Texas town allows teachers to carry concealed guns. Find out which one on Page 4A.

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Union Pacific to repair signal at crash site

Attorney: 'For the people of Midland, it's going to be a lot safer.'

By Eva Ruth Moravec
San Antonio Express-News

A malfunctioning signal system at a train crossing on Garfield Street, where military veterans on a parade float were killed last month, will be repaired this week, lawyers representing the victims' families said.

A Union Pacific freight train collided with a float, that was part of the nonprofit group Show of Support's parade, killing four and injuring several others.

While inspecting the tracks and testing the system Monday, experts working for attorneys Bob Pottroff and Kevin Glasheen, hired by four plaintiffs, said they discovered that the system wasn't giving enough warning time.

Pottroff said the experts notified Union Pacific, who he said plans to repair the system today.

"We saw a little more urgency in the fact that there's a broken signal system, and people are going across the tracks every day," Pottroff said.

Pottroff and Glasheen have sued Union Pacific and Smith Industries Inc., which owns the flatbed trailer that carried a dozen veterans injured in war and their wives in a parade in their honor, claiming negligence.

Raquel Espinoza-Williams, a spokeswoman for Union Pacific, confirmed the modifications will be taking place today but said they were not connected to the lawsuit.

"After review and testing of the signal system at the Garfield Street crossing, we are making an adjustment to the signal system to improve buffer time," a statement from Espinoza-Williams reads. "The buffer time is added to further ensure that the signal system always provides the warning time required by the federal government — as it did on the day of the accident that occurred Nov. 15."

Four veterans — Army Sgt. Joshua Michael, 34; Army Sgt. William Lubbers, 43; Marine Chief Warrant Officer Gary Stouffer, 37; and Army Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Boivin, 47 — were killed in the crash, and 14 other people were injured.

Tests conducted shortly after the crash by the National Transportation Safety Board and on Monday showed that a warning time of about 20 seconds was given before the fatal crash. Twenty seconds is the minimum requirement, set by the Federal Railroad Administration.

Please see **REPAIR**/4A

HOLIDAY IN TUNE

ABOVE: First-grade students from Travis and Pease elementary schools perform Christmas songs at the O Tannenbaum singing event Thursday at ClayDesta Atrium.

RIGHT: Mayor Wes Perry reads "Twas the Night Before Christmas" on Thursday.

BELOW: A trio of Santa Clauses entertain the crowd with Christmas tunes.

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City Council member proposes evening meetings

By Joseph Basco
jbasco@mrt.com

District 3 representative John James raised the issue of moving Midland City Council meetings from a 10 a.m. start time to the evening during the council's Tuesday briefing session.

The council members discussed how often evening meeting should take place — once per month, once per quarter or once per year. By the end of the session, the council members did not reach a consensus.

"Meetings during the day, when people are working, are not an open approach to government," James said.

James said more residents could be able to attend city council meetings if they were started between 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., a time period, he said, when people are off work.

James

Most City Council members said they were OK with the change.

"I have no problem if it means more people can attend," At-large City Council member Scott Dufford said. Dufford, Michael Trost and Jerry Morales said they would prefer an evening meeting once per quarter.

One member who is set to leave the council after serving nine years, District 2 representative Vicky Hailey, said evening meetings are typically reserved for hot topic issues but thinks it is still a good idea to have them after people get off work.

"It's a good idea," Hailey said, "But you have to let the public know in advance, though."

John Love, who is set to take Hailey's council seat, said evening meetings are appropriate for hot topic issues but are not needed for regular council meetings.

District 1 member Jeff Sparks offered a dissenting voice to holding all the regular meetings at night.

"It's reasonable to do it occasionally," Sparks said. "I can't point out a year where we didn't have a night meeting."

Please see **JAMES**/4A

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The big number
Bernie Madoff's brother gets
10 years behind bars
for conspiracy in connection to a Ponzi scheme. More on 8A.

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and the government will be upon his shoulders.
And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN
Group: Texas' budget strong, but challenges loom

A national group examining state finances says Texas' budget is in better shape than budgets in many other states, but population growth and other challenges loom.

The State Budget Crisis Task Force was formed last year and is examining budgets in Texas and five other states: California, Illinois, New Jersey, New York and Virginia. The task force said in a statement Thursday that it credited the state for "a culture of sound fiscal management and transparency."

The task force also points to strong cash reserves. The state Rainy Day Fund balance has topped $8 billion.

Though Texas' challenges aren't as severe as those faced by lawmakers in other state, the Legislature next year will confront spiraling healthcare costs and calls for more investment in water and roads.

AUSTIN
Texas cancer agency's nonprofit defends privacy

A nonprofit foundation that helps boost executive salaries at the state's embattled $3 billion cancer-fighting effort is defending its decision to keep the names of private donors confidential.

State budget-writers Thursday grilled officials with the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas. The agency is under a criminal investigation and has ground to a halt over awarding $11 million to a private company without ever scrutinizing the proposal.

The CPRIT Foundation was created partly as a mechanism to supplement the salaries of the state agency's top executives. Executive Director Bill Gimson made $300,000 before asking to resign this month amid the mounting turmoil surrounding the agency.

Barbara Canales, vice chairman of the CPRIT Foundation, says donors are kept confidential to protect them from being solicited by others.

HOUSTON
Official: Bush may leave hospital before Christmas

Ex-President George H.W. Bush's monthlong stay in a Houston hospital for treatment of a bronchitis-related cough appears to be nearing an end.

Bush spokesman Jim McGrath said Thursday that Bush might be released from the Methodist Hospital at the weekend and be home in time Christmas.

Hospital officials have said the 88-year-old former president is steadily improving and that he's been receiving physical therapy to increase his strength.

Bush has been in the hospital since Nov. 23. He also was in the hospital with a cough for about a week in early November.

Bush and his wife, Barbara, spend winters at their home in Houston and summers at their home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

AUSTIN
Texas offers online help against childhood obesity

Texas has unveiled a website meant to help battle childhood obesity and identify areas of the state where youngsters are most at risk.

Comptroller Susan Combs on Thursday announced ReshapingTexas.org as a way to help focus on obesity costs, medical research and health initiatives.

A mapping feature uses fitness and body mass data collected by school districts and reported to the Texas Education Agency to help pinpoint at-risk areas. Combs says ReshapingTexas.org also encourages users to offer success stories.

The 2011 Legislature ordered the comptroller's office to set up a website to compile research information on childhood obesity and provide other assistance.

HOUSTON
More than 100 become ill on cruise ship

A spokeswoman for Princess Cruises says more than 100 passengers and crew contracted a stomach virus on one of its ships.

Karen Candy told the Houston Chronicle that 96 passengers and six crew members on the Crown Princess contracted a common form of gastrointestinal illness that involves upset stomachs, vomiting and diarrhea.

The illness struck during a 20-day Venetian cruise due to end Saturday at Galveston's port.

Candy said the cruise line suspects the virus, which is easily transmitted from person to person, was brought on board by embarking passengers.

She said the ship will undergo a comprehensive disinfection after it docks.

San Antonio cops indicted in wreck

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A former San Antonio police officer who was found in a T-shirt and boxer shorts in front of his wrecked city-owned pickup has been indicted on charges of tampering with evidence and misappropriation of funds.

Former Sgt. Joseph Myers, 52, was found Feb. 2 after his truck crashed into a concrete barrier on U.S. Highway 281 near downtown San Antonio. Authorities said he was causing a disturbance when found.

He later tested positive for cocaine, according to a Bexar County indictment filed Wednesday. The indictment accuses him of tampering with a drug test by disconnecting the feeder hose of a toilet and using it to dilute his urine.

The San Antonio Express-News reported Thursday that Myers has since retired.

"No one can put him behind the wheel," said Cliff Herberg, the first assistant district attorney, about why Myers wasn't charged with driving under the influence. "But he has a duty to take care of the public's property under his control."

The indictment says San Antonio police audited cash under Myers' control in the narcotics unit and found more than $7,000 missing. When questioned, Myers turned in "IOUs" allegedly signed by unit detectives. Authorities said the paperwork was forged.

A current officer, Sgt. Ramiro Garcia, also is charged with tampering with evidence. The indictment accuses Garcia of removing beer cans and pornography from the crashed truck while an investigation was ongoing.

FELONY ARRESTS
FROM STAFF REPORTS

Roberta J. Cedillo, 37, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and prohibited substance in a correctional facility.

Joseph W. Garrett III, 50, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Jackie R. Mims, 46, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on charges of possession of a controlled substance and tampering or fabricating physical evidence.

Ricardo Oliva Sr., 47, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of violation of probation.

Ennis Shedwin III, 40, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Kira Tucker, 18, of Midland, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of robbery.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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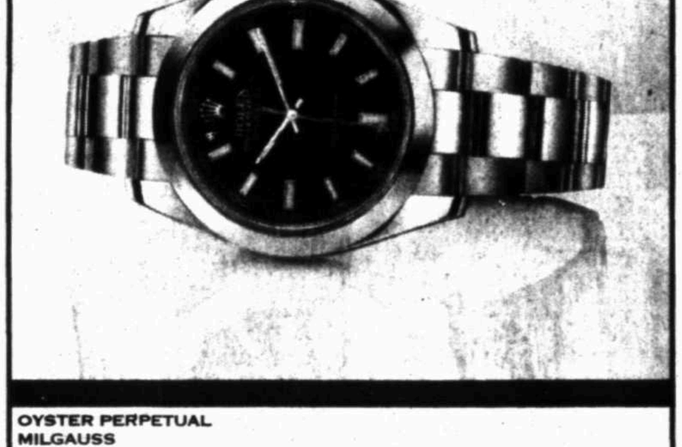
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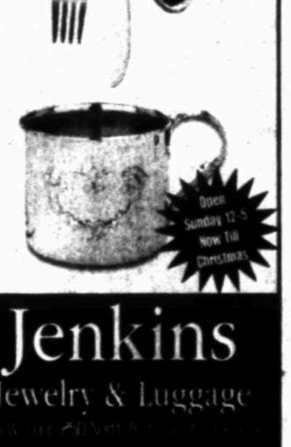
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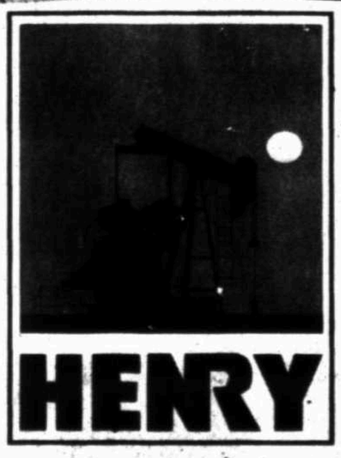
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Perry urges Texans to join in moment of silence

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry has asked Texans to join him in a moment of silence today in memory of the 26 victims of the Connecticut school shootings.

Perry on Thursday issued a proclamation declaring a moment of silence at 9:30 a.m. today to coincide with a day of mourning called for by Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy a week after the massacre.

Perry spokesman Josh Havens says the observance is meant for 9:30 a.m. local time in the state's two time zones.

Perry is also encouraging places of worship and buildings that have the capability to ring bells 26 times to honor each life lost when a gunman opened fire at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Woman killed in road rage shooting

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A man has been arrested after a woman was shot to death in what Harris County officials are calling a road rage incident.

Authorities said Veronica Soto, 30, was killed Thursday following a traffic altercation involving the car she was riding in with her husband and two other vehicles. The Harris County Sheriff's Office said a 20-year-old suspect was arrested and admitted to being the shooter but has not yet been charged.

Associated Press

Perry pumps up pastry expansion

Gov. Rick Perry speaks to a crowded factory floor in Paris on Thursday as part of a news conference announcing the J. Skinner Baking Company is expanding its operations into the former Sara Lee plant in Paris. The J. Skinner Baking Company operation is expected to create nearly 400 new jobs and $25 million in capital investment in the Paris community.

Female Texas trooper suspended amid body search

Associated Press

DALLAS — A female Texas trooper has been suspended amid an investigation of her videotaped body cavity search of two women along a busy highway.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger said late Wednesday that Trooper Kelley Halleson has been suspended with pay. Results of a Texas Rangers inquiry are expected to go to a Dallas County grand jury in January.

An Irving woman and her adult niece this week sued Halleson and a male trooper, plus DPS director Steve McCraw, over the July traffic stop. Angel and Ashley Dobbs say the search videotaped by a patrol car camera was unlawful and humiliating.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today is the first day of winter

Dec. 21 is one of two solstices, days when the rays of the sun directly strike one of the two tropical latitude lines. At precisely 6:11 a.m. today winter begins in the northern hemisphere and summer begins in the southern hemisphere.

The earth spins around its axis, an imaginary line going right through the planet between the north and south poles. The axis is tilted somewhat off the plane of the earth's revolution around the sun. The tilt of the axis is 23.5 degrees; thanks to this tilt, we enjoy the four seasons.

Spring begins March 20, 2013.

Source: http://geography.about.com

What about that winter weather?

The Climate Prediction Center is calling for a better-than-40 percent chance of above-average temperatures from January through March. The center also is calling for a 40 percent chance of below average rainfall for three-month period.

Source: Climate Prediction Center

Things to do

■ "A Christmas Carol" at Davis Theatre I, Cole Theatre. For tickets, call 570-4111.

■ Concert, Randy Rogers, 7 p.m., Graham Central Station, Odessa.

New movies in Midland

■ **At Tall City 14:** "Jack Reacher," "This is 40," "Monsters" 3D, and "Monsters" 2D and "Guilt Trip"

■ **At Big Sky Drive-In:** "Monster's Inc."

This date in Stanton history

On Dec. 21, 1997, the Stanton Buffaloes defeated Rogers 33-7 to claim the 2A football championship at Texas Stadium.

Gas prices

Cheapest gas in Midland: $3.12 (Alon, Illinois Avenue/Midkiff Road)

Most expensive: $3.39 (Fina, Rankin Highway/ECR 135)

Most common prices: $3.15, $3.17, $3.19

Cheapest prices in West Texas: Lubbock $2.80, Abilene $2.93, San Angelo $3.00, Odessa $3.03, Midland $3.12

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Thursday	$3.168	$3.168
Last week	$3.222	$3.053
Last month	$3.285	$3.142
Last year	$3.214	$3.302

Source: TexasGasPrices.com

Have stuff to send?

Shipping dates for Christmas Eve delivery

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Dec. 22 for Express Shipping
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Water worries

Based on limits set by the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the amount the city can take from the Paul Davis water fields, city officials expect water delivery to be limited to 18.5 million gallons. Using more than that figure consistently could result in the city halting outdoor watering.

Wednesday's total: 11,047,000 gallons (CRMWD 8,020,000, Paul Davis fields 3,027,000)

Dec. 12: 11,027,000 gallons

Solid waste holiday schedule

The holidays is the busiest time of year for the city of Midland's Solid Waste department, and officials ask for residents' cooperation and patience in helping operations run smoothly.

Because of the holiday, today will be the last day Solid Waste picks up trash 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.

Various divisions of Solid Waste will have modified hours throughout the holiday season.

Source: City of Midland

Grocery store hours

H-E-B
Christmas Eve: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Christmas Day: Closed

Albertsons
Christmas Eve 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Christmas 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Andrews Highway location only; other two stores will be closed)

Wal-Mart
Christmas Eve: Closing 8 p.m.
Christmas: Closed

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All or Nothing (evening): 1-2-3-4-5-11-12-15-17-19-20-21
All or Nothing (night): 3-11-13-14-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-24

'Plan B' vote called off, lacks GOP support

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Confronted with a revolt among the rank and file, House Republicans abruptly scrapped a vote Thursday night on legislation allowing tax rates to rise for households earning $1 million and up, complicating attempts to avoid a year-end "fiscal cliff" that threatens to send the economy into recession.

In a brief statement, Speaker John Boehner conceded the bill "did not have sufficient support from our members to pass." At the same time he challenged President Barack Obama and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., to work on legislation to avoid across-the-board tax increases and deep spending cuts due to take effect in less than two weeks.

"The Senate must now act," the Ohio Republican said.

In a statement released a short while later, the White House said the president's "main priority is to ensure that taxes don't go up on 98 percent of Americans and 97 percent of small businesses in just a few short days. The president will work with Congress to get this done and we are hopeful that we will be able to find a bipartisan solution quickly that protects the middle class and our economy."

Emerging from a hurriedly-called evening meeting of House Republicans, Ohio Rep. Steve LaTourette said Boehner had told lawmakers he's "going to call the president, and he's going to go down and talk to him, and maybe they can hammer something out."

The turn of events marked a personal setback for Boehner and another indication of the power of tea party-backed lawmakers who helped Republicans gain a majority in the 2010 elections.

One first-termer, Rep. Tim Huelskamp, said the developments were "a victory for Republican principles." The Kansas Republican is one of three lawmakers recently stripped of favored committee assignments for bucking the leadership.

The legislation was crafted to prevent tax increases set to kick in on Jan. 1, 2013, on tens of millions of Americans. But another provision that would have let rates rise for those at the upper income range — a violation of long-standing Republican orthodoxy — triggered the opposition of anti-tax lawmakers inside the party.

The abrupt turn of events left precious little time for divided government to prevent across-the-board tax increases and deep spending cuts from taking effect with the new year. Economists say the combination threatened a return to recession for an economy that has been recovering slowly from the last one.

The House will not meet again until after Christmas, if then, and the Senate is expected to meet briefly today, then not reconvene until next Thursday.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

An injured person is taken out of a vehicle involved in a rollover accident at Interstate 20 and Loop 250 on Thursday. Two vehicles were involved, and at least one person was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital.

Rollover accident on Loop 250 sends one person to hospital

From staff reports

A rollover accident at the Interstate 20 north service road and Loop 250 intersection at 6:49 p.m. Thursday sent one woman to the hospital with minor injuries.

Officer Justin Bunch said a woman driving a Nissan Xterra SUV was headed eastbound on the I-20 north service road and stopped at the stop sign near Loop 250.

During this time, a man driving a GMC pickup was headed southbound on Loop 250.

Bunch said the truck hit the SUV after the woman driver went forward, resulting in a T-bone collision.

The front end of the truck was damaged and the driver side of the SUV was damaged, Bunch said. Both vehicles were towed.

The woman was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital with minor head injuries. The man was not injured. Bunch said the woman will be cited for failure to provide the right of way.

Texas town allows teachers to carry concealed guns

Associated Press

"We don't have money for a security guard, but this is a better solution. ... We can protect our children."

David Thweatt, Harrold schools chief

HARROLD — In this tiny Texas town, children and their parents don't give much thought to safety at the community's lone school — mostly because some of the teachers are carrying concealed weapons.

In remote Harrold, the nearest sheriff's office is 30 minutes away, and people tend to know — and trust — one another. So the school board voted to let teachers bring guns to school.

"We don't have money for a security guard, but this is a better solution," Superintendent David Thweatt said. "A shooter could take out a guard or officer with a visible, holstered weapon, but our teachers have master's degrees, are older and have had extensive training. And their guns are hidden. We can protect our children."

In the awful aftermath of last week's Connecticut elementary school shooting, lawmakers in a growing number of states — including Oklahoma, Missouri, Minnesota, South Dakota and Oregon — have said they will consider laws allowing teachers and school administrators to carry firearms at school.

Texas law bans guns in schools unless the school has given written authorization. Arizona and six other states have similar laws with exceptions for people who have licenses to carry concealed weapons.

Harrold's school board voted unanimously in 2007 to allow employees to carry weapons. After obtaining a state concealed-weapons permit, each employee who wants to carry a weapon must be approved by the board based on his or her personality and reaction to a crisis, Thweatt said.

Employees also must undergo training in crisis intervention and hostage situations. And they must use bullets that minimize the risk of ricochet, similar to those carried by air marshals on planes.

CaRae Reinisch, who lives in the nearby community of Elliott, said she took her children out of a larger school and enrolled them in Harrold two years ago, partly because she felt they would be safer in a building with armed teachers.

"I think it's a great idea for trained teachers to carry weapons," Reinisch said. "But I hate that it has come to this."

The superintendent won't disclose how many of the school's 50 employees carry weapons, saying that revealing that number might jeopardize school security.

The school, about 150 miles northwest of Fort Worth near the Oklahoma border, has 103 students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Most of them rarely think about who is carrying a gun.

"This is the first time in a long time that I've thought about it," said Matt Templeton, the principal's 17-year-old son. "And that's because of what happened" in Connecticut.

Thweatt said other Texas schools allow teachers to carry weapons, but he would not reveal their locations, saying they are afraid of negative publicity.

The Texas Education Agency said it had not heard of any other schools with such a policy. And the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence did not know of any other districts nationwide that allow school employees to carry concealed handguns.

But that may change soon.

Oklahoma state Rep. Mark McCullough said he is working on a bill that would allow teachers and administrators to receive firearms training through the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training, which would authorize them to carry weapons at school and at school events. Other states are proposing or considering similar measures.

However, Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder this week vetoed legislation that would have allowed concealed weapons in schools, churches and day care centers, saying he seeks a more "thoughtful review" that includes school emergency policies and mental health-related issues.

In Texas, guns have an honored place in the state's culture, and politicians often describe owning a gun as essential to being Texan. At the state Capitol, concealed handgun license holders are allowed to skip the metal detectors that scan visitors.

Gov. Rick Perry has indicated he would prefer to give gun owners the widest possible latitude. Just days after the Connecticut attack, Perry said permit holders should be able to carry concealed weapons in any public place.

Last year, many Texas lawmakers supported a plan to give college students and professors with concealed handgun licenses the right to carry guns on campus, but the measure failed.

REPAIR

From 1A

Plans found during the Monday inspection revealed that the warning lights, bells and crossing arms at the South Garfield Crossing should have been activated at least 25 seconds before the train reached the crossing and collided with float, Glasheen said.

Documents released by the Texas Department of Transportation show that in 1992, the agency approved plans for the crossing that called for a 30-second warning time. Glasheen said it remains unclear if TxDOT approved the modified 25-second plans.

Typically, sensors in the railroad tracks detect an approaching train's speed and trigger the warning system at the crossing.

According to Pottroff, the defect is likely caused by the fact that there are three sensors inside of the Garfield crossing's circuit, and so the system receives a garbled message.

"If you have too many signals coming in, the system gets clogged up," he said. "You're sending out an artificial signal because you've jammed it up so much."

He also said it's unprecedented for a railroad to make changes to a warning system pre-trial in the public realm, but an injunction Pottroff and Glasheen filed dictated that they be notified if any changes were made to the system.

Union Pacific has said that the system's 20-second warning complied with the minimum requirement set by the Federal Railroad Administration and has questioned the float driver's actions.

The NTSB investigation also determined that Dale Andrew Hayden, 50, drove the float into the intersection after the signal warning system had already been triggered, violating federal regulations. The crossing arm had already begun to descend, and lights and bells were already activated, when he drove into the crossing; as the flatbed crossed through the intersection, the crossing arm descended on parade float passengers.

With five more seconds, "the gate would have come down in front of the semi, which would have stopped dutifully," said Pottroff.

Although there were numerous accidents at the railroad crossing before 1997, since then there have been none, the NTSB said. In the past 15 years, about 70 million vehicles safely crossed the tracks, according to Union Pacific.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Railroad-Highway Grade Crossing Handbook, revised in 2007, states that motorists at rail crossings must yield the right-of-way to opposing traffic. Because trains are on a fixed path and take longer to slow down, "motorists bear most of the responsibility for avoiding collisions with trains," the handbook states.

"They don't have the right-of-way when their system isn't working," Pottroff argued. "For the people of Midland, it's going to be a lot safer."

Hospital approves construction credit

From staff reports

Midland Memorial Hospital's board of directors approved two items during its meeting Thursday, including one that provided a nearly $1 million construction credit.

The first item — requested by Cory Edmondson, vice president of support services — was a construction credit of $939,047 that the hospital received because the Hospice of Midland abandoned its inpatient operations, according to Edmondson.

"The hospice planned to move from the third to first floor of the new tower," Edmondson said. "There was money already allocated in the project to provide the hospice new space."

Edmondson said the hospital will work with the hospice in the future if they choose to have an inpatient unit.

The second item — requested by Dr. Robert Dent, vice president of patient care services — was an additional pharmacy carousel that manages remote stock, specifically in the IV area.

The carousel costs $227,989. Of that amount, $225,000 was budgeted. The board approved the carousel's full cost.

Tower update

Edmondson said renovations to the recently opened Dorothy and Clarence Scharbauer Jr. Tower will continue through the summer.

He said a conference room, emergency department redesign, a basement-level pharmacy materials management system and a same-day surgery floor are all in the works.

JAMES

From 1A

Sparks said past evening meetings have not produced large turnouts.

"Over the next year, we have a lot going on," Sparks said. "We don't help ourselves by moving meetings in the evening."

James said he has data that shows greater attendance during evening meetings.

"Odessa does evening meetings," James said, "so why don't we?"

In response, Sparks said there are things other cities do that he wouldn't want to do.

In Midland County, only the school districts, Midland and Greenwood ISD, conduct evening meetings. Midland County commissioners, like the council, meet in the morning. The Hospital District and Midland College meet at 1:10 p.m. and 4 p.m. on their respective days.

Mayor Wes Perry said he has no problems with changing City Council meeting times, if the citizens want it.

"I've have one or two people over the years tell me they want to change the start time," Perry said. "Our job is to do our business in front of the people."

Meat company sues feds over horse slaughterhouse

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A New Mexico meat company that wants to resume domestic horse slaughter for food is suing the federal government, alleging inaction on its application was driven by emotional political debates and has cost it hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Valley Meat Co. is seeking to force the U.S. Department of Agriculture to resume inspections necessary to open what would be the nation's first new horse slaughterhouse in more than five years.

The company and its owner, Rick de los Santos, have also sued the Humane Society of the United States, Front Range Equine Rescue, and Animal Protection of New Mexico, accusing the organizations of defamation during a yearlong dispute that has reignited debate over the humane treatment of horses and how best to control the nation's exploding equine population.

Perhaps the most divisive question is whether the noble, iconic animals that played a key role in the settling of much of America are livestock or pets.

The USDA declined comment this week on the pending litigation. The agency has until January to respond to the suit filed in federal court in late October.

Animal Protection of New Mexico also declined comment. Humane Society officials did not immediately return a phone call Thursday.

Bruce Wagman, an attorney for Front Range Equine, called the lawsuit "completely false and frivolous," and said the group did nothing wrong.

"We aren't even sure what it says," he added.

The dispute began a year ago, de los Santos said, after Congress removed what effectively had become a ban on horse slaughter in the U.S. His cattle slaughter business had dropped off as area ranchers sold their herds because of drought, so he talked to the USDA about converting his slaughterhouse to handle horses.

He said he was encouraged to do so but told he would have to stop slaughtering cattle to get the proper permits.

He said he shuttered his business and set about converting it but claims he was stonewalled as publicity about his plans reignited national debate about how to deal with a growing number of abused and abandoned horses.

His lawsuit claims evidence will show a "marked change in cooperation" by the USDA that the agency allegedly told him was politically motivated.

Meanwhile, the defamation suit alleges the animal protection groups actively tried to destroy his business.

Many animal humane groups and public officials were outraged at the idea of resuming domestic horse slaughter, including New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez, who previously vowed to fight the plan by Valley Meat Co.

"A horse's companionship is a way of life for many people across New Mexico," she said earlier this year. "We rely on them for work and bond with them through their loyalty."

Some others, however, including some horse rescues, livestock associations and the American Quarter Horse Association, support a return to domestic horse slaughter. They point to a 2011 report from the federal Government Accountability Office that shows horse abuse and abandonment have been increasing since Congress effectively banned horse slaughter by cutting funding for USDA inspection programs in 2006.

A bill passed last year authorized the USDA to resume horse slaughterhouse inspections, prompting the application from de los Santos.

The number of U.S. horses sent to other countries for slaughter has nearly tripled since domestic horse slaughter ceased. Most humane groups agree that some of the worst abuse occurs in the slaughter pipeline that often takes horses to inhumane facilities in Mexico.

Last year, 68,429 horses were shipped to that country and 64,652 to Canada, according to USDA statistics compiled by the Equine Welfare Alliance, a nonprofit dedicated to ending horse slaughter. That compares to total exports of 37,884 of the animals in 2006.

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Debates on ending violence usually go nowhere

■ Three elements need to be fixed to prevent more shootings. How much of your liberties are you willing to give away?

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Every mass shooting has three elements: the killer, the weapon and the cultural climate. As soon as the shooting stops, partisans immediately pick their preferred root cause with corresponding pet panacea. Names are hurled, scapegoats paraded, prejudices vented. The argument goes nowhere.

Let's be serious:

(1) *The Weapon*

Within hours of last week's Newtown, Conn., massacre, the focus was the weapon and the demand was for new gun laws. Several prominent pro-gun Democrats remorsefully professed new openness to gun control. Sen. Dianne Feinstein is introducing a new assault weapons ban. And the president emphasized guns and ammo above all else in announcing the creation of a new task force.

I have no problem in principle with gun control. Congress enacted (and I supported) an assault weapons ban in 1994. The problem was: It didn't work. (So concluded a University of Pennsylvania study commissioned by the Justice Department.) The reason is simple. Unless you are prepared to confiscate all existing firearms, disarm the citizenry and repeal the Second Amendment, it's almost impossible to craft a law that will be effective.

Feinstein's law, for example, would exempt 900 weapons. And that's the least of the loopholes. Even the guns that are banned can be made legal with simple, minor modifications.

Most fatal, however, is the grandfathering of existing weapons and magazines. That's one of the reasons the '94 law failed. At the time, there were 1.5 million assault weapons in circulation and 25 million large-capacity (i.e., more than 10 bullets) magazines. A reservoir that immense can take 100 years to draw down.

(2) *The Killer*

Monsters shall always be with us, but in earlier days they did not roam free. As a psychiatrist in Massachusetts in the 1970s, I committed people — often right out of the emergency room — as a danger to themselves or to others. I never did so lightly, but I labored under none of the crushing bureaucratic and legal constraints that make involuntary commitment infinitely more difficult today.

Why do you think we have so many homeless? Destitution? Poverty has *declined* since the 1950s. The majority of those sleeping on grates are mentally ill. In the name of civil liberties, we let them die with their rights on.

A tiny percentage of the mentally ill become mass killers. Just about everyone around Tucson shooter Jared Loughner sensed he was mentally ill and dangerous. But in effect, he had to kill before he could be put away — and (forcibly) treated.

Random mass killings were three times more common in the 2000s than in the 1980s, when gun laws were actually weaker. Yet a 2011 University of California at Berkeley study found that states with strong civil commitment laws have about a one-third lower homicide rate.

(3) *The Culture*

We live in an entertainment culture soaked in graphic, often sadistic, violence. Older folks find themselves stunned by what a desensitized youth finds routine, often amusing. It's not just movies. Young men sit for hours pulling video-game triggers, mowing down human beings *en masse* without pain or consequence. And we profess shock when a small cadre of unstable, deeply deranged, dangerously isolated young men go out and enact the overlearned narrative.

If we're serious about curtailing future Columbines and Newtowns, everything — guns, commitment, culture — must be on the table. It's not hard for President Obama to call out the NRA. But will he call out the ACLU? And will he call out his Hollywood friends?

The irony is that over the last 30 years, the U.S. homicide rate has declined by 50 percent. Gun murders as well. We're living not through an epidemic of gun violence but through a historic decline.

Except for these unfathomable mass murders. But these are infinitely more difficult to prevent. While law deters the rational, it has far less effect on the psychotic. The best we can do is to try to detain them, disarm them and discourage "entertainment" that can intensify already murderous impulses.

But there's a cost. Gun control impinges upon the Second Amendment; involuntary commitment impinges upon the liberty clause of the Fifth Amendment; curbing "entertainment" violence impinges upon First Amendment free speech.

That's a lot of impingement, a lot of amendments. But there's no free lunch. Increasing public safety almost always means restricting liberties.

We made that trade after 9/11. We make it every time the TSA invades your body at an airport. How much are we prepared to trade away after Newtown?

GUEST VIEW

Our nation needs a serious conversation about violence

Dallas Morning News

Days after the Connecticut shootings, the Dallas Morning News is no different than the rest of the country. We're still trying to shake off the shock of how classrooms of first-graders were massacred by a troubled young man who seems unconnected in any way with the school. But we roust ourselves from the horror in hopes that perhaps some change can come out of Newtown's tragedy.

To launch a national conversation about violence is not to politicize the sadness. Rather, it is to search for ways that communities can secure themselves, including through better gun laws and mental health options.

The first step that's needed is a rational, civil debate about where lawmakers should draw the lines on guns. Americans from opposing points of view should come to the discussion willing to move beyond their talking points.

Those who favor restricting gun rights must realize their neighbors who buy and use guns have a constitutional right to do so and that most gun owners use them prudently. Nor will gun control laws stop every madman.

At the same time, those who oppose any gun restrictions should rethink what parts of their gun rights they would give up if that would help law enforcement get more rapid-fire, high-capacity weapons off the streets. If police make the case for sensible controls, would they not give up something for the larger good?

A spirit of compromise is needed so the nation can focus on how Newtown's tragedy could have been prevented and how other communities can avoid their own.

The weaponry part of the discussion will stir up the most passion. But mental health issues are every bit as relevant, if not more so.

Perhaps this means more options for families to access mental health care. The Texas Legislature is returning next month, so lawmakers particularly should look into how schools can better reach families with troubled children. Perhaps what's also needed is more education and help for the caregivers of afflicted youth. Their parents endure a lonely, agonizing hell.

We can't create gun laws or mental health options that will solve every problem. That doesn't mean we shouldn't try to do more. As President Barack Obama rightly asked Sunday, "Can we honestly say that we are doing enough to keep our children — all of them — safe from harm?"

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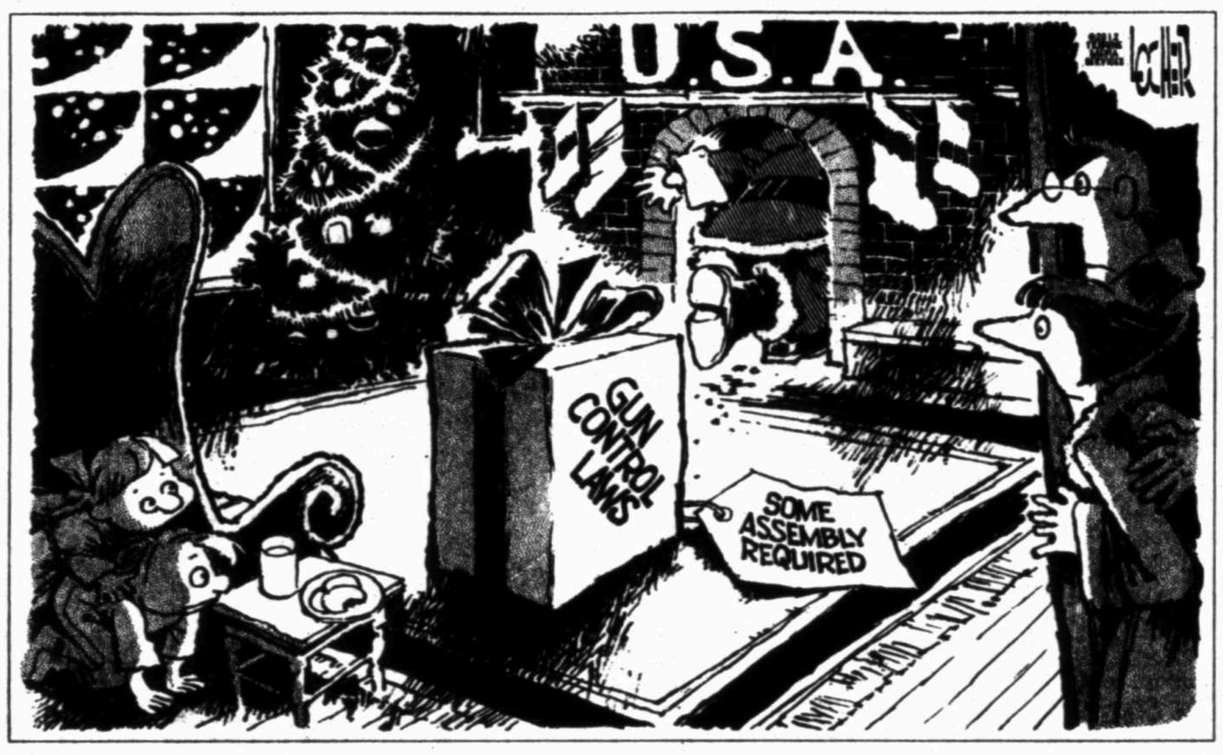

Obama takes advantage of crisis

■ The president uses the shooting to further his agenda and loses leadership points when it comes to fiscal focus.

DANA MILBANK
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It was a most audacious application of the Emanuel rule.

"Never allow a crisis to go to waste," Rahm Emanuel said when he was tapped to be President Obama's chief of staff.

Standing in the White House briefing room Wednesday afternoon, Obama observed that recommendation in unorthodox fashion, invoking the grade-school massacre in Newtown, Conn., to advance his agenda not just on gun control but on taxes, the debt limit, energy and immigration reform.

"Goodness," Obama said. "If there's one thing we should have after this week, it should be a sense of perspective about what's important."

And what's important? "Right now what the country needs is for us to compromise, get a deficit-reduction deal in place, make sure middle-class taxes don't go up," the president said, adding to his wish list gun control and an end to debt-limit fights. "Focus on issues like energy, and immigration reform and all the things that will really make a determination as to whether our country grows."

It was an unfortunate juxtaposition and perhaps not what Obama intended when he walked into the briefing room with Vice President Biden to read a statement about last week's tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School. The statement itself was powerful: Obama added much-needed urgency and specificity to his call for gun-control measures, signaling a push in the new year to ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines and to require background checks for all gun purchases.

But the experience showed how difficult it will be to keep the focus on this issue — and why each day of delay in pursuit of new gun controls makes success less likely. The first three questioners Obama called on asked about "fiscal cliff" negotiations. What began as an appearance to draw attention to gun control turned into a forum for the president to taunt congressional Republicans over taxes and spending.

Obama, prompted by The Wall Street Journal's Carol Lee for an update on the budget talks, accused Republicans of operating out of personal animus toward him. "At some point there's got to be, I think, a recognition on the part of my Republican friends that, you know, take the deal," he said. "You know," he added a moment later, "it is very hard for them to say yes to me. But, you know, at some point, you know, they've got to take me out of it and think about their voters and think about what's best for the country."

Obama accused Republicans in "partisan war paint" of trying to "score a point on the president" rather than doing "what's good for the country." He said they "may not see an incentive in cooperating with me in part because they're more concerned about challenges from a tea party candidate."

There's some truth to that, but it drew a predictably angry reply from House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, who made a terse statement saying that Obama, if he doesn't come around to the Republicans' position, would "be responsible for the largest tax increase in American history."

Lost in the political firefight was the real reason for the president's appearance: advancing measures to reduce gun violence. Reporters inquired skeptically about his dedication to the issue.

USA Today's David Jackson asked why this effort would be different from past failures, "given the passage of time and the political power of gun-rights groups."

ABC News' Jake Tapper asked Obama about his "political calculation" not to talk about gun violence until now. "Where have you been?" he asked.

"I don't think I've been on vacation," an irritated Obama replied.

But even as he vowed to take action on guns over the "next couple months," his immediate tactic was to use the Newtown shootings to strengthen his hand on the extraneous topic of the budget standoff.

The need to compromise on the fiscal cliff "has not yet taken up on Capitol Hill," he said. "And when you think about what we've gone through over the last couple of months — a devastating hurricane, and now one of the worst tragedies in our memory — the country deserves folks to be willing to compromise on behalf of the greater good and not tangle themselves up in a whole bunch of ideological positions that don't make much sense."

The country does deserve leaders who are willing to compromise on the fiscal cliff — for reasons that have nothing to do with the Newtown dead.

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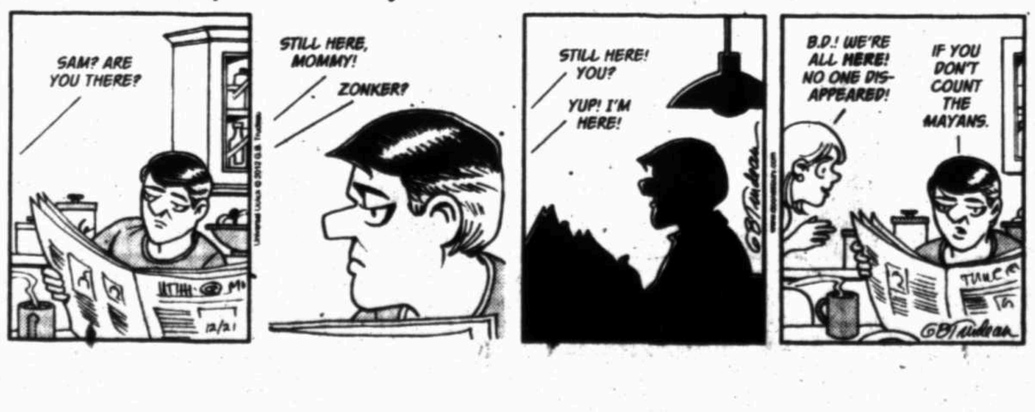

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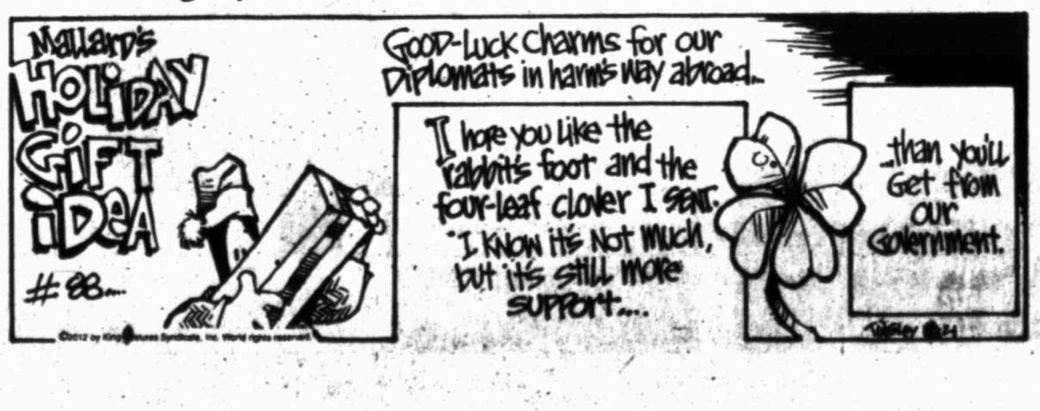


Lawmakers, officials tangle over Libya raid

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The State Department on Thursday acknowledged major weaknesses in security and errors in judgment exposed in a scathing independent report on the deadly Sept. 11 assault on a U.S. diplomatic mission in Libya. Two top State officials appealed to Congress to fully fund requests to ensure diplomats and embassies are safe.

Testifying before two congressional committees, senior State Department officials admitted that serious management and leadership failures left the diplomatic mission in Benghazi woefully unprepared for the terrorist attack that killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans.

"We clearly fell down on the job with regard to Benghazi," Deputy Secretary of State William Burns told the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Earlier, before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Burns said: "We learned some very hard and painful lessons in Benghazi. We are already acting on them. We have to do better."

Burns and Deputy Secretary of State Thomas Nides testified in place of Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, who was under doctor's orders to stay home and recover from a concussion she suffered last week. Burns and Nides reiterated Clinton's written acceptance of the panel's report and vowed to implement each of its 29 recommendations.

The White House on Thursday also made its first comment on the damning findings of the report. Spokesman Jay Carney said that what happened in Benghazi was "clearly unacceptable," and that problems had to be fixed.

The report found that "systematic failures and leadership and management deficiencies at senior levels" of the State Department meant that security was "inadequate for Benghazi and grossly inadequate to deal with the attack that took place."

The Senate hearing provided an odd scene because the committee chairman, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., is the top candidate to replace Clinton as secretary of state in President Barack Obama's second-term Cabinet. Kerry presided at the hearing but asked no questions of officials who could be his future employees.

In an opening statement, Kerry said the department had "clear warning signs" of a deteriorating security situation before the attack. He also faulted Congress for failing to provide sufficient money to protect facilities worldwide, forcing the department to scramble to cover security costs.

The State Department is seeking about $1.4 billion in next year's budget for increased security; the money would come primarily from funds that haven't been spent in Iraq. That would include $553 million for 35 more Marine Security Guard units, $130 million for 155 diplomatic security agents and $376 million for security upgrades and construction at new embassies.

Since the attack, Democrats have complained that Republicans cut $300 million from the Obama administration's budget request of $2.6 billion for diplomatic and embassy security this year. Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., pointed out that the House balked at cutting money for U.S. military bands, which was about $388 million.

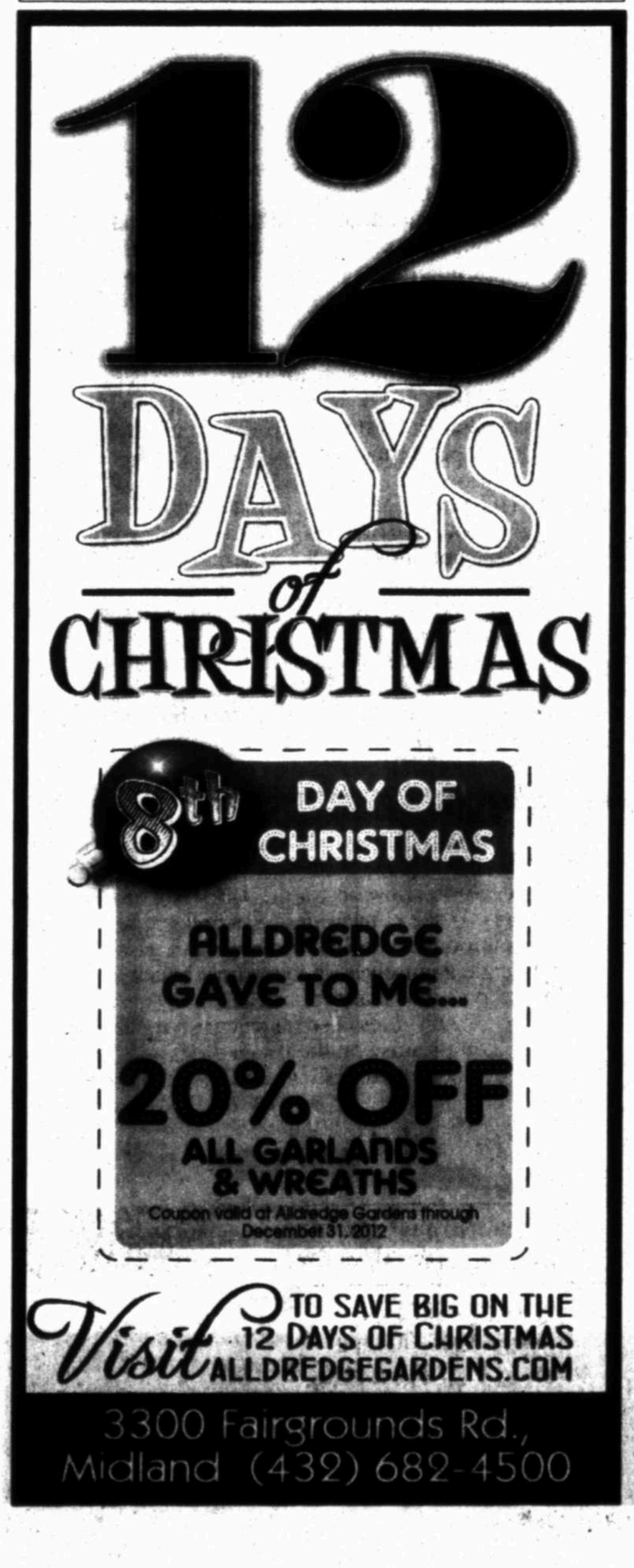
"We need to get our priorities straight around here, and we can't walk away and invite another tragedy, and as much as people like to say, 'Well it's not the money,' it's the money," Boxer said. "You can't protect a facility without the funding."

Nides, who is in charge of State Department management, agreed.

"Obviously, part of this is about resources," he said. "We must equip our people with what they need to deliver results safely."

But the chairwoman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, R-Fla., noted that "budget constraints were not a factor in the department's failure" to recognize the threat. She suggested that if diplomats were so badly in need of resources, they should spend less on programs dealing with global warming and creative diplomacy and more on security.

Meanwhile, the volatility of Benghazi was underscored on Thursday when four people were killed when a protest outside a base for Libyan security forces turned violent, according to an official there. On Sunday, four policemen were shot dead when militants attacked the same security compound in Benghazi.



Bernard Madoff's brother gets 10-year sentence

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The brother of imprisoned financier Bernard Madoff was sentenced Thursday to 10 years in prison for crimes committed in the shadow of his notorious sibling by a judge who said she disbelieved his claims that he did not know about the epic fraud.

Peter Madoff, 67, had agreed when he pleaded guilty in June to serve the maximum sentence allowable to the charges of conspiracy and falsifying the books and records of an investment adviser. He follows to prison his 74-year-old brother, who is serving a 150-year sentence after admitting he created a fraud so large decades ago that thousands of people lost $20 billion.

U.S. District Judge Laura Taylor Swain urged Peter Madoff to tell the truth even now.

The judge said Peter Madoff, wearing a well-tailored charcoal suit, was "frankly not believable" when he claimed at his plea that he only learned of the fraud when his brother revealed it to him just before he surrendered to authorities.

Peter Madoff

Peter Madoff spoke briefly Thursday and less emotionally than in June, saying: "I am deeply ashamed of my conduct and have tried to atone by pleading guilty and have agreed to forfeit all of my present and future assets."

He added: "I am profoundly sorry that my failures let many people down, including my loved ones."

Two investors, among 40 who wrote victim impact statements, spoke during the proceeding, each describing the financial ruins of their extended family.

Investor Michael T. De Vita, 62, also called for truth, saying he believed "it to be physically impossible for a single person to carry out such a gargantuan task all by himself."

De Vita said investors "have waited four years for others to accept responsibility for this massive crime. We are still waiting for that today."

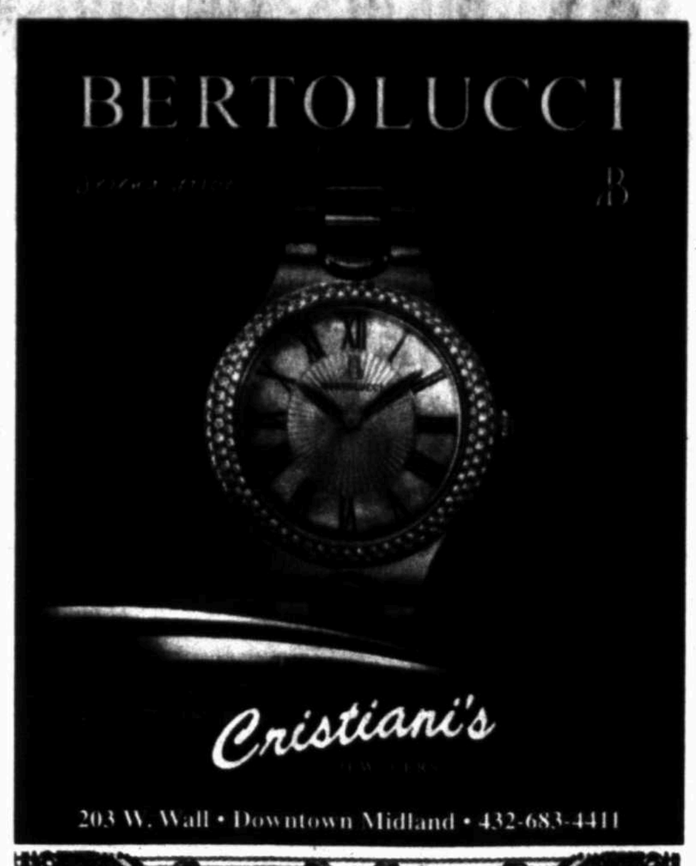
"All of this was preventable if only one person was willing to do the right thing and stop this in its tracks years ago. Peter Madoff could have been that person," he said.

Amy Luria Nissenbaum, 49, choking up at times, also complained that Peter Madoff had chosen even after his plea to "turn a blind eye," saying her home was in foreclosure and some days she struggles to "clothe and feed my children."

Nissenbaum said Peter Madoff was part of his brother's fraud for more than 30 years and he should serve the same amount of time in prison.

When Swain announced that Peter Madoff will not have to report to prison until Feb. 6, Nissenbaum laughed out loud bitterly. The delay in reporting to prison will let Peter Madoff attend his granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah on Jan. 19. He got into a BMW after he left the courthouse.

The judge noted that 10 years was the maximum sentence allowed by the charges to which Madoff had pled and repeatedly urged Madoff to relieve the pain of investors by revealing more about the Madoff business.



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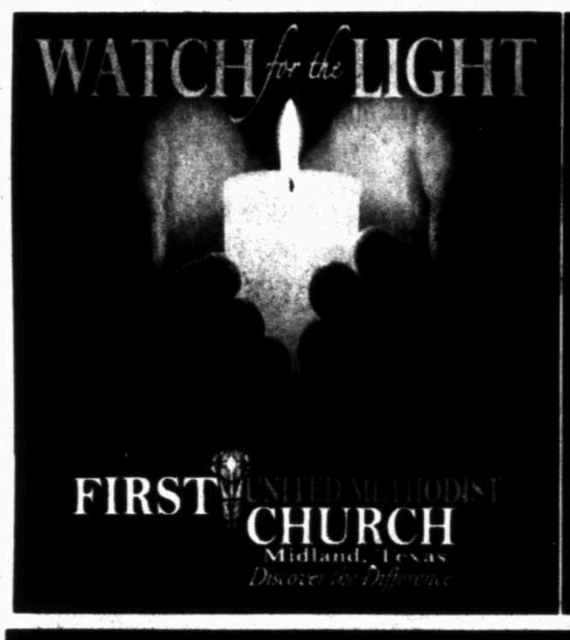

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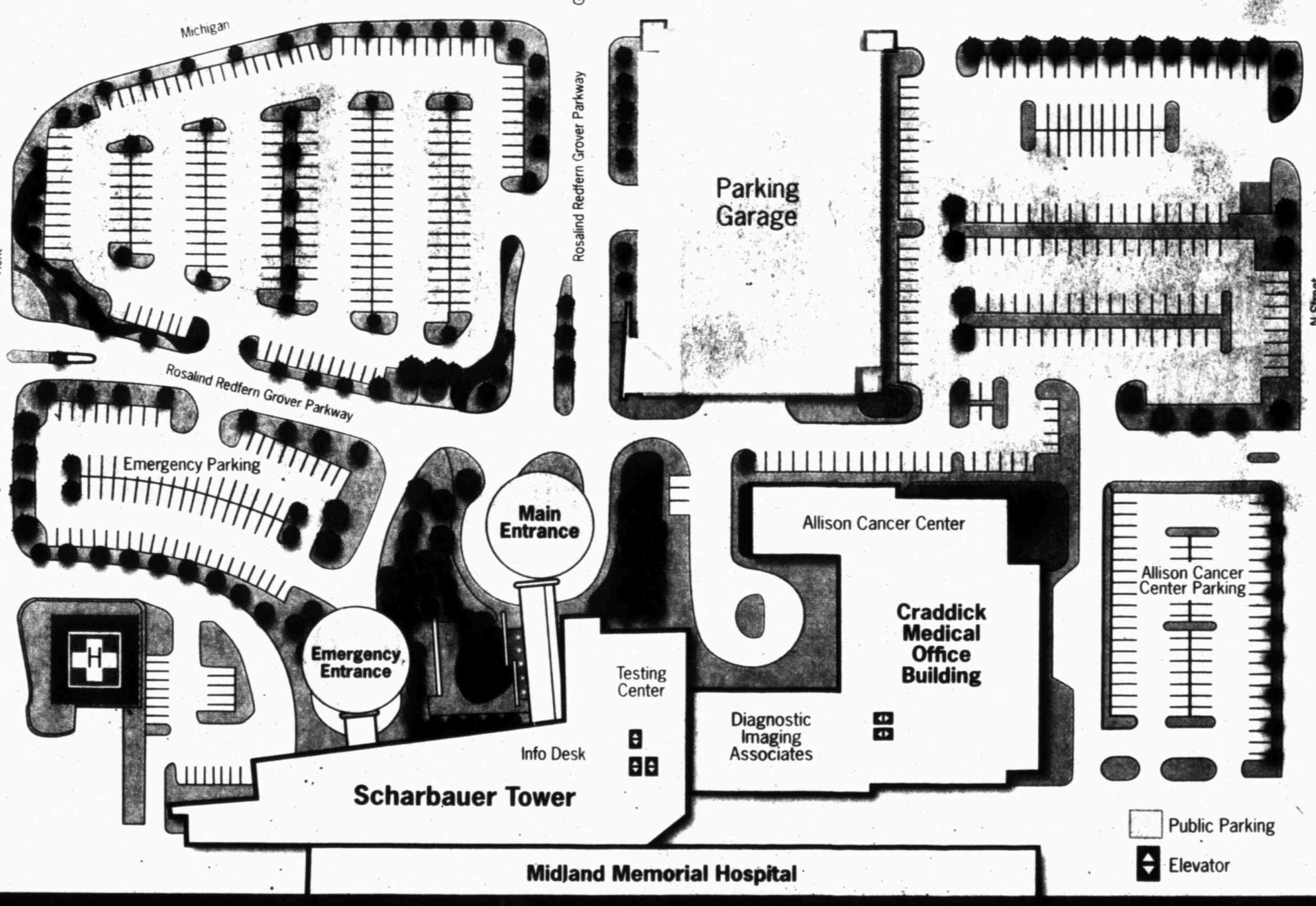

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Tradition brings families together for Christmas Eve

By Audrie Palmer
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As families gather next week to celebrate the birth of Christ, churches across the Tall City anticipate the largest crowds of the season at Monday's Christmas Eve services.

Some churches, including Stonegate Fellowship, added additional services this year. Stonegate will have a total of four services — at 1, 3, 5 and 7 p.m. — to accommodate al those who want to attend.

The church has been giving out free tickets for the services to try to control the crowds and ensure everyone will have a seat. As of last weekend, all 6,000 of those tickets had been dispersed, said worship arts pastor David McReynolds.

"It's definitely the most popular," he said.

The service is planned to include a mixture of Christmas carols, children's story time on stage and other contemporary elements.

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Octavius Clark, 4, pets a mule at a Nativity presented by First Baptist Church Wednesday outside the church on the corner of Cuthbert Avenue and N Street.

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CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP

TOP RIGHT: Ashley Blank spins cotton candy as Amie Shelton helps put it into bags Dec. 14 as they and other volunteers at Stonegate Fellowship prepare to serve food and hot drinks to people attending the hayride.
CENTER: Families enjoy a hayride through Grasslands Estates to view the Christmas light displays.
BOTTOM LEFT AND RIGHT: Children and adults load onto hayrides.

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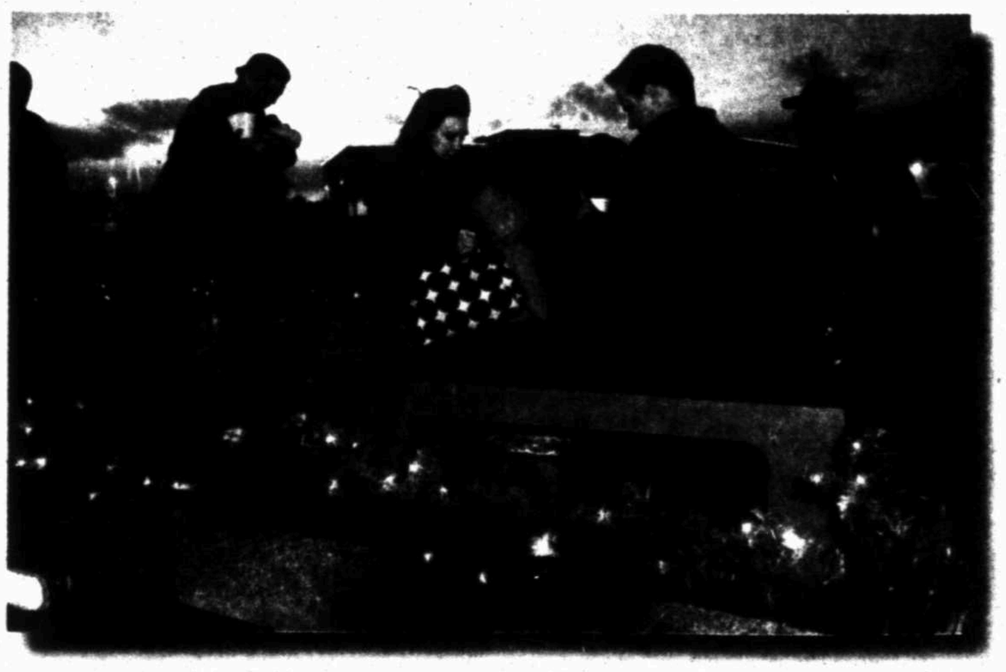

School shooting in Connecticut reminds us of innocence lost

ROBERT PELFREY
Lead associate pastor, First United Methodist Church

I have a knot in my gut right now. I'm still sort of constantly on the verge of tears, haunted by my imagined images of children being gunned down by a maniac with an assault weapon, not one with less than three bullet wounds, some with up to 11 — children my daughter's age, sitting in their first-grade classrooms like my daughter is right now. Hence the knot.

No one knows what to do. We ask where God was. We blame the culture and government for sending God away. We decry guns. We defend guns. We refrain from lighting our Advent candles. We light those candles all the more intently. We dig in. We give up. And my daughter sits in her classroom.

Last night my daughter was one of the angels singing "Silent Night" in our church's Christmas event. She stood, flanked by a number of other children, in her white robe and glittering wings. Under Christmas-light stars, among craft-store clouds, her wide eyes twinkled as she strained to get the words right. "What's a 'round yon virgin'?"

It's hard to find answers when we don't even know what the question is. That's what has us grasping at everything ... anything. We just want to protect our kids.

And there's a larger innocence that we want to protect. But it's long gone. We didn't lose it last Friday. We were just reminded that it's gone, reminded that it's dark outside. And it's our flailing in the dark that has us so troubled. And no gun or government or even good intentions can overcome the dark. But we fear being swallowed. We are not as strong as we think we are. We fear.

So here I sit, knot in my gut and tears just under the surface, wanting nothing more than to cover my daughter, to cover her class and her school, to cover all the children. Let them come unto me! But there's only so much I can do, only so much we can do, because it's dark outside. And the darkness is beyond us — all around us, inside us, yet out of our reach. "Sleep in heavenly pe-eace ..." And my daughter sits in her first-grade classroom. "Sleep in heavenly peace."

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Canada rules on wearing religious veil in court

Associated Press

TORONTO — A female witness can wear a religious veil that covers her face while testifying in court in certain circumstances, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled Thursday in a split decision in a landmark case that pitted religious freedom against an accused person's right to a fair trial.

The case involved a Muslim woman who sought to wear the veil known as a niqab, which leaves only the eyes exposed, while testifying against her uncle and a cousin whom she claims sexually assaulted her when she was a child.

The woman, who can only be identified as N.S. due to a publication ban, said her religious beliefs dictate that she wears the veil in public or in the presence of men who aren't "direct" members of her family.

The two accused claimed that the Charter of Rights and Freedoms allowed them to confront their accuser and observe her facial expressions as she testifies.

But the woman's lawyers said facial expressions can be misleading. They said Muslim sexual assault victims will hesitate to go to police if they're barred from wearing a niqab while testifying in court.

Canada's version of the bill of rights protects the right to wear the niqab or burqa, but the issue remains controversial. New federal immigration rules, for example, ban face coverings while taking the oath of citizenship.

While Canadian courts at times allow complainants to testify from behind screens in courtrooms or via closed-circuit television, the woman's request to wear a veil was turned down in 2008 by a preliminary trial judge who ordered her to remove the niqab before testifying.

"There should be no legal presumption that a witness that wears a niqab in a courtroom is doing so for a religious reason."

Tyler Hodgson, lawyer

The woman appealed.

In the rare 4-2-1 split decision, the Supreme Court referred the matter back to an Ontario trial judge.

The high court outlined considerations that trial judges must consider: Would requiring the witness to remove the niqab while testifying interfere with her religious freedom? Would permitting the witness to wear the niqab while testifying create a serious risk to trial fairness? Is there a way to accommodate both rights?

Lawyer Faisal Bhabha, who prepared written arguments on behalf of the Canadian Council on American-Islamic Relations, told The Associated Press he was happy with the ruling because it affirmed the equality of Muslim women who wear the niqab and of their centrality in the justice system.

"The most important principle is that the court has rejected outright any idea of an absolute ban or any idea that in order to maintain principles of secularism or neutrality that somehow means a woman should be forced to remove something that she wears for religious purposes," he said.

Muslim community leaders and scholars have debated whether the niqab is truly required by the faith.

"There should be no legal presumption that a witness that wears a niqab in a courtroom is doing so for a religious reason," argued Tyler Hodgson, the lawyer for the Muslim Canadian Congress, which was granted intervener status in this case.

Obituaries

Clayton Smith

Mark "Clayton" Smith, 29, of Midland, passed from this life on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, in Dallas. The family will receive friends on Thursday, December 20, 2012, from 5:00-7:00 PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Friday, December 21, 2012 at 11:00AM at First Christian Church, 1301 West Louisiana Avenue Midland, TX 79701.

Clayton was welcomed into this world on February 26, 1983 in Midland by his loving parents Mark D. and Denise Smith. From the time he was born, Clayton was the life of the party. Always happy and outgoing, not one person entered his presence without noticing his zest for life and incredible smile and boisterous laugh.

Clayton enjoyed being outside as much as possible and could often be found hunting, camping with his dad at BTSR, watching Texas Rangers baseball, or taking his red jeep out for a drive. Music was another passion of Clayton's. He was an avid Texas Country fan and taught himself how to play the guitar, with the help of his dear friends, who also shared his passion for music. Of all his passions, however, his family and friends were the most important things in his life. Clayton took great care in building relationships and could always be counted on in times of need or celebration.

Clayton was a survivor and a fighter who never took one second of his life for granted. He loved Jesus and through that we can find comfort. In his final days, Clayton's friends and family came together to pray for his recovery. The inspiration and peace that came from these prayers cannot be described. Although Clayton did not recover in this life, we know that he was made whole in God's sight. As the saying goes, "Friends are angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly." Clayton exemplified this throughout his life in his care towards others and towards the end was able to see the blessing of others carrying him.

Survivors include his mother, Denise "Ms. Niecee" Smith of Midland; maternal grandparents, Carol and Orville Fletcher of San Angelo; paternal grandmother, Ingrid Smith of San Angelo; aunt, Gwen Smith of San Angelo; aunt, Pam and Michael Sisi of Cleveland, Ohio; uncle, Mark and Liz Smith of Houston; uncle, Ken Fletcher, of Richland, WA; cousin, Christy and Robert Spencer of Pauls Valley, OK; countless cousins and friends; and the other joys in his life, his dogs, Pepper and Wynnie.

He is preceded in death by his father, Mark D. Smith; grandfather, David G. Smith; his dogs, Pebbles, Lucy, Daisy and Bandit.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Zula Grey Johnson

Zula Grey Johnson, 15 months old, of Andrews, passed away Friday, December 14, 2012 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Thursday, December 20, 2012 at First Baptist Church in Andrews. Rev. Brant O'Connor will officiate. Burial will be in Andrews Old Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Zula Grey was born September 10, 2011 in Odessa to Nathan Johnson and Nicole Osburn.

Zula was a very active toddler and one of her favorite things was pulling things out of the trash can. She loved kisses and she really loved her big brother and sister. She loved to dance and she was a very happy good natured baby. She loved to watch herself in the mirror.

She was preceded in death by a grandmother, Zula Mae Butler, who she was named after.

She is survived by her parents, Nathan Johnson of Odessa and Nicole Osburn of Andrews; brother, Noah Aranda and sister Riley Aranda both of Andrews; grandparents, Rusty and Juli Rowlett of Andrews; Steve and Shea Johnson of Odessa; great-grandparents, Helen Davis of Big Spring, TX; Melvin Heller of Andrews and Barbara Johnson of Dallas, many aunts, uncles and cousins.

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Death Notices

Arthur Blassingame

Arthur Vivian Blassingame, Jr., 90, of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, December 19, 2012.

The family will host a visitation at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home on Friday, December 21, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Art is survived by one brother, Robert Wayne Blassingame and wife, Lil, and three sisters, Marjorie Larsen, Betty Driver, and Bobbie Webb. He also had eleven nephews and nieces who were very special to him.

Josie Parker

Josie Parker, age 57, of Midland passed away Monday, December 17, 2012.

Services are scheduled for Thursday, December 20, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. at American Heritage Chapel. Interment will follow at West Texas Memorial Park. Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home at West Texas Memorial Park.

Left to cherish here memory is her husband, John Parker; children, Jennifer Ibarra and Jonathan Parker; stepchildren, Shannon Parker and Toni Green; and 6 grandchildren.

Monica Chavez

Monica Rodriguez Chavez, 69, of Big Spring, passed away Thursday, December 20, 2012.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, December 22, 2012 at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. A vigil service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Friday, December 21, 2012, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Survivors include her husband, Andres Chavez; a son, Chris Chavez; a daughter, Stacey Chavez; two sisters, Leonon Sotelo and Alexandra Barrios; and two brother, Ray Rodriguez and Gavino Rodriguez, Jr.

Ronald Stacks

Ronald Stacks, 56, of Midland, passed away Wednesday, December 19, 2012.

Family services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Survivors include son, Gregory Stacks and wife April and Ronald's partner in life, Nancy Stacks.

Sibyl Gilmore

Sibyl Gilmore, 94, of Big Spring, passed away Wednesday, December 19, 2012.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, December 21, 2012 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Survivors include one daughter, Nelda Joe Burnett; one brother, Charles Lewis; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Victoria Ochoa

Victoria (Vicky) D. Ochoa, 81 of Midland, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at her residence.

A funeral mass is set for today at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Funeral mass is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

She is survived by her loving family; sons, Raul Dominguez, Sergio Ochoa, Alfonso Ochoa and Joel Ochoa; daughters, Enedina Ruiz, Elva Gonzalez, Cruz Ochoa, Andrea Ochoa, Mary Esquivel and Angela Barela; twenty-six grandchildren, forty-two great grandchildren and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Fear keeps Egypt's Christians away from polls

Associated Press

ASSIUT, Egypt — A campaign of intimidation by Islamists left most Christians in this southern Egyptian province too afraid to participate in last week's referendum on an Islamist-drafted constitution they deeply oppose, residents say. The disenfranchisement is hiking Christians' worries over their future under empowered Muslim conservatives.

About a week before the vote, some 50,000 Islamists marched through the provincial capital, Assiut, chanting that Egypt will be "Islamic, Islamic, despite the Christians." At their head rode several bearded men on horseback with swords in scabbards on their hips, evoking images of early Muslims conquering Christian Egypt in the 7th Century.

They made sure to go through mainly Christian districts of the city, where residents, fearing attacks, shuttered down their stores and stayed in their homes, witnesses said.

The day of the voting itself on Saturday, Christian voting was minimal — as low as 7 percent in some areas, according to church officials. Some of those who did try to head to polling stations in some villages were pelted by stones, forcing them to turn back without casting ballots, Christian activists and residents told The Associated Press this week.

The activists now see what happened in Assiut as a barometer for what Christians' status will be under a constitution that enshrines a greater role for Shariah, or Islamic law, in government and daily life. Even under the secular regime of autocrat Hosni Mubarak, Egypt's Christians complained of discrimination and government failure to protect them and their rights. They fear it will be worse with the Islamists who have dominated Egypt's political landscape since Mubarak's ouster in February 2011.

"When all issues become religious and all the talk is about championing Islam and its prophet, then, as a Christian, I am excluded from societal participation," said Shady Magdy Tobia, a Christian activist in Assiut. "If this does not change, things will only get worse for Christians."

But some of the Christians of Assiut are pushing back against the emboldened Islamists. In recent weeks, young Christians joined growing street protests to demand that the charter is shelved, casting aside decades of political apathy.

Assiut province is significant because it is home to one of Egypt's largest Christian communities — they make up about 35 percent of the population of 4.5 million, perhaps three times the nationwide percentage. At the same time, it is a major stronghold of Egypt's Islamists, who now dominate its local government. The province was the birthplace of some of the country's most radical Islamist groups and was the main battlefield of an insurgency by Muslim militants in the 1990s.

Associated Press

Women attend a class in a church in the village of El-Aziyah near the city of Assiut, southern Egypt, on Tuesday. After a campaign of intimidation by Islamists, most Christians in this southern Egyptian province were too afraid to participate in last week's referendum on an Islamist-drafted constitution they desperately oppose, residents say. Some of the few who dared try to reach polls were pelted by stones. The disenfranchising hikes Christians' worries over their future under Egypt's empowered Islamists, but some young members of the community are starting to push back.

It was one of 10 provinces that voted in the first round of Egypt's referendum. Nationwide, around 56 percent voted in favor of the draft charter, according to preliminary results. Assiut had one of the strongest "yes" votes at more than 77 percent. It also had a turnout of only 28 percent — one of the lowest in a round marred by a low participation of only 32 percent nationwide.

The second and final round will be held the coming Saturday in 17 provinces, including in Minya, which has the country's highest proportion of Christians, at 36 percent.

Rights groups reported attempts at suppression of the "no" vote in many parts of the country. But Christians say intimidation and suppression are more effective in this smaller, largely rural province.

"In Assiut, we face more danger than in Cairo," said businessman Emad Awny Ramzy, a key organizer of local protests against Islamist President Mohammed Morsi and his ruling Muslim Brotherhood. "Here they can easily identify, monitor and attack us."

A senior figure of the Gamaa Islamiya — which was once one of the main groups waging the Islamic militant insurgency in Assiut but has since renounced violence and is allied to Morsi's government — dismissed the Christians' allegations of intimidation in the province.

The claims are "just lies and rumors that surface every time we have an election," Assem Abdel-Magued said. The Brotherhood and officials in Morsi's government have similarly dismissed claims of violations around the country.

The draft constitution, finalized by Islamists on a Constituent Assembly despite a boycott by liberals and Christians, has polarized Egypt, bringing out huge rival street rallies by both camps in the past four weeks. Opponents of Morsi accuse him of ramming the document through and, more broadly, of imposing a Brotherhood domination of power. Morsi supporters, in turn, accuse his opponents of seeking to thwart a right to bring Islamic law they say they earned with election victories the past year.

Egypt's main Coptic Orthodox Church and smaller ones have taken an uncharacteristically assertive approach in the constitutional struggle. They withdrew their six members from the Constituent Assembly to protest Islamist domination of the process and later refused to send representatives to a "national dialogue" called for by Morsi.

The new Coptic pope, Tawadros II, enthroned last month, publicly called some of the charter's articles "disastrous."

In response, the Muslim Brotherhood — which usually keeps a moderate tone toward Christians — has turned toward more inflammatory rhetoric.

Senior Brotherhood figure Mohammed el-Beltagi in a newspaper interview this week depicted mass anti-Morsi rallies outside the presidential palace in Cairo this month as mainly made up of Christians, hinting at a Christian conspiracy against the president.

In a recent speech, Safwat Hegazi, a famous Islamist preacher linked to the Brotherhood, warned Christians against joining forces with former Mubarak regime figures to topple Morsi.

"I tell the church, yes, you are our brothers in Egypt, but there are red lines. Our red line is Morsi's legitimacy. Whoever dares splash it with water, we will splash him with blood," he said, using an Arabic saying.

In Assiut, Tobia, Ramzy and other Christian activists spoke of an atmosphere of intimidation ahead of the vote, including the large Islamist march.

They said threatening messages were sent on mobile phones and on social networking sites. During an opposition demonstration on Dec. 7 outside the offices of the Brotherhood's political party in Assiut, suspected Morsi supporters seized six protesters — five Muslims and one Christian — beating them and shaving the head of one.

With tension building up over the last four weeks, many Christian voters registered at polling centers located in predominantly Muslim areas did not vote, fearing violence, they said.

Those who made it to polling centers in districts with significant Christian populations were soon frustrated by the long lines or delays, which activists said was intentional. In some cases, they said, Islamists who had voted elsewhere then went to stand in lines in mainly Christian areas to make them longer, increase delays and prompt Christians to give up and leave.

Two Christian clerics said that outside the province's main cities, only about 12 percent of registered Christian voters left their homes on Saturday to vote and that no more than 7 percent were able to cast their ballots.

SERVICES

From 1B

"We understand the need for tradition and what Christmas is all about, but we also freshen it up and provide other things as well," he said.

Musicians from local orchestras and symphonies will join the staff for a mix that's different than the normal Sunday music.

With friends and family members coming into town for the holidays, McReynolds said the church understands there are some who will attend on Christmas Eve who may not normally go to a church service and Stonegate is prepared for it.

Between the normal four services on Sunday and the four planned for Christmas Eve, church staff anticipate more than 10,000 individuals will attend the eight services in two days.

While they've handed out all the free tickets, McReynolds said the staff won't turn anyone away unless the sanctuary has reached a full capacity and safety codes won't permit any additional individuals.

A fire in the fellowship hall at First Baptist Church earlier this month has prompted the church staff to host a different service for Christmas Eve that staff are hoping will incorporate more of the city.

With FBC services being held Sundays through the new year at Midland Center, minister of media Jim Cawthon said the church plans to have two Christmas Eve services on Monday at Midland Center with a candlelight service to follow in Centennial Plaza.

This is the first time in the last decade the church has held only two services — one at 5 p.m. and one at 7 p.m. — but Cawthon expects there will be at least 2,500 people at both services Monday.

Permian Basin Strings will play 30 minutes before the first service and Christmas music also will be played beginning at 6:30 p.m. before the second service.

Following the conclusion of each of the two services, attendees will be asked to walk outside to the plaza next door for the candle lighting portion.

Easter and Christmas tend to be the largest services, Cawthon said and Monday's service will be the most traditional one for families to attend.

"It's not uncommon for families to come with students who may be back from school for the holiday or on vacation," he said. "Out of tradition sake, attending church at Christmas is very common in most people's household."

Christmas Eve services

- First United Methodist Church, 300 N. Main St., will offer a family Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5:30 p.m. and a Communion, Carols and Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 7:30 p.m. Monday.
- The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave., will have a Christmas Eve service with a children's pageant at 5:30 p.m. and a traditional candlelight and carols service at 8 p.m.
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 5110 N. Garfield St., will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 7 p.m. Monday.
- Crestview Baptist Church, 301 N Loop 250 W, will have two candlelight services on Christmas Eve at 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Monday.
- Memorial Christian Church,1001 Andrews Hwy., will have a Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. Monday.
- St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church, 4000 W. Loop 250 N., will have a Christmas Eve service at 8 p.m Monday.
- St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 1701 N. Main St., will have a Christmas Eve Carols and Candlelight service 5:30 p.m. Monday. For more information, call 683-3339.
- First Baptist Church at the Midland Center, 105 N. Main St., will have a Christmas Eve service followed by a candle-lighting ceremony in Centennial Plaza at 5 and 7 p.m.
- Stonegate Fellowship, 6000 W. Wadley Ave., will have four Christmas Eve services at 1, 3, 5 and 7 p.m. on Monday. For more information, call 694-5100.

Local group's bingo program raises $50,000 for charities in time of need

By Audrie Palmer
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At a time of year when many are reaching out to those around them, one local organization has donated more than $50,000 to charities.

The Jewish Philanthropic Union recently donated $20,000 to the West Texas Food Bank to cover the high demand of the holiday season.

The union also recently donated $20,000 to assist the Periman Basin Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, which has sent local personnel to aid the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Another $10,000 was also granted last month to the Wounded Warriors project after the parade and train crash during the Hunt for Heroes banquet that killed four veterans and left more than a dozen others injured.

The money has been raised through a daytime bingo program in Midland, said union member Frank Kasman.

Every day from noon to 5 p.m., the program is held at 3303 Illinois Ave. in the Kingsway Shopping Center. It's a program the group has had for the last three decades, Kasman said.

Each year, the group takes the funds raised and offers support to local nonprofits.

"We make our money in the community from bingo players, and we feel it's important what they do. There are few groups out there who keep the promise of 'charitable bingo,' and we go out of our way to give away as much of our money as possible," he said.

The organization was first formed after the Holocaust by another agency that would take care of refugees and those less fortunate.

Courtesy photo

Jewish Philanthropic Union members Frank Kasman, third from left, and Noah Fishman, far right, present a check to representatives from West Texas Red Cross to help victims of Hurricane Sandy.

What started with 10 to12 men here in West Texas has expanded into a thriving Jewish community that started a successful bingo operation where the funds are made for the community.

Past groups that have been helped include Meals on Wheels in both Midland and Odessa, the Aphasia Center of West Texas, Bynum School, the Able Center, MARC and other educational programs for local schools.

"We're pretty blessed that people like to play bingo and like to play with us," Kasman said.

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SUNDAY

Candlelight service

Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely Ave., will have a Christmas candlelight service 6 p.m. Sunday.

Caroling

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave., will carol to those in their congregation who are shut-in and in care facilities. Carolers will meet at 5 p.m. Sunday at the church.

A hayride through Grassland Estates and dinner at a restaurant will follow the caroling.

FUTURE

Book study

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave., will offer a book study beginning 9 a.m. Jan. 13.

The Rev. John Wedgwood Greenhow will lead the study on "Stealing Jesus" by Bruce Bawer. Copies of the book are available in the bookstore.

Confirmation

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave., will offer a 14-week confirmation class for sixth through 12th graders.

A parent and confirmand information meeting will be held at 5 p.m. Jan. 6, in the parish hall. Dinner is included.

An overnight retreat at the church will kick-off the first classes on Jan. 11. For more information, please contact Bert Bostic or Stephanie Barnett at 683-4207.

NY cardinal: Slain Connecticut teacher gave up her life like Jesus

Associated Press

KATONAH, N.Y. — Comparing a slain teacher to Jesus, Cardinal Timothy Dolan told mourners Thursday that Anne Marie Murphy's death in the Connecticut elementary school shootings helped unify a nation moved by what she had done.

In a suburban New York church crowded to overflowing, the cardinal said Murphy "has brought together a community, a nation, a world, now awed by her own life and death" as her relatives expressed sympathy for the dozens of other families in mourning after the massacre in Newtown, Conn, on Dec. 14.

Murphy, 52, was among 26 teachers and students killed when 20-year-old gunman Adam Lanza opened fire on Sandy Hook Elementary School classrooms in one of the nation's deadliest mass shootings.

Lanza, who had shot his mother dead at their home, ultimately killed himself at the school.

Authorities told Murphy's father she died trying to protect her young pupils, according to the father, Hugh McGowan. Her body was found covering a group of children's bodies as if to shield them, McGowan said.

Dolan underscored her sacrifice.

"Like Jesus, Annie laid down her life for her friends," he said. "Like Jesus, Annie's life and death brings light, truth, goodness and love to a world often shrouded in darkness, evil, selfishness and death."

Mourners started to arrive more than an hour before Murphy's funeral Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, about 15 of them in a yellow school bus marked "Newtown." Some young people on the bus wore Newtown athletic jackets.

Before the service, brother-in-law Thomas Newman read a brief statement from her family.

Her relatives "pray for all the families touched so terribly, that God may help these feelings of such great pain and grief pass quickly; that they be replaced with only happy thoughts and joyous memories of those we have lost," the statement said.

As the bell tolled at the white clapboard church, a wooden casket was carried up the steps, with dozens of Murphy's relatives following. The church soon filled, and almost 100 more people who couldn't be seated waited outside.

During Holy Communion, two priests with golden chalices emerged and distributed the sacrament to those who couldn't get in.

There was an Irish touch to the service, with the program listing a Celtic Alleluia and "The Irish Blessing."

Paul VI advances down path toward sainthood

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The late pontiff Paul VI, who led an era of church reforms and issued a ban on contraception, is progressing along the path to possible sainthood.

Pope Benedict XVI approved a decree Thursday recognizing the "heroic virtues" of the Italian, who served as pontiff from 1963-1978. To be beatified, the last formal step before sainthood, a miracle achieved through Paul VI's intercession must be recognized by the Vatican.

Paul gained prominence at the Vatican as a close aide to wartime pontiff Pius XII and later led the Milan archdiocese. Elected pontiff in 1963, Paul continued the groundbreaking liberalizing reforms started by predecessor Pope John XXIII, traveled worldwide and promoted better relations among Christians.

His 1968 encyclical "Humanae Vitae," which forbids Catholics to use contraception, was highly controversial.

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11:00 am – Worship in the Bridge in the Chapel

December 24 – *Journey to the Manger: The Shepherds*
5:30 pm – Worship in the Sanctuary
7:30 pm – Worship in the Chapel with Communion
9:00 pm – Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion

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Steroids loom in major-college football

Associated Press

In this Oct. 9, 2004, file photo, Hawaii's Bryan Maneafaiga (43) scores a touchdown against Nevada in Honolulu. With uneven testing for steroids and inconsistent punishment, college football players are packing on significant weight — in some cases, 30 pounds or more in a single year — without drawing much attention from their schools or the NCAA in a sport that earns tens of billions of dollars for teams.

By Matt Apuzzo, Adam Goldman and Jack Gillum
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With steroids easy to buy, testing weak and punishments inconsistent, college football players are packing on significant weight — 30 pounds or more in a single year, sometimes — without drawing much attention from their schools or the NCAA in a sport that earns tens of billions of dollars for teams.

Rules vary so widely that, on any given game day, a team with a strict no-steroid policy can face a team whose players have repeatedly tested positive.

An investigation by The Associated Press — based on interviews with players, testers, dealers and experts and an analysis of weight records for more than 61,000 players — revealed that while those running the multibillion-dollar sport say they believe the problem is under control, that control is hardly evident.

The sport's near-zero rate of positive steroids tests isn't an accurate gauge among college athletes. Random tests provide weak deterrence and, by design, fail to catch every player using steroids. Colleges also are reluctant to spend money on expensive steroid testing when cheaper ones for drugs like marijuana allow them to say they're doing everything they can to keep drugs out of football.

"It's nothing like what's going on in reality," said Don Catlin, an anti-doping pioneer who spent years conducting the NCAA's laboratory tests at UCLA. He became so frustrated with the college system that it was part of the reason he left the testing industry to focus on anti-doping research.

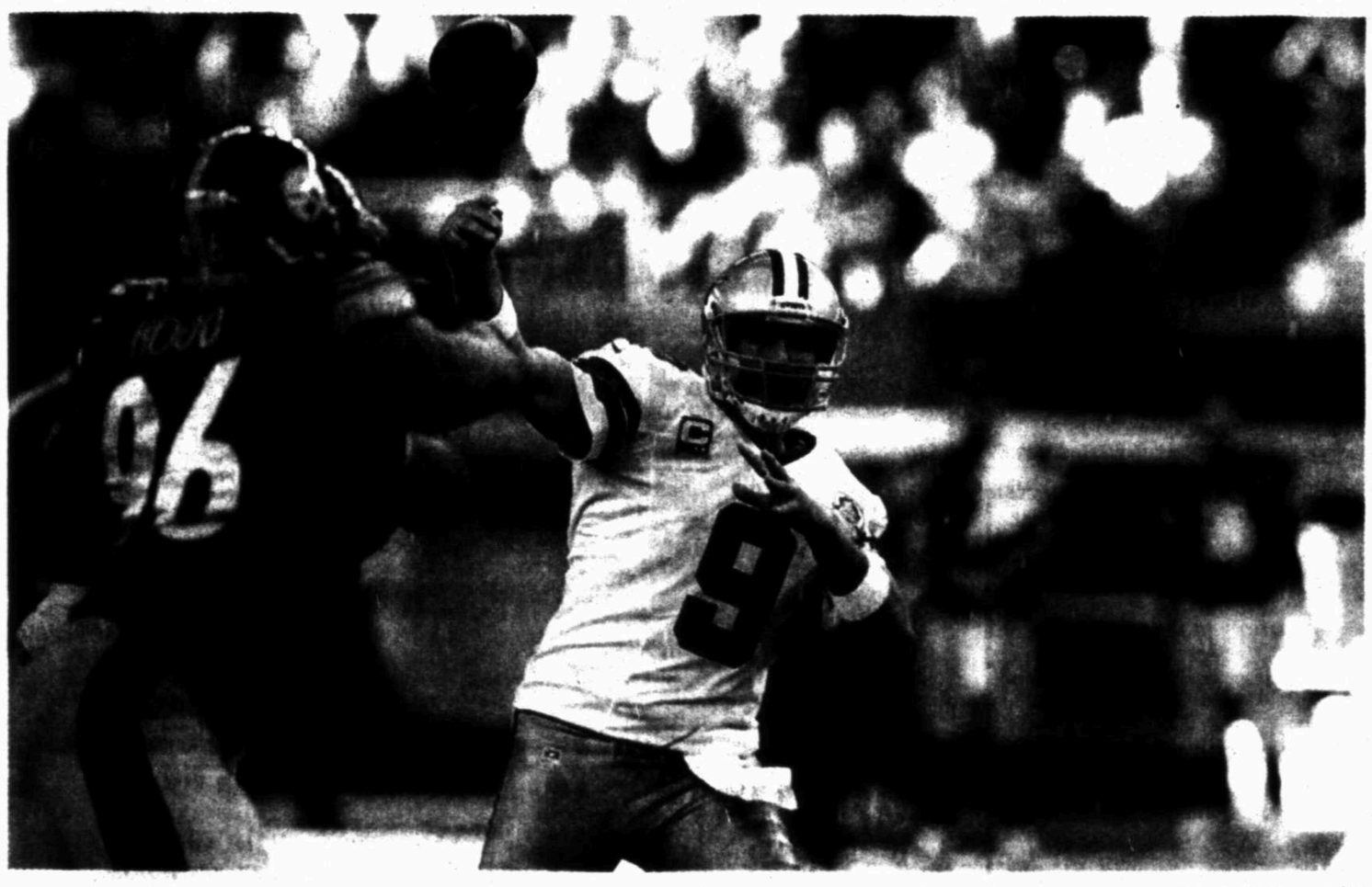
While other major sports have been beset by revelations of steroid use, college football has operated with barely a whiff of scandal. Between 1996 and 2010 — the era of Barry Bonds, Mark McGwire, Marion Jones and Lance Armstrong — the failure rate for NCAA steroid tests fell even closer to zero from an already low rate of less than 1 percent.

The AP's investigation, drawing upon more than a decade of official rosters from all 120 Football Bowl Subdivision teams, found thousands of players quickly putting on significant weight, even more than their fellow players. The information compiled by the AP included players who appeared for multiple years on the same teams.

For decades, scientific studies have shown that anabolic steroid use leads to an increase in body weight. Weight gain alone doesn't prove steroid use, but very rapid weight gain is one factor that would be deemed suspicious, said Kathy Turpin, senior director of sport

Please see **STEROIDS**/4C

Rockin' Romo



Tony Gutierrez/AP

Dallas quarterback Tony Romo (9) passes as Pittsburgh defensive end Ziggy Hood (96) pressures Sunday in Arlington.

QB owes resurgence to better decision making

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo decided to go small while attempting to explain why his play has been so big lately.

"It's a lot of little things," he said Thursday.

After throwing a league-worst 13 interceptions during the first seven games, Romo has only three over the last seven. The "little" things" include improved play by his wide receivers, namely third-year pro Dez Bryant; a rejuvenated running game; and better protection up front.

"We are not making errors in the routes," Romo told reporters in Irving. "We are where we are supposed to be. There is protection stuff that has been better."

Oh, and one other thing.

"Me making decisions has been better," Romo said.

Coach Jason Garrett likes that one best.

"Tony has the ball in his hands every play, so being a great decision maker at the quarterback position is really, really

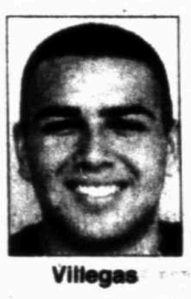
Please see **ROMO**/4C

Villegas earns 2nd-team all-state honor

From staff reports

Midland High senior defensive tackle Eric Villegas was named to the Class 5A All-State second team, announced Thursday.

Lee senior running back Jason McAfee and senior defensive tackle Michael Morales were named honorable mentions for the team.



Villegas

For Villegas, the honor comes approximately two weeks after the Bulldogs' second-leading tackler was inexplicably left off the 2-5A All-District team.

Now the 5-foot-7, 222-pound senior, who had a team-high 12 tackles for loss and five sacks, is one of eight defensive linemen to earn either first team or second team all-state distinctions.

For McAfee and Morales, the honorable mention tab adds to an offseason of accolades as both were named to the 2-5A All-District first team.

McAfee led 2-5A in rushing and scoring with 1,523 yards and 25 touchdowns while Morales was fourth on the team in tackles with 58, including 10 for loss.

Inside

See the full Texas APSE Class 5A all-state football team.

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Phelps voted AP male athlete of year

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

Now that he's away from the pool, Michael Phelps can reflect — really reflect — on what he accomplished.

Pretty amazing stuff.

"It's kind of nuts to think about everything I've gone through," Phelps said. "I've finally had time to myself, to sit back and say, '... that really happened?' It's kind of shocking at times."

Phelps

Not that his career needed a capper, but Phelps added one more honor to his staggering list of accomplishments Thursday — The Associated Press male athlete of the year.

Phelps edged out LeBron James to win the award for the second time, not only a fitting payoff for another brilliant Olympics (four gold medals and two silvers in swimming at the London Games) but recognition for one of the greatest careers in any sport.

Phelps finished with 40 votes in balloting by U.S. editors and broadcasters, while James was next with 37. Track star Usain Bolt, who won three gold medals in London, was third with 23.

Carl Lewis is the only other Olympic-related star to be named AP male athlete of the year more than once, taking the award for his track and field exploits in 1983 and '84. The only men honored more than twice are golf's Tiger Woods and cyclist Lance Armstrong (four times each), and basketball's Michael Jordan (three times).

"Obviously, it's a big accomplishment," Phelps said. "There's so many amazing male athletes all over the world and all over our country. To be able to win this is something that just sort of tops off my career."

Phelps retired at age 27 as soon as he finished his final race in London, having won more gold medals (18) and overall medals (22) than any other Olympian.

No one else is even close.

"That's what I wanted to do," Phelps said. "Now that it's over, it's something I can look back on and say, 'That was a pretty amazing ride.'"

The current ride isn't so bad either.

Set for life financially, he has turned his fierce competitive drive to golf, working on his links game with renowned coach Hank Haney

Please see **PHELPS**/5C

Kick it back out

MRT file photo

Lee's Jordan Williams (33) clears the ball down the court between two Odessa High defenders during their district basketball game Dec. 14 at the Odessa High School Fieldhouse. See capsules for today's District 2-5A games on **Page 2C.**

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BY JORDAN MASON

Girls

ABILENE HIGH AT LEE

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Lee gymnasium

Records: AHS 12-4, 4-1 in District 2-5A; Lee 6-7, 4-1

Last game: Abilene High 43, San Angelo Central 42; Lee 75, Abilene Cooper 46

Notes: Lee is coming off of two blowout victories against winless Odessa High and Abilene Cooper by a combined score of 135-78. ... Since a loss to crosstown rival Midland High dropped the Lady Rebels to 1-1 in district play, Lee has won three straight district games by an average of 25.3 points per game. ... Abilene High, along with Lee, is one of three teams that sit behind first-place Lubbock Coronado with a district record of 4-1. The Lady Eagles are coming off of a one-point win against San Angelo Central following a 68-21 loss to Coronado. ... Lee also beat Central in a close game, prevailing 54-50 in the Lady Rebels' district opener. ... This is the last game before Lee meets crosstown rival Midland High for a third time this season to open the Byron Johnston Invitational.

Next: AHS at Saginaw Boswell Holiday Tournament, Thursday, Dec. 27; Lee vs. Midland High, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, Byron Johnston Invitational

MIDLAND HIGH AT ABILENE COOPER

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Cooper gymnasium

Records: MHS 12-7, 4-1 in District 2-5A; Cooper 2-18, 0-5

Last game: MHS 63, Odessa High 17; Lee 75, Cooper 46

Notes: Midland High is rolling, having lost just twice in its last 14 games. Cooper, meanwhile, has just two wins on the season and is winless in 2-5A play. ... The Lady Bulldog defense has been particularly impressive of late as Odessa High and Amarillo Tascosa turned the ball over 26 and 27 times, respectively, against the swarming MHS defense. ... With Lee hosting Abilene High, the Lady Bulldogs have a chance to gain a bit of separation at the top of the standings as MHS, Lee and Abilene High are tied for second in 2-5A with a 4-1 district record. ... Cooper has not only lost all five of its district contests, but all of the losses have been by double digits with the closest coming in a 18-point loss to Odessa Permian on Dec. 4. ... Midland High will next face crosstown rival Lee, which it has defeated twice this season, to open the Byron Johnston Invitational.

Next: MHS vs. Lee, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, Byron Johnston Invitational; Amarillo Tascosa at Cooper, 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3, Cooper gymnasium

ODESSA HIGH AT AMARILLO TASCOSA

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Tascosa Activity Center

Records: OHS 3-18, 0-6 in District 2-5A; Tascosa 4-12, 1-4

Last game: Midland High 63, OHS 17; Midland High 48, Tascosa 29

Next: San Angelo Lake View at OHS, 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, OHS Fieldhouse; Tascosa at Fibe-Max Caprock Classic, Lubbock, Thursday, Dec, 27

ODESSA PERMIAN AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: 6 p.m. today, Babe Didrikson Gym

Records: Permian 9-7, 2-3 in District 2-5A; Central 4-10, 3-3

Last game: Lubbock Coronado 81, Permian 42; Abilene High 43, Central 42

Next: Permian at West Texas Invitational, TBA, Slaton; Central at West Oso Holiday Girls Basketball Tournament, TBA, Corpus Christi

District 2-5A Standings

Girls

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Lubbock Coronado	6	0	18	1
Midland High	4	1	12	7
Lee	4	1	6	7
Abilene High	4	1	12	4
San Angelo Central	3	3	4	10
Odessa Permian	2	3	9	7
Amarillo Tascosa	1	4	4	12
Abilene Cooper	0	5	2	18
Odessa High	0	6	3	18

Monday's Scores
Midland High 63, Odessa High 17; Lee 75, Abilene Cooper 46; Lubbock Coronado 81, Permian 42. Amarillo Tascosa is idle.
Tuesday's Score
Abilene High 43, San Angelo Central 42
Today's Games
Abilene High at Lee, Chaparral Center; Midland High at Abilene Cooper; Odessa High at Amarillo Tascosa.; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central. All games at 6 p.m.

Boys

Team	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
San Angelo Central	4	0	10	4
Lubbock Coronado	3	1	13	3
Odessa Permian	2	1	10	4
Amarillo Tascosa	2	1	7	6
Odessa High	2	2	9	7
Abilene High	1	2	8	5
Midland High	1	2	4	13
Abilene Cooper	1	3	6	10
Lee	0	4	7	9

Monday's Scores
Abilene Cooper 62, Lee 49; Odessa High 66, Midland High 52; Odessa Permian 78, Lubbock Coronado 67. Amarillo Tascosa was idle.
Tuesday's Score
San Angelo Central 69, Abilene High 56
Today's Games
Abilene High at Lee; Midland High at Abilene Cooper; Odessa High at Amarillo Tascosa; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central

Boys

ABILENE HIGH AT LEE

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Lee gymnasium

Records: AHS 8-4, 1-2 in District 2-5A; Lee 7-9, 0-4

Last game: Abilene Cooper 62, Lee 49; San Angelo Central 69, AHS 56

Notes: After seeing a two-point game at the start of the fourth quarter turn into a 13-point loss at Cooper, Lee finds itself as the only team in 2-5A that has yet to record a district win. ... The Rebels are hoping to turn up the aggressiveness against Abilene High after shooting 21 combined free throws in their last two losses to Cooper and Odessa High. ... Abilene High is one of three teams with just one district win that sit ahead of Lee in the standings as the Eagles' lone victory came in a 64-54 win against Odessa Permian to open league play. ... The Eagles have lost two straight since defeating Permian, however, falling by double digits to the top two teams in the district, San Angelo Central and Lubbock Coronado. ... Lee will have a chance to avenge its district-opening loss in its next game, taking on crosstown rival Midland High in the Byron Johnston Invitational opener.

Next: AHS at Castleberry Tournament, TBA, River Oaks; Lee vs. Midland High, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, Byron Johnston Invitational

MIDLAND HIGH AT ABILENE COOPER

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Cooper gymnasium

Records: MHS 4-13, 1-2 in District 2-5A; Cooper 6-10, 1-3

Last game: Odessa High 66, MHS 52; Cooper 62, Lee 49

Notes: After winning its district opener against Lee, Midland High has lost two straight district contests by an average of 13.5 points per game. The Bulldogs have also been without starters Jacob Makowsky and Blake Canis during that span. Midland High was hoping to have Canis, a sophomore forward, back Monday against Odessa High, but he and the senior Makowsky didn't suit up. Canis has returned to practice, and the Bulldogs are hopeful that he will play tonight. ... Cooper is coming off its first district win, a home victory against Lee. Lee is also the lone district win for Midland High. ... Midland High will meet Lee for the second time this season in its next game, when it hosts the Byron Johnston Invitational.

Next: MHS vs. Lee, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, Byron Johnston Invitational; Cooper at Hobbs Holiday Classic, TBA, Hobbs, N.M.

ODESSA HIGH AT AMARILLO TASCOSA

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Tascosa Activity Center

Records: OHS 9-7, 2-2 in District 2-5A; Tascosa 7-6, 2-1

Last game: OHS 66, Midland High 52; Tascosa 60, Midland High 47

Next: OHS at Hobbs Holiday Classic, TBA, Hobbs, N.M.; Tascosa at Amarillo ISD Tournament, TBA

ODESSA PERMIAN AT SAN ANGELO CENTRAL

When/where: 7:30 p.m. today, Babe Didrikson Gym

Records: Permian 10-4, 3-1 in District 2-5A; Central 9-4, 3-0

Last game: Permian 78, Lubbock Coronado 67, OT; Central 69, Abilene High 56

Next: Permian at Hobbs Holiday Classic, TBA, Hobbs, N.M.; Central at Calallen Christmas Classic, TBA, Corpus Christi

JACKSTHISWEEKEND

BY LEN HAYWARD

CORPUS CHRISTI AT ODESSA

When/where: 7:05 p.m. today and Saturday, Ector County Coliseum

Records: Odessa 5-21-2 (12 points), Corpus Christi 11-12-5 (27 points)

Jacks' last game: Odessa 3, Texas 2

Notes: The Jackalopes return home this weekend looking to begin a new streak, a winning streak after breaking a 10-game slide last Saturday. Odessa defeated NAHL South Division rival Texas, 3-2, as Jimmy Peplinski scored the game-winning goal. Taylor Portner and Josh Racek also scored for the Jackalopes in the victory. ... Lawrence Cornellier continues to lead the Jacks in points this season with 27, including 14 goals and Ryan Doucet is second with 20 points. ... Nick Deery, who was picked up in a trade last week with Brookings, stopped 34 of 36 shots in the victory. It was Deery's first start in a Jacks uniform and is one of five Odessa goaltenders to play in the net this season. ... The IceRays are on a two-game losing streak with a pair of losses to Texas on Dec. 7-8 at home. ... Rudy Sulmonte and Perry Darrisso lead Corpus Christi with 26 points this season, and each player has 11 goals and 15 assists.

Next: Odessa at Amarillo, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28

NAHL South Standings

Team	W	L	OTL	Pts.	GF	GA
Amarillo	23	3	3	49	125	61
Texas	22	10	1	45	126	90
Topeka	19	7	5	43	98	69
Corpus Christi	11	12	5	27	82	100
Wichita Falls	10	17	2	22	78	108
Odessa	**5**	**21**	**2**	**12**	**54**	**122**

Today's Games
Corpus Christi at Odessa, 7:05 p.m.
Saturday's Game
Corpus Christi at Odessa, 7:05 p.m.

NHL cancels all games through Jan. 14

By Ira Podell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The NHL could be one step away from canceling another hockey season because of a labor fight with the players.

In the latest round of cancellations, the NHL on Thursday wiped out all games through Jan. 14. More than 50 percent of the schedule has been lost, and the rest is now in great danger, too.

"I don't want to characterize what today's cancellations mean or don't mean," NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly told The Associated Press in an email. "I will stand on the announcement that was made."

So far, 625 regular-season games have been called off, including nearly 100 in the announcement made Thursday — the 96th day of the NHL's lockout.

CLASS5AALL-STATE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

The 2012 Texas Associated Press Sports Editors Class 5A all-state high school football team, released Thursday. Voting based on regular-season performance. Players are listed in alphabetical order at each position.

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

Linemen:

TEJAN KOROMA, Allen, Jr. — Graded at 94 percent, 58 pancakes, 85 knockdowns

CAM MANNING, Southlake Carroll, Sr. — team averaged more than 500 yds per game

ADRIAN PARKER, Spring Westfield, Jr. — 142 pancakes, graded out at 82 percent

DEVON PETTY, Waco Midway, Sr. — Graded 92 percent, 123 pancakes, no sacks allowed

SERGIO PHILLIPS, DeSoto, Sr. — Graded 96 percent, 94 pancakes, no sacks allowed

Receivers/ends:

TERRY DALEHITE, Laredo United, Sr. — 101-1,526 receiving, 11 TDs

JAKE OLIVER, Dallas Jesuit, Sr. — State career record in receptions; 93-1,354 receiving, 18 TDs

Quarterback:

KENNY HILL, Southlake Carroll, Sr. — 139-of-209 passing, 2,291 yds, 20 TD; 102-905 yds rushing, 22 TD

Running backs:

KADE HARRINGTON, Humble Kingwood, Sr. — 266-1,994 rushing, 22 TD in 9 games; 22-211 yds receiving, 2 TD

TRE JOHNSON, SA O'Connor, Sr. — 226-1,924 rushing, 25 TDs; 20-263 receiving, 3 TDs.

DONTRE WILSON, DeSoto, Sr. — 220-1,458 yds rushing, 30 TDs; 25-509 receiving yds 5 TD; 1 punt return TD, 1 KO return TD

Kicker:

BEN GROGAN, Arlington Martin, Sr. — 39-39 PATs, 9-11 FG (56 long); had 6 in one game

Offensive Player of the Year:

Kenny Hill, Southlake Carroll.

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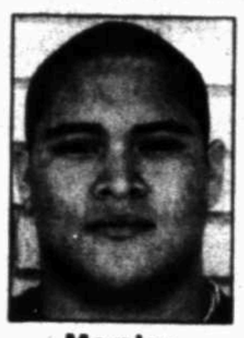

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FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

Linemen:

ZACH DAVIES, Lake Travis, Jr. — 74 Tackles, 24 TFL, 12.5 Sacks

NOLAN ROBINSON, Denton Ryan, Jr. — 55 tackles, 11 TFL, 22 QB sacks, 8 QB pressures, 1 defensive TD

CESAR SERRANO, SA Southwest, Sr. — 81 tackles, 28 TFL, 10 sacks, 3 fumble recoveries

VINCENT TAYLOR, SA Madison, Sr. — 79 tackles, 12 TFL, 2 sacks

Linebackers:

SAMMY DOUGLAS, Arlington, Sr. — 168 tackles, 66 solo, 2 INT, 2 FR, 3 PBU

ZAC WHITLEY, Galena Park North Shore, Sr. — 121 tackles, 68 solo, 11 TFL, 1 INT, 2 sacks, 11 QB pressures, 2 FF, 4 PBU

TAYLOR YOUNG, DeSoto, Sr. — 130 Tackles, 3 sacks, 6 PBUs, 4 INTS, 3 caused fumbles, 3 fumble recoveries

Defensive backs:

COREY BARTLEY, Longview, Sr. — 100 tackles, 1 forced fumble, 1 recovery, 13 PBU, 5 INTs, 6 blocked kicks

ISAIAH BROWN, Katy, Sr. — 26 unassisted tackles, 4 assisted tackles, 3 TFL, 8 INTs, 153 yds, 3 TDs

EDWARD PARIS, Mansfield Timberview, Jr. — 7 INTs, 2 INTs for TDs, 37 tackles, 3 FF, 2 FR, 8 PBU

JORDAN STERNS, Cibolo Steele, Sr. — 5 INTs, 2 returned for TDs; 40 tackles; Committed to Oklahoma State.

Punter:

— HUNTER JARMON, Waco Midway, Sr. — 25 punts, avg. 43, long 74

Defensive Player of the Year:

Taylor Young, DeSoto.

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

Linemen:

Aiden Abeldano, Weslaco East, Jr.; Chantz Anderson, Abilene, Sr.; Marcus Oliver, Spring Westfield, Jr.; Kent Perkins, Richardson Lake Highlands, Sr.; Travis Romero, Manvel, Sr.; Tim Ruiz, McAllen Memorial, Sr.; Tyler Tezeno, Klein Collins, Sr.

Receivers/ends:

Calvin Jones, Richardson Berkner; Ra'Shaad Samples, Dallas Skyline, Sr.

Quarterback:

Shane McCarley, Manvel, Sr.

Running backs:

Demarcus Felton, Spring Dekaney, Jr.; Samaje Perine, Pflugerville Hendrickson, Jr.; Deion Williams, Katy Morton Ranch, Sr.

Kicker:

Kevin Marcotte, Lake Travis, Sr.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

Linemen:

— Matt Dimon, Katy, Sr.; Koda Martin, Manvel, Jr.; Solomon Thomas, Coppell, Jr.; **Eric Villegas, Midland, Sr.**

Linebackers:

— Jimmie Gilbert, A&M Consolidated, Sr.; Byron Mills, SA Wagner, Sr.; Dominick Thompson, Temple, Jr.

Defensive backs:

— Hipolito Corporan, Houston Westside, Sr.; Derrick Dixon, Dallas Skyline, Jr.; Tavares Garner, Manvel, Sr.; Joseph Johnson, Midlothian, Sr.; Tyrel Stokes, Killeen Harker Heights, Sr.; Earnest Thomas, Galena Park North Shore, Sr.

Punter:

— Steven Cantu, SA O'Connor, Sr.

HONORABLE MENTION OFFENSE

LINEMEN: Jonathan Alvarez, Mesquite Horn; Caleb Benenoch, Katy Seven Lakes; Baylen Brown, SA O'Connor; Derek Elmendorff, EP Franklin; Judge Finley, Austin Westlake; Justin Greene, Copperas Cove; Matt Griffin, Denton Ryan; Garrett Gunter, Smithson Valley; J.J. Gustafson, Dallas Jesuit; Lucas Herrera, Keller Timber Creek; Daireck Hicks, Arlington; Jonathan Huckins, The Woodlands; Freddie Johnson, Temple; Leighton Light, Coppell; Chad Loitz, Round Rock McNeil; Joseph Noteboom, Plano; Jaxon Salinas, Irving; Andrew Tercek, SA East Central; Najee Toran, Galena Park North Shore; Zach White, Plano West; Erick Wren, Mesquite Horn.

RECEIVERS/ENDS: Quincy Adeboyejo, Cedar Hill; Bane Bilc, League City Clear Creek; Rashard Higgins, Mesquite; Hunter Jarmon, Waco Midway; Keevan Lucas, Abilene; Ty Marshall, Round Rock Westwood; Kyrion Parker, Manvel; Roderic Rucker, Port Arthur Memorial; JaBryce Taylor, Lufkin; Carlos Thompson, Manvel.

QUARTERBACKS: Evan Abbe, Abilene; Zach Allen, Temple; Ricky Fisk, Port Arthur Memorial; Devante Kincade, Dallas Skyline; Weston King, New Braunfels; Javi Obregon, McAllen Rowe; Cody Thomas, Colleyville Heritage; Desmon White, DeSoto.

RUNNING BACKS: Rennie Childs, Cypress Ridge; Adrian Dilworth, Pflugerville; Bryan Driskell, McKinney Boyd; Keith Ford, Cypress Ranch; Gudelio Garza, Del Rio; Laquvionte Gonzalez, Cedar Hill; Kyle Hicks, Arlington Martin; Marquie Hinton, SA Stevens; Solonye Jamabo, Plano West; Johnny Jefferson, Killeen Shoemaker; Lawrence Mattison, Smithson Valley; **Jason McAfee, Lee**; Daniel McCants, Killeen; Marcell Porter, Abilene; Emmitt Raleigh, Spring Westfield; Trevor Speights, McAllen Memorial; Justin Stockton, Cibolo Steele; Adam Taylor, Katy; Marquis Warford, SA Madison.

KICKERS: Joel Carlos, Carrollton Hebron; Jason Hull, Mission Sharyland; Aaron Kennedy, Smithson Valley; Zach Lehr, Abilene Cooper; Dillon Westall, SA O'Connor.

HONORABLE MENTION DEFENSE

LINEMEN: Bubu Alvarez, Waco Midway; Byron Bonds, Allen; Bryce English, DeSoto; Myles Garrett, Arlington Martin; Parker Hanusa, Round Rock Westwood; Kerrick Huggins, Dallas Skyline; Javon Jones, Mesquite; Demontrai Lewis, Lufkin; Jake McMillion, Abilene; **Michael Morales, Lee**; Ogbonnia Okoronkwo, Alief Taylor; Jordan Points, Rockwall-Heath; Jamikal Potts, Spring Westfield; Byron Pruitt, Arlington Sam Houston; Nolan Robinson, Denton Ryan; Matthew Romar, Port Arthur Memorial; William Udeh, Coppell; J.D. Waggoner, Dallas Jesuit; Charles Walker, South Garland; Christian Williams, Mesquite; J.T. Williams, Denton Ryan; Adrian Zuniga, San Benito.

LINEBACKERS: Rene Chavez, San Benito; Tommy Chavez, Weslaco; Cordell Dorsey, Abilene Cooper; Joey Esquivel, Mission Sharyland; D.J. Green, Mesquite Horn; David Griffith, Plano; Naashon Hughes, Killeen Harker Heights; Bradley Klein, Mission Sharyland; DeMarkus Lathan, Longview; Sam Lawlis, Round Rock; Darius Lemora, Port Arthur Memorial; Jordan Mastrogiovanni, Dallas Jesuit; Trevor Myklebust, Fort Bend Austin; Jackson Paine, Cedar Park; Austin Pettyjohn, Colleyville Heritage; Maiik Pryor, Converse Judson; George Schwanenberg, Smithson Valley.

DEFENSIVE BACKS: Chris Adkins, Coppell; Conlan Aguirre, Abilene; Claudio Arizpe, Del Rio; William Barrow, Dallas Skyline; Reynal Caldwell, Denton Ryan; Myles Crosby, Colleyville Heritage; Joe Estevanes, Weslaco; Tre Flowers, Converse Judson; Abe Grijalva, EP Socorro; Diego Hodges, Smithson Valley; Tanner Jacobson, Southlake Carroll; Austin Jupe, SA East Central; Nate Kittley, Abilene; Jaylon Lane, San Angelo Central; Fred Lawrence, Abilene Cooper; C.J. Levine, Port Arthur Memorial; Cody Moncure, Fort Bend Travis; Nick Orr, DeSoto; Troy Parker, Coppell; Chiante Rome, SA Wagner; Hunter Streuling, Lake Travis; Kamari Syrie, Hurst Bell; Jonathan Wiggins, Alief Taylor; Alan Wright, SA O'Connor.

PUNTERS: Luis Garcia, Lufkin; Ben Grogan, Arlington Martin; Marc Orozco, Denton Ryan.

HSFOOTBALLROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CLASS 2A DIVISION II
EAST BERNARD 56
CORSICANA MILDRED 14

ARLINGTON — Ty Slanina had four rushing touchdowns and East Bernard capped an undefeated season with a 56-14 victory against Corsicana Mildred in the Class 2A Division II championship game Thursday night.

Slanina scored on runs of 35, 2, 76 and 12 yards and finished with 167 yards on the ground. He also threw for a score.

Cedrick Perkins rushed for 139 yards and two touchdowns for East Bernard (15-0).

Mildred (13-2) was held to 126 yards, including 47 in the first half. Mildred quarterback Nic Shimonek was sacked six times.

It was the second state title for East Bernard, which won the 1A title in 1977. Mildred was making the school's first title game appearance.

CLASS A DIVISION I
STAMFORD 35
MART 28

ARLINGTON — Hagen Hutchinson accounted for four touchdowns, including a 9-yard run that proved to be the game-winner with 32 seconds left, to lift Stamford to a 35-28 come-from-behind victory over Mart in the Class A Division I state championship game Thursday.

The senior quarterback/defensive back was selected the game's offensive and defensive Most Valuable Player. He accumulated 132 yards rushing and had two rushing touchdowns. He also was 22 for 30 passing for 248 yards, with two scoring passes to James Washington.

On defense, Hutchinson made 16 tackles, and he sealed the victory with an interception on Mart's last-ditch effort with 8 seconds left.

The Bulldogs (14-1) overcame a 21-7 deficit to win the school's first state title in 53 years.

Mart (12-3) was led by sophomore quarterback D'Nerian Thomas' 224 yards passing and three touchdowns, including two rushing.

The Panthers, seeking their school's sixth state crown, jumped out to a two touchdown lead with 10 minutes left in the second quarter. But they were outscored 28-7 the rest of the way.

Hutchinson's 43-yard run midway through the third quarter and 2-point pass to Dalton Mathis brought the Bulldogs all the back, tying the game at 21-all.

Thomas' third touchdown, a 1-yard run, put the Panthers back up, but then Isaiah Llewellyn answered for Stamford on an 8-yard dash.

Bo Wimberly had seven receptions for 133 yards for Stamford.

CLASS A DIVISION II
MUNDAY 42
TENAHA 14

ARLINGTON — Dee Paul rushed for 263 yards and three long touchdowns and Munday bounced back from a loss a year ago to beat Tenaha 42-14 in a Class 1A Division II championship rematch Thursday.

Paul had a 57-yard touchdown in the first quarter, and the quarterback scored from 55 and 60 yards during a decisive second-half surge. Munday lost to Tenaha 52-28 in last year's title game.

L.J. Collier had a 36-yard interception return for a touchdown, and Roddrick Taylor added scoring runs of 19 and 18 yards to help Munday (15-0) win its third state championship.

Chavis Gregory had 116 rushing yards and a touchdown for Tenaha (10-5).

Munday racked up 483 total yards, including 287 in the second half. Tenaha was held to 101 yards after halftime.

D'Andre Thomas' leaping catch in the back of the end zone on a pass from J.R. Hill late in the first half brought Tenaha back from an early deficit and tied the score at 14.

Taylor's second touchdown run early in the second half put Munday ahead for good.

Texas HS football playoff scores, pairings

CLASS 5A DIVISION I
State Championship
Allen (14-1) vs. Houston Lamar (15-0), 8 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 5A DIVISION II
State Championship
Cedar Hill (11-4) vs. Katy (15-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION I
State Championship
Denton Guyer (13-2) vs. Georgetown (15-0), noon Saturday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 4A DIVISION II
State Championship
Lancaster (14-1) vs. Cedar Park (13-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 3A DIVISION II
State Championship
Gilmer (14-1) vs. Navasota (15-0), 4 p.m. Friday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION I
State Championship
Daingerfield (12-3) vs. Cameron Yoe (14-0), noon Friday, Arlington's Cowboys Stadium

CLASS 2A DIVISION II
State Championship
East Bernard 56, Corsicana Mildred 14

CLASS 1A DIVISION I
State Championship
Stamford 35, Mart 28

CLASS 1A DIVISION II
State Championship
Munday 42, Tenaha 14

NFL

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-New England	10	4	0	.714	506	315
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	.429	255	320
Miami	6	8	0	.429	264	279
Buffalo	5	9	0	.357	306	402
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Houston	12	2	0	.857	394	280
Indianapolis	9	5	0	.643	309	358
Tennessee	5	9	0	.357	285	396
Jacksonville	2	12	0	.143	219	383
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Baltimore	9	5	0	.643	348	307
Cincinnati	8	6	0	.571	355	293
Pittsburgh	7	7	0	.500	302	291
Cleveland	5	9	0	.357	280	310
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Denver	11	3	0	.786	409	274
San Diego	5	9	0	.357	299	312
Oakland	4	10	0	.286	263	402
Kansas City	2	12	0	.143	195	367

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	8	6	0	.571	381	350
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	327	338
N.Y. Giants	8	6	0	.571	373	304
Philadelphia	4	10	0	.286	253	375
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Atlanta	12	2	0	.857	371	259
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	389	379
Tampa Bay	6	8	0	.429	354	349
Carolina	5	9	0	.357	296	319
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Green Bay	10	4	0	.714	344	292
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	319	308
Chicago	8	6	0	.571	321	240
Detroit	4	10	0	.286	330	380
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-San Francisco	10	3	1	.750	357	218
Seattle	9	5	0	.643	350	219
St. Louis	6	7	1	.464	258	315
Arizona	5	9	0	.357	224	302

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Saturday's Game
Atlanta at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Tennessee at Green Bay, Noon
Indianapolis at Kansas City, Noon
New Orleans at Dallas, Noon
Minnesota at Houston, Noon
Oakland at Carolina, Noon
Buffalo at Miami, Noon
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, Noon
New England at Jacksonville, Noon
Washington at Philadelphia, Noon
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, Noon
San Diego at N.Y. Jets, Noon
Cleveland at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Baltimore, 3:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 7:20 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	19	6	.760	—
Brooklyn	13	12	.520	6
Boston	13	12	.520	6
Philadelphia	12	14	.462	7 1/2
Toronto	8	19	.296	12
Southeast Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	17	6	.739	—
Atlanta	15	8	.652	2
Orlando	12	13	.480	6
Charlotte	7	18	.280	11
Washington	3	20	.130	14
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	14	10	.583	—
Milwaukee	13	11	.542	1
Indiana	14	12	.538	1
Detroit	7	21	.250	9
Cleveland	5	22	.185	10 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	17	6	.739	—
San Antonio	19	8	.704	—
Houston	13	12	.520	5
Dallas	12	14	.462	6 1/2
New Orleans	5	20	.200	13
Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	21	5	.808	—
Minnesota	13	11	.542	7
Denver	14	12	.538	7
Utah	14	13	.519	7 1/2
Portland	11	12	.478	8 1/2
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	19	6	.760	—
Golden State	17	9	.654	2 1/2
L.A. Lakers	12	14	.462	7 1/2
Phoenix	11	15	.423	8 1/2
Sacramento	8	17	.320	11

Thursday's Scores
Minnesota 99, Oklahoma City 93
Miami 110, Dallas 95
Denver at Portland, late

Friday's Games
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Orlando at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Memphis, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S BOXES
HEAT 110, MAVERICKS 95

MIAMI (110): L.James 9-13 3-4 24, Haslem 1-3 3-4 5, Bosh 8-14 1-1 17, Chalmers 1-2 2-2 4, Wade 7-13 4-4 19, Battier 4-9 2-2 13, Anthony 1-3 0-0 2, Allen 4-7 1-1 10, Cole 3-6 0-0 6, Miller 2-4 0-0 6, Lewis 1-1 0-0 2, Pittman 1-2 0-0 2, J.Jones 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 42-78 16-18 110.

DALLAS (95): Da.Jones 3-6 5-5 12, Marion 5-14 0-0 10, Kaman 4-10 0-0 8, Collison 4-8 3-4 11, Mayo 3-14 2-2 8, Carter 4-9 2-2 10, Do.Jones 2-9 3-4 7, B.James 6-10 0-0 12, Crowder 5-13 3-4 15, Beaubois 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 37-96 18-21 95.

Miami	31	27	33	19	— 110
Dallas	20	22	19	34	— 95

3-Point Goals—Miami 10-28 (L.James 3-5, Battier 3-7, Miller 2-4, Wade 1-3, Allen 1-4, Bosh 0-1, Chalmers 0-1, J.Jones 0-1, Cole 0-2), Dallas 3-22 (Crowder 2-8, Da.Jones 1-2, Collison 0-1, Beaubois 0-2, Carter 0-4, Mayo 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 56 (L.James 9), Dallas 44 (Marion, B.James 9). Assists—Miami 25 (Wade 6), Dallas 23 (Do.Jones 7). Total Fouls—Miami 14, Dallas 17. A—20,160 (19,200).

TIMBERWOLVES 99, THUNDER 93

OKLAHOMA CITY (93): Durant 12-21 8-8 33, Ibaka 6-13 1-2 14, Perkins 0-2 0-0 0, Westbrook 9-28 11-13 30, Sefolosha 3-9 2-3 9, Collison 0-1 0-0 0, Jackson 2-6 0-0 4, Thabeet 0-0 0-0 0, Maynor 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 33-82 22-26 93.

MINNESOTA (99): Kirilenko 3-10 3-4 9, Love 9-20 6-6 28, Pekovic 10-18 4-4 24, Ridnour 1-4 2-2 4, Shved 5-10 0-0 12, Rubio 0-3 0-0 0, Cunningham 0-3 0-0 0, Barea 7-13 1-3 18, Williams 1-2 0-2 2, Stiemsma 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 37-84 16-23 99.

Oklahoma City	18	26	25	24	— 93
Minnesota	30	23	23	23	— 99

3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 5-20 (Ibaka 1-1, Maynor 1-2, Durant 1-4, Sefolosha 1-5, Westbrook 1-6, Jackson 0-2), Minnesota 9-20 (Love 4-9, Barea 3-4, Shved 2-4, Kirilenko 0-1, Rubio 0-1, Ridnour 0-1). Fouled Out—Kirilenko. Rebounds—Oklahoma City 51 (Westbrook 11), Minnesota 56 (Love 11). Assists—Oklahoma City 17 (Westbrook 9), Minnesota 27 (Shved 12). Total Fouls—Oklahoma City 24, Minnesota 19. Technicals—Durant. A—17,114 (19,356).

Male Athlete

2012 AP Male Athlete of the Year Voting Votes

Michael Phelps	40
LeBron James	37
Usain Bolt	23
Miguel Cabrera	12
Eli Manning	11
Lionel Messi	8
Rory McIlroy	6
R.A. Dickey	6
Oscar Pistorius	3
Anthony Davis	2
Andy Murray	2
Mike Trout	2
Johnny Manziel	2
Robert Griffin III	1
Peyton Manning	1

AP Male Athlete of the Year
2012 — Michael Phelps, swimming
2011 — Aaron Rodgers, football
2010 — Drew Brees, football
2009 — Jimmie Johnson, auto racing
2008 — Michael Phelps, swimming
2007 — Tom Brady, football
2006 — Tiger Woods, golf-x
2005 — Lance Armstrong, cycling
2004 — Lance Armstrong, cycling
2003 — Lance Armstrong, cycling
2002 — Lance Armstrong, cycling
2001 — Barry Bonds, baseball
2000 — Tiger Woods, golf
1999 — Tiger Woods, golf
1998 — Mark McGwire, baseball
1997 — Tiger Woods, golf
1996 — Michael Johnson, track and field
1995 — Cal Ripken, baseball
1994 — George Foreman, boxing
1993 — Michael Jordan, basketball
1992 — Michael Jordan, basketball

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bowls

Subject to Change
Saturday, Dec. 15
New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Arizona 49, Nevada 48

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Utah State 41, Toledo 15

Thursday's Score
Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
BYU 23, San Diego State 6

Today
Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Ball State (9-3) vs. UCF (9-4), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday
New Orleans Bowl
East Carolina (8-4) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

MAACO Bowl
Las Vegas
Boise State (10-2) vs. Washington (7-5), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
SMU (6-6) vs. Fresno State (9-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 26
Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
Central Michigan (6-6) vs. Western Kentucky (7-5), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 27
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, Dec. 28
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, Dec. 29
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)

Monday, Dec. 31
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Vanderbilt (8-4) vs. N.C. State (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl
At El Paso
Georgia Tech (6-7) vs. Southern Cal (7-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)

Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Iowa State (6-6) vs. Tulsa (10-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Chick-fil-A Bowl
At Atlanta
LSU (10-2) vs. Clemson (10-2), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Jan. 1
Heart of Dallas Bowl
At Dallas
Purdue (6-6) vs. Oklahoma State (7-5), 11 a.m. (ESPNU)

Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Northwestern (9-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN2)

Capital One Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Georgia (11-2) vs. Nebraska (10-3), Noon (ABC)

Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
South Carolina (10-2) vs. Michigan (8-4), Noon (ESPN)

Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Stanford (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (8-5), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Orange Bowl
At Miami
Northern Illinois (12-1) vs. Florida State (11-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida (11-1) vs. Louisville (10-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Jan. 3
Fiesta Bowl
At Glendale, Ariz.
Kansas State (11-1) vs. Oregon (11-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 4
Cotton Bowl
At Arlington
Texas A&M (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (10-2), 7 p.m. (FOX)

Saturday, Jan. 5
BBVA Compass Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. Mississippi (6-6), Noon (ESPN)

Sunday, Jan. 6
GoDaddy.com Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
Kent State (11-2) vs. Arkansas State (9-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 7
BCS National Championship
At Miami
Notre Dame (12-0) vs. Alabama (12-1), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Playoffs

NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoff Championship
Saturday, Jan. 5
At FC Dallas Stadium
Frisco
North Dakota State (13-1) vs. Sam Houston State (11-3), Noon

Coll. Baseball

Collegiate Baseball Preseason Top 25
Dec. 20, 2012

1. Arkansas	46-22	496
2. North Carolina	46-16	495
3. Vanderbilt	35-28	494
4. Louisiana St.	47-18	487
5. UCLA	48-16	484
6. Oregon	46-19	482
7. South Carolina	49-20	481
8. Kentucky	45-18	478
9. Stanford	41-18	476
10. Oregon St.	40-20	473
11. N.C. State	43-20	470
12. San Diego	40-17	467
13. Mississippi St.	40-24	464
14. Oklahoma	42-25	462
15. Texas Christian	40-22	460
16. Arizona St.	36-20	458
17. Georgia Tech.	38-26	456
18. Arizona	48-17	454
19. Florida St.	50-17	452
20. Rice	41-19	450
21. Texas	30-22	448
22. Louisville	41-22	446
23. Cal. St. Fullerton	36-21	445
24. Florida	47-20	443
25. Mississippi	37-26	437
26. Texas A&M	43-18	434
27. Clemson	35-28	429
28. Miami, Fla.	36-23	427
29. Georgia	31-26	423
30. U.C. Irvine	31-25	420
31. Missouri St.	40-22	418
32. Wichita St.	35-25	415
33. New Mexico	37-24	413
34. Kent St.	47-20	411
35. Virginia	39-19-1	408
36. Southern Mississippi	32-24	405
37. East Carolina	36-24-1	403
38. Coastal Carolina	42-19	400
39. Dallas Baptist	41-19	397
40. Pepperdine	36-23	395

MLB

Free Agents

NEW YORK (AP) — The 63 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management sources. For players with minor league contracts, letter agreements for major league contracts are in parentheses:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE (1) — Re-signed Nate McLouth, of, to a $2 million, one-year contract.

BOSTON (6) — Re-signed David Ortiz, dh, to a $26 million, two-year contract; signed David Ross, c, Atlanta, to a $6.2 million, two-year contract; signed Jonny Gomes, of, Oakland, to a $10 million, two-year contract; signed Shane Victorino, of, Los Angeles Dodgers, to a $39 million, three-year contract; signed Koji Uehara, rhp, to a $4.25 million, one-year contract; signed Ryan Dempster, rhp, Texas, to a $26.5 million, two-year contract.

CHICAGO (1) — Signed Jeff Keppinger, 3b, Tampa Bay, to a $12 million, three-year contract.

DETROIT (2) — Signed Torii Hunter, of, Los Angeles Angels, to a $26 million, two-year contract; re-signed Anibal Sanchez, rhp, to an $80 million, five-year contract.

HOUSTON (1) — Signed Carlos Pena, 1b, to a $2.9 million, one-year contract.

KANSAS CITY (3) — Re-signed Jeremy Guthrie, rhp, to a $25 million, three-year contract; signed George Sherrill, lhp, Seattle, to a minor league contract; signed Xavier Nady, of, San Francisco, to a minor league contract.

LOS ANGELES (4) — Signed Ryan Madson, rhp, Cincinnati, to a $3.5 million, one-year contract; signed Joe Blanton, rhp, Los Angeles Dodgers, to a $15 million, two-year contract; signed Sean Burnett, lhp, Washington, to an $8 million, two-year contract; signed Josh Hamilton, of, Texas, to a $123 million, five-year contract.

MINNESOTA (1) — Signed Kevin Correia, rhp, Pittsburgh, to a $10 million, two-year contract.

NEW YORK (5) — Re-signed Hiroki Kuroda, rhp, to a $15 million, one-year contract; re-signed Andy Pettitte, lhp, to a $12 million, one-year contract; re-signed Mariano Rivera, rhp, to a $10 million, one-year contract; signed Kevin Youkilis, 3b, Chicago White Sox, to a $12 million, one-year contract; re-signed Ichiro Suzuki, of, to a $13 million, two-year contract.

OAKLAND (1) — Re-signed Bartolo Colon, rhp, to a $3 million, one-year contract.

SEATTLE (1) — Re-signed Oliver Perez, lhp, to a $1.5 million, one-year contract.

TAMPA BAY (3) — Re-signed Joel Peralta, rhp, to a $6 million, two-year contract; signed James Loney, 1b, Boston, to a $2 million, one-year contract; signed Roberto Hernandez, rhp, Cleveland, to a $3.25 million, one-year contract.

TEXAS (2) — Re-signed Colby Lewis, rhp, to a $2 million, one-year contract; signed Joakim Soria, rhp, Texas, to an $8 million, two-year contract.

TORONTO (2) — Signed Maicer Izturis, inf, Los Angeles Angels, to a $10 million, three-year contract; signed Melky Cabrera, of, San Francisco, to a $16 million, two-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (3) — Signed Eric Hinske, 1b, Atlanta, to a $1.35 million, one-year contract; signed Eric Chavez, 3b, New York Yankees, to a $3 million, one-year contract; signed Brandon McCarthy, rhp, Oakland, to a $15.5 million, two-year contract.

ATLANTA (3) — Signed Gerald Laird, c, Detroit, to a $3 million, two-year contract; signed B.J. Upton, of, Tampa Bay, to a $75.25 million, five-year contract; re-signed Reed Johnson, of, to a $1.75 million, one-year contract.

CHICAGO (4) — Signed Scott Baker, rhp, Minnesota, to a $5.5 million, one-year contract; signed Dioner Navarro, c, Cincinnati, to a $1.75 million, one-year contract; re-signed Shawn Camp, rhp, to a $1.35 million, one-year contract; signed Scott Feldman, rhp, Texas, to a $6 million, one-year contract.

CINCINNATI (2) — Re-signed Jonathan Broxton, rhp, to a $21 million, three-year contract; re-signed Ryan Ludwick, of, to a $15 million, two-year contract.

COLORADO (1) — Re-signed Jeff Francis, lhp, to a $1.5 million, one-year contract.

LOS ANGELES (2) — Re-signed Brandon League, rhp, to a $22.5 million, three-year contract; signed Zack Greinke, rhp, Los Angeles Angels, to a $147 million, three-year contract.

MIAMI (2) — Signed Juan Pierre, of, Philadelphia, to a $1.6 million, one-year contract; signed Placido Polanco, 3b, Philadelphia, to a $2.75 million, one-year contract.

NEW YORK (1) — Re-signed Tim Byrdak, lhp, to a minor league contract ($1 million).

PHILADELPHIA (1) — Signed Mike Adams, rhp, Texas, to a $12 million, two-year contract.

PITTSBURGH (2) — Signed Russell Martin, c, New York Yankees, to a $17 million, two-year contract; re-signed Jason Grilli, rhp, to a $6.75 million, two-year contract.

ST. LOUIS (2) — Signed Randy Choate, lhp, Los Angeles Dodgers, to a $7.5 million, three-year contract; signed Ty Wigginton, inf, Philadelphia, to a $5 million, two-year contract.

SAN DIEGO (1) — Re-signed Jason Marquis, rhp, to a $3 million, one-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO (3) — Re-signed Jeremy Affeldt, lhp, to an $18 million, three-year contract; re-signed Angel Pagan, of, to a $40 million, four-year contract; re-signed Marco Scutaro, inf, to a $20 million, three-year contract.

WASHINGTON (2) — Re-signed Zach Duke, lhp, to a $700,000, one-year contract; signed Dan Haren, rhp, Los Angeles Angels, to a $13 million, one-year contract.

APAN PACIFIC LEAGUE

RAKUTEN (1) — Signed Andruw Jones, of, New York Yankees, to a $3.5 million, one-year contract.

ON THE AIR

What's on TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl, UCF vs. Ball St., 7:30 p.m., ESPN

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
Texas Class 2A Division I championship, Daingerfield vs. Cameron Yoe, Noon, FSS
Texas Class 3A Division II championship, Gilmer vs. Navasota, 4 p.m, FSS
Texas Class 4A Division II championship, Lancaster vs. Cedar Park, 8 p.m., FSS Plus

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
FAU at Indiana, 6 p.m, ESPN2
BYU at Baylor, 8 p.m, ESPN2

NBA
Dallas at Memphis, 7 p.m.,

WHAT'S ON DECK

HOCKEY
Corpus Christi at Odessa Jackalopes, Ector County Coliseum, 7:05 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL
Greenwood at Levelland, 5 p.m.
Abilene High at Lee, 6 p.m.
Midland High at Abilene Cooper, 6 p.m.
Veribest at Garden City, 6:30 p.m.
Trinity at Iraan, 6:30 p.m.
Grady at O'Donnell, 6:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOLHS BOYS BASKETBALL
Midland Christian at Monahans, 6 p.m.
Greenwood at Levelland, 6:30 p.m.
Crane at Stanton, 6:30 p.m.
Abilene High at Lee, 7:30 p.m.
Midland High at Abilene Cooper, 7:30 p.m.
Seminole at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m.
Veribest at Garden City, 8 p.m.
Grady at O'Donnell, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Promoted Jared Banner to assistant director, player personnel; Mike Murov to coordinator, baseball operations; Duncan Webb has been promoted to assistant director, player development; Laz Gutierrez to coordinator, player development programs. Tim Hyers to minor league hitting coordinator. George Lombard to minor league outfield and baserunning coordinator, Quincy Boyd and Jim Robinson to regional crosscheckers; Steve Peck to special assignment scout; Victor Rodriguez Jr. area supervisor and Dominican Republic crosschecker. Dave Klipstein to major league scout; Anthony Turco to professional scout. Named Mike Rikard national scouting coordinator; John Booher national crosschecker; Tom Kotchman, Brian Moehler, John Pyle and Willie Romay area scouts; Wilder Lobo, Ramon Mora and Alex Requena scouts in Venezuela; Carlos Lugo scout in the Dominican Republic; Dennis Neuman scout in Curacao and Aruba; and David Tapia scout in Mexico.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Mike Pelfrey on a one-year contract.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Yoshinori Tateyama on a minor league contract. National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Assigned OF-1B Scott Van Slyke outright to Albuquerque (PCL).

MIAMI MARLINS—Agreed to terms with 3B Placido Polanco on a one-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Agreed to terms with RHP Mike Adams on a two-year contract.

American Association

WICHITA WINGNUTS—Signed INF Abel Nieves.

Frontier League

GATEWAY GRIZZLIES—Signed RHP Zac Treece to a contract extension.

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS—Signed LHP Cory Caruso, C Rick Devereaux, OF Vinnie Fayard, RHP Justin Hall, OF Andrew Heck, 1B Mark Samuelson and RHP Orlando Santos to contract extensions.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES—Waived F Josh Howard.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS—Placed CB Leodis McKelvin on injured reserve. Signed LB Kirk Morrison.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed TE Evan Moore.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Placed DE Jason Jones on injured reserve. Signed DT Hebron Fangupo from the practice squad. Signed WR Bryan Walters to the practice squad.

HOCKEY
American Hockey League

CONNECTICUT WHALE—Announced F J.T. Miller was reassigned to the U.S. National Junior Team.

ECHL

FLORIDA EVERBLADES—Announced G Pat Nagle was recalled by Syracuse (AHL).

READING ROYALS—Announced D Denny Urban was loaned to Worcester (AHL).

OLYMPICS

U.S. OLYMPIC COMMITTEE—Announced chairman Larry Probst was elected to a second term and Bill Marolt and Whitney Ping were appointed to vacant positions on the board.

MOTORSPORTS

SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA—Announced the Board of Directors named Lisa Nobie chairman for 2013.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

LA GALAXY—Signed F Gyasi Zardes.

TORONTO FC—Announced the team was awarded C Gale Agbossoumonde via a league lottery.

COLLEGE

CAMPBELL—Named Landon Mariani offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, Craig Cox defensive coordinator, Kevin Thompson offensive line coach, Adam Morris wide receivers coach, D.J. Summers running backs coach, Damien Adams defensive line coach, Bryant Foster defensive backs coach and Jonathan Hodges linebackers coach.

DEPAUW—Named Bill Lynch football coach.

LSU—Suspended P Brad Wing for the Chick-fil-A Bowl for an unspecified violation of team rules.

MINNESOTA STATE (MANKATO)—Named Nick Burns interim assistant director of athletic communications.

REGIS—Named Dan Flynn track and field coach.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE—Announced athletic director Scott Gines will assume the title of vice president for intercollegiate athletics and campus recreation, effective Jan. 2.

UTAH STATE—Promoted offensive coordinator Matt Wells to football coach.

WISCONSIN—Named Gary Andersen football coach.

GLANTZ-CULVER

NCAA Football

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Today — Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl — At St. Petersburg, Fla.				
UCF	7	7	(61 1/2)	Ball St
Saturday — New Orleans Bowl				
La.-Lafayette	4 1/2	5	(66)	East Carolina
Las Vegas Bowl				
Boise St	7 1/2	5 1/2	(44 1/2)	Washington
Monday — Hawaii Bowl — At Honolulu				
Fresno St	11 1/2	12 1/2	(59 1/2)	SMU
Wednesday — Little Caesars Pizza Bowl — At Detroit				
W. Kentucky	6	5 1/2	(58)	Cent. Michigan
Dec. 27 — Holiday Bowl — At San Diego				
UCLA	+1	1	(80 1/2)	Baylor
Dec. 28 — Independence Bowl — At Shreveport, La.				
Louisiana-Monroe	6	7	(60)	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
Dec. 29 — 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	(73 1/2)	Syracuse
Alamo Bowl — At San Antonio				
Oregon St	1	2	(56 1/2)	Texas
Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl — At Tempe, Ariz.				
TCU	1	2 1/2	(41)	Michigan St
Dec. 31 — Sun Bowl — At El Paso				
Southern Cal	10	10	(63 1/2)	Georgia Tech
Chick-fil-A Bowl — At Atlanta				
LSU	3	4	(59)	Clemson
Jan. 1 — Heart of Dallas Bowl				
Oklahoma St	18	17	(70)	Purdue
Gator Bowl — At Jacksonville, Fla.				
Mississippi St	2	2	(52)	Northwestern
Outback Bowl — At Tampa, Fla.				
South Carolina	4	5 1/2	(48)	Michigan
Capital One Bowl — At Orlando, Fla.				
Georgia	8	10	(60)	Nebraska
Rose Bowl — At Pasadena, Calif.				
Stanford	6	6 1/2	(47 1/2)	Wisconsin
Orange Bowl — At Miami				
Florida St	15	13	(58 1/2)	N. Illinois
Jan. 2 — Sugar Bowl — At New Orleans				
Florida	13 1/2	14	(45 1/2)	Louisville
Jan. 3 — Fiesta Bowl — At Glendale, Ariz.				
Oregon	9 1/2	9	(75 1/2)	Kansas St
Jan. 4 — Cotton Bowl — At Arlington				
Texas A&M	3	4 1/2	(72)	Oklahoma
Jan. 7 — BCS National Championship — At Miami				
Alabama	7 1/2	10	(41 1/2)	Notre Dame

NFL

FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Saturday				
Atlanta	3	3 1/2	(50 1/2)	at Detroit
Sunday				
at Green Bay	10 1/2	12 1/2	(46)	Tennessee
at Carolina	8	9	(46)	Oakland
at Miami	5	4 1/2	(41 1/2)	Buffalo
at Pittsburgh	5	3 1/2	(43 1/2)	Cincinnati
New England	14	14 1/2	(48 1/2)	at Jacksonville
Indianapolis	6	6 1/2	(42)	at Kansas City
at Dallas	3	3	(51 1/2)	New Orleans
Washington	4	6 1/2	(45)	at Philadelphia
at Tampa Bay	3	3	(43 1/2)	St. Louis
N.Y. Giants	+1	2	(47 1/2)	at Baltimore
at Houston	7	7 1/2	(43 1/2)	Minnesota
at Denver	12	13	(44 1/2)	Cleveland
Chicago	5 1/2	5 1/2	(36 1/2)	at Arizona
at Seattle	2 1/2	Pk	(39)	San Francisco
at N.Y. Jets	3	2	(40 1/2)	San Diego

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men

THURSDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 79, Robert Morris 74
Lehigh 90, North Texas 75
Stephen F. Austin 60, Grambling St. 38
MIDWEST
Cent. Michigan 92, Texas St. 80
Kent St. 77, St. Francis (Pa.) 48
Michigan 93, E. Michigan 54
Valparaiso 89, IUPUI 69
Wichita St. 65, Charleston Southern 53
FAR WEST
UC Davis 78, S. Illinois 70
Weber St. 74, E. Washington 53
SOUTH
Duke 76, Elon 54
Memphis 62, Lipscomb 56
N. Kentucky 54, Hampton 52
Texas-Pan American 76, Alabama St. 70, OT
Tulane 69, Pepperdine 54
UAB 76, Louisiana-Monroe 69
UCF 83, Stetson 66

THURSDAY'S TEXAS BOXES
LEHIGH 90, NORTH TEXAS 75

LEHIGH (9-2): Greiner 6-11 3-4 15, Knutson 10-14 4-4 28, D'Orazio 3-7 0-1 8, McKnight 8-18 7-9 25, Cvrkalj 0-0 0-0 0, Carter 0-0 0-0 0, Goodman 0-0 0-0 0, Bailey 1-5 0-0 3, Schaefer 3-8 0-0 8, Staggers 0-0 0-0 0, Goldsborough 1-1 1-1 3, Baltimore 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 32-66 15-19 90.

NORTH TEXAS (5-7): Holmen 3-7 0-0 6, Stojiljkovic 0-1 0-0 0, Franklin 4-10 1-1 9, Jones 0-8 0-0 0, J. Williams 4-10 4-5 12, A. Williams 6-14 8-8 20, Hardwick 1-1 0-0 2, A. Mitchell 0-0 0-0 0, Patton 0-4 2-2 2, T. Mitchell 8-13 5-9 22, Overlander 1-3 0-0 2, Coleman 0-0 0-2 0. Totals 27-71 20-27 75.

Halftime—Lehigh 52-33. 3-Point Goals—Lehigh 11-23 (Knutson 4-5, D'Orazio 2-3, Schaefer 2-4, McKnight 2-6, Bailey 1-3, Greiner 0-2), North Texas 1-11 (T. Mitchell 1-2, Stojiljkovic 0-1, A. Williams 0-1, Holmen 0-1, J. Williams 0-2, Overlander 0-2, Patton 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Lehigh 36 (Greiner 8), North Texas 48 (T. Mitchell 9). Assists—Lehigh 21 (McKnight 7), North Texas 10 (Jones 7). Total Fouls—Lehigh 21, North Texas 17. Technical—Stojiljkovic. A—4,955.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN 60, GRAMBLING ST. 38

GRAMBLING ST. (0-9): Roberson 1-6 0-0 2, Copeland 1-6 1-2 4, Purvis 2-6 0-0 4, Rose 8-13 0-0 21, Higgins 1-5 2-2 4, Hornsby 0-4 0-0 0, Dorsett 0-1 0-0 0, Wheeler 1-1 1-2 3, Dandridge 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 14-44 4-6 38.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (9-1): Smith 7-10 6-7 20, Parker 1-6 0-0 2, Bateman 1-6 1-2 3, Bostic 4-7 0-0 8, Haymon 3-6 3-4 10, Walkup 0-3 2-3 2, Toskovic 0-0 0-0 0, Walker 1-5 1-2 4, Pinkney 0-0 0-0 0, Perez 0-2 0-0 0, Harrison 0-0 0-0 0, Baxter Jr. 3-5 0-0 7, Asortse 1-2 2-4 4. Totals 21-52 15-22 60.

Halftime—Stephen F. Austin 27-18. 3-Point Goals—Grambling St. 6-12 (Rose 5-7, Copeland 1-1, Purvis 0-1, Dorsett 0-1, Hornsby 0-2), Stephen F. Austin 3-13 (Haymon 1-2, Baxter Jr. 1-2, Walker 1-3, Perez 0-1, Bateman 0-1, Bostic 0-2, Parker 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Grambling St. 24 (Wheeler 7), Stephen F. Austin 39 (Smith 12). Assists—Grambling St. 10 (Copeland 4), Stephen F. Austin 12 (Bateman 6). Total Fouls—Grambling St. 17, Stephen F. Austin 12. A—1,104.

CENT. MICHIGAN 92, TEXAS ST. 80

TEXAS ST. (4-8): Stern 4-7 1-3 10, Staff 8-16 1-1 18, Wright 8-15 4-4 20, T. Jones 1-5 0-1 3, Davis 4-8 0-0 9, Hawkins 0-1 0-1 0, Koenen 5-7 0-0 12, Dorsey 0-1 0-0 0, Nwankwo 0-0 0-0 0, Brown II 1-1 0-0 2, D. Jones 1-2 0-0 3, Hinton 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 33-65 6-10 80.

CENT. MICHIGAN (6-4): Mbaigoto 1-1 2-3 4, Simons 5-5 6-9 17, Randall 4-11 8-8 18, Fowler 4-6 1-3 9, Keel 6-11 2-2 17, Krannitz 2-4 0-0 6, Richardson Jr. 3-4 0-1 7, Rowse 0-1 0-0 0, Craddock 1-2 2-2 5, Hibbitts 3-9 2-3 9. Totals 29-54 23-31 92.

Halftime—Cent. Michigan 42-40. 3-Point Goals—Texas St. 8-22 (Koenen 2-4, Hinton 1-1, D. Jones 1-2, Davis 1-3, Stern 1-3, Staff 1-4, T. Jones 1-4, Dorsey 0-1), Cent. Michigan 11-24 (Keel 3-4, Krannitz 2-3, Randall 2-5, Simons 1-1, Richardson Jr. 1-1, Craddock 1-2, Hibbitts 1-7, Rowse 0-1). Fouled Out—Koenen, Wright. Rebounds—Texas St. 34 (Wright 10), Cent. Michigan 31 (Hibbitts 8). Assists—Texas St. 18 (T. Jones 6), Cent. Michigan 20 (Fowler 7). Total Fouls—Texas St. 23, Cent. Michigan 16. Technical—Texas St. Bench. A—1,215.

Top 25 Fared
Thursday

1. Duke (11-0) beat Elon 76-54. Next: vs. Santa Clara, Saturday, Dec. 29.
2. Michigan (12-0) beat Eastern Michigan 93-54. Next: vs. Central Michigan, Saturday, Dec. 29.
3. Syracuse (10-0) did not play. Next: vs. Temple, Saturday.
4. Arizona (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. East Tennessee State, Saturday.
5. Louisville (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Western Kentucky, Saturday.
6. Indiana (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Florida Atlantic, Friday.
7. Ohio State (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Kansas, Saturday.
8. Florida (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.
9. Kansas (9-1) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Ohio State, Saturday.
10. Illinois (12-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Missouri, Saturday.
11. Cincinnati (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Wright State, Saturday.
12. Missouri (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Illinois, Saturday.
13. Minnesota (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Lafayette, Saturday.
14. Gonzaga (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Baylor, Friday, Dec. 28.
15. Georgetown (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. American, Saturday.
16. New Mexico (12-0) did not play. Next: vs. South Dakota State, Saturday.
17. Creighton (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Evansville, Saturday, Dec. 29.
18. San Diego State (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. San Francisco, Saturday.
19. Butler (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. Evansville, Saturday.
20. Michigan State (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Saturday.
21. UNLV (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Canisius, Saturday.
22. Notre Dame (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. Niagara, Friday.
23. North Carolina (8-3) did not play. Next: vs. McNeese State, Saturday.
24. Oklahoma State (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee Tech, Saturday.
25. N.C. State (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. St. Bonaventure, Saturday.

SCHEDULE
TODAY
SOUTHWEST
UTSA at Texas A&M-CC, 7 p.m.
BYU at Baylor, 8 p.m.
SATURDAY
Tennessee Tech at Oklahoma St., Noon
Arizona St. at Texas Tech, 1 p.m.
Tulsa at Oral Roberts, 2 p.m.
Chicago St. at Houston, 3 p.m.
Southern U. at Texas A&M, 3 p.m.
Alabama A&M at Arkansas, 7 p.m.
TCU at Rice, 7 p.m.
FIU at Texas Southern, 7 p.m.
Nebraska-Omaha at Texas-Pan American, 7 p.m.
Ark.-Pine Bluff at UTEP, 8 p.m.

Women

THURSDAY'S SCORES
SOUTHWEST
Oklahoma 70, UC Riverside 46
Rice 43, UTSA 41
Texas 53, Cornell 40
UTEP 60, New Mexico 45
MIDWEST
Marquette 70, Dartmouth 52
Michigan 73, Valparaiso 32
Missouri 69, Murray St. 55
Nebraska 80, Oral Roberts 67
S. Utah 60, North Dakota 54
Youngstown St. 80, Akron 71
FAR WEST
Arizona 86, Longwood 68
BYU 70, Seattle 62
Denver 50, Colorado St. 48
E. Washington 88, Weber St. 60
Gonzaga 97, Idaho 62
Idaho St. 63, Portland St. 50
Michigan St. 50, Texas Tech 48, OT
Notre Dame 87, Kansas St. 57
Sacramento St. 69, Montana St. 65
UNLV 67, Alabama A&M 62
Utah 58, UC Irvine 42
Utah St. 70, South Dakota 69
SOUTH
Campbell 79, Elon 69
Cent. Arkansas 62, Louisiana-Monroe 49
FIU 58, Middle Tennessee 51
Liberty 76, VCU 63
Marshall 52, Furman 46
Miami 79, NC State 53
Mississippi St. 69, Jacksonville St. 54
N. Kentucky 71, UNC Wilmington 55
EAST
Boston College 80, Vermont 43
Duquesne 62, West Virginia 54
Marist 62, Yale 50
Maryland 69, Delaware 53
Pittsburgh 67, Mount St. Mary's 49
Sacred Heart 73, Lehigh 63
TOURNAMENT
Beach Classic
First Round
Long Beach St. 72, Canisius 67, OT
Gator Holiday Classic
First Round
Cent. Michigan 98, Saint Joseph's 84
Florida 88, Savannah St. 38
Toledo Invite
First Round
Prairie View 49, Hampton 42
Toledo 60, Evansville 50

THURSDAY'S TEXAS BOXES
No. 20 TEXAS 53, CORNELL 40

CORNELL (5-5): Fitzpatrick 5-10 0-0 10, DiMagno 4-11 2-2 13, Long 1-5 0-0 3, Lyman 1-5 0-0 3, Lane 0-4 4-12 4, Danielak 1-1 0-0 2, Flynn 2-5 0-0 5, Chandler 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 14-44 6-14 40.

TEXAS (7-2): Enemkpali 3-9 0-0 6, McGee-Stafford 8-14 4-7 20, Rodrigo 1-3 3-4 6, Fussell 3-15 0-0 7, Sanders 4-10 1-2 10, Davenport 2-10 0-0 4, Taylor 0-1 0-0 0, Hartung 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-62 8-13 53.

Halftime—Texas 22-16. 3-Point Goals—Cornell 6-20 (DiMagno 3-5, Flynn 1-3, Long 1-4, Lyman 1-5, Chandler 0-3), Texas 3-14 (Rodrigo 1-2, Sanders 1-4, Fussell 1-7, Davenport 0-1). Fouled Out—Davenport. Rebounds—Cornell 28 (Long 8), Texas 48 (McGee-Stafford 12). Assists—Cornell 12 (Lane 6), Texas 12 (Rodrigo 4). Total Fouls—Cornell 15, Texas 16. A—2,851.

No. 22 TEXAS A&M 78, OLD DOMINION 55

TEXAS A&M (8-3): Bellock 5-12 2-2 12, Bone 15-18 3-5 33, Scott 2-5 0-0 5, Pratcher 1-10 0-0 2, Walker 4-12 0-0 8, Williams 1-3 2-2 4, Jennings 0-0 0-0 0, Grant 0-0 0-0 0, Little 3-8 2-2 10, Mitchell 1-1 0-0 2, Jones 0-1 2-2 2, Gilbert 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 32-72 11-13 78.

OLD DOMINION (7-2): Kelley 5-11 1-1 11, Buchan 2-6 0-0 5, Betz-White 2-6 3-4 7, Hall 2-8 0-1 4, Cook 4-8 2-2 10, Gardner 0-0 0-0 0, Allison 2-2 0-0 4, Goodhope 3-7 1-2 7, Martin 0-0 0-0 0, Younger 1-1 0-0 3, Minor 0-0 0-0 0, Richards 2-5 0-0 4. Totals 23-54 7-10 55.

Halftime—Texas A&M 36-28. 3-Point Goals—Texas A&M 3-13 (Little 2-6, Scott 1-1, Jones 0-1, Pratcher 0-5), Old Dominion 2-10 (Younger 1-1, Buchan 1-2, Cook 0-1, Richards 0-1, Betz-White 0-2, Hall 0-3). Fouled Out—Kelley. Rebounds—Texas A&M 40 (Bone 14), Old Dominion 33 (Kelley 7). Assists—Texas A&M 24 (Pratcher 12), Old Dominion 11 (Betz-White, Richards 3). Total Fouls—Texas A&M 10, Old Dominion 16. Technical—Old Dominion Bench. A—940.

Women's Top 25 Fared
Thursday

1. Stanford (10-0) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Tennessee, Saturday.
2. UConn (9-0) did not play. Next: at Hartford, Saturday.
3. Baylor (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Southeastern Louisiana, Saturday, Dec. 29.
4. Duke (8-0) did not play. Next: at Cal State Bakersfield, Friday.
5. Notre Dame (8-1) beat Kansas State 87-57. Next: vs. No. 22 Texas A&M, Friday. Next: vs. No. 13 Purdue, Saturday, Dec. 29.
6. Georgia (12-0) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Friday, Dec. 28.
7. Kentucky (8-1) did not play. Next: at UC Santa Barbara, Friday.
8. California (8-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Kansas, Friday.
9. Maryland (8-2) beat Delaware 69-53. Next: vs. Brown, Friday, Dec. 28.
10. Tennessee (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 Stanford, Saturday.
11. Penn State (9-2) did not play. Next: vs. NJIT, Sunday.
12. UCLA (7-1) vs. Cal State Northridge. Next: at Pepperdine, Friday, Dec. 28.
13. Purdue (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. IUPUI, Friday.
14. Louisville (10-2) did not play. Next: vs. Wagner, Friday.
15. Oklahoma State (7-0) did not play. Next: at Texas-Arlington, Saturday.
16. Dayton (11-0) did not play. Next: at Siena, Saturday.
17. North Carolina (11-1) did not play. Next: vs. East Tennessee State, Friday, Dec. 28.
18. Oklahoma (9-2) beat UC Riverside 70-46. Next: vs. Cal State Northridge, Saturday, Dec. 29.
19. Kansas (9-1) did not play. Next: at No. 8 California, Friday.
20. Texas (8-2) beat Cornell 53-40. Next: vs. Iowa, Friday, Dec. 28.
21. South Carolina (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. South Carolina State, Friday.
22. Texas A&M (8-3) beat Old Dominion 78-55. Next: vs. No. 5 Notre Dame, Friday.
23. Florida State (9-1) did not play. Next: at UNC Greensboro, Saturday.
24. West Virginia (7-3) lost to Duquesne 62-54. Next: vs. Appalachian State, Friday, Dec. 28.
25. Colorado (9-0) did not play. Next: vs. Utah Valley, Saturday.

SCHEDULE
TODAY
SOUTHWEST
New Orleans at Ark.-Pine Bluff, 6 p.m.
Lamar at Houston Baptist, 6 p.m.
Northwestern St. at Arkansas, 7 p.m.
SATURDAY
Texas St. at Houston, Noon
Nevada vs. Miami (Ohio) at the Moon Palace Resort, Cancun, Mexico, Noon
Wichita St. at SMU, Noon
Louisiana-Lafayette at Arkansas St., 1:05 p.m.
Oklahoma St. at Texas-Arlington, 2 p.m.
Texas-Pan American at TCU, 2 p.m.
South Florida vs. Creighton at the Moon Palace Resort, Cancun, Mexico, 2:30 p.m.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Thu 6:11 am 6 new powder machine groomed 14 - 24 base 20 of 77 trails 38% open, 3 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Pajarito — Opening Soon for Snow Sports

Red River — Thu 6:58 am 12 new powder machine groomed 25 - 33 base 25 of 57 trails 35% open, 5 of 7 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Sandia Peak — Plan to Open 12/22 Wed-Fri: 9a-4p Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; Open Wed-Sun;

Sipapu — Thu 12:35 am packed powder machine groomed 20 - 27 base 14 of 41 trails, 32% open, 3 of 5 lifts, sm 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 5 new 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 — Thu 5:58 am 10 new powder machine groomed 30 - 36 base 12 of 113 trails, 11% open, 7 of 14 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Angel Fire Resort XC — Operating, no details

Enchanted Forest XC — Thu 7:01 am 12 new packed powder machine groomed 10 - 20 base 40 of 40 trails, 35 miles Mon-Fri: 9a-4:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4:30p;

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — Thu 5:37 am 1 new powder machine groomed 24 - 24 base 14 of 109 trails, 20% open, 180 acres, 4 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p, Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Aspen Highlands — Wed 7:24 am powder 24 - 36 base 37 of 124 trails, 30% open, 332 acres, 3 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Aspen Mountain — Thu 7:44 am 2 new powder machine groomed 21 - 21 base 47 of 76 trails, 62% open, 505 acres, 6 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p, Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Beaver Creek — Thu 7:41 am 1 new powder machine groomed 18 - 24 base 74 of 149 trails, 51% open, 933 acres, 22 of 25 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-3:30p, Sat/Sun: 8:30a-3:30p;

Breckenridge — Thu 7:55 am 3 new powder machine groomed 22 - 34 base 41 of 155 trails, 29% open, 681 acres, 10 of 31 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Buttermilk — Wed 7:34 am packed powder 15 - 16 base 17 of 44 trails, 39% open, 180 acres, 3 of 8 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-3:30p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3:30p;

Copper Mountain — Thu 5:23 am 2 new powder machine groomed 27 - 27 base 43 of 140 trails, 32% open, 463 acres, 13 of 22 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p, Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Crested Butte — Thu 7:31 am 6 new powder machine groomed 46 - 46 base 39 of 121 trails, 38% open, 200 acres, 7 of 16 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Eldora — Thu 5:58 am packed powder machine groomed 30 - 30 base 15 of 53 trails, 29% open, 8 of 11 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Irwin — Wed 11:45 am powder machine groomed 38 - 38 base 50 of 100 trails, 50% open, 3 miles, 550 acres Mon-Fri: 8a-5p; Sat/Sun: 8a-5p;

Kendall Mountain — Reopen 12/21 Fri: 11a-4:30p, Sat/Sun: 11a-4:30p; Open Fri-Sun;

Keystone — Thu 7:51 am 2 new packed powder machine groomed 20 - 22 base 24 of 135 trails, 11% open, 322 acres, 17 of 20 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Loveland — Thu 5:01 am 2 new packed powder 24 - 24 base 14 of 93 trails, 14% open, 231 acres, 5 of 9 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Monarch — Thu 1:41 pm 1 new powder machine groomed 33 - 33 base 50 of 62 trails, 94% open, 680 acres, 5 of 6 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Powderhorn — Thu 7:52 am 5 new packed powder machine groomed 32 - 32 base 28 of 44 trails, 70% open, 4 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Purgatory at Durango — Thu 5:42 am 2 new powder machine groomed 29 - 33 base 28 of 88 trails, 29% open, 250 acres, 2 of 10 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p, Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Silverton Mountain — Thu 6:24 am 1 new powder 24 - 39 base 50 of 69 trails, 70% open Mon-Fri: 9a-3p; Sat/Sun: 9a-3p;

Ski Cooper — Plan to Open 12/21

Ski Granby Ranch — Thu 5:10 am powder machine groomed 16 - 20 base 16 of 41 trails, 60% open, 3 of 5 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat: 9a-4p, 5p-8p; Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Hesperus — Plan to Open 12/21

Snowmass — Wed 7:29 am powder machine groomed 20 - 26 base 47 of 91 trails, 36% open, 1138 acres, 12 of 21 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8a-4p;

Steamboat — Thu 5:21 am 1 new powder machine groomed 39 - 43 base 111 of 165 trails, 61% open, 1504 acres, 12 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Sunlight — Mon 7:13 am packed powder 29 - 32 base 45 of 67 trails, 70% open, 3 of 3 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Telluride — Thu 5:45 am 2 new packed powder 23 - 23 base 10 of 125 trails, 8% open, 5 of 18 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Vail — Thu 7:38 am 2 new powder machine groomed 15 - 20 base 100 of 193 trails, 27% open, 1411 acres, 18 of 31 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:30a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Winter Park — Thu 5:38 am 1 new packed powder machine groomed 40 - 42 base 54 of 143 trails, 27% open, 837 acres, 13 of 26 lifts, sm Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:30a-4p;

Fight Schedule

Dec. 22

At Kobe, Japan, Malcolm Tunacao vs. Christian Esquivel, 12, WBC bantamweight eliminator; Hozumi Hasegawa vs. Arturo Santos Reyes, 10, featherweights.

At Bethlehem, Pa. (NBC), Tomasz Adamek vs. Steve Cunningham, 12, heavyweights.

Dec. 31

At Ota-City General Gymnasium, Tokyo, Takashi Uchiyama vs. Bryan Vasquez, 12, for Uchiyama's WBA junior lightweight title; Yota Sato vs. Ryo Akaho, 12, for Sato's WBC junior bantamweight title; Tepparith Kokietgym vs. Kohei Kono, 12, for Kokietgym's WBA junior bantamweight title.

At Bodymaker Colosseum, Osaka, Japan, Ryo Miyazaki vs. Pornsawan Porpramok, 12, for the vacant WBA strawweight title; Kazuto Ioka vs. Jose Rodriguez, 12, for vacant WBA junior flyweight title.

Jan. 4

At Miami (ESPN2), Rances Barthelemy vs. Arash Usmanee, 10, junior lightweights; Jonathan Gonzalez vs. Derrick Ennis, 10, junior middleweights.

Jan. 11

At TBA (ESPN2), John Molina Jr. vs. Dannie Williams, 12, lightweights.

At Indio, Calif. (SHO), Ronny Rios vs. Rico Ramos, 10, featherweights.

Jan. 19

At New York (HBO), Orlando Salido vs. Miguel Angel Garcia, 12, for Salido's WBO featherweight title; Gennady Golovkin vs. Gabriel Rosado, 12, for Golovkin's WBA middleweight title; Roman Martinez vs. Juan Carlos Burgos, 12, for Martinez's WBO junior lightweight title.

At TBA (SHO), Devon Alexander vs. Kell Brook, 12, for Alexander's IBF welterweight title.

At Uncasville, Conn. (NBCSN), Gabriel Campillo vs. Sergey Kovalev, 10, light heavyweights.

Foster and Johnson give Texans balanced attack

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston offensive coordinator Rick Dennison is thankful every day to be working for the Texans.

He's in charge of a unit that has both the AFC's leading receiver and leading rusher in Andre Johnson and Arian Foster. Johnson has 1,360 yards receiving, Foster 1,313 yards rushing.

"It makes the defense defend a lot," Dennison said. "They put an extra guy down in the box to stop the run, we think we have the people to throw it well and a quarterback that distributes it well. They play back, we think we can do enough offensively running the ball ... that we can find some holes."

Foster and Johnson give the Texans a balanced attack they believe will be critical as they move closer to the playoffs. A win on Sunday against the Vikings will give the AFC South champion Texans (12-2) both a first-round bye and home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs.

Johnson has bounced back from an injury-plagued season where he had a career-low 492 yards receiving. He believes Houston's success in the passing game comes as a byproduct of its dominant running game.

"When (coach Gary Kubiak) brought in this style of offense, whenever the run game is going, it just opens up everything else," Johnson said. "I think that's the biggest thing for us is just getting our run game going. When we do that, we tend to win a lot of games."

Kubiak doesn't like it when he has to rely too much on one dimension of his offense. He loved the way the Texans played in Sunday's win over the Colts when they had 178 yards rushing and 239 yards passing.

"We want to be balanced," Kubiak said. "When we're doing those type of things, we're usually staying on the field and helping our defense."

While Johnson credited the running game led by Johnson for the success of the passing game, Foster said Johnson has helped make things easier for him. He said having Johnson healthy has allowed them to use play-action with much more success.

"Dre has been hurt the last couple years so we kind of missed that," Foster said. "But you see exactly how dangerous he could be when he's healthy ... he's going to continue to put up big performances for us because that's what he does."

Houston's running game ranks fifth in the league and is averaging 141.9 yards. The passing game piles up an average of 244.8 yards to give the Texans the NFL's sixth-most potent offense.

Left tackle Duane Brown has enjoyed watching what the pair has been able to do this season, and says when they're both playing this well it makes things difficult for defenses.

"Teams are puzzled," Brown said. "They don't know who to stop, if they want to put eight in the box (or) if they want to double-team Dre. It's so much that you have to focus on. It opens up things for them as well as for our other weapons on offense."

Johnson has played with a chip on his shoulder this season after critics questioned whether the 31-year-old could still be a dominant receiver after his tough season in 2011.

"I think a lot of people wrote me off," Johnson said. "I'm not going to say any names. I think a lot of people just wrote me off with saying that I had lost a step and this and that. But I knew what I needed to do to get myself back to feeling the way I'm feeling now."

His 1,360 yards receiving are already the third-most in his career and his 14 receptions for 273 yards on Nov. 18 against Jacksonville were both career highs. With just seven receptions he'll become the fifth receiver in NFL history to reach 100 catches in four seasons.

With 140 yards receiving he would become the third player in league history to have at least three seasons with 1,500 yards receiving, joining Jerry Rice and Marvin Harrison.

Quarterback Matt Schaub isn't surprised that Johnson is having such a productive season as a 10-year veteran — but he is impressed.

"He just continues to go out there and produce," Schaub said. "When we need a big game from him he always seems to be there to do it. It doesn't surprise me. It's great to know that I can be a part of it."

Ball St., Central Florida ready for Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl

By Fred Goodall
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The winner of the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl will finish with 10 victories this season. That is a major step forward for growing programs such as Ball State and Central Florida.

The Cardinals and Knights meet tonight at Tropicana Field in a game that Ball State coach Pete Lembo and UCF's George O'Leary view as an opportunity set a nice tone for next season.

Ball State (9-3) is seeking its first bowl win in eight tries, while UCF (9-4) hopes to rebound from a loss in the Conference USA championship game in its final game before moving into the new-look Big East.

"I think one of our coaches mentioned this week that only 25 teams have the chance to win 10 games, so that would be huge," UCF safety Lyle Dankenbring said. "A great way to go out."

In two seasons at Ball State, Lembo has led an impressive turnaround that includes a pair of victories this season over members of BCS conferences. The Cardinals have won six straight following 3-3 start featuring losses to Clemson, Kent State and Orange Bowl-bound Northern Illinois.

"When we got to Ball State two years ago, one of our long-term goals was to get the program to a point where we could be playing in meaningful postseason games like this one," said Lembo, who inherited a team that went 4-8 in 2010. "To be here as quickly as we are, in two years, is really special."

The Cardinals improved to 6-6 in Lembo's first season. This year they rode an explosive offense to a surprising 6-2 record in the Mid-American Conference, as well as wins over Indiana from the Big Ten and South Florida of the Big East.

The three teams that beat them — Clemson and MAC rivals Northern Illinois and Kent State — are all headed to bowl games and have a combined record of 33-5. Beating UCF will give the Cardinals the third 10-win season in school history.

O'Leary is impressed with film he's watched of Ball State quarterback Keith Wenning, who's thrown for 2,878 yards, 22 touchdowns and just 10 interceptions. His favorite target, Willie Snead, has 82 receptions for 1,070 yards and seven TDs, while Jahwan Edwards has averaged 6.1 yards per carry while rushing for 1,321 yards and 14 touchdowns.

"'Two years ago when this process started we talked about building a program the right way," said Lembo, who's 15-9 at Ball State after successful stints at Lehigh and Elon.

BYU wins Poinsettia Bowl

By Bernie Wilson
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Linebacker Kyle Van Noy forced a fumble in the end zone and recovered it for a touchdown, and scored on a 17-yard interception return, both in the fourth quarter, to lead BYU to a 23-6 victory over San Diego State in the Poinsettia Bowl on Thursday night.

The big plays swung the momentum for the Cougars (8-5) in what had been a tedious defensive struggle. San Diego State (9-4), playing in the hometown bowl for the second time in three years, missed the chance for its first 10-win season since 1977 and had its seven-game winning streak snapped.

Steroids

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drug testing for the National Center for Drug Free Sport, which conducts tests for the NCAA and more than 300 schools.

Yet the NCAA has never studied weight gain or considered it in regard to its steroid testing policies, said Mary Wilfert, the NCAA's associate director of health and safety.

The NCAA attributes the decline in positive tests to its year-round drug testing program, combined with anti-drug education and testing conducted by schools.

The AP's analysis found that, regardless of school, conference and won-loss record, many players gained weight at exceptional rates compared with their fellow athletes and while accounting for their heights.

Adding more than 20 or 25 pounds of lean muscle in a year is nearly impossible through diet and exercise alone, said Dan Benardot, director of the Laboratory for Elite Athlete Performance at Georgia State University.

In nearly all the rarest cases of weight gain in the AP study, players were offensive or defensive linemen, hulking giants who tower above 6-foot-3 and weigh 300 pounds or more. Four of those players interviewed by the AP said that they never used steroids and gained weight through dramatic increases in eating, up to six meals a day. Two said they were aware of other players using steroids.

"I ate 5-6 times a day," said Clint Oldenburg, who played for Colorado State starting in 2002 and for five years in the NFL. Oldenburg's weight increased over four years from 212 to 290.

Oldenburg told the AP he was surprised at the scope of steroid use in college football, even in Colorado State's locker room. "There were a lot of guys even on my team that were using." He declined to identify any of them.

The AP found more than 4,700 players — or about 7 percent of all players — who gained more than 20 pounds overall in a single year. It was common for the athletes to gain 10, 15 and up to 20 pounds in their first year under a rigorous regimen of weightlifting and diet. Others gained 25, 35 and 40 pounds in a season. In roughly 100 cases, players packed on as much 80 pounds in a single year.

In at least 11 instances, players that AP identified as packing on significant weight in college went on to fail NFL drug tests. But pro football's confidentiality rules make it impossible to know for certain which drugs were used and how many others failed tests that never became public.

Even though testers consider rapid weight gain suspicious, in practice it doesn't result in testing. Ben Lamaak, who arrived at Iowa State in 2006, said he weighed 225 pounds in high school. He graduated as a 320-pound offensive lineman and said he did it all naturally.

"I was just a young kid at that time, and I was still growing into my body," he said. "It really wasn't that hard for me to gain the weight. I love to eat."

In addition to random drug testing, Iowa State is one of many schools that have "reasonable suspicion" testing. That means players can be tested when their behavior or physical symptoms suggest drug use. Despite gaining 81 pounds in a year, Lamaak said he was never singled out for testing.

The associate athletics director for athletic training at Iowa State, Mark Coberley, said coaches and trainers use body composition, strength data and other factors to spot suspected cheaters. Lamaak, he said, was not suspicious because he gained a lot of "non-lean" weight.

But looking solely at the most significant weight gainers also ignores players like Bryan Maneafaiga.

In the summer of 2004, Maneafaiga was an undersized 180-pound running back trying to make the University of Hawaii football team. Twice — once in pre-season and once in the fall — he failed school drug tests, showing up positive for marijuana use but not steroids.

He'd started injecting stanozolol, a steroid, in the summer to help bulk up to a roster weight of 200 pounds. Once on the team, he'd occasionally inject the milky liquid into his buttocks the day before games.

"Food and good training will only get you so far," he told the AP recently.

Maneafaiga's former coach, June Jones, said it was news to him that one of his players had used steroids. Jones, who now coaches at Southern Methodist University, believes the NCAA does a good job rooting out steroid use.

On paper, college football has a strong drug policy. The NCAA conducts random, unannounced drug testing and the penalties for failure are severe. Players lose an entire year of eligibility after a first positive test. A second offense means permanent ineligibility for sports.

In practice, though, the NCAA's roughly 11,000 annual tests amount to a fraction of all athletes in Division I and II schools. Exactly how many tests are conducted each year on football players is unclear because the NCAA hasn't published its data for two years. And when it did, it periodically changed the formats, making it impossible to compare one year of football to the next.

Even when players are tested by the NCAA, experts like Catlin said it's easy enough to anticipate the test and develop a doping routine that results in a clean test by the time it occurs. NCAA rules say players can be notified up to two days in advance of a test. By comparison, Olympic athletes are given no notice.

Most schools that use Drug Free Sport do not test for anabolic steroids, Turpin said. Some are worried about the cost. Others don't think they have a problem. And others believe that since the NCAA tests for steroids their money is best spent testing for street drugs, she said.

Doping is a bigger deal at some schools than others.

At Notre Dame and Alabama, the teams that will soon compete for the national championship, players don't automatically miss games for testing positive for steroids. At Alabama, coaches have wide discretion. Notre Dame's student-athlete handbook says a player who fails a test can return to the field once the steroids are out of his system.

The University of North Carolina kicks players off the team after a single positive test for steroids. Auburn's student-athlete handbook calls for a half-season suspension for any athlete caught using performance-enhancing drugs.

Romo

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important," Garrett said.

"What Tony has done a good job of is he's made a lot of plays too. It's not like he plays scared. He makes a ton of plays. He's just not making very many bad plays. He's done a great job with the ball. Both his decision making and his care of the ball have been really good. It has to continue. It's really an important part of winning in this league."

The Cowboys (8-6) vaulted into a three-way tie for the NFC East lead with the New York Giants and Washington following Sunday's 27-24 win over the Steelers in overtime, a game in which Romo passed for 341 yards with two touchdowns and no turnovers for a 111.3 rating.

If Dallas wins its final two games – at home Sunday against Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints (6-8) and at the Redskins on Dec. 30 – it will advance to the playoffs for the first time since 2009 wearing the East crown.

Romo has set franchise records this season for completions (379) and attempts (568) with 22 touchdowns and the 16 interceptions. He has 4,269 yards, the fourth 4,000-yard season of his career and the second in franchise history, and ranks 11th in the NFL and seventh in the NFC with a 90.2 passer rating.

Romo's up-tick over the last seven games coincides with a surge by Bryant, who has eight TD catches over the last eight games after recording only two during the first seven.

"Dez has just done a good job continuing to improve on the little things," Romo said. "He has always been able to make the splash plays, the big plays. Mostly, he is just being where he needs to be on time. He knows what to look for defensively. He knows I want him at a certain spot at a certain time.

"He has done job of continuing his growth as a receiver and getting into the details of what it takes to play at a high level week in and week out."

It's been easier for Romo to find Bryant, or any target for that matter, with DeMarco Murray in the backfield. The Cowboys are 3-0 since Murray returned from a foot injury.

"It certainly helps your team when you're running the ball well and you can play-action fake," Garrett said. "It really affects the defense and Tony has a real comfort level with that."

Romo has also benefited from a sturdier line. The Steelers entered last Sunday's game with the NFL's No. 1 defense, but Dallas allowed just one sack and Murray averaged 5.8 yards per carry.

"The line played really well, one of its best games," Garrett said. "(We) handled not only the physical matchup but also the different scheme challenges Pittsburgh presents. Tony was as comfortable in the pocket as he's been in a long, long time."

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Former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky, center, is taken from the Centre County Courthouse by Centre County Sheriff Denny Nau, left, and a deputy on Oct. 9 after being sentenced in Bellefonte, Pa.

An ugly year in sports — or was it?

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

■ Commentary

Good riddance, 2012. The year that almost was left us with a string of hideous story lines.

From the ongoing repulsiveness of the sexual abuse scandal at Penn State to Lance Armstrong being stripped of his Tour de France titles for injecting himself with everything but the kitchen sink.

There was the New Orleans Saints' cash-for-hits bounty scandal, and Commissioner Roger Goodell being slapped down by his predecessor for the way he handled the whole thing. And the sad, sad plights that emerge almost every day from ex-football players who took far too many blows to the head while playing America's most popular sport.

Those were the top four in The Associated Press' annual survey of the year's sport stories.

Thanks a lot, 2012.

Your legacy is pain and misery — if we allow it to be.

This year could be a turning point on so many vital fronts.

Maybe when we reflect back years from now, we'll remember 2012 as a time when we decided sexual abuse was no longer an embarrassing problem to be swept under the rug, that doping was a scourge we needed to address no matter who it took down, that football players must be taken care of physically and emotionally if our national sport is to survive.

If we could pick one figure who we hope will epitomize this year more than any other, it would be Cy Young Award-winning pitcher R.A. Dickey. A journeyman who became a star in his late 30s after taking up the knuckleball. A victim of childhood sexual abuse who summoned the courage to talk about his plight in a candid autobiography. Someone who triumphed in the end after all the pain.

"One of the hopes I have for the book is that people will be able to draw something from it that might be able to help them," Dickey said during spring training after it was published, "whether it's to talk about it more, to not be afraid, to be open with what's happened, that there are people available that will love you no matter what."

That would be a worthy legacy for 2012.

Of course, it's terrible what happened at Penn State, which was voted the top sports story for the second year in a row. But who knows how many kids will be saved in the years to come because the next time a child is raped in the shower by a dirty old man, the police will surely be called. Pennsylvania Attorney General Linda Kelly spoke hopefully of the guilty verdict against Jerry Sandusky persuading "other victims of abuse to come forward."

And that's a good thing.

Of course, it's shocking to learn of the lengths Armstrong was willing to go to away from his bike, all to make sure he climbed to the top step of the podium on the Champs-Elysees year after year. But who knows how many future cyclists will decide it's not worth the risk of getting caught or having to deal with the inner turmoil of knowing they are a cheat. "Our mission is to protect clean athletes by preserving the integrity of competition not only for today's athletes but also the athletes of tomorrow," U.S. anti-doping chief Travis Tygart wrote in the voluminous case file against Armstrong.

And that's a good thing.

Of course, the Saints scandal exposed the dirty little secret in the NFL that apparently wasn't much of a secret to those who play the game, the idea that money changes hands when someone doles out a hit that leave the other guys crumpled on the turf. While former commissioner Paul Tagliabue overturned the punishments against four players, he doled out enough blame that one can only hope this is the last time we hear of anyone using the word "bounty" or intentionally trying to hurt someone.

And that's a good thing.

Of course, it's heartbreaking to see former greats of the gridiron, like the late Alex Karras, withering away in their golden years, unable to recognize friends and loved ones because the game they played turned their brains into mush. But everyone from the NFL to Pop Warner leagues finally seem to be addressing this wrenching issue, providing a glimmer of hope that future generations will be better protected. "He is interested in making the game of football safer," Karras' actress-wife, Susan Clark, told the AP a few months before he died, "and hoping that other families of retired players will have a healthier and happier retirement."

And that's a good thing.

Oh, sure, there were some triumphant tales from these last 12 months.

The London Olympics were a sight to behold. Michael Phelps went out in splash of glory, Usain Bolt blazed down the track, Gabby Douglas and Missy Franklin stole our hearts.

LeBron James finally claimed a ring after a season that even his critics had to concede was one of the most dazzling in NBA history. The San Francisco Giants kept us up late at night, winning baseball playoff games in the most unfathomable of ways. Quarterback Peyton Manning made an inspiring comeback from career-threatening injuries, leading Denver to a division title.

All were events worth celebrating.

But they're unlikely to have the far-reaching impact of those that made us cringe.

Now, if we can do better, maybe 2012 won't be such a bad year after all.

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Channel	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Last Man Standing	Malibu "Pilot"	Back to the Beginning With Christiane Amanpour Pt. 1 of 2 cont'd Dec 28 (N)				KMID News	(:35) News Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel Live	
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7	Ent. Tonight	Under Boss "Modell's Sporting Goods"		CSI: NY "Who's There?"		Blue Bloods "The Life We Chose"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Late Late
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.	The Happy Elf		Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer		Sein. "The Sponge"	Seinfeld	'Til Death	'Til Death	That '70s Show	That '70s Show
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Kitchen Nightmares "La Galleria 33"		Fringe "Anomaly XB-6783746" (N)		The Simpsons	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Loves Ray	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Biblical Israel	Update News	Doorways to Wisdom		Light of the Southwest				Update News	Dr. Alewine	Walking	Y.Salamanca
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	Be Millionaire	A Michael Bublé Christmas		C'mas White House		Dateline NBC		News-West 9	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno		(:35) LateNight
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Washington Week	Need to Know	Mormon Choir		Christmas at Belmont		Charlie Rose		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	Corona de lagrimas		Por ella soy eva		Amores Verdaderos		Amor Bravio		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Al Diablo con los Guapos	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Office	30 Rock	Monk		Monk		My News	Baggage	30 Rock	Sunny	Scrubs	Access H.
FLIX	340	65		165		(5:25) According ...		★★★★ The Ref Denis Leary.			(:40) ★★ Down and Out in Beverly Hills				(:25) ★★ Intern Academy		
HBO	300	68	14	14		★★ In Time ('11, Act) Justin Timberlake.				★★ New Year's Eve Sarah Jessica Parker.				★★★ The Change-Up Jason Bateman.			
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	Real Sports		★★ Red Tails ('12, Act) Cuba Gooding Jr..				(:15) ★★ Sucker Punch Emily Browning.				(:10) Contraband	
HBOS	304	70	16	102		(4:50) Tinker, Tail...		The Sopranos		Safe House ('12, Act) Denzel Washington.				Anchorman: The Legend o...			Movie
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	Movie	(:45) ★★★ X-Men: First Class James McAvoy.					Project X Thomas Mann.			Lingerie	Sweet Prudence...	
MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★★ Horrible Bosses Jason Bateman.				The Sitter Jonah Hill.			Life Top	(:05) ★★ The Fourth Kind			Movie
PLEX			96			Movie	Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid			The Man Who Knew Too Li...			(:35) The Philadelphia Expe...			(:20) The Island...	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	Movie	War Horse ('11, Dra) Peter Mullan, Jeremy Irvine.					★★★ Real Steel Hugh Jackman.				(:10) Jim Rome	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:20) ★★★ Red		★★ Ransom ('96, Susp) Mel Gibson.				(:05) ★★ Steel Dawn			(:45) Strategic Command		
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty		Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:45) Miracle on...		★★★ Miracle on 34th Street					★★★ Miracle on 34th Street				
BET	58	26		40		(5:00) 106 & Park (N)		★★★★ Roots Louis Gossett Jr.. 1/6 cont'd next					★★★★ Roots Louis Gossett Jr.. 2/6 cont'd Dec 22				
BRAVO	65	63		41		(5:45) Shahs	(:45) Shahs of Sunset		(:45) Shahs	Housewives Atlanta		Atlanta Social (N)		Shahs of Sunset		House Party	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	The Kudlow Report		Apocalypse 2012		Crime Inc.		American Greed		Mad Money		Crime Inc.	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Piers Morgan		A. Cooper 360		OutFront		Piers Morgan	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Bering Sea Gold		To Be Announced		Bering Sea Gold	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Shake Up	Jessie	Phineas	(:45) Ferb	GoodLuck	Dog Blog	A.N.T.	GoodLuck	GoodLuck	Austin	Austin	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Football	NCAA Football St. Petersburg Bowl Ball State vs. Central Florida (L)							SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NCAA Basketball Holiday Hoops Fl.A./Ind. (L)				NCAA Basketball Holiday Hoops BYU/Bay. (L)				NFL Kickoff (N)		NFL Live (N)	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation				★★★ The Santa Clause Tim Allen.				The 700 Club		Holiday in Han...	
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	Diners	Diners	Restaurant		Restaurant Stakeout		Diners (N)	Diners	Diners	Diners	Stakeout	Diners
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	(4:00) H.S. Football UIL State Championship (L)		NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks vs. Memphis Grizzlies Site: FedEx Forum -- Memphis, Tenn. (L)					Maverics Live (L)	Maverics Insider	Big 12 Showcase	SportsDay High School (L)	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(4:00) Armageddon		★★ 2012 (2009, Action) Amanda Peet, Thandie Newton, John Cusack.							★★ 2012 John Cusack.		
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	(5:00) Help for th...		Come Dance With Me Andrew McCarthy.				Baby's First Christmas Casper Van Dien.				Moonlight & M...	
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	House	Country Stars Home		Home Strange Home		H.Hunter	House	House	House	Home Strange Home	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	(5:00) Apocalypse		American Pickers		Pickers "Boys' Toys"		Pickers	The1800s	Shapes	Pickers	American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) Christmas Crash Michael Madsen.		Holiday Spin (2012, Drama) Karen Olivo, Erika Eleniak, Ralph Macchio.				★★ Under the Mistletoe ('06, Fam) Jaime Ray Newman, Conan Graham, Michael Shanks.				Holiday Spin ('12, Dra) Ralph Macchio.	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		The Ed Show		Rachel Maddow		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary		MSNBCDocumentary	
NBCSN	38	39				NFL Turning Point		Fight Night 36 "Bryant Jennings"				NFL Turning Point		Fight Night 36 "Bryant Jennings"			
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Figure	Figure Out	Victori.	Victori.	Hollywood Heights		Yes, Dear	Yes, Dear	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(5:30) ★★★ Coming to America				Eddie Murphy: One Night Only				★★★ Coming to America Eddie Murphy.			
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) '12 Disaster...		WWE Smackdown!				Haven (N)		Haven "Silent Night"		Haven	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The Strike"	House of Payne	House of Payne	For Better or Worse	For Better or Worse	★★ Hitch ('05, Com) Will Smith. While helping his latest client, a professional date doctor falls for a journalist.					Fool's Gold
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) The World, ...		The Love Parade Maurice Chevalier.				The Woman From Monte Carlo				The Merry Widow	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Rosa Diamante		Corazon valiente		El patron	Rostro	Al rojo	Titulares	Decisiones	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Yes to the Dress	Yes to the Dress	Yes to the Dress	Yes to the Dress	Say Yes to (N)	Say Yes to (N)	Brides/Beverly Hills	Brides/Beverly Hills	Yes to the Dress	Yes to the Dress	Brides/Beverly Hills	Brides/Beverly Hills
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	The Mentalist "Red Is the New Black"		Christmas in Washington		★★ Four Christmases ('09, Com) Reese Witherspoon, Robert Duvall, Vince Vaughn.				Christmas in Washington		★★★ A Christmas Carol	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	MASH	Cosby	Cosby	Cosby	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	(5:30) SVU "Blast"	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Gone"		★★★ The Game Plan A quarterback's bachelor lifestyle is put on hold when he discovers he has a daughter.					Burn Notice "You Can Run" Michael must save Sam and Jesse before time runs out.			
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	WGN News at Nine		America's Funniest Home Videos		Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

PHELPS

From 1C

as part of a television series on the Golf Channel. In fact, after being informed of winning the AP award, Phelps called in from the famed El Dorado Golf & Beach Club in Los Cabos, Mexico, where he was heading out with Haney to play a few more holes before nightfall.

"I can't really complain," Phelps quipped over the phone.

Certainly, he has no complaints about his swimming career, which helped turn a sport that most Americans only paid attention to every four years into more of a mainstream pursuit.

More kids took up swimming. More advertisers jumped on board. More viewers tuned in to watch.

While swimming is unlikely to ever match the appeal of football or baseball, it has carved out a nice little niche for itself amid all the other athletic options in the United States — largely due to Phelps' amazing accomplishments and aw-shucks appeal.

Just the fact that he won over James shows just how much pull Phelps still has. James had an amazing year by any measure: The league MVP won his first NBA title with the Miami Heat, picking up finals MVP honors along the way, and then starred on the gold medal-winning U.S. basketball team in London.

Phelps already had won the AP award in 2008 after his eight gold medals in Beijing, which broke Mark Spitz's record. Phelps got it again with a performance that didn't quite match up to the Great Haul of China, but was amazing in its own right.

After the embarrassment of being photographed taking a hit from a marijuana pipe and questioning whether he still had the desire to go on, Phelps returned with a vengeance as the London Games approached. Never mind that he was already the winningest Olympian ever. Never mind that he could've eclipsed the record for overall medals just by swimming on the relays.

He wanted to be one of those rare athletes who went out on top.

"That's just who he is," said Bob Bowman, his longtime coach. "He just couldn't live with himself if knew he didn't go out there and give it good shot and really know he's competitive. He doesn't know anything else but to give that kind of effort and have those kind of expectations."

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Rearrange the tiles below to spell a seven-letter word that fits in the first row. Then remove one letter and rearrange the remaining tiles to spell a six-letter word in the next row. Continue to remove one letter until you complete all six words. One tile has been placed in each row.

Tiles: A, E, D, F, E, L, R

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□□□F□□
□R□□□
□□□F
E□□
R□

Yesterday's Answer: FRUGAL, MOOLAH, MYOPIA

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TODAY: Sunny — High: 59 Low: 33
SATURDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 67 Low: 40
SUNDAY: Sunny — High: 73 Low: 41

Local forecast

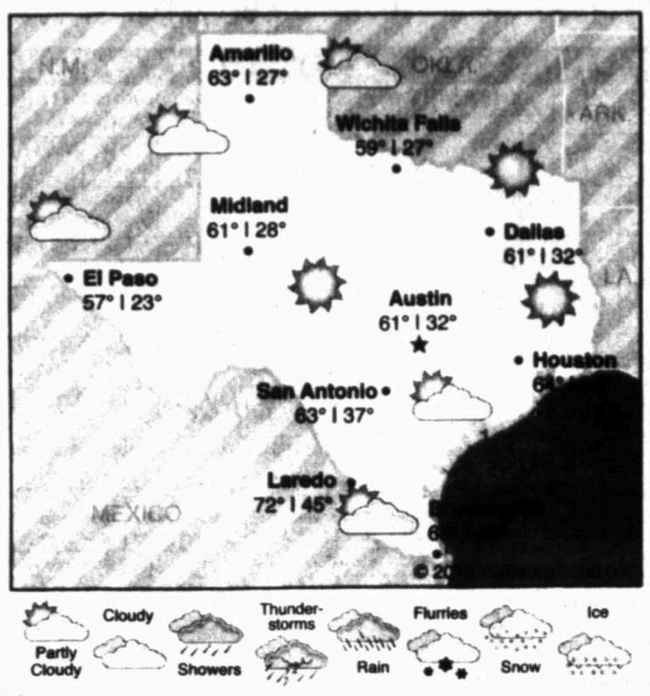
Expect sunny skies today with a high around 59 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph increasing to 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. The low tonight will fall into the lower 30s.

On Saturday, expect mostly sunny skies with a high near 67 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. The low Saturday night will be around 40 with south winds between 5 to 10 mph. There is no rain in the seven-day forecast.

The high on Thursday reached 51, while the low dropped to 23. The record high for Dec. 20 is 79 set in 2010. The record low is 11 set in 1973.

Peak wind speeds in miles per hour from around the region on Wednesday, according to the National Weather Service.

Midland	52
Odessa	51
Andrews	52
Big Spring	64
St. Lawrence	52
Lamesa	56
Seagraves	62
Guadalupe National Park	88
Alpine	49
Hobbs, N.M.	63
Carlsbad, N.M.	65



Precipitation

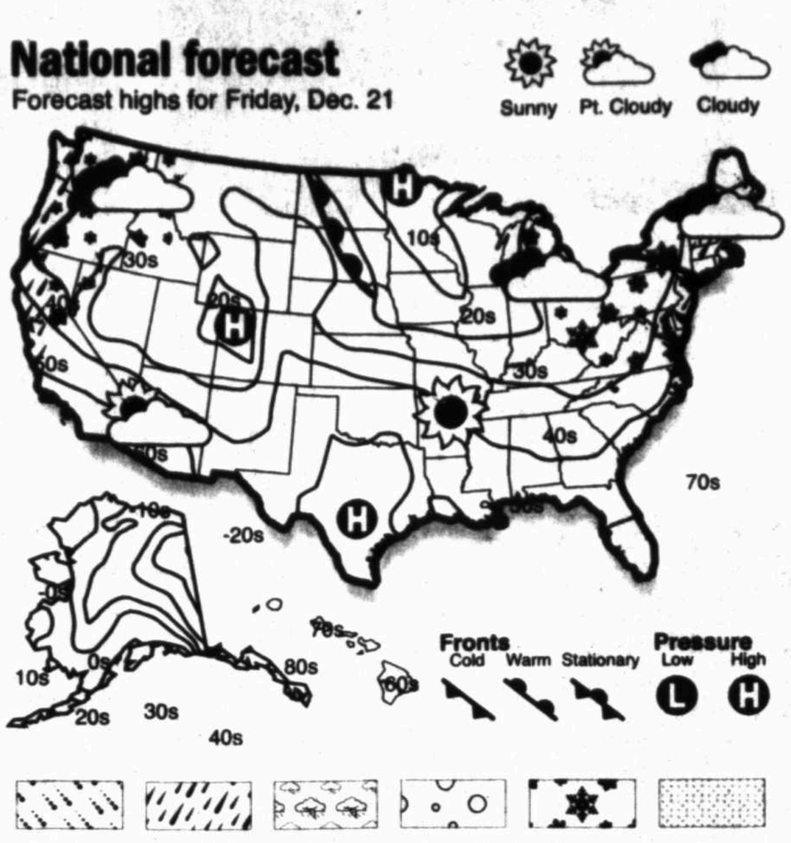
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Thursday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	12.72 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.40 in.

Thursday's temperatures

High	51
Low	23
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:45 a.m.
Sunset	5:49 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Friday, Dec. 21



Woman's soon-to-be ex still on her family's guest list

DEAR ABBY

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

DEAR ABBY: My divorce from "Vince" will be final in a few weeks. We have two sons together, and we communicate well. Since our breakup, my parents have continued their relationship with him. They say, "You divorced him, we didn't."

They have confirmed that he will be invited to all holiday events. I am so upset about it that I now want nothing to do with them. Vince has his own family who have unanimously removed me from their lives.

I'm hurt by my parents' actions. Am I wrong? And are my feelings normal? — LOST MY PARENTS IN THE DIVORCE IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR LOST: As the father of your children, Vince will always be a part of your life, so my advice is to accept it graciously. Because Vince had a good relationship with your parents, I can understand why they would extend an invitation to the father of their grandchildren. Whether he will choose to accept is the question. His family may have declared you persona non grata because in their eyes you divorced HIM.

That said, your feelings are your feelings. Rather than say they are "wrong," I would point out that they are unproductive at this point. As you move forward with your emotional life, I predict this will become less of an issue.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 50-year-old divorced man. I use an online dating service to meet women my age, but I'm extremely frustrated by the lack of courtesy.

Why is it so hard for a woman to simply write, "Thanks, but I'm not interested" after getting a note of inquiry? My photos are recent, I'm polite and I send thoughtful notes that show I have read their profiles carefully and think there's a chance we have something in common. I admit, I'm not the handsomest man, but I hold a master's degree and I am financially stable.

I have sent a dozen notes over the last few months, and not one woman has been polite enough to respond. Any thoughts? — DATELESS IN DAYTON

DEAR DATELESS: Please don't let the lack of response make you quit putting yourself out there, because eventually you're going to find someone if you keep trying. You are an intelligent man, and I am sure you have much to offer some lucky woman.

However, I would delicately point out to you that by not responding to your notes these women ARE sending you a message. It is possible that because the "chemistry" is wrong, they do not wish to get into a dialogue.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 17-year-old girl and every time I meet people, they think I am 12. How do I look more my age? Please help me. — HONEY IN GEORGIA

DEAR HONEY: A way to accomplish it would be to go to a department store and ask at the cosmetics counter about a demonstration makeover to achieve a more sophisticated look. While you're there, I'm sure a clothing salesperson would also be happy to accommodate you in finding items that girls your age are buying. A different hairstyle could also "update" your image if you are wearing it the way you did a few years ago.

P.S. While you may not think it now, later on you will regard your youthful appearance as an asset. Trust me on that!

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Neither vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 6
♡ 4 3
♢ Q J 7 2
♣ J 10 9 8 5

WEST
♠ 7 4
♡ Q
♢ K 8 6 5 4 3
♣ 7 6 4 3

EAST
♠ 2
♡ A 10 9 8 7 6 5 2
♢ A 10 9
♣ 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 9 8 5 3
♡ K J
♢ Void
♣ A K Q

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	Pass	4♡	6♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Queen of ♡

This is another deal from Eddie Kantar's excellent series of "Thinking Bridge" hands, designed for players who would like to improve their bridge skills.

"Think four-level pre-empts when looking at an eight-card suit along with less than opening bid values. After the four-heart opening, South bids what he thinks he can make. Four-level pre-empts can do that to you.

"At trick one South must play the king of hearts under the ace! Why? When the heart queen is led East knows South has the king but doesn't know who has the jack. From South's point of view, the king and jack are equals once the queen is led. In order to protect himself South must play the card he is known to hold — the king. If the king is played at trick one, East may be torn between leading a second heart, trying to cash the diamond ace or even shifting to the singleton club. If South plays the jack at trick one, it's a no-brainer. West can safely lead a second heart knowing East will ruff. After all, South still has the king.

"Both the declarer and the defenders have to be alert to play cards they are known to have — if it cannot cost a trick. When the card you are known to hold has an equal, it is mandatory to unload the one you are known to hold."

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 21, 2012:

This year you will want to move in new directions, but often will trip yourself up. Feedback from those with whom you have frequent brainstorming sessions could be instrumental. You might decide to choose a different path if and when an obstacle gets in your way, but you will return eventually. You have endurance; count on that. If you are single, you might find it difficult to relate easily, as you are unlikely to offer the conventional attitudes and gestures of a single, available person. Summer 2013 might find you more open to relating. If you are attached, the two of you might struggle with the traditional roles of marriage. Be open to working together on a progressive level. ARIES can be passionate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Communication flourishes. Oddly enough, others could decide to make themselves vulnerable and speak about their dreams and/or their fears. You might gain a great deal of understanding and empathy as a result of their openness. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ You'll want to keep a certain matter under wraps. All indications show that you are a successful team player, while others tend to be very me-oriented. Detach from the actions and words of those people. Indulge an inspirational friend. Tonight: A party could dwindle to two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Someone you care about is accommodating beyond what you feel is even possible. Do not count on this generosity lasting forever. Invite friends and loved ones to join you in celebrating not only the weekend but also the holiday! Tonight: And the fun continues.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Take charge while others run around and get their errands done. You actually might like being commander of the ship, and, as a result, you will have a good time. Be careful with a very dominant person in your life. Tonight: Let your imagination invigorate the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance whom you care about. This is best done now rather than in a few days. Start your holiday round of visits, and delightful and meaningful conversations will ensue. You will have an effect on someone special. Tonight: Pinch yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You feel far more comfortable than you have in a considerable amount of time with partners, loved ones and friends. You will see the difference in their responses. Someone who often puts a smile on your face might share an important secret. Tonight: All smiles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Personal and family demands start piling up on you. Between commitments with your real family and wanting to touch base with your "family" of friends, you could feel stretched to the limit. Someone at a distance lets you know that you are cared for. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Pace yourself, and be aware of what is about to happen. Conversations will be lively, but you might be taken aback by what someone shares. Let your imagination play more into a relationship in order to add that magic touch. Tonight: Under the mistletoe, and very happy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ The magic of the season starts to play a bigger role in your life. You might want to reach out to several people whom you might not get to see before Christmas. Get together with them, whether you all go to a fun party or meet up individually. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You are energized as a result of the Winter Equinox taking place. You might need to go for a walk in order to let go of your innate need to move. You are like a kid waiting for Christmas morning. Start making some of your holiday calls now. Tonight: Head home early.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Much is going on behind the scenes, but it is not overt enough that you would notice. Money could slip through your fingers like water if you are not careful. Of course, this vanishing act could be symbolic. Take preventive measures. Tonight: Get together with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You can be so spiritual, that others could be stunned when your jealousy emerges. You can't sit on this situation forever, but you can take some time to process it. Ask yourself why you feel so insecure. Maybe that is an excuse to do some shopping. Tonight: Be noticed.

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BORN TODAY

Actor Samuel L. Jackson (1948), guitarist Carl Wilson (1946), TV talk-show host Phil Donahue (1935)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Ease up
6 Culture sites
10 Method for deciding
14 Recognition of achievement
15 "The doctor will be __ ten"
16 Red inside
17 Most of its strains are harmless
18 Jazz-loving surfer?
20 Fort Knox transport?
22 "Dies __"
23 Zion Church letters
24 Alien-seeking gp.
26 Stromboli seller
30 Novi Sad citizen
32 "Out Here on My Own" musical
34 "Was __ I saw yesterday ...?"
35 Nice quencher
37 Racers on a run
39 Farm job for Perry Mason?
42 Grin scope
43 Negatives
44 Like clear winter air
45 Old railway operator's hat
47 Labels
51 Like many audits
53 Lavish affection (on)
55 French vineyard
56 Limited worker
58 USDA inspector, at times?
60 Insignificant woodpile?
64 Supervisory serf, in Chaucer
65 Last name of three related baseball All-Stars
66 Words spoken before the Senate
67 Burger and fries, say
68 100 satang
69 One-time Sinclair rival
70 Cambodian cabbage?

DOWN
1 Simple life forms
2 Morphed into
3 Worshipper
4 Soft rock
5 Walt Disney's father
6 "The River Murders" co-star
7 Gloucester's cape
8 Hope-Crosby road movie destination
9 Affects emotionally
10 Noted dream-ending words
11 Varnish ingredient
12 It may be rolled over, briefly
13 Fondle
19 Snack company with a triangular logo
21 Wildlife protection area
25 [Yawn]
27 Deli supply
28 Pestered without letup
29 Danger conclusion?
31 Sings with gusto
33 Aurora's Greek counterpart
36 Many a parent
38 Legendary bridge expert Garozzo
39 Give notice
40 Pupil's place
41 Tree with yellow ribbons, in song
42 "Foucault's Pendulum" author
46 Simon and Garfunkel, e.g.
48 Submit
49 Submit shamelessly
50 Building managers
52 Host
54 Overthrow, often
57 Plant holders
59 "All day soft. All day smooth" lotion
60 Folklore fairy queen
61 Pier gp.
62 Kabuki relative, and a hint to five puns in this puzzle
63 Some are inalienable: Abbr.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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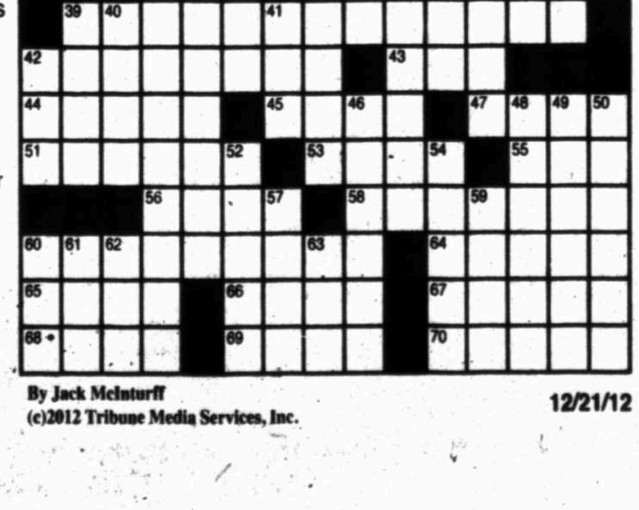

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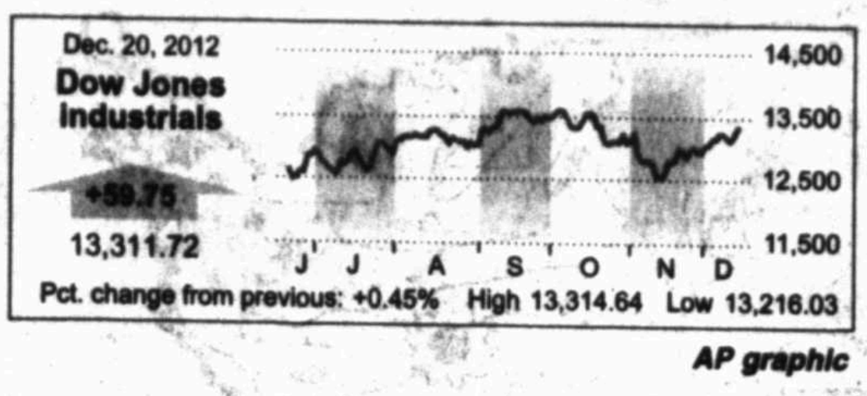

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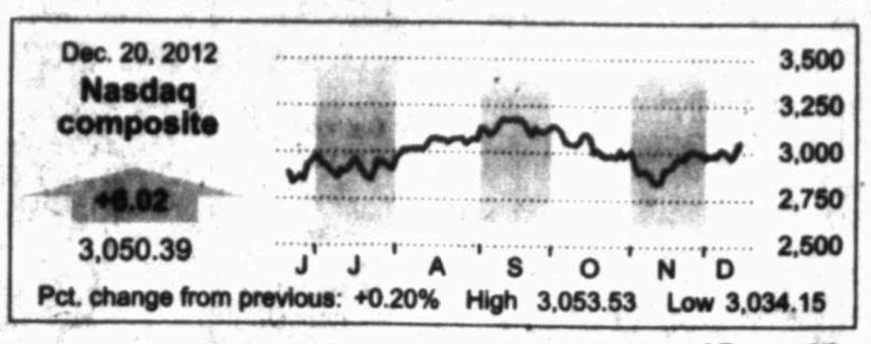

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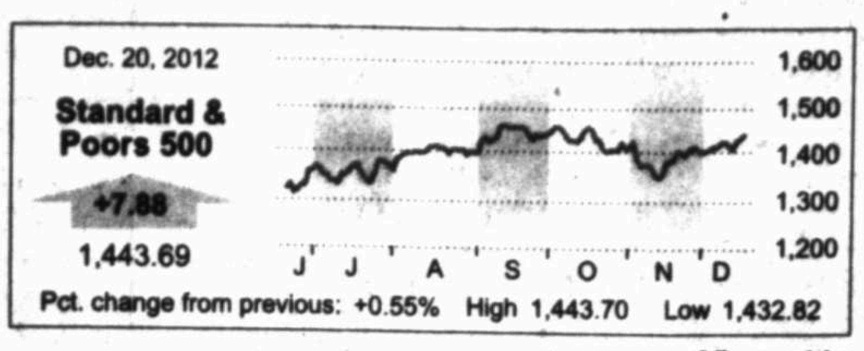

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Thursday: $90.13
Previous: $89.51

POSTED
Thursday: $86.75
Previous: $86.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR
Thursday: $76.00
Previous: $75.25

NATURAL GAS
Thursday: $3.462
Previous: $3.320

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	1787022	11.52	+.33
S&P500ETF	1195051	145.12	+.83
NYSE Eur	787234	32.25	+8.20
SPDR Fncl	577353	16.70	+.23
iShEMkts	555794	43.77	+.26

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NYSE Eur	32.25	+8.20	+34.1
SequansC	2.71	+.43	+18.9
Winnbgo	16.33	+2.25	+16.0
AmRepro	2.61	+.29	+12.5
Ferro	3.85	+.42	+12.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Orient pfD	21.95	-4.05	-15.6
GreenbCos	18.16	-2.45	-11.9
CS VS3xSlv	25.22	-3.24	-11.4
CSVInvBrnt	38.15	-4.55	-10.7
Herbalife	33.70	-3.64	-9.7

DIARY

Advanced	2,069
Declined	962
Unchanged	135
Total issues	3,166
New Highs	156
New Lows	14
Volume	3,586,265,346

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CheniereEn	64854	18.20	+.18
NA Pall g	37378	1.19	-.03
NwGold g	34044	10.61	+.01
VimetX	33527	33.00	-1.93
Rentech	27575	2.74	+.11

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ever-Glory	2.05	+.42	+25.8
Bcp NJ	11.78	+.98	+9.1
SoCTBcp	2.15	+.17	+8.8
PernixTh	8.14	+.62	+8.2
SED Intl	2.28	+.17	+8.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Medgen wt	2.54	-.46	-15.3
Argan	17.99	-1.42	-7.3
LongweiPl	2.43	-.17	-6.5
Medgenics	8.47	-.55	-6.1
SalisbryBc	23.16	-1.40	-5.7

DIARY

Advanced	233
Declined	185
Unchanged	41
Total issues	459
New Highs	8
New Lows	11
Volume	105,432,362

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Microsoft	478882	27.68	+.37
SiriusXM	452087	2.99	+.03
RschMotn	374701	14.12	+.49
AllscriptH	373365	9.14	-1.54
Facebook n	348937	27.36	-.05

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
vjAmpal rs	3.60	+1.47	+69.0
RomaFncl	15.15	+5.89	+63.6
TrovaGn wt	2.55	+.70	+37.8
Eloqua n	23.66	+5.74	+32.0
Iridium un	10.72	+2.52	+30.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AmicusTh	3.06	-2.71	-47.0
BOS Ltd rs	5.90	-2.29	-28.0
UniPixel	10.94	-2.36	-17.8
AllscriptH	9.14	-1.54	-14.4
Misonix	7.62	-1.22	-13.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,500
Declined	948
Unchanged	144
Total issues	2,592
New Highs	95
New Lows	18
Volume	1,641,084,274

New York Stock Exchange sold to ICE for $8 billion

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Big Board just isn't so big anymore.

In a deal that highlights the dwindling stature of what was once a centerpiece of capitalism, the New York Stock Exchange is being sold to a little-known rival for $8 billion — $3 billion less than it would have fetched in a proposed takeover just last year.

The buyer is IntercontinentalExchange Inc., a 12-year-old exchange headquartered in Atlanta that deals in investing contracts known as futures.

IntercontinentalExchange, known as ICE, said Thursday that little would change for the trading floor at the corner of Wall and Broad streets, in Manhattan's financial district.

But the clout of the two-centuries-old NYSE has gradually been eroded over decades by the relentless advance of technology and regulatory changes. Its importance today is mostly symbolic.

The NYSE dates to 1792, when 24 brokers and merchants traded stocks under a buttonwood tree on Wall Street. But today most trading doesn't require face-to-face meeting at all. It's done on computers that match thousands of orders a second.

Three decades ago, the floor of the New York exchange was full of bustling traders. Today, one of its largest booths belongs to the cable news channel CNBC, which broadcasts there for most of the business day.

The introduction of negotiated, rather than fixed, commissions for securities transactions, in May 1975, marked the start of a gradual decline in brokerage fees for traditional stock trading.

It also gave rise to so-called discount brokerages, like Charles Schwab, that offered to trade for customers at lower rates.

"The cash equities business in America has effectively been obliterated," said Thomas Caldwell, chairman of Caldwell Securities in Toronto and a shareholder in the New York exchange's parent company, NYSE Euronext.

He said that the jewel of the deal is not the New York exchange, but Liffe, a futures exchange founded in London, further underlining the growing importance of the futures markets.

While brokerage fees have declined, futures exchanges have retained profit margins, said James Angel, an associate professor in finance and an expert on stock exchanges at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business.

Futures contracts are written by exchanges and must be bought and sold in the same place — as opposed to stocks, which can be bought and sold on any exchange, Angel said. That gives futures exchanges more pricing power.

Stock trading is a "dog-eat-dog business where the profit margin per share is measured not in pennies, not in tenths of pennies, but in hundredths of pennies," said Angel, who also sits on the board of Direct Edge, a smaller stock exchange.

NYSE Euronext was formed in a 2007 merger when NYSE Group, parent company of the exchange, got together with Euronext, which owned stock exchanges in Europe.

It has been looking for a partner. Last year, ICE and Nasdaq OMX Group Inc., which competes with the NYSE for stock listings, made an $11 billion bid to buy NYSE Euronext. But that deal fell apart after regulators raised antitrust concerns.

Deutsche Boerse AG, a German company, made a bid for NYSE Euronext, but that was scuttled by European regulators.

ICE was established in May 2000. Its founding shareholders represented some of the world's largest energy companies and financial institutions, according to the company's most recent annual report.

Its stated mission was to transform the energy futures market by providing more transparency. The company has expanded through acquisitions during the last decade and went public — on the NYSE — in November 2005.

Analysts forecast that ICE's revenue will reach $1.4 billion this year, more than double the $574 million it reported in 2007.

"We believe the combined company will be better positioned to compete and serve customers across a broad range of asset classes by uniting our global brands, expertise and infrastructure," said ICE Chairman and CEO Jeffrey Sprecher.

Sprecher will keep his positions. Four members of the NYSE board will be added to ICE's board, expanding it to 15 members.

For each share of NYSE Euronext stock that they own, shareholders can choose either $33.12 in cash, roughly a quarter-share of ICE, or a combination of $11.27 in cash and roughly one-sixth of a share of ICE.

NYSE's stock jumped $8.20, or 34 percent, to $32.25 in heavy trading shortly after the market opened. ICE's stock closed up $1.79, or 1.4 percent, at $130.1 after falling at the open of trading.

ICE plans to pay for the cash part of the acquisition with a combination of cash and existing debt. It added that the deal will help it cut costs and should increase its earnings more than 15 percent in the first year after the deal closes.

The deal has been approved by the boards of both companies, but still needs the approvals by regulators and shareholders of both companies. It's expected to close in the second half of next year.

Caldwell, of Caldwell Securities, said that this combination of companies and the pressure of ever-declining fees will likely lead to further mergers in the exchange business.

"The whole theme in the exchange space is consolidation into bigger entities," he said. "They have to get their costs down because they are getting squeezed to nothing."

Suddenlink honors Midlander as 1 millionth Internet customer

Midlander Mark Saenz was recognized Thursday as Suddenlink's 1 millionth high-speed Internet customer.

At a celebration, Saenz was presented an iPad, a year of free Suddenlink services, including video, upgraded high-speed Internet, Suddenlink WiFi@Home, a TiVo DVR and TiVo Stream service.

Saenz was joined by Oscar Garcia, of Suddenlink's Lubbock call center, who sold Saenz the Internet service. Garcia was also presented an iPad.

The announcement that Saenz was Suddenlink's 1 millionth high-speed Internet customer was made by West Region Senior Vice President Dave Gilles and Midland Director of Operations Dan Kelley.

Oil prices mixed

Oil closed above $90 a barrel for the first time in two months Thursday as it tracked an upward move in U.S. stock markets.

Benchmark crude for February delivery ended the day at $90.13 per barrel, up 15 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude dropped 16 cents to finish at $110.20 per barrel in London.

Meanwhile, gasoline prices continued to drop, while natural gas prices surged more than 4 percent.

Natural gas prices gained 14 cents, or 4.2 percent, to end at $3.46 per 1,000 cubic feet after the government reported that the nation's supplies fell last week. Natural gas had dropped 10 percent in the two weeks ended Wednesday as some regions in the U.S. experienced warmer than normal temperatures.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $40.48 Up 0.01

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $81.26 Down 0.41

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $27.14 Up 0.94

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $19.02 Down 0.16

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $23.75 Up 0.65

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $5.20 Down 0.17

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $16.91 Down 0.16

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.80f	44	34.17	+.26	+13.0
Abraxas	...	...	2.16	-.01	-34.5
ActivsBliz	.18f	14	10.78	-.07	-12.5
AdamsEx	.67e	...	10.64	+.06	+10.4
AMD	...	...	2.40	-.12	-55.6
AlcatelLuc	...	...	1.44	-.01	-7.7
Alcoa	.12	54	8.70	+.06	+.6
AllscriptH	...	17	9.14	-1.54	-51.7
AlonUSA	.16	24	14.37	+.22	+65.0
AmIntlGrp	...	2	35.53	+.64	+53.1
Amgen	1.88f	16	88.41	-.08	+37.7
Anadarko	.36	...	76.32	+1.87	...
Annaly	2.05e	10	14.76	+.17	-7.5
Apache	.68	13	79.97	+.09	-11.7
Apple Inc	10.60	12	521.73	-4.58	+28.8
ApldMatl	.36	88	11.38	+.04	+6.3
ATMOS	1.40f	15	36.24	+.17	+8.7
AutoData	1.74f	21	58.37	+.25	+8.1
BP PLC	1.92a	6	42.23	+.12	-1.2
BabsCClnv	1.20a	...	15.80	-.06	-12.2
BakrHu	.60	13	41.20	+.08	-15.3
BcoSBrasil	.37e	...	7.29	+.14	-10.4
BkofAm	.04	30	11.52	+.33	+107.2
BariPVix rs	...	...	30.46	+.67	-78.6
BasicEnSv	...	7	11.68	+.24	-40.7
BedBath	...	13	56.36	-3.92	-2.8
BerkHa A	...	17	135936.00	+736.00	+18.5
BerryPet	.32	...	34.50	+.15	-17.9
BlkHillsCp	1.48	16	36.95	+.69	+10.0
BrMySq	1.40f	29	32.57	...	-7.6
BrownFA s	1.02a	24	61.45	+.49	+16.3
BrownFB s	1.02a	25	63.65	+.44	+18.6
CVS Care	.90f	17	49.13	+.38	+20.5
Cameron	...	22	56.54	-.06	+14.9
Caterpillar	2.08	9	89.50	-.77	-1.2
Celestic g	...	8	8.26	+.19	+12.7
CntryLink	2.90	36	39.75	...	+6.9
ChesEng	.35	...	17.58	+.38	-21.1
Chevron	3.60	9	110.38	+.47	+3.7
Chicos	.21	18	18.99	+.05	+70.5
Chimera	.38e	5	2.65	+.01	+5.6
Cimarex	.48	14	59.28	+1.05	-4.2
Cisco	.56	13	20.24	-.03	+12.3
Citigroup	.04	13	40.17	+.72	+52.7
ClayEng	...	27	40.48	+.01	-46.7
Clearwire	...	...	2.90	+.03	+49.5
CocaCola s	1.02	19	37.05	+.27	+5.9
ColgPal	2.48	21	105.79	-.24	+14.5
ConAgra	1.00	21	30.16	+.20	+14.2
ConchoRes	...	18	81.26	-.41	-13.3
ConocPhil s	2.64	8	59.28	+.08	+6.7
Corning	.36f	10	12.79	+.02	-1.5
CrackerB	2.00	15	64.37	-.14	+27.7
CSVellVSt	...	...	18.42	-.45	+182.9
CrosTim	2.39e	11	27.22	+.83	-44.3
DCP Mid	2.72f	...	40.47	+.64	-14.7
DTE	2.48	15	61.18	+.28	+12.4
Dataram h	...	...	.39	-.02	-51.9
Dawson	...	19	27.14	+.94	-31.3
DeltaAir	...	5	11.94	+.11	+47.6
DevonE	.80	34	54.19	+.42	-12.6
Discover	.56f	9	38.41	-1.36	+60.0
Disney	.75f	16	50.93	+.99	+35.8
DowChm	1.28	25	32.49	+.38	+13.0
EMC Cp	...	21	25.91	...	+20.3
EOG Res	.68	28	124.37	+1.92	+26.3
EmpDist	1.00	16	20.82	+.25	-1.3
Energen	.56	13	45.45	-.55	-9.1
EngyTsfr	3.58	9	44.23	+.36	-3.5
EnPro	...	20	40.69	+.29	+23.4
EntPrPt	2.60f	18	50.58	+.50	+9.1
Ericsson	.35e	...	10.07	-.01	-.6
ExterranH	...	...	21.73	+.05	+138.8
ExxonMbl	2.28	11	88.89	+.45	+4.9
Facebook n	...	...	27.36	-.05	-28.4
FordM	.20	10	11.77	+.04	+9.4
ForestOil	...	11	7.14	-.05	-47.3
FMCG	1.25	11	33.98	+.03	-7.6
FrontierCm	.40	21	4.43	-.05	-14.0
FrozenFd	...	...	.93	+.02	-27.9
GATX	1.20	17	43.60	+.45	-.1
GabMultT	.80	...	7.92	+.03	+27.1
GAInv	2.00e	...	28.29	+.31	+13.6
GenElec	.76f	16	21.05	+.23	+17.5
GenMotors	...	10	27.34	+.16	+34.9
GtPlainEn	.87f	16	20.57	-.07	-5.6
HalconR rs	...	...	6.93	-.23	-26.2
Hallibrtn	.36	10	35.13	+.52	+1.8
HltMgmt	...	11	9.27	+.25	+25.8
Heinz	2.06	19	59.49	+.45	+10.1
Hemisphrx	...	...	.36	-.02	+84.6
Herbalife	1.20	9	33.70	-3.64	-34.8
HewlettP	.53	...	14.43	+.05	-44.0
iShJapn	.19e	...	9.80	+.13	+7.6
iShSilver	...	...	29.00	-1.11	+7.6
iShEMkts	.73e	...	43.77	+.26	+15.4
iS Eafe	1.76e	...	56.86	+.38	+14.8
iShR2K	1.69e	...	84.54	+.42	+14.6
IntegrysE	2.72	17	54.12	+.48	-.1
Intel	.90	9	21.03	-.07	-13.3
InterDig	.40a	7	42.60	-.08	-2.2
ItauUnibH	.59e	...	16.39	+.06	-11.7
JPMorgCh	1.20	9	44.53	+1.00	+33.9
JohnJn	2.44	23	70.75	+.12	+7.9
KimbClk	2.96	18	84.95	-.05	+15.5
KindME	5.04f	...	79.95	+.46	-5.9
KindMM	5.04t	...	75.90	+.70	-3.3
LegacyRes	2.26f	...	23.75	+.65	-15.9
Lubys	...	26	6.84	-.01	+51.7
MktVGold	.15e	...	45.07	-.29	-12.4
McDnlds	3.08f	17	90.04	+.33	-10.3
Merck	1.72f	19	42.16	-1.50	+11.8
MeritMed	...	24	13.56	+.08	+1.3
MexcoEn	...	...	5.20	-.17	-25.7
MicronT	...	...	6.79	-.03	+7.9
Microsoft	.92	15	27.68	+.37	+6.6
MorgStan	.20	...	19.27	+.18	+27.4
NYSE Eur	1.20	17	32.25	+8.20	+23.6
Nabors	...	...	14.99	+.28	-13.6
NatGrid	3.17e	...	57.30	-.53	+18.2
NOilVarco	.52f	12	69.54	+.85	+2.3
NewsCpA	.17	23	25.42	+.19	+42.5
NokiaCp	.26e	...	4.18	-.03	-13.3
NvMAd	.85a	...	15.29	+.22	+4.2
NvPMI	.88	...	15.09	+.15	+1.9
NuvPI	.86	...	15.02	+.03	+3.8
NSTFI3	.66a	...	14.83	+.22	+3.6
NTXQI	.73	...	16.05	-.08	-1.8
OcciPet	2.16	11	79.02	+.78	-15.7
Oracle	.24	16	33.94	-.15	+32.3
ParTech	...	15	4.93	+.02	+25.1
ParkDrl	...	...	4.48	+.10	-37.5
PattUTI	.20	9	18.94	+.10	-5.2
PennaRE	.64	...	17.69	+.07	+69.4
Prmian	1.21e	10	12.25	-.50	-39.9
PetrbrsA	.46e	...	20.42	+.40	-13.1
Petrobras	.46e	...	20.58	+.40	-17.2
Pfizer	.96f	16	25.43	+.08	+17.5
PioNtrl	.08	...	108.79	+1.57	+21.6
PlainsAA s	2.17f	19	46.06	+.27	+25.4
PwShs QQQ	.61e	...	66.26	-.00	+18.7
Praxair	2.20	20	109.46	+1.06	+2.4
PrmEgy	...	8	24.00	-1.20	+6.2
ProctGam	2.25	18	69.82	+.48	+4.7
RangeRs	.16	...	63.38	+.06	+2.3
RegionsFn	.04	13	7.18	+.13	+67.0
RschMotn	...	8	14.12	+.49	-2.6
RiteAid	...	...	1.21	+.17	-4.0
Rowan	...	24	32.69	+.30	+7.8
RoyDShllA	3.44	9	69.74	+.34	-4.6
SpdrDJIA	3.30e	...	133.19	+.57	+9.3
SpdrGold	...	...	159.73	-1.96	+5.1
S&P500ETF	2.85e	...	145.12	+.83	+15.6
SabnR	3.70e	11	41.63	-1.53	-34.0
SanderFm	.68	21	50.07	-.50	-.1
SandRdge	...	...	6.19	-.31	-24.1
Sapient	...	21	10.88	+.14	-13.7
Schlmbrg	1.10	17	71.10	+.44	+4.1
SigmaAld	.80	20	73.67	+.48	+17.9
SiriusXM	.05e	5	2.99	+.03	+64.3
Smucker	2.08	20	86.93	+.97	+11.2
SprintNex	...	...	5.48	+.02	+134.2
SPDR Fncl	.25e	...	16.70	+.23	+28.5
SunocoLog	2.07f	12	50.92	-.13	+29.2
TelefEsp	...	...	13.46	+.06	-21.7
Tesoro	.60f	11	44.36	+.41	+89.9
3M Co	2.36	15	94.13	+1.11	15.2
Torchmark	.60	10	52.97	+1.10	+22.1
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UBWV	1.24	16	25.50	+.14	-9.8
US Bancrp	.78	12	32.44	+.24	+19.9
Vale SA	1.15e	...	20.46	+.19	-4.6
ValeroE	.70	9	34.38	+.35	+63.3
VangEmg	.99e	...	43.90	+.30	+14.9
VulcanM	.04	...	53.25	+.15	+35.3
Walgrn	1.10	16	37.55	+.31	+13.6
WellsFargo	.88	11	35.06	+.44	+27.2
WstnRefin	.32a	14	28.93	+.23	+117.7
WhitingPet	...	11	43.13	+.02	-7.6
WmsCos	1.30f	22	32.85	+.32	+21.8
XcelEngy	1.08	15	27.45	+.08	-.7
Xerox	.17	8	7.13	+.07	-10.4
Yahoo	...	6	19.69	+.09	+22.1

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13,661.72	11,735.19	Dow Jones Industrials	13,311.72	+59.75	+.45	+8.96	+9.38
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499.82	435.57	Dow Jones Utilities	460.14	+2.00	+.44	-.98	+.10
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3,196.93	2,518.01	Nasdaq Composite	3,050.39	+6.02	+.20	+17.09	+17.35
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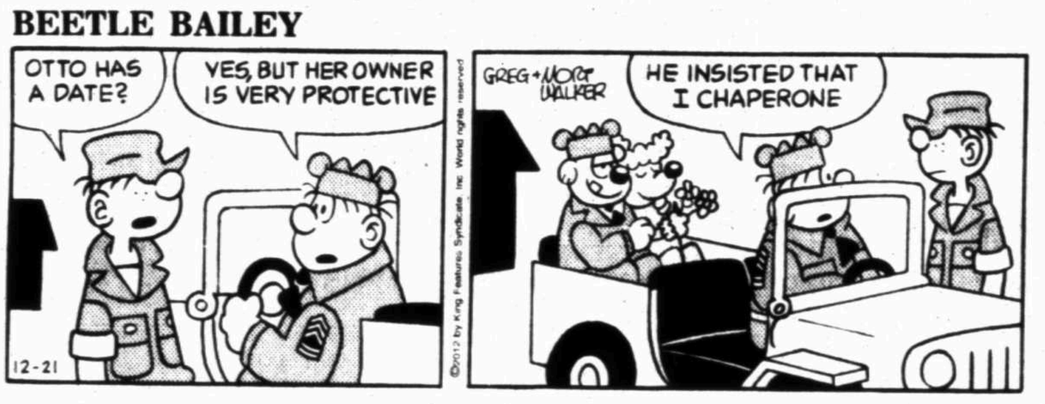

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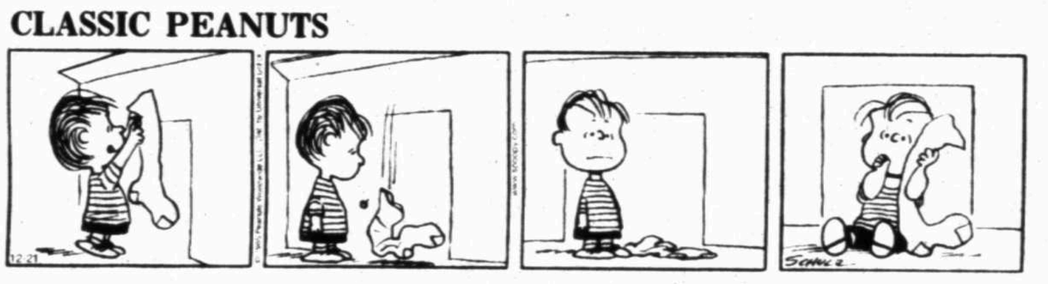

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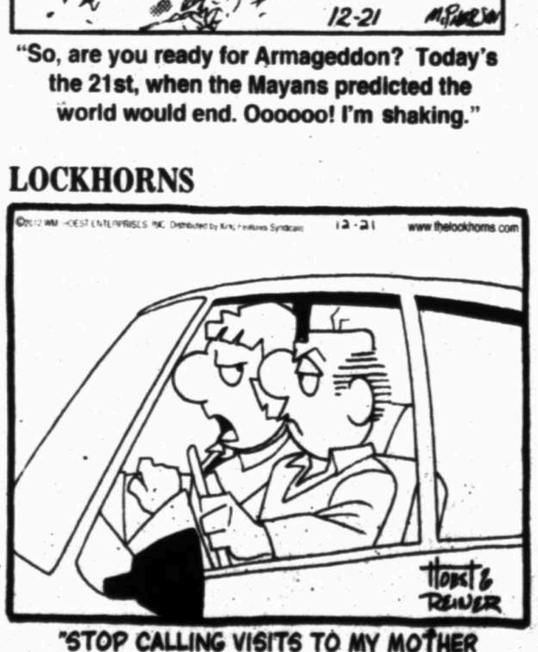

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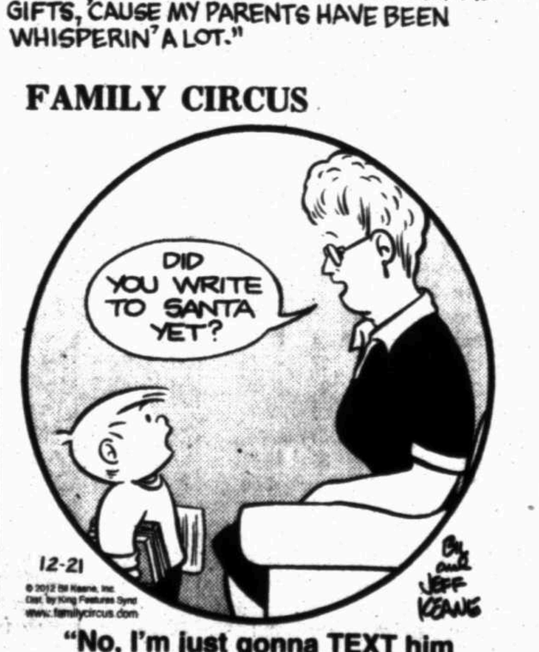

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Jeri Houston,
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687-8894.

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PUBLISHES ON:	DEADLINE IS:
Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri	5p.m. Prior Day
Saturday	12p.m. Friday
Sunday	5p.m. Friday
Monday	5p.m. Friday

DISPLAY ADS:

PUBLISHES ON:	DEADLINE IS:
Wednesday	3p.m. Monday
Thursday	3p.m. Tuesday
Friday, Saturday	3p.m. Wednesday
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Tuesday	3p.m. Friday

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Legal & Public Notices

Notice of Sale of Personal Property to satisfy a landlords lien for CASH ONLY. Sale Date is Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 10 a.m.
Aztec Storage Center
500 S. Midland Dr.
Midland, TX 79703
#62 Ramon Vasquez* "Household Goods
#71 Justin Rodriguez*
#192 Michael Evans*

Legal & Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 10:42 a.m., on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by Bluestem Energy Holdings, LLC (Evans O 1) for a Permit to Drill an Oil and Gas Well inside the City Limits on the following described property: Located 654' FSL and 1860' FEL, Section 8, Block "X", H.P. Hilliard Survey, Midland County, Texas.

Generally located on the north side of Mockingbird Lane, approximately 1/3 mile west of N. Midkiff Road.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Amy M. Turner, MMC
City Secretary

Legal & Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 10:33 a.m., on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by Bluestem Energy Holdings, LLC (Evans P. 1) for a Permit to Drill an Oil and Gas Well inside the City Limits on the following described property: Located 490' FSL and 565' FEL, Section 8, Block "X", H.P. Hilliard Survey, Midland County, Texas.

Generally located on the west side of N. Midkiff Road, approximately 490 feet north of Mockingbird Lane.

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CITY OF MIDLAND
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Legal & Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 10:36 a.m., on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by Bluestem Energy Holdings, LLC (Evans A 1) for a Permit to Drill an Oil and Gas Well inside the City Limits on the following described property: Located 993' FNL and 490' FEL, Section 8, Block "X", H.P. Hilliard Survey, Midland County, Texas.

Generally located on the west side of N. Midkiff Road, approximately ¾mile north of Mockingbird Lane.

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Lost & Found

FOUND 2 GOLDEN RETRIEVERS ON 1212 close to 1208 One Red Collar and One Blue Collar call 432-570-9111

FOUND SHIH-TZU, Sun. 12/16 in Midland, 432-352-6895

FREE PUPPIES Shipe Mix 7 weeks old 1st shots 1 Male 1 Female To Loving Home 432-638-7348

LOST BEAGLE mixed. Female. In the Old Midland area. Please call 512-213-9070.

Legal & Public Notices

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at 10:39 a.m., on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by Bluestem Energy Holdings, LLC (Evans B 2) for a Permit to Drill an Oil and Gas Well inside the City Limits on the following described property: Located 490' FNL and 2328' FEL, Section 8, Block "X", H.P. Hilliard Survey, Midland County, Texas.

Generally located on the west side of N. Midkiff Road, approximately 1 mile north of Mockingbird Lane.

The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DAVID PRICE BURNS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of DAVID PRICE BURNS, Deceased, were issued to SHANNA R. STORMES, Independent Executrix, on December 13, 2012 in the proceeding styled "Estate of DAVID PRICE BURNS, Deceased," No. P17284 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said persons now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Executrix at 4540 Fir Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76244 before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
SHANNA R. STORMES, Independent Executrix of the Estate of DAVID PRICE BURNS.
Deceased, No. P17284 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

Lost & Found

$500 REWARD
Missing Black and Tan Miniature Yorkie answers to Sam, went missing from Saddle Club Estate in Midland over 2 wks ago. 817-714-5661

LOST BLUE Heeler Pregnant, due 1/6 432-230-7850 Teresa 432-230-1809 Dennis

LOST WHITE Lhasa Apso, lost last Thurs. near Midland/Illinois, lost from the pet store, 432-559-0485 or 432-570-9858.

MISSING SINCE 11/29 dark gray cat from A & Neely area Call 770-3003

Fax Your Ad 682-6999

Meetings

Masonic Lodges

Communications
1600 W. Wall
432-853-1273
Stated Meetings
Acacia Lodge #1414
1st & 3rd Tues.
@ 7:30pm,
Midland Lodge #623
2nd & 4th Thurs.
7:30pm
Centennial Lodge #1448
1st & 3rd Sat.
8:30am
Did you know
Buffalo Bill
William Cody
was a
Master Mason?

Personals

I NEED a babysitter/housekeeper for my special needs child for weekdays. Must be able to lift. She is a happy, fun, child! 432-349-1170

Schools & Instruction

Schools & Instruction

PIANO TEACHER with Masters of Music in Piano has openings for students. Call Kelly 406-696-8184.

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Business Center

Business Opportunity

TURN YOUR monthly royalty payments into lump sum cash! We will close by December 31st. Mid-Cities Minerals and Royalties, LLC 1-855-643-2484 Jason@MidCitiesLLC.com

Autos For Sale or Lease

Passenger Cars

1999 TOYOTA Camry needs timing belt, tires and battery. Asking $2000 OBO. 432-689-0312

BUICK 2002 LaSabre gold, 90K only $3,500! 2005 Hyundai Sonata 126K, great transportation, only $1,200! 218-9941

CADILLAC 2011 CTS 12k miles, like new. See to believe, beautiful fire red. $29,900. 432-682-8647. 2300 West Front St.

CHEVROLET 1977 Monte Carlo. 1 owner. 454/400 HP. 400 Trans. Edelbrock intake manifold & carbureator. Dual Exhaust, New a/c, good tires, Runs & drives good. Good Shape. $7000. 806-681-6700

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CHRYSLER 2007 300C, 5.7 Hemi, We finance. B&B Auto Sales 432-683-6222

DODGE 2010 Charger SXT, 38,000 miles, very nice. We finance. B&B Auto 683-6222.

HONDA 2000 ACCORD, 4 door, runs great, sunroof, Blue Book $4500. Ask $3500. Call Micheal 413-5217, 684-8135.

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MITSUBISHI 2007 Eclipse, 52k miles, auto. We finance. B&B Auto 432-683-6222

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NISSAN 2005 Sentra, Red, 4dr, automatic, am/fm cd, power windows, 95k mi, $6,000. 432-557-8204

Passenger Cars

BMW of the Permian Basin
3715 Andrews Hwy - Midland
432-522-5980

1999 BMW M3
Dark Yellow/Black
5-speed, Sunroof,
All records
122k Miles

2008 Honda Accord LX
Blue/Gray
1 owner, Cloth Seats
44k miles

2009 BMW 750i
Plat Bronze/Beige
Night Vision, NAV,
Lux Seats, 24k miles

2010 Cadillac Escalade
Silver/Beige
NAV, DVD, 21" wheels,
AC Seats, Capt Chairs
47k miles

2010 128i
Cashmere Silver/Tan
Coupe, Auto,
SAT, Htd Seats
19k miles

2010 Honda CRV EX
White/Gray
Sunroof, Aux, Cruise
26k miles

2010 BMW 528i
Titanium/Black
MSport, Nav, Premium
Pkg, Warranty
25k miles

2011 MERCEDES S550
Black/Black
Premium 2 Pkg
Factory Warranty
18k miles

2011 Nissan Titan
Gray/Black
TRX 4x4, NAV, Roof,
DVD, Leather, SAT
12k miles

2011 BMW 535i GT
Alpine White/Oyster
Conv Pkg, Nav, SAT,
PanoRoof, Htd Seats
16k miles

2012 Ford Focus
Silver/Black
SE, CD, Cruise, Aux
17k miles

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WANTED!
Will buy wrecked & unwanted cars, trucks & RVs. FREE pick-up. 432-685-4078

Exotic Cars

CORVETTE 1994 Red garaged kept, immaculate. 92k/miles. $9800. 432-557-4222

Attention Readers
In observance of
Christmas Day
The Midland Reporter-Telegram will be closed
Tuesday, Dec. 25, 2012

Advertising Deadlines

Classified Word Ads

Publishing On:	Deadline is:
Fri., Dec. 21st	Thur., Dec. 20th, 5 PM
Sat., Dec. 22nd	Fri., Dec. 21st, 12 PM
Sun., Dec. 23rd	Fri., Dec. 21st, 3 PM
Mon., Dec. 24th	Fri., Dec. 21st, 3 PM
Tues., Dec. 25th	Fri., Dec. 21st, 5 PM

Classified Display Ads

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Sat., Dec. 22nd	Thur., Dec. 20th, 5 PM
Sun., Dec. 23rd	Thur., Dec. 20th, 5 PM
Mon., Dec. 24th	Thur., Dec. 20th, 5 PM
Tues., Dec. 25th	Fri., Dec. 21st, 1 PM

Retail Display Ads

Publishing On:	Deadline is:
Sat., Dec. 22nd	Thur., Dec. 20th, 5 PM
Sun., Dec. 23rd	Thur., Dec. 20th,, 5 PM
Sun., Dec. 23rd (Oil Report/West Texas Living, Arts & Ent.)	Wed., Dec. 19th, 12 PM
Mon., Dec. 24th	Thur., Dec. 20th, 5 PM
Tues., Dec. 25th	Fri., Dec. 21st, 1 PM

CIRCULATION HOURS
Customer Service calls will be taken
Tuesday, December 25th from 7 AM-11 AM only.
We will re-open Wednesday, Dec. 26th for regular business hours.

Midland Reporter-Telegram

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Midland Reporter-Telegram

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Accounting, Business, or Finance Graduate
West Texas Gas FT

"NEED IMMEDIATELY" — Accounting, Business or Finance Graduate to handle various functions for West Texas Gas, et al. Job consists of analyzing various insurance coverages, property, workers comp, liability, etc.; processing claims, and related legal matters; and other analytical assignments - ad valorem tax matters, electrical power costs; stock portfolio, liquid fuel margins, etc. Salary commensurate with experience. E-mail resume to: Employment@westtexasgas.com or mail to HR, 211 N. Colorado, Midland, TX 79701

AUTOMOTIVE

Body Shop
Ron's Engine FT
Midland, TX 79701

Immediate employment for highly experienced body and paint person. Must have good references and own tools. Apply Ron's Engines or call 432-685-1076.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

ACCOUNTING CLERK

Atlantic Exploration, LLC., a Midland based independent oil and gas operator, has an immediate opening for a detail-oriented person to assist with accounting data entry and office duties. Basic oil and gas accounting knowledge and a working knowledge of Excel and Word are required. Experience with Wolfepak software is a plus.

Qualified individuals must submit a resume, references, and salary history to:
Atlantic Exploration, LLC.
Attn: Accounting
P.O. Box 3759
Midland TX 79702
or email to sandyk@atlanticoi.com

Administrative Assistant
Midland County Horseshoe FT

Dooley Management Company, operators of the Midland County Horseshoe Arena, offer a full time position as Administrative Assistant. The position offers a competitive starting salary, annual leave, a group health plan and a 401K plan. All benefits are subject to completion of a probationary period. Duties include rental contract structuring and compliance, ticket sales, normal office duties and considerable public contact. Some nights and weekends required. General office experience working with purchasing, contracts or bookkeeping required. Direct experience in arenas, convention centers or convention hotels preferred. The Horseshoe Arena hosts over 220 events annually; ranging from horse shows to concerts to major community events. Please mail or email resume and letter of interest to Dooley Management Company, PO Box 1660, Midland, TX 79702 or manager@midlandhorseshoe.com.

Clerical
Vandergriff Group Architects, PC FT

Clerical - Immediate opening with Midland Architectural firm. Good communicator with good grammatical and computer skills a must . Permanent position with growth potential. Resposibilities include email, heavy word processing , phone. Flexible hours possible.Send resume to vga@vandergriff-group.com

Secretarial Position
Business Hygiene

Secretarial Position for Business Hygiene. Computer experience preferred, will provide necessary training. Monday-Friday. Drug test required. Call 432-684-8782 or fax: 432-684-8791.

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Laborers and Carpenters
Campbell Construction Company FT/PT
Midland, TX 79702

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

ENERGY & UTILITIES

CRMWD
Colorado River Municipal District

The Colorado River Municipal Water District is accepting applications for a ***Field Operations Manager.***

Position is responsible for all activities relating to the maintenance of the District's water supply systems, water quality enhancement systems, and safety and security programs.

The successful candidate will have the experience necessary to successfully plan, direct, organize, and, oversee the daily activities of crews maintaining the District's raw water pipelines, pumps, and pump stations. Must have progressive experience managing multiple projects and personnel. Prior experience in water supply operations and distribution strongly preferred.

CRMWD is an equal opportunity employer. Benefits include health insurance, retirement plans, and sick, vacation and holiday leave.

Applications are required and are available at the District's office, 400 E. 24TH Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or by calling (432) 267-6341 or our website www.crmwd.org

Pipeline Operator
West Texas Gas, Inc. FT

West Texas Gas. Inc. has an immediate opening for a natural gas liquids (NGL) Pipeline Operator for the Big Spring/Midland area. Primary responsibilities require experience in pipeline operations including measurement, regulation, pump stations, line locates, routine maintenance, computer skills and cathodic protection systems. Duties also include pipeline regulatory compliance responsibilities. Benefits include group health insurance & 401K Plan. Salary DOE. Interested applicant can forward resume to West Texas Gas, Inc., 211 N. Colorado, Midland, Texas 79701 or email to employment@westtexasgas.com

Pressure Tester

Must be qualified with minimum 4 years experience in pressure testing, BOP & downhole. Must be willing to relocate to Greeley, CO area. Send resume to Ronnie Schwindt by mail: PO Box 320, Collbran, CO 81624 or fax: 970-487-0236, cell 970-768-0043. Salary DOE.

Trainees & Experienced Mudloggers/Geologist
Advance Consultants Corp. FT

Advance Consultants Corp. now hiring both Trainees and Experienced Mudloggers/Geologists for West Texas and S.E. New Mexico. Fax resume to (432)683-9862 or Call (432)683-6276.

HEALTHCARE

MARC

Creating choices for people with disabilities...

Currently seeking a Case Manager

- Bachelor's degree preferred but not required
- Must be able to manage multiple tasks
- Must be able to work well with people with developmental disabilities

Please send resume to
devans@marcinc-tx.org or visit MARC
at 2701 North A Street, Midland, TX 79705.

CNA, LVN or MA

Seeking LVN/MA/CNA for a busy family practice office. Experienced in lab draws, EKGs, injections, lab reporting, medications and general patient care. Multi-tasking is a must. Resumes may be faxed to 432-699-6012 or bring to 4214 Andrews Hwy #306 - Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus.

Dental Assistant
The Kids Place FT

Seeking an experienced certified Dental Assistant. Candidate must be a team player, have an excellent attitude and great work ethic. Please send resume and references to: 4410 North Midkiff, Suite D1 Midland, Tx. 79705

Dental Assistant

We are looking for a rock star dental assistant to join our team. If you: Actively seek growth and learning, Enjoy connecting with people to move them toward health, Demonstrate integrity and commitment and display emotional maturity, Desire a place where you can use your entrepreneurial spirit, Value details and seeing things through to completion.We would like to get to know you. We invite you to send your resume to lisa@allisonwattsdds.com or fax to 432-682-0199.

HEALTHCARE

Front Office
Midland Pediatric Associates FT
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

Insurance Specialist

Busy OBGYN office has opening for insurance specialist. Duties include insurance verification, patient financial counseling,reception and phone duties. Vacation, sick pay, health insurance, and 401K included in benefit package. Please send resume to (432) 682-2284.

PO# GRO-6047

LPC/LCDC/License Counselor/Intern
Midland Addiction Treatment Center PT
Monday-Friday 6:00am-10:00am

Treatment planning/Case management. Personal days/CEU days. Paid holidays. Fax resume to 800-671-8364.

LVN

LVN needed for busy Physician's Office. Great Benefit Package. Please fax resumes to 682-2284 or mail to Premier Physicians, Attn: Arita Routh, PO Box 5291, Midland, Texas 79704.

Nurse Practitioner or Physician
Select Specialty Hospital FT

Nurse Practitioner or Physician Needed for house coverage for a small specialty hospital. Must be Licensed in the State of Texas, Must be ACLS certified & Must be able to run emergency response. Day and night shift available. Please contact Connie Siffring at (432)522-3363 or csiffring@selectmedical.com.

Providers
Interim Home Health PT

Interim Home Health is searching for providers in the Midland area to provide care for the elderly and disabled. Please call 432-617-0252 and talk with Hilda. EOE

RN Case Manager
Calvert Home Health Care, Ltd. FT

RN CASE MANAGER NEEDED FOR HOME HEALTH. Calvert Home Health Care, Ltd. has an immediate opening for a RN Case Manager in our Midland office. Experience in case mgmt. & employee mgmt. in home health required. Must be computer proficient. Competitive salary & benefits. Hours are 8 am to 5 pm with on-call and some weekend duties. You may email your resume to dmadison@chhci.com, or fax it to 806-762-0905. EOE.

RN & LVN
Interim Home Health FT
Midland, TX 79701

Growing home health program is seeking Full-time RN & LVN. Experience preferred. Apply in person at 1031 Andrews Hwy, Ste. 200 or fax resume 432-618-0307.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

All Positions

New SpringHill Suites by Marriott now accepting resumes for the following positions: Assistant General Manager, Banquet Event Coordinator, Maintenance Engineer & Bartenders. Please email resumes to the following email address: careers@insigniamgmt.com

Executive Housekeeper & Maintenance
Holiday Inn Express FT
5309 West Loop 250 North

Now hiring Full-time Executive Housekeeper & Maintenance. Will train the right person. Serious inquiries only. Previous applicants need not apply. Apply in person only. No phone calls. Competitive pay.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & SECURITY

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AlliedBarton Security Services FT

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Midland, TX 79705

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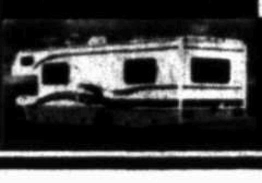

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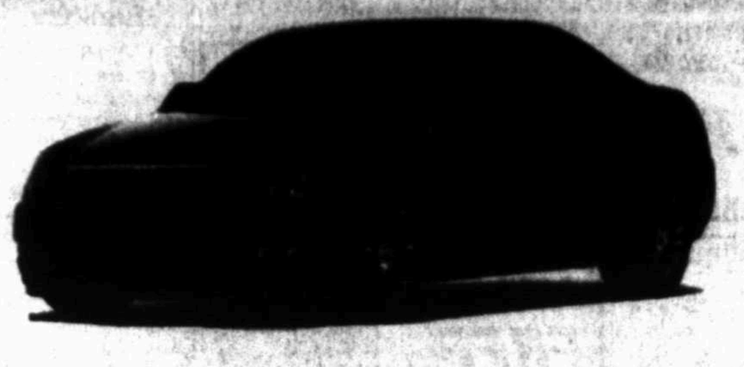

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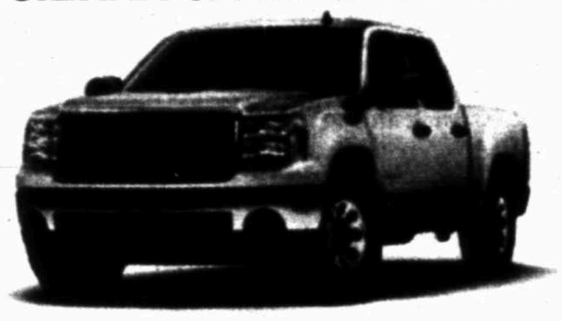

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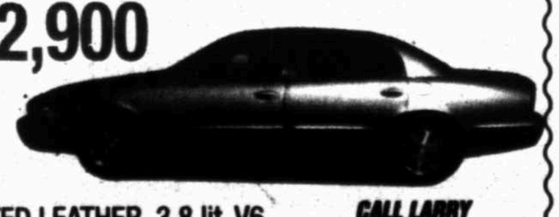

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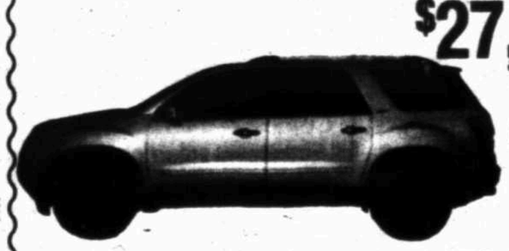

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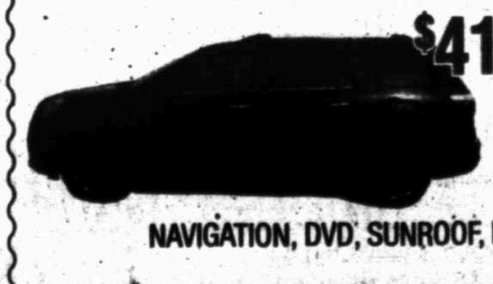

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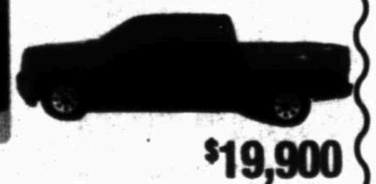

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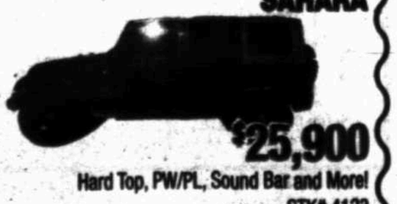

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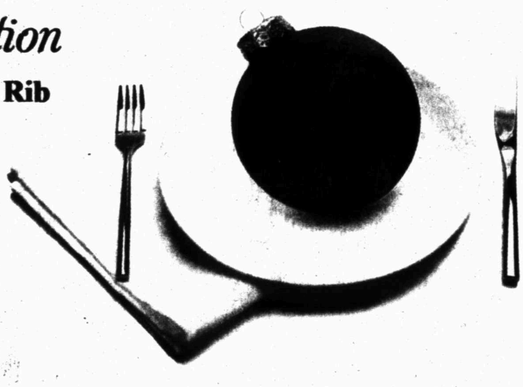

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