medrano, Jr., Forsan

Tackle — Ray Alaniz, Sr., Stamford; Tyler Maxwell, Soph., Anson

Tight end — Andrew Norwood, Soph., Anson; Lance Norman, Jr., Anson; Bryce Mikeska, Sr., Winters

Inside receiver — Bo Wimberly, Jr., Stamford; Isaiah Llewellyn, Sr., Stamford; Tyler Jimenez, Sr., Anson

Outside receiver — Hayden Stovall. Sr., Anson; Stetson Meek, Jr. Anson; James Washington, Jr. Stamford; Dalton Mathis, Sr., Stamford

Fullback — Dusty Hines, Jr., Winters; Matt Villanueva, Jr., Anson

Tailback — Chris Gerhart, Jr., Winters; Brendan Roman, Sr., Forsan; Mitchell Hudson, Jr., Anson

Quarterback — Brett Shelton. Sr., Haskell

Defense

Defensive line — Lance Norman, Jr., Anson; Karontay Smith, Sr., Stamford; Austen Medrano, Jr., Forsan; Colt Baker, Jr., Anson; Cristian Pachicano, Sr., Stamford; Andrew Rodriguez, Jr. Stamford

Outside linebacker — Ryan Markey, Sr.; Mario Gonzales, Sr., Stamford; Isaiah Llewellyn, Sr., Stamford

Inside linebacker — Daniel Medina, Sr., Stamford; Matt Villanueva, Sr., Anson; Kade Fannin, Jr., Forsan

Cornerback — Dalton Mathis, Sr., Stamford; Noe Contreras, Sr., Stamford; Isaiah Garcia, Jr., Anson

Safety — Bo Wimberly, Jr., Stamford; Trevor Burchett, Sr., Forsan; Hayden Stovall. Sr., Anson

Special teams

Punter — Dillon Bagnall, Sr., Forsan

Kicker — Trevor Williams, Soph., Forsan

Second Team

Offense

Center — Aaron Ramos, Sr., Anson

Guard — Dinilo Everett, Jr., Haskell; Cory Pritchard, Jr., Winters

Tackle — Mike Weise, Jr., Haskell; Nathan Fernandez, Jr., Stamford; Marc Flores, Sr., Anson; Cole Long, Sr., Forsan

Inside receiver — Trevor Burchett, Sr., Forsan; Isaiah Garcia, Jr., Anson

Outside receiver — Kade Fannin, Jr., Forsan

Fullback — Ty McLemore, Jr., Stamford; Miguel Lozano, Jr. Anson

Tailback — Austin Alvarado, Sr., Stamford

Quarterback — Jimmy John Riley, Soph., Winters

Defense

Defensive line — Doug King, Sr., Haskell; Cory Pritchard, Jr., Winters; Justin Ventress, Jr., Winters; Cooper Riddell, Sr., Forsan

Outside linebacker — Miguel Lozano, Jr., Anson; Jacob Rogers, Sr., Anson; Polo Morin, Jr., Forsan; Chris Gerhart, Jr., Winters

Inside linebacker — Garrett Kiggins, Soph., Forsan; Collin Heidenheimer, Sr., Anson; Rudy Sanchez, Sr., Stamford

Cornerback — J.T Breyman, Jr., Forsan; Lukas Kraatz, Soph., Winters

Safety — Stetson Meek, Jr., Anson; Jimmy John Riley, Soph., Winters

Special teams

Punter — Warren Flye, Soph., Haskell; Hayden Stovall, Sr., Anson

Honorable Mention

(Forsan only)

Cornerback — Colby Self, Jr.

Defensive line — Cowan Davidson, Jr.

Outside linebacker — Marcus Cervantes, Sr.

SIX-MAN DIVISION I DISTRICT 5 ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Coach of the Year — Shannon Williams, Rankin

Newcomer of the Year — J.R Rodriguez, Soph., Rankin

Offensive MVP — Dalton Michum, Sr., Rankin

Defensive MVP — Aaron Castillo, Jr., Rankin

First Team

Offense

Tight end — Ryan Thomas, Sr., Rankin; Nathan Rozenhauer, Sr., Marfa

Receiver — Elijah Hernandez, Sr., Fort Davis; Corbin Davis, Jr. Garden City; Sam Miller, Jr., Garden City

Center — Caleb Wrinkle, Sr., Rankin

Quarterback — Carlos Granado, Sr., Fort Davis

Running back — Robert Morales, Sr., Marfa; J.R Rodriguez, Soph., Rankin

Fullback — Aaron Castillo, Jr., Rankin

Spread back — Austin Odom, Jr., Garden City

Utility back — Laika Hernandez, Jr., Fort Davis

Kicker — Michael Rodriguez, Fresh., Rankin

Special teams player — Juan Burtos, Jr., Garden City

Defense

Nose guard — Ryan Thomas, Sr., Rankin

Defensive line — Cowan Walker, Jr., Garden City; Thomas Daughtry, Sr. Marfa; J.R Rodriguez, Soph., Rankin

Linebacker — Rene Granado, Sr. Marfa; Roger Alvarez, Jr., Marfa

Cornerback — Juan Bustos, Jr., Garden City; Carlos Granado, Sr., Fort Davis

Safety — Dalton Michum, Sr., Rankin; Corbin Davis, Jr., Garden City

Utility player — Brody Haffmann, Sr., Garden City

Punter — Robert Morales, Sr., Marfa

Second Team

Offense

Tight end — Brody Haffmann, Jr. Garden City; Kutter Wright, Jr., Rankin

Receiver — Quinton Mathis Jr., Fort Davis; Geronimo Salcido, Sr., Fort Davis

Center — Thomas Daughtry, Sr. Marfa

Quarterback — Tim Flores, Jr. Marfa

Running back — Chapman Royal, Sr., Garden City; Ismael Ramerez, Soph., Garden City

Fullback — Rene Granado

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	20	7	.741	—
Brooklyn	14	12	.538	5 1/2
Boston	13	13	.500	6 1/2
Philadelphia	13	15	.464	7 1/2
Toronto	12	21	.364	11 1/2
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	18	6	.750	—
Atlanta	16	9	.640	2 1/2
Orlando	12	15	.444	7 1/2
Charlotte	7	20	.259	12 1/2
Washington	3	22	.120	15 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	15	11	.577	—
Indiana	16	12	.571	—
Milwaukee	14	12	.538	1
Detroit	9	17	.346	6
Cleveland	6	23	.207	10 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	21	8	.724	—
Memphis	18	7	.720	1
Houston	14	12	.538	5 1/2
Dallas	12	16	.429	8 1/2
New Orleans	5	22	.185	15
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	21	5	.808	—
Denver	15	13	.536	7
Minnesota	13	12	.520	7 1/2
Utah	15	14	.517	7 1/2
Portland	13	13	.500	8
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	21	6	.778	—
Golden State	18	10	.643	3 1/2
L.A. Lakers	13	14	.481	8
Phoenix	11	17	.393	10 1/2
Sacramento	9	18	.333	12

Sunday's Scores
Brooklyn 95, Philadelphia 92
New York 94, Minnesota 91
Utah 97, Orlando 90
San Antonio 129, Dallas 91
L.A. Clippers 103, Phoenix 77
Sacramento 108, Portland 96

Today's Games
Boston at Brooklyn, 11 a.m.
New York at L.A. Lakers, 2 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Miami, 4:30 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	11	4	0	.733	520	331
Miami	7	8	0	.467	299	289
N.Y. Jets	6	9	0	.400	272	347
Buffalo	5	10	0	.333	316	426
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Houston	12	3	0	.800	400	303
x-Indianapolis	10	5	0	.667	329	371
Tennessee	5	10	0	.333	292	451
Jacksonville	2	13	0	.133	235	406
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Baltimore	10	5	0	.667	393	321
x-Cincinnati	9	6	0	.600	398	303
Pittsburgh	7	8	0	.467	312	304
Cleveland	5	10	0	.333	292	344
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Denver	12	3	0	.800	443	286
San Diego	6	9	0	.400	326	329
Oakland	4	11	0	.267	269	419
Kansas City	2	13	0	.133	208	387

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	9	6	0	.600	408	370
Dallas	8	7	0	.533	358	372
N.Y. Giants	8	7	0	.533	387	337
Philadelphia	4	11	0	.267	273	402
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Atlanta	13	2	0	.867	402	277
New Orleans	7	8	0	.467	423	410
Tampa Bay	6	9	0	.400	367	377
Carolina	6	9	0	.400	313	325
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	11	4	0	.733	399	299
Minnesota	9	6	0	.600	342	314
Chicago	9	6	0	.600	349	253
Detroit	4	11	0	.267	348	411
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-San Francisco	10	4	1	.700	370	260
x-Seattle	10	5	0	.667	392	232
St. Louis	7	7	1	.500	286	328
Arizona	5	10	0	.333	237	330

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Sunday
Jacksonville at Houston, Noon
Carolina at New Orleans, Noon
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, Noon
Baltimore at Cincinnati, Noon
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, Noon
Houston at Indianapolis, Noon
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, Noon
Chicago at Detroit, Noon
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, Noon
Oakland at San Diego, 3:25 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
St. Louis at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 3:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 3:25 p.m.
Miami at New England, 3:25 p.m.
Dallas at Washington, 7:20 p.m.

Playoff Scenarios

AFC
CLINCHED: Houston, AFC South; Denver, AFC West; New England, AFC East; Baltimore, AFC North; Indianapolis, No. 5 playoff spot; Cincinnati, No. 6 playoff spot.

HOUSTON (at Indianapolis)
Clinches first-round bye with:
— Win or tie, or
— New England loss or tie, or
— Denver loss
Clinches home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs with:
— Win, or
— Tie AND Denver loss or tie, or
— New England loss or tie AND Denver loss

DENVER (vs. Kansas City)
Clinches first-round bye with:
— Win or tie, or
— New England loss or tie
Clinches home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs with:
— Win AND Houston loss or tie, or
— Tie AND Houston loss

NEW ENGLAND (vs. Miami)
Clinches first-round bye with:
— Win AND Denver or Houston loss
Clinches home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs with:
— Win AND Denver and Houston loss

NFC
CLINCHED: Atlanta, NFC South and home-field advantage; Green Bay, NFC North; San Francisco, playoff spot; Seattle, playoff spot.

GREEN BAY (at Minnesota)
Clinches first-round bye with:
— Win, or
— Tie AND San Francisco loss or tie, or
— San Francisco loss AND Seattle loss or tie

SAN FRANCISCO (vs. Arizona)
Clinches NFC West with:
— Win or tie, or
— Seattle loss or tie
Clinches first-round bye with:
—Win AND Green Bay loss or tie, or
— Tie AND Green Bay loss

SEATTLE (vs. St. Louis)
Clinches NFC West with:
— Win AND San Francisco loss
Clinches first-round bye with:
— Win AND San Francisco loss AND Green Bay loss

WASHINGTON (vs. Dallas)
Clinches NFC East with:
— Win or tie
Clinches playoff spot with:
— Chicago loss AND Minnesota loss

DALLAS (at Washington)
Clinches NFC East with:
—Win

NEW YORK GIANTS (vs. Philadelphia)
Clinches playoff spot with:
— Win AND Dallas loss or tie AND Chicago loss AND Minnesota loss

MINNESOTA (vs. Green Bay)
Clinches playoff spot with:
— Win, or
— Tie AND Chicago loss or tie, or
— Dallas loss or tie AND N.Y. Giants loss or tie AND Chicago loss

CHICAGO (at Detroit)
Clinches playoff spot with:
— Win AND Minnesota loss or tie, or
— Tie AND Minnesota loss

College Football

BOWL GLANCE
Saturday, Dec. 15
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Arizona 48, Colorado 14
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Utah State 41, Toledo 15

Thursday, Dec. 20
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
BYU 23, San Diego State 6

Friday, Dec. 21
Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
UCF 38, Ball State 17

Saturday, Dec. 22
New Orleans Bowl
Louisiana-Lafayette 43, East Carolina 34
MAACO Bowl
Las Vegas
Boise State 28, Washington 26

Tuesday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
SMU (8-4) vs. Fresno State (9-3), late

Wednesday
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
Central Michigan (6-6) vs. Western Kentucky (7-5), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday
Military Bowl
At Washington
Bowling Green (8-4) vs. San Jose State (10-2), 2 p.m. (ESPN)

Belk Bowl
At Charlotte, N.C.
Duke (6-6) vs. Cincinnati (9-3), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Baylor (7-5) vs. UCLA (9-4), 8:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Louisiana-Monroe (8-4) vs. Ohio (8-4), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Russell Athletic Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Virginia Tech (6-6) vs. Rutgers (9-3), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Meineke Car Care Bowl
At Houston
Minnesota (6-6) vs. Texas Tech (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday
Armed Forces Bowl
At Fort Worth
Rice (6-6) vs. Air Force (6-6), 10:45 a.m. (ESPN)

Fight Hunger Bowl
At San Francisco
Arizona State (7-5) vs. Navy (8-4), 3 p.m. (ESPN2)

Pinstripe Bowl
At New York
Syracuse (7-5) vs. West Virginia (7-5), 2:15 p.m. (ESPN)

Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Texas (8-4) vs. Orgeon State (9-3), 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)

Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Michigan State (6-6) vs. TCU (7-5), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

HS FOOTBALL
UIL Class 1A Division I Championship, Stamford vs. Mart (replay), at Cowboys Stadium, Arlington, Noon, Fox Sports Southwest
UIL Class 3A Division II Championship, Gilmer vs. Navasota (replay), at Cowboys Stadium, Arlington, 3 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Diamond Head Classic, third place, at Honolulu, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2
Diamond Head Classic, championship, at Honolulu, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2

NBA
Boston at Brooklyn, 11 a.m., ESPN
New York at L.A. Lakers, 2 p.m., ABC
Oklahoma City at Miami, 4:30 p.m., ABC
Houston at Chicago, 7 p.m., ESPN
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m., ESPN

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Frontier League
RIVER CITY RASCALS — Exercised the 2013 contract options on INF Will Block and RHP Steven Grilli.
ROCKFORD RIVERHAWKS — Exercised the 2013 contract options on OF Brandon Anderson, RHP Nick Anderson, LHP Andrew Armstrong, INF Evan Button, RHP Mickey Cassidy, RHP Nelson Curry, RHP Jordan Goldschmidt, RHP Garrett Granitz, INF Matt Greamer, RHP Cody Hallahan, OF Michael Hur, INF Carlos Luciano, INF Ted Obregon, RHP Drew Rucinski, C Michael Thomas, C Greg Van Horn, LHP Ziggie VanderWiel, INF Trevor Whyte, RHP Jordan Cudney, LHP Jon Gulbransen, LHP Nick Cicio, LHP Darrin Tew, LHP Alex Szymanski, LHP Brad Schnitzer, OF Devin Shepherd and RHP Brett Scarpetta. Declined options on INF Justino Cuevas, RHP Tyree Hayes and OF Rudy Wilson.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Sent INF Will Block and RHP Steven Grilli to River City to complete earlier trades.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Placed TE Scott Chandler on injured reserve.
CHICAGO BEARS — Signed LS Patrick Mannelly to a one-year contract extension.

COLLEGE
ARKANSAS — Named Joel Thomas running backs coach.
TEXAS TECH — Suspended CB Cornelius Douglas, LB Chris Payne and DT Leon Mackey from the Meineke Car Care Bowl.

Fishing Report

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 52-58 degrees; 9.45' low. Black bass are fair on black/blue jigs. Texas rigged 10" Power Worms and shaky heads. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.
ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 51-56 degrees; 8.25' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on slabs. Catfish are fair on prepared bait.
COLORADO CITY: 16.1' low. No report available.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 52-57 degrees; 10.54' low. Black bass are fair on chrome Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs, jigs and shaky heads. Crappie are fair on minnows. White bass are fair on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 52-58 degrees; 19.02' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.
NASWORTHY: No report available.
OAK CREEK: Water stained; 51-56 degrees; 16.77' low. Black bass are fair to good on jigs, chrome Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and shaky heads. Crappie are good on jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Catfish are good on prepared bait and chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.
O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 52-57 degrees, 33.09' low. Black bass are fair to good on shad pattern crankbaits, Rat-L-Traps, Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on slabs. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and prepared bait.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 51-58 degrees; 8.55' low. Black bass are fair to good on Texas rigs and shaky heads. Crappie are good on live minnows. White bass are fair on slabs. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and nightcrawlers.
SPENCE: 62.85' low. No report available.
STAMFORD: 7.72' low. No report available.
SWEETWATER: Water murky; 51-56 degrees; 17.96' low. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair on prepared bait and chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.
WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 50-56 degrees; 28.62' low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

PANHANDLE
GREENBELT: Water stained; 51-56 degrees; 42.18' low. No report on black bass. Crappie are fair on live minnows. The Old Milnra Point ramp is still open.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men's

USA Today/ESPN Top 25 Poll
The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN men's college basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 23, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Team	Record	Pts	Prvs
1. Duke (30)	11-0	774	1
2. Michigan (1)	12-0	745	2
3. Louisville	11-1	683	4
4. Arizona	11-0	656	5
5. Indiana	11-1	648	6
6. Kansas	10-1	642	8
7. Syracuse	10-1	559	3
8. Cincinnati	12-0	543	11
9. Missouri	10-1	537	12
10. Ohio State	9-2	480	7
11. Florida	8-2	406	9
12. Creighton	11-1	395	13
13. Gonzaga	11-1	391	14
14. Minnesota	12-1	345	16
15. Illinois	12-1	330	10
16. San Diego State	11-1	327	15
17. UNLV	11-1	240	18
18. Georgetown	10-1	217	21
19. Michigan State	11-2	207	19
20. Notre Dame	12-1	181	22
21. Butler	9-2	136	25
22. Oklahoma State	10-1	129	24
23. Kentucky	8-3	108	23
24. Pittsburgh	12-1	97	—
25. N.C. State	9-2	87	—

Others receiving votes: New Mexico 62, North Carolina 34, Kansas State 22, VCU 22, Wyoming 20, UConn 6, Oregon 6, Temple 5, Colorado 3, Maryland 3, Wichita State 3, Colorado State 1.

The AP Top Twenty Five
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 23, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Team	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Duke (63)	11-0	1,623	1
2. Michigan (2)	12-0	1,551	2
3. Arizona	11-0	1,463	4
4. Louisville	11-1	1,422	5
5. Indiana	11-1	1,383	6
6. Kansas	10-1	1,309	9
7. Missouri	10-1	1,157	12
8. Cincinnati	12-0	1,144	11
9. Syracuse	10-1	1,140	3
10. Ohio St.	9-2	965	7
11. Minnesota	12-1	878	13
12. Illinois	12-1	875	10
13. Gonzaga	11-1	824	14
14. Florida	8-2	772	8
15. Georgetown	10-1	674	15
16. Creighton	11-1	589	17
17. San Diego St.	11-1	557	18
18. Butler	9-2	512	19
19. Michigan St.	11-2	416	20
20. UNLV	11-1	382	21
21. Notre Dame	12-1	337	22
22. Oklahoma St.	10-1	318	24
23. NC State	9-2	264	25
24. Pittsburgh	12-1	189	—
25. Kansas St.	9-2	152	—

Others receiving votes: New Mexico 66, Kentucky 37, Temple 36, Wyoming 28, North Carolina 16, VCU 16, Wichita St. 11, Maryland 7, Oregon 6, UConn 6.

Top 25 Men's Basketball Schedule
Thursday's Game
No. 8 Cincinnati vs. New Mexico, 8 p.m.
Friday's Games
No. 5 Indiana vs. Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
No. 7 Missouri at UCLA, 9 p.m.
No. 13 Gonzaga vs. Baylor, 7 p.m.
Saturday's Games
No. 1 Duke vs. Santa Clara, 11 a.m.
No. 2 Michigan vs. Central Michigan, 6 p.m.
No. 4 Louisville vs. Kentucky, 3 p.m.
No. 6 Kansas vs. American, 7 p.m.
No. 9 Syracuse vs. Alcorn State, 6 p.m.
No. 10 Ohio State vs. Chicago State, 3:30 p.m.
No. 12 Illinois vs. Auburn at the United Center, 1:15 p.m.
No. 14 Florida vs. Air Force at the BB&T Center, Sunrise, Fla., 3:30 p.m.
No. 16 Creighton vs. Evansville, 7:05 p.m.
No. 18 Butler at Vanderbilt, 7 p.m.
No. 20 UNLV at North Carolina, 1 p.m.
No. 23 N.C. State vs. Western Michigan, 11 a.m.
No. 25 Kansas State vs. UMKC, 6 p.m.

Women's

The Women's AP Top Twenty Five
The top 25 teams in the The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 23, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

Team	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Stanford (24)	11-0	982	1
2. UConn (14)	10-0	964	2
3. Baylor (2)	9-1	931	3
4. Duke	10-0	883	4
5. Notre Dame	9-1	824	5
6. Georgia	12-0	790	6
7. Kentucky	9-1	774	7
8. California	9-1	687	8
9. Maryland	8-2	671	9
10. Penn St.	10-2	621	11
11. Purdue	11-1	537	13
12. Louisville	11-2	522	14
13. Tennessee	7-3	517	10
14. Oklahoma	8-0	466	15
15. Dayton	12-0	454	16
16. North Carolina	11-1	349	17
17. UCLA	7-2	307	12
18. Oklahoma	9-2	286	18
19. South Carolina	11-1	254	21
20. Texas	8-2	195	20
21. Florida St	10-1	183	23
22. Kansas	9-2	162	19
23. Colorado	10-0	156	25
24. Texas A&M	8-4	118	22
25. Arkansas	10-1	107	—

Others receiving votes: Nebraska 52, Iowa St. 39, Miami 32, Ohio St 25, West Virginia 23, Vanderbilt 20, Duquesne 19, Michigan St. 14, Michigan 11, Syracuse 10, Villanova 6, Iowa 4, Toledo 2, UTEP 2, Utah 1

Women's Top 25 Basketball Schedule
Friday's Games
No 6 Georgia at Illinois, 7 p.m.
No 7 Kentucky vs. Alcorn State, 6 p.m.
No 8 California vs. George Washington, 9 p.m.
No. 9 Maryland vs. Brown, 11 a.m.
No. 10 Tennessee vs. Davidson, 6 p.m.
No. 14 Oklahoma State vs. Harvard at Viejas Arena, San Diego, 9 p.m.
No. 16 North Carolina vs. East Tennessee State, 1 p.m.
No. 17 UCLA at Pepperdine, 7 p.m.
No. 20 Texas vs. Iowa at Jenny Craig Pavilion, San Diego, 10 p.m.
No. 24 Texas A&M vs. Prairie View, 7 p.m.
No. 25 Arkansas vs. Coppin State, 7 p.m.
Saturday's Games
No. 1 Stanford vs. No. 2 UConn, 3 p.m
No. 3 Baylor vs. Southeastern Louisiana, 7 p.m.
No. 5 Notre Dame vs. No. 11 Purdue, 1 p.m.
No. 18 Oklahoma vs. Cal State Northridge, 1 p.m.
No. 19 South Carolina vs. Western Carolina, 6 p.m.
No. 23 Colorado vs. New Mexico, 3:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
No. 4 Duke vs. Monmouth (N.J.), 1 p.m.
No. 7 Kentucky vs. Marist, Noon
No. 13 Tennessee vs. Rutgers, Noon
No. 14 Oklahoma State vs. San Diego State or SMU at Viejas Arena, San Diego, 2 or 4 p.m.
No. 15 Dayton at Bowling Green, Noon
No. 16 North Carolina at Clemson, 1 p.m.
No. 21 Florida State vs. Boston College, 1 p.m.

GLANTZ-CULVER

NCAA Football
Wednesday
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
W. Kentucky	6	5 1/2	(58)	Cent. Michigan
Thursday				
Military Bowl				
At Washington				
San Jose St.	7 1/2	7 1/2	(45)	Bowling Green
Belk Bowl				
At Charlotte, N.C.				
Cincinnati	11	7 1/2	(60)	Duke
Holiday Bowl				
At San Diego				
UCLA	+1	1	(80 1/2)	Baylor
Friday				
Independence Bowl				
At Shreveport, La.				
Louisiana-Monroe	6	7 1/2	(61)	Ohio
Russell Athletic Bowl				
At Orlando, Fla.				
Virginia Tech	1	2 1/2	(41)	Rutgers
Meineke Car Care Bowl				
At Houston				
Texas Tech	13	13	(57)	Minnesota
Saturday				
Armed Forces Bowl				
At Fort Worth				
Air Force	+1	1	(61)	Rice
Fight Hunger Bowl				
At San Francisco				
Arizona St.	13	14 1/2	(56)	Navy
Pinstripe Bowl				
At New York				
West Virginia	3 1/2	4	(74)	Syracuse
Alamo Bowl				
At San Antonio				
Oregon St.	1	2	(57)	Texas
Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl				
At Tempe, Ariz.				
TCU	1	2 1/2	(40)	Michigan State

NFL
Sunday

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Buffalo	3	3 1/2	(41)	N.Y. Jets
at New England	11	10 1/2	(49 1/2)	Miami
at Cincinnati	3	3	(42)	Baltimore
at Pittsburgh	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Cleveland
at Indianapolis	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Houston
at Tennessee	5 1/2	4	(42)	Jacksonville
at N.Y. Giants	9 1/2	9 1/2	(46 1/2)	Philadelphia
at Washington	3 1/2	3	(50)	Dallas
Chicago	3	3	(44 1/2)	at Detroit
Green Bay	3	3	(46 1/2)	at Minnesota
at Atlanta	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Tampa Bay
at New Orleans	4	4 1/2	(54)	Carolina
at Denver	16	16	(42)	Kansas City
at San Diego	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Oakland
at San Francisco	15	15	(38 1/2)	Arizona
at Seattle	10	10	(40)	St. Louis

Off Key
Cleveland and Pittsburgh QBs questionable
Indianapolis may rest players for the playoffs
Atlanta may rest players for the playoffs
Oakland QB questionable

Ski Report

ROCKIES
New Mexico
Angel Fire — Sun 5:51 am packed powder machine groomed 14-24 base 34 of 77 trails 61% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Pajarito — Opening Soon for Snow Sports Red River — Sun 6:21 am packed powder machine groomed 27-35 base 28 of 57 trails 49% open, 5 of 7 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Sandia Peak — Sat 5:04 am variable 10-18 base 2 of 35 trails 8% open, 1 of 5 lifts, Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun;
Sipapu — Sun 5:56 am packed powder machine groomed 20-28 base 20 of 41 trails, 49% open, 4 of 5 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Ski Apache — Thu 5:26 am packed powder machine groomed 10-12 base 2 of 55 trails, 4% open 2 of 10 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Ski Santa Fe — Thu 8:03 am powder machine groomed 25-34 base 23 of 77 trails 31% open, 3 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Taos — Sun 5:55 am packed powder machine groomed 24-32 base 24 of 113 trails 22% open, 13 of 14 lifts, am Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Angel Fire Resort XC — Sat 8:57 am packed powder machine groomed 4-7 base 4 of 4 trails 15 miles Mon-Fri:9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;
Enchanted Forest XC — Thu 7:01 am packed powder machine groomed 10-20 base 40 of 40 trails, 35 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

To submit an item for West Texas Sports, please either fax, bring in, mail or e-mail your information in hard-copy form to the Reporter-Telegram sports department.

Please make your submission as detailed as possible, including dates of events, deadlines, fees, age groups, etc.

To bring your item to the MRT, come to 201 E. Illinois Ave. in Midland. To mail your information, send it to Reporter-Telegram, c/o Sports Department, 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

To fax your information, send to 570-7650.

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting.

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball Instruction
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 689-8080

Midland College Baseball Presents Texas Pro Scouts Winter Showcase
Featured showcase instructors: Chris Smith, Cleveland Indians; David Crowson, Miami Marlins; Gerald Turner, Atlanta Braves; Kyle Van Hook, Cleveland Indians
For: Players in grades 9-12
When: Jan. 12-13 in two sessions. Session I (9 a.m. to noon, 1:30-4:30 p.m.) is hitting. Session II (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) is for pitchers catchers and position players
Where: Christensen Stadium
Cost: $100 per session or $200 for both sessions. Walk-up registration by space availability only and will be $125 per session.
To register: Go to www.collegebaseballcamps.com

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Vertical jump, speed and agility training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466, www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Lunch break Pick-up Basketball
When: Noon-1 p.m., Monday-Friday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut Lane
For more info: Call 413-0521

IMPACT Elite Year-Round Basketball
For: Men ages 21 and up
When: Starts Sept. 18
For more info: Call or text Ashlee at 638-8701 or email at impactmidland@live.com

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melon Pool 684-5178 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Beginner tennis clinics
Where: Midland High School tennis courts
When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade, community-based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245, Brandi at 687-7059 or Elizabeth at 699-6058

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 3 through 12
Cost: YMCA Family member: free; YMCA Youth member, $5 and program participant, $10 per visit
For more info: Call Midlanc YMCA at 682-2551

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Atmos Energy's Fischer Community Room, 2304 Loop 40, Midland International Airport
Duels: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks League
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Fitness

Beach Body
When: 7-8 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
Note: Instructor is Tommy Hindman
For more info: Call 685-7355

P-90X/Beach Body Fitness Club
When: 12-1 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Yoga
When: 5:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Cardio/Core
When: 11 a.m., Tuesdays & Thursday
Where: MLK Center, 2300 Butternut
For more info: Call 685-7355

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Strength, speed, agility and power training
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466, www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrel Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2398

Golf

Swing Speed Training
For: All ages and handicaps
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 704 W. Scharbauer
For more info: 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

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Where: Next Level Sports Training
For more info: 262-6466, www.frappieraccelleration.com

Gymnastics

Next Level Gymnastics
What: Preschool, Stretch-n-Grow, All-around, T&T, Boys, special sneeds
For more info: Call 262-6466 or www.nextlevelsportstraining.org

Ice Hockey

Jackalopes Amateur Hockey Association
Where: Odessa
When: October-April
Teams: Youth and adult (non check)
For more info: Contact jaxyouthhockey@hotmail.com or call 661-3453 or 553-1019

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m., Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.

The Twelve Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas, my true love sent to me
A partridge in a pear tree.

On the second day of Christmas,
my true love sent to me
Two turtle doves
and a partridge in a pear tree.

On the third day of Christmas,
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.

"On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, a partridge in a pear tree..."

A partridge in a pear tree symbolizes Jesus Christ, the personification of God.

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"On the second day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, two turtle doves..."

Two turtle doves represent the Old and New Testaments.

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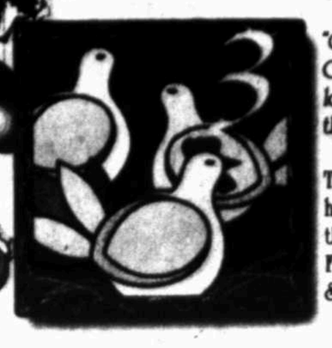

"On the third day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, three french hens..."

The three french hens represent the three forms of God... Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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"On the fourth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, four calling birds..."

The four calling birds represent the four Gospels - Matthew, Mart, Luke & John.

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"On the fifth day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, five golden rings..."

The five golden rings represent the Pentateuch - the first five books of the Bible.

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Paterno, Miller headline 2012 sports deaths

By Fred Lief
Associated Press

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Former Penn State football coach Joe Paterno headlines the year in sports deaths. Paterno died on Jan. 22 of lung cancer. His repuation was stained after the Jerry Sandusky scandal.

He went to work where a statue of him stood outside the stadium, his place of business for more than a half century. He would not live to see the statue hauled away.

The other never had a statue erected in his honor, although some said there should be one, bronze or otherwise, at the doorstep of the Baseball Hall of Fame. He would live to see himself spurned by the Hall five times.

Joe Paterno and Marvin Miller, a couple of New Yorkers, were bookends to the year's losses in sports — the football coach dying at 85 in January, the union leader at 95 a few days shy of December.

The year's obituaries in sports also came with a tragic soundtrack of gunfire: Junior Seau, Hector Camacho, Jovan Belcher. More quietly, baseball now moves on without Gary Carter and basketball without Jack Twyman and Rick Majerus. Big names in boxing like Angelo Dundee and Carmen Basilio also were lost.

Paterno's legacy was a complicated mix of football and education, universities and leadership, responsibility and justice. Miller was an often unspoken part of a running conversation about the culture of money of sports, and the rights of the people who play the games.

Paterno's death came less than three months after it was disclosed he had lung cancer. That news fell on a State College, Pa., community already shocked by the child sex-abuse revelations regarding longtime assistant coach Jerry Sandusky.

Paterno's death closed a sweeping narrative, although the legal fallout and emotional wreckage are still very much alive. The swiftness of it all was almost Shakespearean in scope: the fall of a man who for so long was the symbol of everything right in his work only to be undone by scandal and cast aside.

In his blue windbreaker and black-rimmed glasses and his words still carrying echoes of Brooklyn, Paterno was the face and foundation of Penn State. He raised many millions of dollars for the school. His was the voice of perspective and reason in college sports. He won more games than anyone else, until the NCAA over the summer vacated victories dating to 1998. Legions of Penn State players — and countless others in State College — swore by the man. He been on the coaching staff for more than 60 years, and had been the head coach since 1966. He was JoePa.

But then came the startling accusations and subsequent conviction, after Paterno's death, of Sandusky. Paterno insisted he followed the chain of command, informing his athletic director of what he was told had happened, although he did not go to the police.

Paterno said he was not given a graphic account of Sandusky's locker-room rape of a young boy. Later, with the Washington Post in his last interview, he acknowledged a naivete — "I never heard of ... rape and a man."

Paterno's remorse had already been clear by then. Hours before Penn State trustees fired him, he said: "This is a tragedy. It is one of the great sorrows of my life. With the benefit of hindsight, I wish I had done more."

Miller sent a bulldozer through the landscape of Major League Baseball, and by the time he was done the terrain of all professional sports would never look the same.

Miller, with silver hair and mustache, cut his union teeth with the steelworkers. Surely one of his biggest triumphs was getting players to think of themselves as an organized work force with rights, not hired hands serving at the whim of ownership.

"He changed not just the sport but the business of the sport permanently," former baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent said. "And he truly emancipated the baseball player — and in the process all professional athletes."

Miller ran the union from 1966 to 1981. He clashed with owners and commissioners who were wary of him every step of the way. When he started, the minimum salary was $6,000; this past season, the minimum was $480,000. When he took over, baseball was still a decade away from its first million-dollar player; today, the average salary is $3.2 million.

And it was not only the players who grew rich as the game became more popular than ever. The very owners who fought Miller watched the value of their franchises soar to fabulous sums.

The springboard was free agency and the end of the reserve clause that bound player to club. The landmark decision came in 1975 when arbitrator Peter Seitz sided with the players. Seitz later would refer to Miller as baseball's Moses.

"Anyone who's ever played modern professional sports owes a debt of gratitude to Marvin Miller," Dodgers pitcher Chris Capuano said. "He gave us ownership of the game we play."

Gun violence cut across sports this year.

Seau, the one-time fierce linebacker of his hometown San Diego Chargers, shot himself in the chest at 43, leaving no note and so many in football shaken. Camacho, the loud, boastful fighter and a champion several times, was shot in the face while in a car in Puerto Rico. The coffin of the 50-year-old boxer was carried from a New York church to shouts of "Macho." Belcher of the Kansas City Chiefs shot his girlfriend to death. The 25-year-old linebacker then drove to the Arrowhead Stadium parking lot, thanked his coach and general manager who were there and put a bullet in his head.

"This is such an unexplainable event," Chiefs teammate Andy Studebaker said.

Camacho's death was one of so many in boxing. The lineup could fill a wing of its Hall of Fame:

Dundee, the peerless trainer who was in the corner for Muhammad Ali and Sugar Ray Leonard and always drew the best out of his fighters, was 90. He also handled Basilio, who died at 85 after a career in which he took the middleweight crown from Sugar Ray Robinson in 1957 only to lose it six months later.

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so many long-yardage situations is the inability to run well on first and second downs. Nine of Houston's 11 third downs were 8 yards or longer Sunday. Of those nine, five came after Houston had running plays for no gain or negative yardage on first or second down.

"That's not the type of play we're accustomed to having," left tackle Duane Brown said. "We've got to get 5 and 6 then bust out a big one. When have those 2-yard runs and set up a third-and-8, third-and-7, it's tough. Against a good defense it's going to be hard to convert those third and longs. We just continue to put ourselves in those situations."

Houston has converted 10 of 38 third down attempts in its last three games, which included two losses. Some have blamed quarterback Matt Schaub for the third down woes. But Kubiak said he's only part of the problem, and that the running backs, linemen, receivers and even the coaches have to get better for things to change.

The success of Kubiak's offense is predicated on running the ball well. So he was troubled when he reviewed the game and realized they didn't have a single running play on third down against the Vikings.

"For us to do what we do best, there's a percentage of those that we need to be in position to line up and run the football, and we haven't done that in the last month," Kubiak said. "Getting back to that is a big point of emphasis. Now that's a lot easier said than done, so we've got to look at ourselves hard to make sure we can get that done."

COWBOYS

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always have to be a good experience.

Sometimes it can be a bad one. When you didn't get the job done, hopefully you can learn from what happened."

The same applies to Dallas' first meeting with Washington. On Thanksgiving Day, rookie Robert Griffin III threw three of his four touchdown passes in the second quarter to give the Redskins a 28-3 halftime lead en route to a 38-31 win.

"He's very good and they're a very good offense," Garrett said. "They have a lot of good weapons. They have good receivers. And they use those guys really well.

"It'll be a great challenge for us. We were challenged on Thanksgiving. They did a really good job. Hopefully, we can learn from that experience and corral those guys and slow them down a little bit."

That could be a tall order for an injury-decimated defense that got carved up by the Saints' Drew Brees to the tune of 446 passing yards and three TDs without a turnover. Dallas also failed to register a sack for the first time this season.

"Well, we just have to battle," Garrett said. "And, again, we don't talk about injuries around here. We talk about injuries providing opportunities."

Still, the Cowboys would much rather have outside linebacker DeMarcus Ware chasing Griffin than backup Victor Butler, who had to play most of the fourth quarter and OT against Sunday after Ware suffered a strained right shoulder late in the third quarter.

"Some way," Garrett said, "DeMarcus is going to get himself right to play in this Washington game."

Texas Tech pulls 3 from bowl for breaking rules

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A Texas Tech official says three Red Raiders won't be playing against Minnesota in Friday's Meineke Car Care Bowl because they violated team rules.

Football program spokesman Blayne Beal on Monday would not divulge the rules violated. He says Red Raiders starting defensive back Cornelius Douglas, Chris Payne, a linebacker who played mostly on Texas Tech's special teams, and backup defensive tackle Leon Mackey won't play in the bowl game.

The Red Raiders (7-5) take on the Gophers (6-6) about three weeks after Tommy Tuberville unexpectedly left to take the head coaching position at Cincinnati. Interim head coach Chris Thomsen, who handled the offensive line under Tuberville, will coach the bowl game.

Former Red Raiders standout quarterback Kliff Kingsbury was hired as Tuberville's successor Dec. 12.

Duke still No. 1 in latest men's AP poll

Associated Press

Duke and Michigan remain the top two teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll while Syracuse drops from third to ninth after its first loss.

The Blue Devils received all but two of the first-place votes Monday from the 65-member national media panel. Michigan got the others.

Arizona, Louisville and Indiana all moved up one place to third through fifth. Kansas, which won at Ohio State, moved from ninth to sixth. Missouri, which beat Illinois, jumped from 12th to seventh. Cincinnati advanced from 11th to eighth.

Syracuse, which lost to Temple, and Ohio State complete the top 10.

Pittsburgh and Kansas State are the newcomers to the poll at 24th and 25th. They replace New Mexico and North Carolina, which dropped out from 16th and 23rd after losses to South Dakota State and Texas.

Stanford retains No. 1 in AP women's poll

Associated Press

Stanford remains No. 1 in The Associated Press women's basketball poll for the sixth straight week, matching the team's longest run in the top spot.

The Cardinal had 24 first-place votes Monday, while Connecticut received 14. Baylor got the other two.

UConn will visit Stanford on Saturday, trying to snap the Cardinal's 82-game home winning streak. Stanford, which beat South Carolina and Tennessee on the road last week, was No. 1 for six weeks in 1996.

Duke and Notre Dame round out the first five.

The Irish are followed by Georgia, Kentucky, California and Maryland, as the top nine teams remain unchanged.

Tennessee fell three spots from No. 10 after losing to Baylor and Stanford. UCLA had the biggest drop, falling five spots to 17th after losing to Cal State Northridge.

Arkansas entered the poll at No. 25 as West Virginia fell out.

Retiring Osborne always kept cool under pressure

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Tom Osborne goes into retirement Jan. 1 remembered as a man who kept his cool under pressure, both as Nebraska's Hall of Fame football coach and as the school's athletic director.

Terry Connealy was a defensive lineman on the first of Osborne's three national championship teams. He said Osborne has always been a calming influence — something the athletic program needed when he took over for the fired Steve Pederson in 2007.

Osborne has overseen the rebuilding of the football program under Bo Pelini. He also has mended fences with boosters who felt alienated by Pederson. He guided the school's move from the Big 12 to the Big Ten two years ago and saw through building projects.

Shawn Eichorst will succeed Osborne as athletic director.

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The Clippers, winners of a franchise-record 13 straight, close the five-pack of games against the Denver Nuggets. For the Clippers, it will be only the fourth Christmas home game in franchise history. For comparison's sake, Bryant will be playing on the holiday for the 15th time, and this will be his 12th time doing so at home.

"It will be a good challenge for us," Denver forward Danilo Gallinari told reporters when asked about facing the Clippers. "And we'll be ready for them."

So after Boston-Brooklyn, Knicks-Lakers and Thunder-Heat comes the fourth game of the day when Houston goes to Chicago, exactly 20 years after Jordan put up a Christmas show of his own with a 42-point, eight-rebound effort to lift the Bulls over New York 89-77.

Derrick Rose remains out for the Bulls, of course, but there is one reunion to take note of — it'll be Omer Asik's first time playing in Chicago since he joined the Rockets this past offseason.

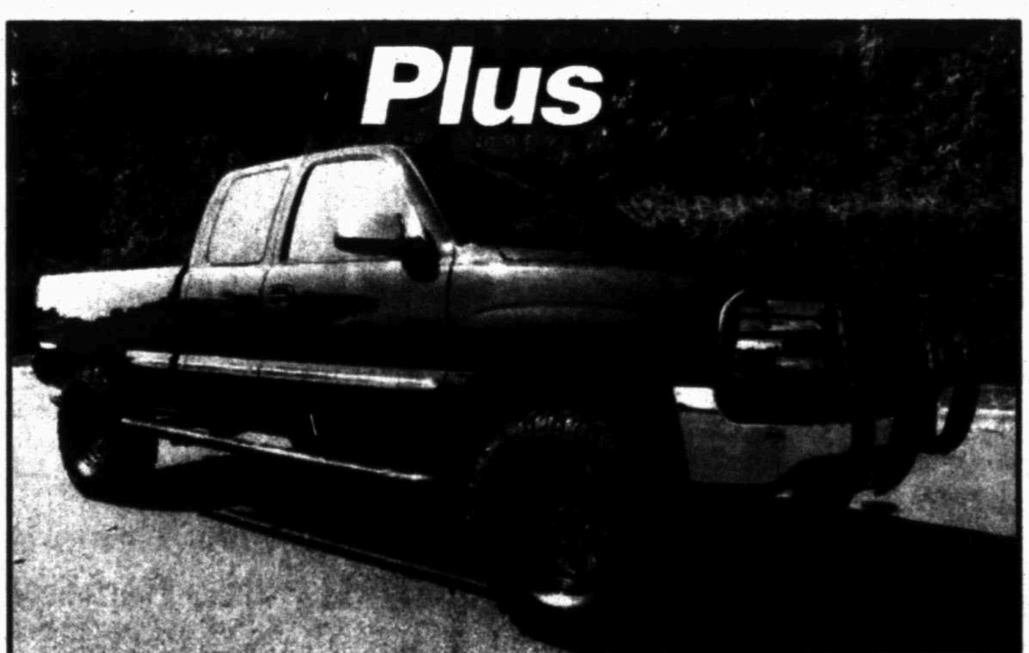
And that sets the table for the nightcap, when the Nuggets meet the Clippers.

Maybe the best matchup of all comes in Miami, where the Thunder meet the Heat in what's sure to be an emotionally charged day. First, it's a finals rematch. Secondly, the teams will also pay tribute to military families by handing out gifts to children on the court immediately before the game, and both clubs will wear ribbons to honor those who were killed in the school shooting in Newtown, Conn., earlier this month.

Several Heat players, including LeBron James and Dwyane Wade, said that playing on Christmas is difficult because of their desire for family time.

At the same time, both also said it's an honor — especially so as the league's reigning champions.

"I think it's great for the fans, having those games," James said. "But for us, as family men, Christmas is a day that we would love to spend with our family and be home with our family. I have no problem with the game as scheduled. I love to play the game, I love to play basketball so I'm going to be out there and I'm going to be excited for it."



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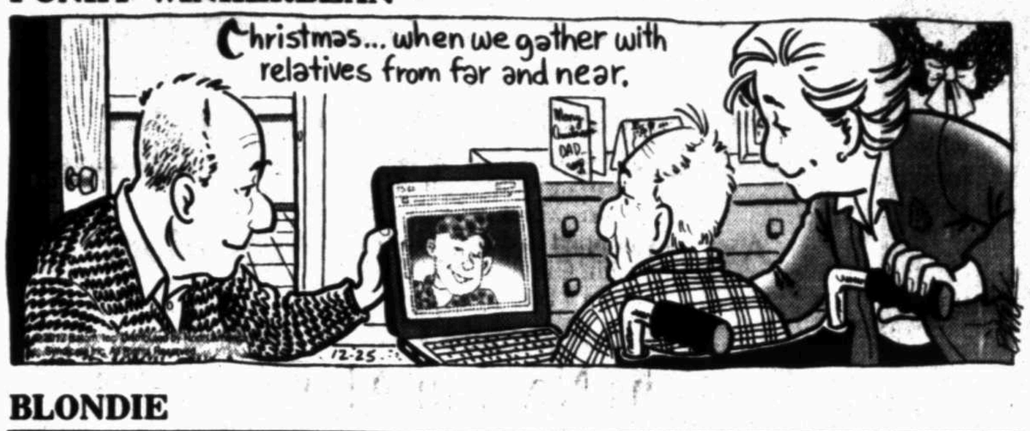

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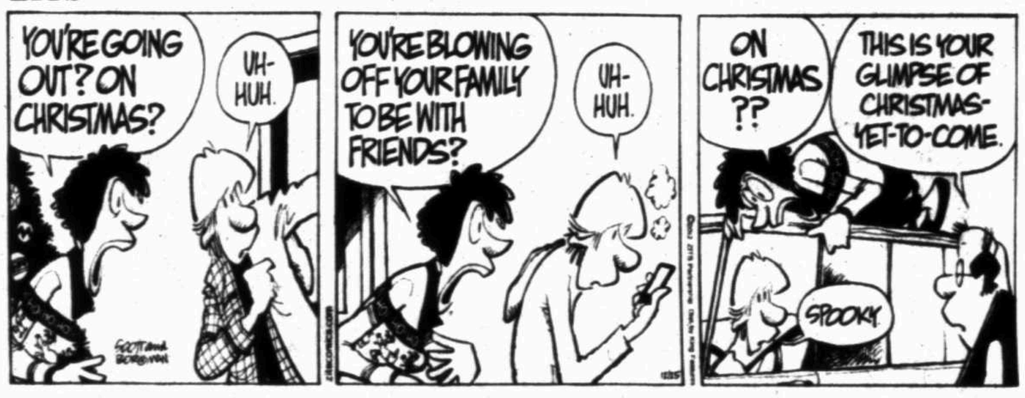

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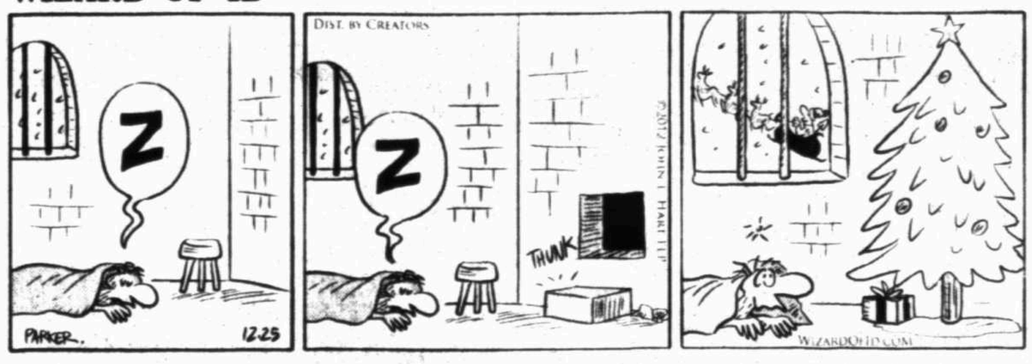

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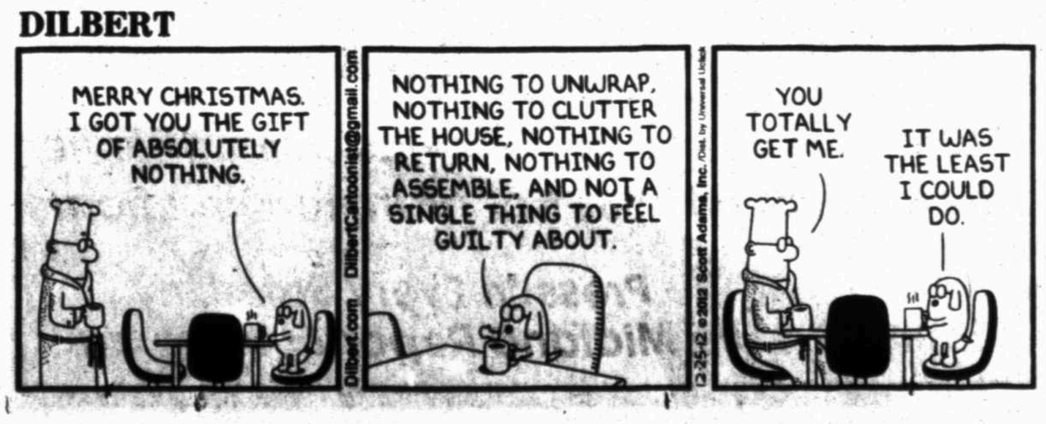

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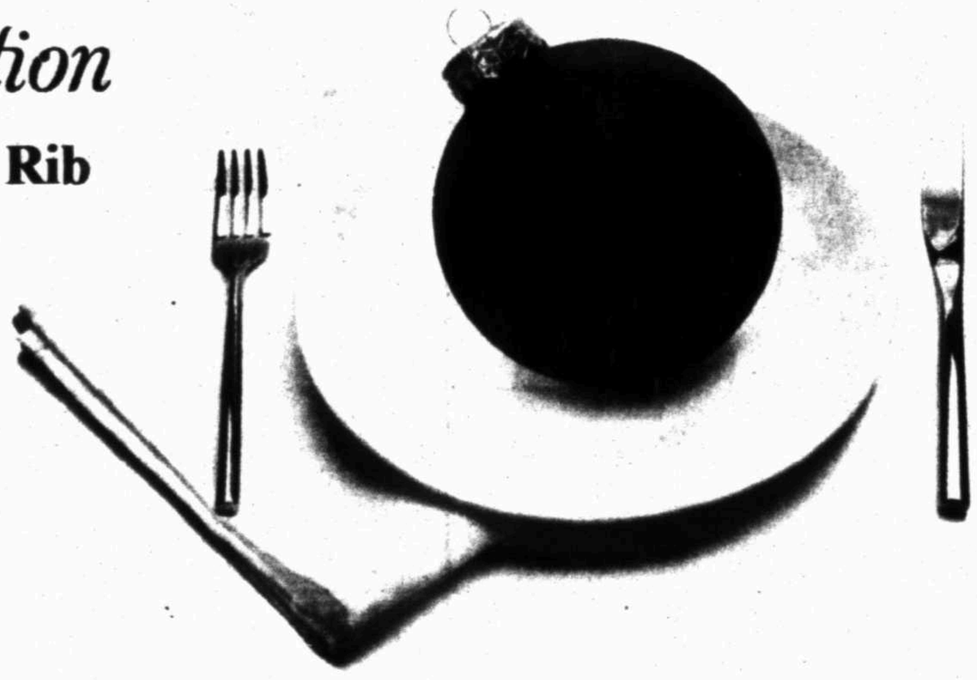

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CHEVROLET 1995 1 ton Pickup Crew Cab, gasoline & propane, 8 ft. bed, like new tires, great engine, needs reverse, Midland net, $3,995, 505-977-8515, 700 West Scarbauer.

CHEVY 2008 1500 crew cab, LT, Z71. We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222.

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DODGE 2006 3500 DUALLY, 4 door, auto page alarm with remote start, Cortex Superchips Programmer. Everything works, new upholstery, $18,900 OBO, 432-349-3171.

DODGE 2006 Ram 1500. 5.7 Hemi, 58,800 miles, 4 door, loaded. Extras, clean, Nice Christmas Gift. Asking, $15,900. Call 432-683-8345.

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Alpine White/Tan Convertible, 6 speed, Htd Seat, Xenon 42k miles

2008 BMW 335i
Jet Black/Brown Sport, SAT, Xenons, Htd Seats, Sunroof CPO Warr 28k miles

2008 BMW M3
Jerez Black/Black NAV, DCT Trans, Carbon Fiber Roof 35k miles

2009 BMW 750i
Black Saphire/Black AC/Htd Seats, H-Up disp, Nav, SAT, Xenon, Sport pkg. 70k miles

2009 Chevy Z71 P/Up
Blue/Gray Leather, LT, SAT 52k miles

2010 Nissan Armada
Blue/Tan Leather, DVD, Sunroof, Bose, 3rd row 44k miles

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Blue/Brown Premium, Xenons, Sunroof, Warranty 40k miles

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2012 BMW 650i Convertible
Black Saphire/Black Lux seats, NAV, camera, A/C Seats 19k miles

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Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No. 08-0279467
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 3, 2012 — Status/Permit No. 751899
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 7, 2013
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

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. 25, Blk. 37 T2N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-248, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MARTIN County, being 15.6 miles NW direction from STANTON, 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 7, 2013 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 :	HOWARD '25'
Lease/Unit Well No. :	5
Lease/Unit Acres :	160.4
Nearest Lease Line (ft) :	661.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft) :	1329.0

Lease Lines :	666.0 F North L,	661.0 F East L
Survey Lines :	1980.0 F South L,	1980.0 F West L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 2 additional fields: (1) MON BAK (STRAWN), (2) LOWE (ATOKA). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) :	Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.
MON BAK (STRAWN) :	OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.
LOWE (ATOKA) :	Special Rules 467/0, 320.0 acres. Optional Rules 467/0, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11800 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, JEAN TILLERY, at (972) 969-3963.

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CLERICAL & OFFICE SUPPORT

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Qualified individuals must submit a resume, references, and salary history to:
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Attn: Accounting
P.O. Box 3759
Midland TX 79702
or email to sandyk@atlanticoi.com

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Vandergriff Group Architects, PC FT
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Midland, TX 79702
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McCLURE OIL COMPANY

Operations Geologist

McClure Oil Company, Inc. is seeking a full time **Operations Geologist**. This position will be an integral part of the Geology Department and office in Midland, TX.

Duties - Capable of handling all geological responsibilities associated with drilling operations with minimal supervision. Includes, but not limited to the following:
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- Clear understanding of operational drilling activities and their implications.
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- Clear and well understood communication with Exploration Manager and other parties involved in the drilling activities.
- Performs well evaluations during drilling and post-drill look-backs such as final correlations, updated geological prognosis, maps & grids for structural, stratigraphic, and net pay maps.
- Point of contact with open hole logging companies and mud logging companies. Responsible for scheduling of such services.
- Prospect for new drilling locations for areas of development.

Experience - Operations geologist (4 years minimum) that covers practical experience in drilling operations,coring, and logging. Must have above average, hands on Petra software knowledge and experience.

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Other Skills - Ability to communicate professionally both verbally and in writing. Proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite products such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Demonstrated interest and ability to utilize project management processes and decision analysis tools. Ability to work on multiple tasks concurrently and flexibility to adjust to priority changes.

This is a full time position with competitive salary and benefits.
Send resume with salary requirements to: **hr@mcclureoil.com**.

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Midland, TX 79701
Part-time help needed for busy doctor's office, high school and college students are welcome to apply. Must be able to multi-task and communicate well. Hours include afternoon, evenings and weekends. Submit application at 2409 W. Illionios, Ste D

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Must have min. 5 years sales experience in the thru tubing and fishing industry. Top competitive pay. Accepting resumes at Pro Thru/Tubing a division of **Pro Directional.** Send resume to: **3001 S. Co. Rd. 1260, Midland, TX 79706.**

FLOWER DELIVERY
FLOWERLAND FT/PT
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Cambrian Fluid Level & Dynamometer Svcs FT
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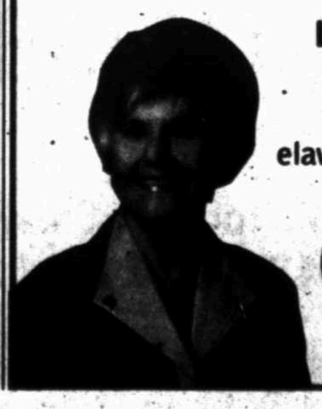

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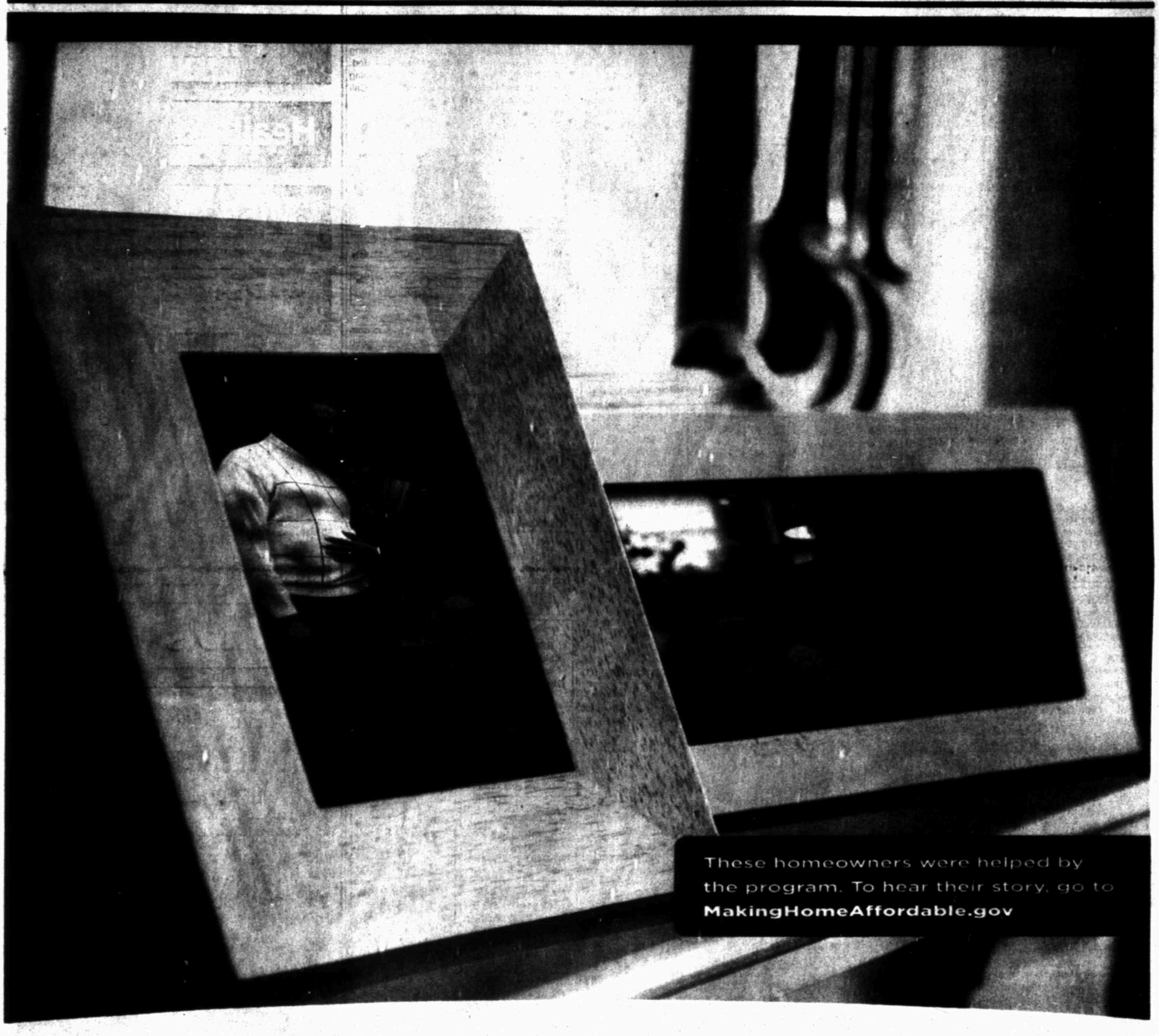

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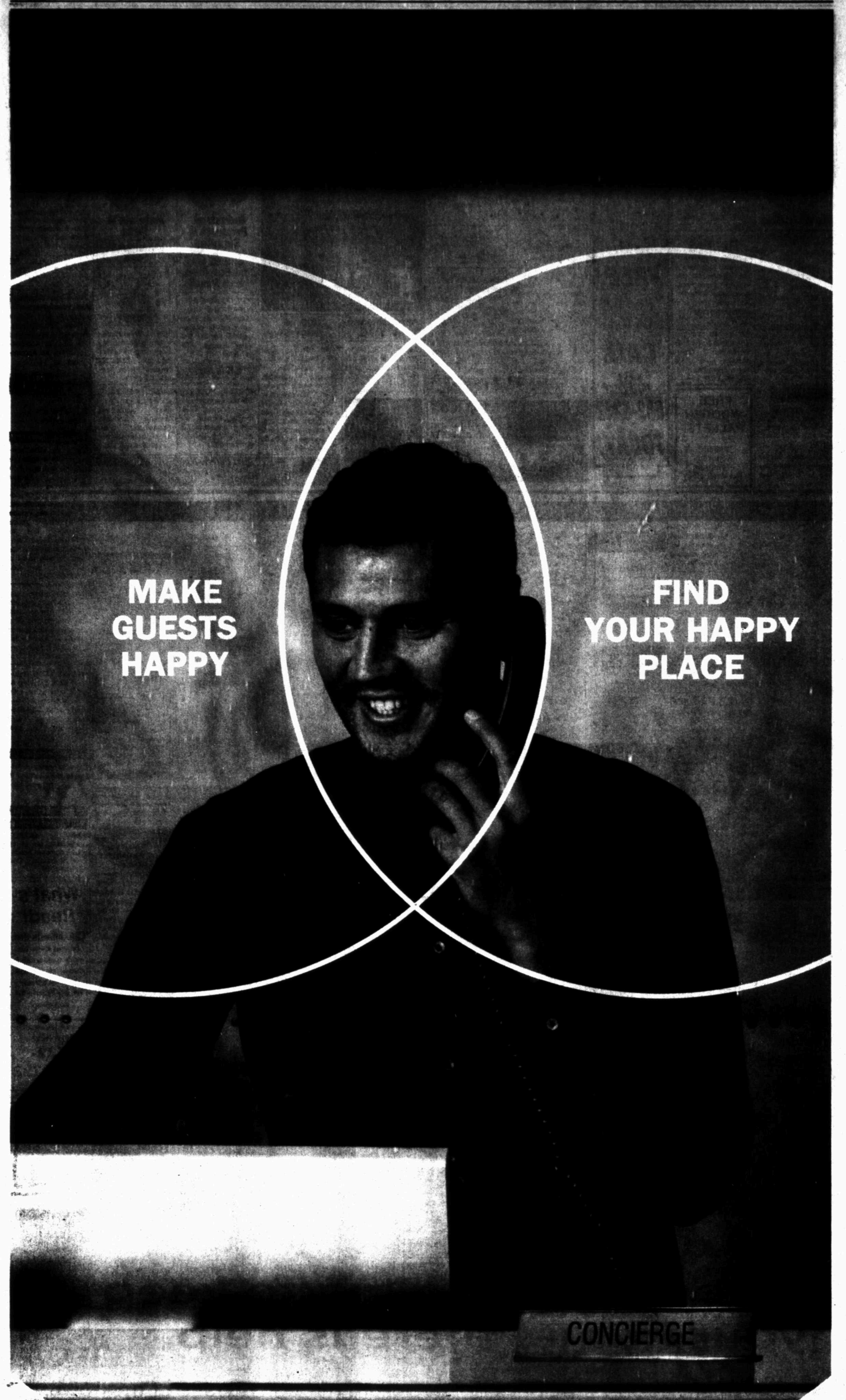

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Understanding how children develop empathy

By Perri Klass
N.Y. Times News Service

The mother was trying to hold the baby still, and I was pulling gently on the ear, angling for a better look at the infant's eardrum. The wriggling baby didn't like any of it, and her whimpering quickly turned to full-fledged wails.

Suddenly the baby's toddler brother, an innocent bystander in no danger of having his own ears examined, began to wail as well, creating the kind of harmonic cacophony that makes passers-by wince in recognition. And the poor mother, her hands full, could only look over and reassure him: Your sister is OK, don't worry, don't feel bad.

But really, was that why the toddler was crying? Was he tired and frustrated, scared by the noise, jealous of his mother's attention? Or was he, in fact, upset because his sister was upset — an early step toward empathy, sympathy, kindness and charity?

The capacity to notice the distress of others, and to be moved by it, can be a critical component of what is called prosocial behavior, actions that benefit others: individuals, groups or society as a whole. Psychologists, neurobiologists and even economists are increasingly interested in the overarching question of how and why we become our better selves.

How do children develop prosocial behavior, and is there in fact any way to encourage it? If you do, will you eventually get altruistic adults, the sort who buy shoes for a homeless man on a freezing night, or rush to lift a commuter pushed onto the subway tracks as the train nears?

Nancy Eisenberg, a professor of psychology at Arizona State University, is an expert on the development in children of prosocial behavior, "voluntary behavior intended to benefit another." Such behavior is often examined through the child's ability to perceive and react to someone else's distress. Attempts at concern and reassurance can be seen in children as young as 1.

Eisenberg draws a distinction between empathy and sympathy: "Empathy, at least the way I break it out, is experiencing the same emotion or highly similar emotion to what the other person is feeling," she said. "Sympathy is feeling concern or sorrow for the other person." While that may be based in part on empathy, she said, or on memory, "it's not feeling the same emotion."

By itself, intense empathy — really feeling someone else's pain — can backfire, causing so much personal distress that the end result is a desire to avoid the source of the pain, researchers have found. The ingredients of prosocial behavior, from kindness to philanthropy, are more complex and varied.

They include the ability to perceive others' distress, the sense of self that helps sort out your own identity and feelings, the regulatory skills that prevent distress so severe it turns to aversion, and the cognitive and emotional understanding of the value of helping.

Twin studies have suggested that there is some genetic component to prosocial tendencies. When reacting to an adult who is pretending to be distressed, for example, identical twins behave more like each other than do fraternal twins. And as children grow up, these early manifestations of sympathy and empathy become part of complex decision-making and personal morality.

"There is some degree of heritability," said Carolyn Zahn-Waxler, a senior research scientist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, who has done some of these twin studies. But she notes that the effect is small: "There is no gene for empathy, there is no gene for altruism. What's heritable may be some personality characteristics."

Scott Huettel, a professor of psychology and neuroscience at Duke, described two broad theories to explain prosocial behavior. One, he said, was essentially motivational: It feels good to help other people. Economists have also looked at the question of altruism, and have hypothesized about a "warm glow effect" to account for charitable giving.

Experimental studies have shown that the same brain region that is activated when people win money for themselves is active when they give to charity — that is, that there is a kind of neurologic "reward" built into the motivational system of the brain.

"Charitable giving can activate the same pleasure-reward centers, the dopaminergic centers, in the brain that are very closely tied to habit formation," said Bill Harbaugh, an economist at the University of Oregon who studies altruism. "This suggests it might be possible to foster the same sorts of habits for charitable giving you see with other sorts of habits."

The other theory of prosocial behavior, Huettel said, is based on social cognition — the recognition that other people have needs and goals. The two theories aren't mutually exclusive: Cognitive understanding accompanied by a motivational reward reinforces prosocial behavior.

But shaping prosocial behavior is a tricky business. For instance, certain financial incentives seem to deter prosocial impulses, a phenomenon called reward undermining, Huettel said.

Consider that in the United States, historically, blood donors could be paid, but not in Britain. And the British donated more blood. "When you give extrinsic motivations, they can supplant the intrinsic ones," he said.

What would the experts say about fostering prosocial behavior in children, from kindness on to charity?

Parental modeling is important, of course; sympathy and compassion should be part of children's experience long before they know the words.

"Explain how other people feel," Eisenberg said. "Reflect the child's feelings, but also point out, look, you hurt Johnny's feelings."

Don't offer material rewards for prosocial behavior, but do offer opportunities to do good — opportunities that the child will see as voluntary. And help children see themselves and frame their own behavior as generous, kind, helpful, as the mother in my exam room did.

Working with a child's temperament, taking advantage of an emerging sense of self and increasing cognitive understanding of the world and helped by the reward centers of the brain, parents can try to foster that warm glow and the worldview that goes with it. Empathy, sympathy, compassion, kindness and charity begin at home, and very early.

Check out the List of Emerging Technologies

Dear PropellerHeads: So... what's up?

A: According to this list we stumbled across over at Wikipedia, it would be easier to tell you what's not up. You know how those rabbit trails are — first you go to Wikipedia to try to figure out where you know that voice from in the yogurt commercials (Phoebe from Friends) and ten links later you're reading about The Smurfs' 50th anniversary commemorative coin (minted in 2008 with a face value of 5 euros). Somewhere along the way, we landed on the List of Emerging Technologies (http://bit.ly/TcEK49).

Being PropellerHeads, we lingered here for a while (about three hours). The list is organized by subject areas, including Agriculture, Biomedical, Energy, Manufacturing, Military, Robotics, Transport and others. Each entry in the list includes the name of the technology, its status in the marketplace (still a theory, being

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researched or tested, already commercialized, etc.), existing technologies that might be replaced, potential applications, and links to related articles.

Faithful readers will recognize a few topics on the list that we've covered before, like 4G cellular networks (http://bit.ly/WPONCn), augmented reality (http://bit.ly/TcOoDN), and 3D printing (http://bit.ly/SkgP5N). These technologies are already available in existing products, but the really fun stuff is still in the research-and-development phase.

Take quantum computers (please!), which differ from today's digital computers by using the properties of subatomic particles to perform calculations (http://bit.ly/V1buhc). Theoretically (lots of things on this list are theoretical at this point), quantum computers will be able to solve certain types of problems many times quicker than modern computers. Consequently, once quantum computers become a reality, the underpinnings of modern ecommerce (like "https" secured websites) will no longer be secure.

Then there are metamaterials (http://bit.ly/Rc83sc), which are artificial structures composed of other materials (like metals or plastics) but precisely arranged in particular patterns, which give them unique properties they would not otherwise have. Researchers have already used metamaterials in laboratory conditions to bend light around an object, making it invisible "to parts of the electromagnetic (EM) spectrum." Once they figure out how to apply this trick to other parts of the EM spectrum, it could lead to the invention of cloaking devices.

Predictably, the military technologies are some of the most interesting. Airborne lasers (http://bit.ly/XTUwsg), which are airplane-mounted weapons designed to shoot down missiles, have been tested for years. Directed-energy weapons (http://bit.ly/10VkaKY), aka "ray guns," exist in various stages from theory and research through deployment. The awesomely named vortex ring gun (http://bit.ly/V7sS9x), still experimental, works by shooting doughnut-shaped puffs of gas at people hundreds of feet away, knocking them down.

Look for some of these to show up as future topics in this column. Driverless cars (http://bit.ly/Rcbmzx), for example, are already a reality thanks in part to research by Google. There will be plenty of time to research that later, though — for now we're still following random links on Wikipedia. Did you know The Flying Wallendas have been around since 1922? Wow!

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