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The Weekender



LASTING LEGACY

Reporter-Telegram Sports Editor Ben Hayward delves into the lasting legacy of Texas' "no-pass, no-play" legislation and how it has affected area coaches and players.

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AWAY IN A MANGER



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." — Luke 2:11-12

First Baptist Church presented the Living Nativity Dec. 16-18 at Cuthbert Avenue and N Street.

Christmas around the Basin

Today is Christmas Day

Many people in the United States celebrate Christmas Day on Dec. 25. The day celebrates Jesus Christ's birth. It is often combined with customs from pre-Christian winter celebrations. Many people put up Christmas trees, decorate their homes, visit family or friends and exchange gifts.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

Christmas services

- Christmas Day worship, 10 a.m. at Christ Church Anglican. ccanglican.com.
- Mass for Christmas Day, 10 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church. 682-6303.
- Christmas service, 10 a.m. at St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church. stnicksmt.org.
- Free community dinner, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Greater Ideal Family Life Center. 683-0638.

Grocery store hours

H-E-B, Albertsons and Wal-Mart are closed today.

Restaurants open today

Check out the restuarants that are open today in the Weekender in today's Reporter-Telegram

Christmas Day weather history

Average high: 57 degrees
Average low: 30 degrees
Warmest high: 78 degrees (Dec. 25, 2014)
Coldest low: 7 degrees (Dec. 25, 1983)
Most precipitation: 0.53 of an inch (Dec. 25, 1939)
Most snow: 1.7 inches (Dec. 25, 1939)
Measurable snowfalls: four

Source: National Weather Service

Christmas at mrt.com

- Check out our Christmas galleries, including Santas from around the world and local living nativities.
- What did you get for Christmas? If you are ready to show that must-have gift, that gift might not be must-have but is still a must-see or have that cute picture of kids tearing open their gifts, send it to news@mrt.com.

Merry Christmas from the Reporter-Telegram Editorial Board

Check our view about why Midlanders have plenty to celebrate Page 6A.

Early deadline

To allow our employees the opportunity to spend more time with their families, the Reporter-Telegram had an earlier-than-usual deadline. Some later information from Wednesday night will be found in Friday's edition.

Texas drilling permits down 50 percent last month

By James Osborne
Dallas Morning News

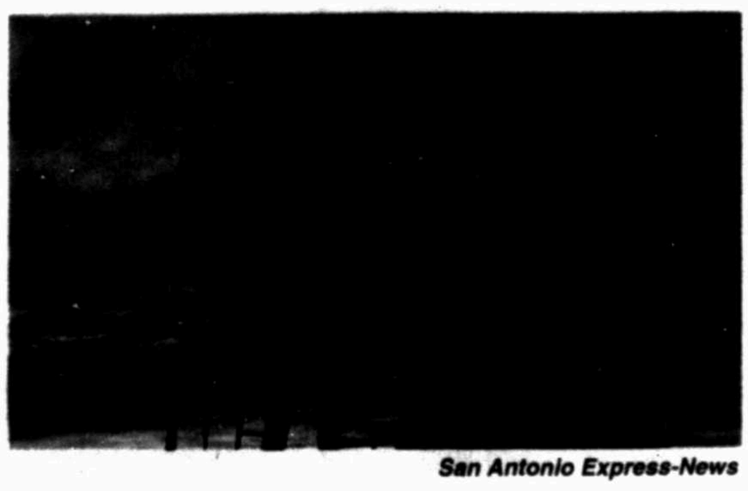
Oil drilling is falling dramatically as the steep decline in crude prices since the summer takes hold, state regulators reported Tuesday.

The Texas Railroad Commission issued 1,353 permits for oil drilling last month, about 50 percent less than it did the previous month. And in the months ahead, that will probably translate to rigs being shut down and workers being laid off across oil fields in West and South Texas.

"There's more to come in the months ahead," said Pavel Molchanov, an energy analyst with Raymond James. "This isn't pleasant, but this is how the market rebalances itself."

For now, drilling rig counts are holding steady as companies wind down their contracts. Since peaking in October, the number of drilling rigs operating in the United States had declined just 5 percent as of last week, according to the oilfield service company Baker Hughes.

Please see **PERMITS**/4A



San Antonio Express-News

A pumpjack is shown in Stanton. Permits for oil drilling across Texas were down 50 percent from last month.

Oil workers are used to spending Christmas on the job

By Rhiannon Meyers
Houston Chronicle

Joe Wells spent his first holiday season in the oil patch huddled in a frozen ditch outside of Wichita Falls.

He was 16 years old, home from school on Christmas vacation and working as a roustabout, an oilfield laborer, for one of his father's customers. The sleet bounced off the back of his neck as he chipped away at a tunnel to run pipe under a farm road, but none of the men bent alongside him dared complain.

"There's so much testosterone in this environment that nobody will stick their

Please see **JOB**/4A

NWS: Chance of snow this weekend gone

From Staff Reports

Will it be a white Christmas?

The National Weather Service isn't counting on it today or this weekend.

At one point on Wednesday, the website listed a 20 percent chance of snow on both Friday and Saturday nights. That, as of press time, had been changed to a chance of showers.

How much of an impact that any snowfall would have on the area depends on the amount of snow and how cold temperatures gets. The NWS still called for a below-freezing low temperature (30 degrees) both Friday and Saturday.

Should Mother Nature dust the area or powder the region, it would not be the first snow episode for Midland this year. On Nov. 15, the NWS at Midland International reported a trace amount of snow.

The Climate Prediction Center is calling for a 40 percent chance of above-average rainfall from January through March and a 40 percent chance of below normal temperatures during the same period.

If history is any indication, Midlanders should always count on some snow. The National Weather Service reports the last time Midland didn't get any snow during a season (fall through spring) was 1934-35. In 2012-13, 49.5 inches fell at Midland International. Last year, 0.8 of an inch fell.

Weather affects area drivers

Read more about how inclement weather has affected area drivers.

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Weather
Mostly sunny
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Energy prices

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Coming Friday
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Obituaries

Charles T. Hertel

Charles T. Hertel, 87, of Midland, Texas passed away on Saturday, December 20, 2014.

He was born in Knox County, Texas on June 29, 1927. Charles served as a PFC in the U.S. Army from 1945 to 1946. He graduated from Benjamin High School in Benjamin, Texas.

He worked as a Distribution Clerk for many years for El Paso Natural Gas Co. in Jal, New Mexico. Charles was a Christian and attended the West Kentucky Baptist Church in Midland, Texas.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Walter R. Hertel and Elnora A. Hertel; as well as his brother, Donnie Hertel.

Charles is survived by his brother, Walter Hertel of Munday, Texas; sister, Rosellen Albus of Lubbock, Texas; daughters, Melanie Dawn Heaton, Faith Ann Auburg and husband Randy of Midland, Texas; grandchildren, Jeff Donnell and Ashley Auburg of Midland, Texas, Kyle Auburg of Conroe, Texas; six great grandchildren, one great great-grandchild, as well as several nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be from 5:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. on Friday, December 26, 2014 at McCauley Smith Funeral Home in Munday, Texas. Graveside services will be at 11:00a.m. on Saturday, December 27, 2014 at the Benjamin Cemetery in Benjamin, Texas.

Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com



Cinda Gail (Hoover) Hogan

Cinda Gail (Hoover) Hogan passed away December 18, 2014 after a yearlong battle against cancer. She was born in Peru, Indiana on August 24, 1954 to Robert and Shirley (Reavis) Hoover. After her parents divorce a few years later, her mother married Guy Willis Bates who was in the U.S Air Force.

They lived in Arkansas and that is where Cinda started elementary school. In 1965, they were reassigned to California and lived in Olivehurst for 6 years. In 1971, they moved again, to a new assignment in the United Kingdom, they lived in Saxmundham, England and Cinda attended Lakenheath American High School, graduating in 1973.

She married Dave Kershaw and gave birth to a daughter, Candi Christine and later a son, David James. They divorced and a few years later, Cinda moved from her home in Lincoln, NE to Midland, Texas to live near her parents. She later married and 2 children were born of that union, Guy Cornell Hogan and Angela Marie Hogan. After that marriage dissolved, another daughter was born to Cinda, Jessica Anne Courtney.

Cinda worked mostly in retail, at TG&Y, Kmart, Dunlaps and Penneys. Cinda was a shopper, a cake baker, an animal lover, a good neighbor, an avid reader and a loyal friend. She had a very quick wit and was good at creating poems. She was much loved by her family and friends and will be treasured in our memories forever more.

Cinda was preceded in death by a sister, Cynthia Jo Hoover and a brother, Larry Joe Hoover.

She is survived by her Soulmate-Larry Wooten, from 2001 till her passing, her parents, Guy W. and Shirley Bates of Midland, a brother, Robert Lee Hoover of Bend, OR, sisters, Ginger McCrackin and husband, Kent , and Donna Wiesman all of Midland. Sons, David J. Kershaw and wife Kristine, of Midland, and Guy C. Hogan of Midland. Daughters, Candi Kershaw of Lexington, KY, Angela Hogan of Midland, TX, and Jessica A. Courtney of San Angelo, TX. Grandchildren, Britney Kershaw of Lexington, KY., Hayden Kershaw, Kinley Kershaw, Kamryn Kershaw, Karli Kershaw and Gideon Hogan, all of Midland. Also many, many nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins who loved her and will miss her.

Graveside service Tuesday December 30,2014, 12 noon, Fairview Cemetery, Midland, TX....



George William Thompson, Jr.

George William Thompson, Jr. passed from this life on December 19, 2014 in Brownwood, Texas. He was 76. G.W. was born on Galveston Island on November 7,1938 to George W. Thompson, Sr. and Ethel Mae (Thompson) McClung. He was married to Peggy Morgan Thompson.

G.W. entered a law enforcement career with the Houston Police Department. After 2 years with that department he enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Era, and served as a Military Policeman. After military service G.W. continued his career in law enforcement as a member of the Spring Valley Police Department, reaching the rank of sergeant. He then served with the Harris County Sheriffs Department, attaining the rank of Lieutenant. In 1976 G.W. moved to Midland, Texas and joined the Midland County Sheriffs Office under Sheriff Dallas Smith. G.W. was shortly promoted to Chief Deputy, and was eventually selected to attend the prestigious F.B.I. National Academy. G.W. served with the MCSO until he was appointed Agency Director for the Midland County Probation Agency. G.W. had many fond memories of working with the law enforcement community and Judges Pat Baskin, John Hyde, and his good friend Judge Charles "Bro" Seltzer, among others. During his service to the State and County G.W. was active with the Midland Police Department Police Academy and Midland College as an instructor. He was also an Adjunct Professor with UTPB, instructing Law Enforcement-related subjects. G.W. was affiliated with several law enforcement-related organizations, including the Texas Narcotics Officers Association, F.B.I. National Academy Graduates, and was a valued member of the state law enforcement intelligence community.

After his retirement from Midland County, G.W. and Peggy moved to their "retirement" home in Brownwood, where G.W. continued to serve his community and state by serving with MHMR agencies and as a parole officer for the state. After retiring (once again) from those positions, G.W. continued his education, working toward his Masters degree.

G.W. was a member of the Masonic Lodge and was a 32nd degree Mason.

George is preceded in death by his parents, and son-in-law Clyde Hicks, Jr. He is survived by his wife Peggy, brother Johnny Thompson and wife

Pamela of Midland, TX, sons Shane Thompson of Lake Dallas, Dustin Thompson of Brownwood, daughters Kim Hicks of Spurger,TX, Dawn Coward and husband Kevin, of Lovelady, TX., daughter-in-law Diana Thompson of Brownwood, TX, 8 grand children, 9 great-grand children, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services and burial were in Brownwood, Texas. Grandsons and great grand-sons served as pall bearers, and good friend and long-time comrade Judge David Cobos of Midland, TX delivered the eulogy.





Margarita Velazquez Ramirez

Margarita Velazquez Ramirez better known to her friends and family as "Ita," 84 of Midland, Texas, passed away on December 22, 2014. Margarita was born in Ojinaga Chihuahua, Mexico on January 15, 1930. She married Eduardo L. Ramirez, the love of her life on October 13, 1951. They shared a beautiful and loving relationship for over 40 years.

Margarita started a thriving restaurant named "El Taquito" back in the 1980's along with three of her daughter's Martha Madrid, Bertha Ramirez and Blanca Ramos. A couple of years later she started a new restaurant called Casa Blanca. She had a successful business for over 20 years. It was evident that her true passion was cooking, serving and helping those in need. She was known throughout the community for her generous acts of kindness and love. Margarita always helped those who were less fortunate. She also would cook meals to raise money for those in the community who were struggling financially.

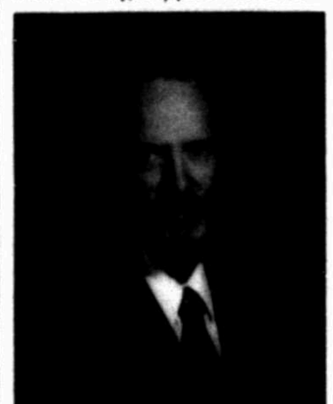
Margarita was a devout Catholic. Her faith was evident in the way she lived her life. She enjoyed playing bingo, going to the casinos and sewing clothes for her children. Her favorite television show was "The Price is Right." So much in fact, she made it a point not to be interrupted during that time slot. One of the greatest joys in her life was to cook for her entire family on Sunday afternoons. These times together created memories which will be cherished forever and will be missed by each family member.

Margarita is preceded in death by her husband Eduardo L. Ramirez, and parents Francisco and Guadalupe Velazquez. She is survived by five daughters and one son. Irma Arsiaga, and husband Luis; Martha Ramirez owner of "Casa Madrid", Bertha Ramirez and late husband Javier owners of "La Mision and Javi's Restaurant"; Eduardo "Lalo" Ramirez, Jr. and wife Rebecca; Blanca Ramos and husband Jesse; and Maria-Elena Galindo and husband Oved. She also leaves behind 26 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and her loyal and faithful companion "Luna."

Visitation will be held at her residence 1516 WCR 116 beginning Tuesday, December 23rd, 2014 thru Thursday, December 25th, 2014. A second viewing will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Friday, December 26, 2014 through Sunday, December 28, 2014. A rosary will be held on Sunday, December 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. The funeral services will be held on Monday, December 29 at 11:00 a.m. at San Miguel Catholic Church with Father Chavez and Father Bernard officiating. Interment to follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Pallbearers are Luis Arsiaga, Jr.; Javier Madrid; Richard Padilla; Eduardo Salgado; Jesse Ramos, Jr.; and Obed Galindo

The family wishes to express their gratitude to Hospice of Midland, Homecare Plus, and caregivers, McConnell Olivier, Brenda Orona, and Jesse Rico for their loving support and care



Ronald 'Ron' Earl Young

Ronald 'Ron' Earl Young, 75, of Midland passed away Monday, December 22, 2014. Memorial services will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, December 27, 2014 at Christ Church Midland.

Ron was born July 24, 1939 to Esther and Roger Young in Portland, OR. He served in the United States Army. He graduated from Washington University with his Master's degree in geology. Ron married Debra Rutan on September 3, 1994 in Edmond, OK. He was a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geology and West Texas Geological Society.

Survivors include wife, Debra Rutan of Midland; son, Erik William Young and his wife, Zhaomei of San Jose, CA; daughter, Kristen Leslie Howald and her husband, Roddy of Tulsa, OK; grandchildren, Vance Howald, Lydia Howald, Judah Howald, and Zoe Howald, all of Tulsa, OK; and brother, Curt Young and his wife, Connie of Snohomish, WA.

The family suggests memorials be made to Lone Star Sanctuary for Animals, 4200 N Fairgrounds RD, Midland, TX 79705.

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

Death Notices

Donya Demel

Donya Demel, age 55, of Odessa, passed away Wednesday, December 24, 2014 in Odessa.

Services are pending with Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.

Les Honeyman

Les Honeyman, 68, of Midland passed away on Tuesday, December 23, 2014. Memorial services will be held on Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at 2:00 PM at Christ Church Midland.

Les is survived by his wife, LaNell Honeyman; and two sons, Jeb Honeyman and B.J. Honeyman.

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

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Majority of migrants at New Mexico center released

Associated Press

ARTESIA, N.M. — The majority of an estimated 1,200 Central American immigrants held at a southeastern New Mexico detention center over the last six months have been released, authorities said Monday.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement said more than two-thirds of the immigrants were released before the Artesia facility closed last week, the Albuquerque Journal reported.

Those more than 800 people face follow-up court appointments. An additional 370 immigrants were deported, and 15 remaining people will be relocated to a new family detention center in Karnes, Texas, ICE spokeswoman Leticia Zamarripa said.

American Civil Liberties Union officials in New Mexico say most of the immigrants plan to seek asylum, while some want to argue their cases in court.

Immigration advocates say immigrant families are often fleeing drug or gang violence in Central America and should be released to relatives already in the U.S. rather than being locked up. To qualify for asylum, immigrants must prove "credible fear of persecution" in an interview and before a judge.

Denver shelters cite legal pot in homeless upswing

By Sadie Gurman
Associated Press

DENVER — Chris Easterling was sick of relying on drug dealers in Minneapolis when he needed marijuana to help ease the pain of multiple sclerosis. They were flaky, often leaving the homeless man without the drug when he needed relief the most.

So he moved to Denver, where legal pot dispensaries are plentiful and accessible.

Easterling is among a growing number of homeless people who have recently come to Colorado seeking its legal marijuana and who now remain in the state and occupy beds in shelters, service providers say.

While no state agency records how many homeless people were drawn by legal weed, officials at homeless centers say the influx they are seeing is straining their ability to meet the needs of the increasing population.

"The older ones are coming for medical (marijuana), the younger ones are coming just because it's legal," said Brett Van Sickle, director of Denver's Salvation Army Crossroads Shelter, which has more than doubled its staff to accommodate the increase.

The shelter did an informal survey of the roughly 500 new out-of-towners who stayed there between July and September and found as many as 30 percent had relocated for pot, he said.

Shelters in some other parts of the state said they haven't noticed the problem or haven't surveyed their residents about it.

Colorado's homeless population and its marijuana dispensaries are both concentrated in Denver, which could be why shelters say they are experiencing a more noticeable rise.

Other factors could be driving the rising homeless rates. Colorado's economy is thriving, but the number of affordable homes and apartments is shrinking.

Julie Smith of Denver's Road Home, a city plan that aims to end homelessness, said the city's rising overall population could be a reason for an increase in the number of homeless people.

She said the agency has heard anecdotal reports about homeless people moving to the state for the marijuana, but officials don't have any numbers to support that assertion.



Associated Press

Chris Easterling talks with a reporter with The Associated Press about what he sees as the net benefits for many homeless people of legalized marijuana in Colorado, inside the Salvation Army shelter in Denver, on Nov. 26. Easterling was sick of relying on illegal drug dealers in Minneapolis when he needed marijuana to help ease the pain of his multiple sclerosis.

The city is eager to see the results of a study by Metropolitan State University of Denver's Criminal Justice and Criminology Department of issues related to legal marijuana, including any correlation between legal marijuana and rates of homelessness.

Assistant professor Rebecca Trammell said the researchers did interviews with shelter employees and volunteers after hearing anecdotes about the problem but have no preliminary findings.

Many of those staying in shelters come to Denver with big plans and find they can't make ends meet, said Tom Luehrs, executive director of capital city's Saint Francis Center.

The shelter has seen an increase from 730 people a day in 2013 to 780 people this year, and as many as 300 new faces a month. Not all of them are pot-smokers, Luehrs said, but many have said they were drawn to the state because of legal marijuana.

Shelters in Washington state haven't experienced a noticeable influx since that state's legal recreational sales started in July. Capt. Dana Libby, Seattle Social Services director for the Salvation Army, said the economy is largely to blame for the high rates of homelessness there.

In Colorado, some out-of-town homeless people are seeking jobs in the marijuana industry but learn only after arriving that they lack the two-year residency requirement needed to work in a dispensary. Others have felony records that make them ineligible, Van Sickle said.

Van Sickle's shelter prohibits weed and other drugs, which means those who stay there have to leave the property to smoke. Van Sickle said he has been confiscating more pot and paraphernalia, though he doesn't keep track of how much.

The Denver area is seeing younger homeless people, too.

Urban Peak, which provides services for those ages 15 to 25, says it saw 829 people between May and July at its drop-in center, up from 328 during the same time period a year earlier.

About a third of this year's newcomers cited legal weed as a factor in moving to Colorado, said Kim Easton, the director.

Many of the older men, like Easterling, live exclusively on disability benefits and use them to buy pot, since there's nothing to stop someone from using welfare benefits to obtain cash to use at pot shops.

"I'm staying here," he said, between puffs on an electronic smoking device filled with pot oil. "This is my home."

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Nevada congressman criticizes Interior Secretary over grouse

■ **The spending bill signed last week barred money from being spent to protect the greater sage grouse**

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A Nevada congressman said he was offended when Interior Secretary Sally Jewell claimed some lawmakers in the West are playing politics over the protection of the sage grouse.

Republican Mark Amodei said the Obama administration is to blame for the conflict over the chicken-sized bird because Jewell and others should be doing more to keep it off the list of threatened or endangered species.

President Barack Obama signed a $1.1 trillion spending bill last week with a provision that barred money from being spent on rules to protect the greater sage grouse and two other subspecies.

Jewell said last week that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will continue collecting and analyzing data on sage grouse. A decision on whether protections are warranted will be reached by Sept. 30, Interior officials said.

Greater sage grouse range across 11 Western states and two Canadian provinces. Oil and gas drilling, wildfires, livestock grazing and other activities have consumed more than half the bird's habitat during the past century.

The spending bill provision on sage grouse came after Western lawmakers and representatives of the oil and gas and agriculture industries said a threatened or endangered listing would devastate the region's economy.

Jewell said it's disappointing that some members of Congress are "more interested in political posturing than finding solutions to conserve the sagebrush landscape and the Western way of life."

"Rather than helping the communities they profess to benefit, these members will only create uncertainty, encourage conflict and undermine the unprecedented progress that is happening throughout the West," she said.

Amodei said Friday that he hopes Jewell will reconsider her "incendiary" communications strategy and try to cooperate with ranchers and others who are doing their best to maintain the bird's habitat.

"There are a lot of great people working very hard on the sage hen issue in the West, and Interior needs to show some respect to them instead of defaulting to tired political agendas," he said.

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DPS responds to 27 crashes in four counties, including Midland

From staff reports

The Texas Department of Public Safety reported on Wednesday that its troopers responded to 27 crashes in four Permian Basin counties during the inclement weather on Tuesday.

DPS reported working those accidents in Midland, Howard, Ector and Andrews counties and used a press release to encourage all drivers to drive safely and drive defensively during the holidays.

The National Weather Service in Midland is reporting a small chance of precipitation and temperatures at or below freezing (32 degrees) on Friday and Saturday nights.

DPS did not reported any fatalities in the four counties. There have been 42 people killed on roads inside Midland County this year, one short of the 2013 total, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DENTON

Slain Texas robbery suspect was Howard player

One of two suspects fatally shot during a North Texas attempted robbery was a Howard University football player home for the holidays.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office identified the two men as 22-year-old Terrence Neal Tusan and 18-year-old Jakobi Dmon Gipson. Tusan was a running back for Howard, in Washington, D.C.

The Denton Record-Chronicle reported Tuesday that both men were fatally shot on Sunday at a Denton complex. Denton police said five people were involved in some sort of altercation.

Police said three men forced their way into an apartment and gunfire broke out, leaving two suspects dead and two residents wounded. The third suspect fled.

Police recovered two guns, one belonging to a victim and another belonging to a suspect. Police haven't specified who opened fire.

HOUSTON

Police give drivers $100 from Secret Santa

Some drivers in Houston have been getting a pleasant surprise during traffic stops this holiday season.

Instead of writing tickets to people they have pulled over for traffic violations, Houston police officers have been giving away money.

Officers have been distributing $100 bills to 100 unsuspecting motorists during traffic stops.

The police department says a "Secret Santa" donated $10,000 to help people in need this holiday season.

Police said they will distribute the private donation to motorists until all the money has been given away.

PERMITS

From 1A

That number should continue a steady decline as companies make the decision to delay drilling on their leased land.

In recent weeks, companies including Conoco Phillips and Marathon have announced their drilling budgets for next year will be 20 percent less than 2014. For smaller companies, which fill out the bulk of the oil field, the reductions are even more dramatic.

Even so, oil production in Texas continues to grow, as existing wells flow and new wells come online. The Railroad Commission reported Texas produced 2.2 millions barrels a day in October, a modest increase from the previous month.

West Texas Intermediate, the U.S. benchmark, closed at $57 Tuesday, down more than 45 percent over the last five months. If that price holds, analysts are predicting U.S. production will continue to grow into mid-2015, at which point it will level out to the end of the year.

"2016 depends on what happens to oil prices between now and then," Molchanov said. "We think prices will be higher a year from now, but there's a lot of moving parts."

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TODAYINMIDLAND

FROM STAFF REPORTS

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital has partnered with Medical Center Hospital in Odessa on the telephone nurse triage program "68-NURSE," in order to bring the service to the entire Permian Basin.

The program is designed to help people determine whether or not their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room... or just staying home.

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Large 30-cubic yard open top containers:

- Midland Citizens Collection Station - 4100 Smith Road, 685-7278 — has recycling containers for cardboard, aluminum, paper and No. 1 and No. 2 plastics.
- Midland College (Chaparral Center) — 3200 N. Garfield Road — Cardboard, paper, aluminum and No. 1 and 2 plastics
- Security Bank Bullpark west side — 5514 Champions Drive — Cardboard, No. 1 and 2 plastics
- H-E-B — 3325 W. Wadley Ave. — No. 1 and 2 plastics and cardboard
- Super Mercado — 2206 N. Big Spring St. — Cardboard

There are also 3-cubic yard containers at most of the local elementary schools where you can recycle cardboard, paper and aluminum.

All recyclables can be taken to Butts Recycling Monday through Saturday. Butts Recycling is located at 26 West Industrial Loop.

For more information call Keep Midland Beautiful at 686-7745 or visit KMB's website at keepmidlandbeautiful.org.

Tree recycling

Cut Christmas trees may be dropped off at two recycling locations: Hogan Park behind the Texas National Guard Armory on Lamesa Road and the Citizens Collection Station, 4100 Smith Road.

Citizens Collection Station hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call Keep Midland Beautiful at 686-7745.

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 25, the 359th day of 2014. There are six days left in the year. This is Christmas Day.

Today's Highlight:

In A.D. 336, the first known commemoration of Christmas on Dec. 25 took place in Rome.

On this date:

In 1818, "Silent Night (Stille Nacht)" was publicly performed for the first time during the Christmas Midnight Mass at the Church of St. Nikolaus in Oberndorf, Austria.

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

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

One year ago: Pope Francis offered Christmas wishes for a better world, praying for protection for Christians under attack, battered women and trafficked children, peace in the Middle East and Africa, and dignity for refugees fleeing misery and conflict around the globe.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Sissy Spacek is 65. Former White House adviser Karl Rove is 64.

The Associated Press

JOB

From 1A

head up and say, 'I can't do this anymore' or 'I can't feel my fingers,'" said Wells, of Pittsburgh, who works in the Marcellus and Utica shales. "You don't even know you've got mucus running down your chin, it's so cold."

The oil field has always offered a hardscrabble existence in exchange for rough work and a nice paycheck, but the crude doesn't stop flowing as the calendar flips to late December. There's always a rig to tend, a platform to operate, a job to complete. And with millions of dollars invested in each operation, companies don't lay down their rigs to ring in the holidays.

"I don't think (people) understand the sacrifices we make for our families to be able to provide a good home and a good life for our children," said John Raney of New Orleans, who supervises drilling and completions operations in deepwater Gulf of Mexico. "When you're away from home on the holidays when your children are growing up, it's a little more difficult, no doubt. You don't enjoy the same things as everyone else does. But you're willing to make those sacrifices for the betterment of your family and your children."

As folks back home celebrate the season with office parties, school pageants and a few days off from work, the holidays can be a tough time for the men and women clocking long shifts away from their families in windswept plains of North Dakota or aboard a platform floating miles offshore in the Gulf of Mexico.

"One of the most difficult things for me to adjust to was knowing that while I'm gone, life still goes on back home, and for some that may be a tough pill to swallow," Brian Hurley, a deep-water hydraulic mechanic from Houston, wrote recently from South Korea, where he was on a 28-day rotation at the Hyundai Heavy Industries shipyard. "Long hours, sleepless nights and sometimes limited communication with the people you love back home makes me question, 'Why do I do what I do?' The answer to me is always simple: This industry has provided my family with the best possible lifestyle I could have ever imagined."

Makeshift celebration

Many oilfield workers scrape together a makeshift celebration with their families before shipping off to assignments offshore or overseas, but they inevitably miss out on the little joys.

"That's a horrible feeling having to leave them to go offshore, knowing you won't be there for Christmas," said Wayne Hall, a semi-retired offshore installation manager from Scotland. "You try to have a special time with your family before you leave. It wouldn't be a Santa Claus-type Christmas, but you would make the best of it and try and do things with them that would make you feel better as well."

What weighed on Raney most was missing his daughter's Christmas shows.

"I would see them on VHS when I got back home, but it's not like being there," said Raney, who estimates he's spent 20 Christmases away from his family since his first offshore gig in 1980. "That's the hardest part of it, the kids. And you could sometimes hear the sadness in your wife's voice."

While being separated from family can be emotionally taxing, holidays aboard a rig are anything but gloomy as operators often shell out a little extra cash to make the season merrier and boost the crew's spirits. Brightly lit trees adorn the rigs, and holiday music is piped in over the PA system. The smells of cookies, fudge and candy waft from the rig kitchen.

And the dinners?

"They eat like kings," said June Ressler, CEO of Houston-based Cenergy, which supplies consultants and other logistics services to oil and gas companies.

The catering crew lays out lavish spreads, sometimes featuring three or four main courses and side dishes as far as the eye can see. The meals are studded with traditional holiday favorites like ham, turkey and apple pie but often they feature nontraditional gourmet choices like filet mignon, lobster tail and king crab, too, Raney said.

"The operators and the drilling contractors realize that these things they do as far as meals and Christmas trees and letting the crew sit around and tell stories, they actually boost morale," Raney said. "And when morale is higher, people work much safer."

Offshore operators weren't always so generous. But as companies in recent years grew concerned about high turnover rates and retention, corporate emphasis shifted to making crew members happier, said Chip Davis, who sits on the boards of several oilfield technology and communications firms.

Better access to Internet

For many companies, that means offering crew better access to the Internet and increasing their bandwidth to give them more opportunities to connect with family and friends far away, particularly during the holidays.

Years ago, few rigs offered Internet and those who wanted to catch up with their loved ones onshore had to do so over a spotty satellite phone connection.

"This is in the early days, but all they had on this semisubmersible was ship-to-shore radio," Hall said. "The operator allowed a 5-, at max 10-minute call to let them talk to their families."

Even after rigs began to install Internet, operators often placed substantial limitations on bandwidth, restricting access to "mission-critical" work, Davis said. That's starting to change, particularly as younger people who are accustomed to regular Internet access take jobs working offshore. Companies are now buying up more bandwidth to allocate to their crew, allowing them to surf the Internet or videoconference with folks back home, Davis said.

Hurley, a divorced single father, remembers how tough it was to be away from his daughter during the holidays and how important those phone calls were.

"It's hard to hear her voice on the other line during Christmas as she says, 'Daddy, I wish you were here opening presents with us,'" he wrote. "But again, I know in the back of my mind I would risk every day out here to know she is being taken care of in the best way possible back home."

In an industry known for its tight camaraderie, many workers say they can find as much joy and merriment in being surrounded by their crew as they would back home.

"You're not celebrating Christmas without your family, you're celebrating Christmas with your offshore family," Raney said.

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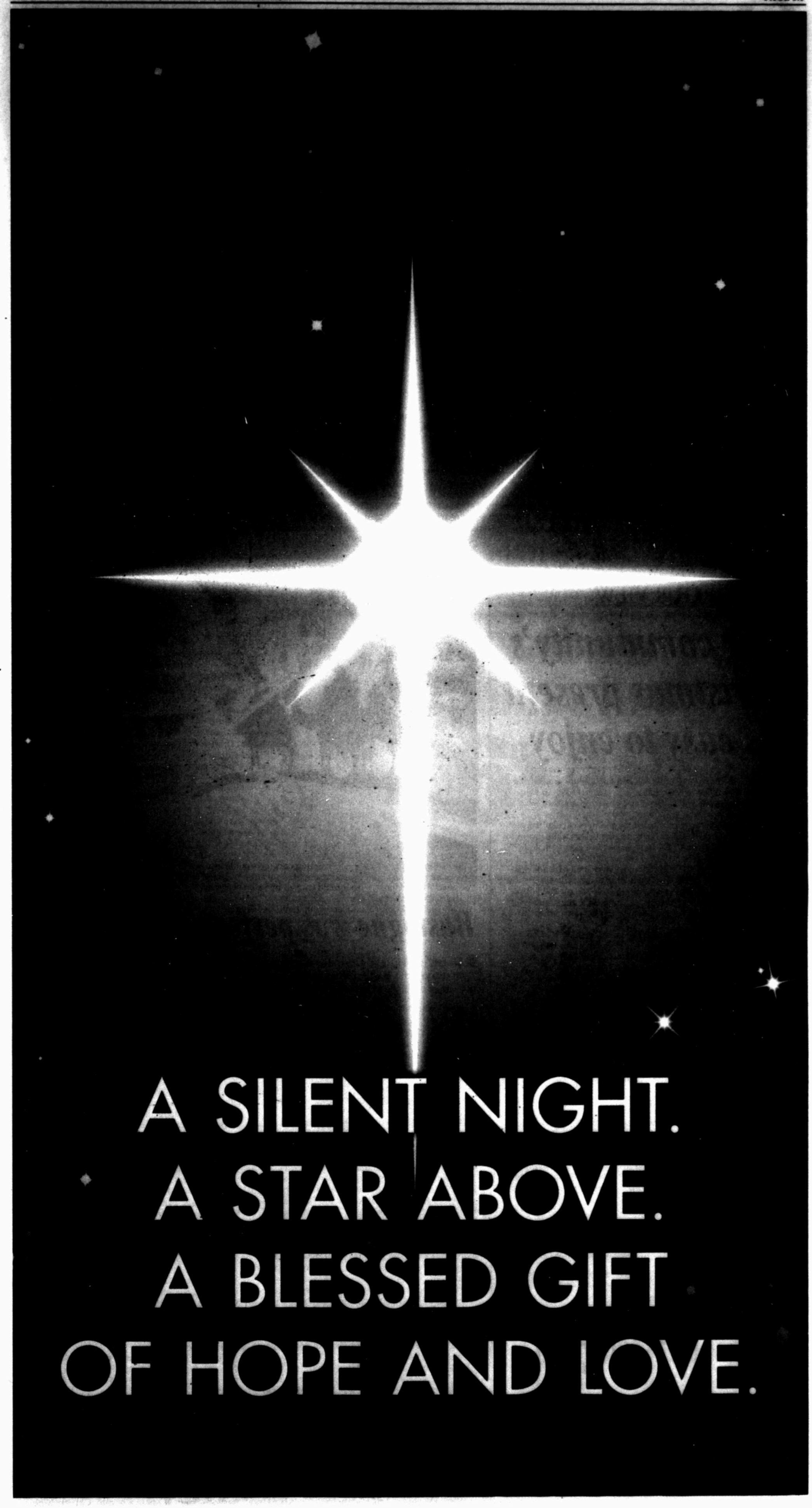
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Sony hackers provide inglorious holiday present

■ While making Hollywood take its job seriously was noble, the idea of raising the status of North Korea's leader wasn't an ideal Christmas gift



KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

If I were a cartoonist, a phrase cartoonists are loath to hear, I'd sketch a chubby imp donned in a diaper, sporting a chia mohawk and munching the last Big Mac on earth, while straddling a nuclear-armed missile that bears a striking resemblance to Dennis Rodman.

The imp's pudgy hands would be caressing a palm-sized computer by which he can digitally destroy the object of his wrath du jour. His target, you might have guessed, is Hollywood.

You may have surmised why I am not a cartoonist. I have no talent for drawing, but you get the point: Little Kim Jong Un, supreme leader of the Democratic (cough, cough) People's Republic of Korea, apparently wasn't able to tolerate what we nutty Americans call political satire.

Or at least what Hollywood calls satire. Sony, specifically, considers it "satire" to blow up the face of the person described in paragraph one. What the movie lacks in wit is apparently compensated by the sort of antics that the mood-altered find fantastically funny. This is what earns the film the label of "stoner movie," for those who are not exactly riveted by the zeitgeist.

Then again, there *is* something about that face ...

Thus, the mad tyrant, whose rapacious curiosity includes wondering how long people can survive on a diet of grass, turns his basilisk gaze to the West where lesser mortals dare to mock him.

Enter a fifth horseman of the apocalypse — the hacker.

What fun to expose the vanities of all vanities — snarky intercompany emails among the rich and famous about the rich and famous — and then to contemplate the genocide of moviegoers. How droll.

This is power. *This* is revenge of the nerd. This is lunacy — and a foreshadowing of worse to come? Kim says the U.S. is behind the film and claims to know nothing of the hack. President Obama speaks earnestly about the value of free speech while suggesting some sort of response.

What might this be? You hack us, we'll hack you back? A blistering lecture by the one to The Un? Such hackery only Thackeray could love.

Meanwhile, the maternal mind wanders to the scene in "The Conversation" when a woman observing a homeless man sleeping on a bench wonders whether he once was someone's pride and joy. This leads to the parallel question: Was Kim Jong Un once a bundle of love in his mother's arms, a happy little toddler whose chief delight was the endless rereading of "Goodnight Moon" or its equivalent?

Or did he first pull himself up from the floor only to unsheathe his tiny sword and cleave it through a kitten's neck? How the once-beloved child becomes the mass murderer is one of life's abominable mysteries. It is especially so to folks whose national mandate is to try to make life as fair as possible. That we sometimes fail does not diminish the aspiration.

Though I've not shared the pleasure of The Un's company, I'm sure the supreme leader has his moments of humanity. Don't they all? But experience also suggests that Kim is endowed with a case of "the tinies." Most bullies suffer not only a lack of self-esteem and empathy but also, one suspects, a certain masculine incertitude.

The "tinies" manifest themselves as follows: The tiniest infraction earns an abundance of punishment; the tiniest insult is received as a mortal affront; the tiniest bit of humor at one's expense is absorbed as an assault on one's honor — and dishonor must pay a price.

How to deal with North Korea will keep us busy through the holidays, but it does seem that Obama is well-suited to the task. From my own conversations with and observations of the president, it appears that Obama is intrigued by the psychological underpinnings of human motivation. Thusly attuned, he might find Kim a tantalizing object for examination.

Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar, Dr. Freud supposedly said. But sometimes, it's not.

Whatever strategies are devised, we may indulge ourselves in one morsel of sweetness — and I buried the lede. What we have been unable to do — convince Hollywood to take seriously its role in shaping culture as well as reward loyal moviegoers with quality over cheap stunts — has been temporarily accomplished by a smug and cruel little man with the tiniest sense of humor.

Even though some theaters are now saying they will screen the film after all, the killing of "The Interview" was a holiday gift for all the wrong reasons.

OUR VIEW

Our community's Christmas present is easy to enjoy

At some point we will sit down and talk about the year that was 2014. What a remarkable year it is has been in Midland. As for the rest of the country, we are not sure what to make of it. That, however, is for another day.

Today, we want to focus on Christmas and in particular the gift that is living in Midland. In our view, residents should be proud to call themselves Midlanders. As some of us have experienced for decades, it has and always will be a source of pride.

Midland is different, and there is no need to apologize for that. The gifts that it has brought its residents are many. Our history was founded on farming, ranching, and oil — or cattle, oil and cotton, which one public school celebrates as "Catoico." Our future will be centered around energy, specifically oil, with some other flavors added for good measure.

We are as tough and hardened as the land on which we live. We are as innovative as the local leaders in an oil industry that, we believe, will drive America to energy independence. We are, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, as prosperous as any community in the nation. We are as generous, we believe, as any community our size — anywhere.

Some will tell us our community is changing or the price of oil is on its way down, and those people are absolutely correct. And to that, we again echo the words of the first editor of the Reporter-Telegram T. Paul Barron, who in 1929 said "the Reporter-Telegram will stand for progress at all times ... and will come out in the open and champion development of resources in this section of West Texas. It will attempt to keep pace with Midland's growth and will go beyond that and attempt to be a leader for bigger and better things."

We hope this Christmas is everything you want it to be, and we hope you and your family enjoy time together. We hope for many it is a day celebrating the true reason we observe Christmas. For others, the holiday season has a different meaning, and we hope their time is equally as enriching.

We also hope the entire community has the chance to sit back and really appreciate the many blessings that come with living in Midland and the great opportunities we face not only in 2015, but for decades to come. There is not a big enough bow to put on the present that has been given to us.

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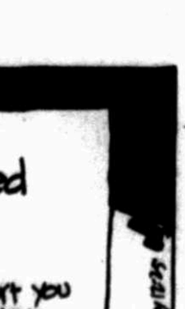
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Bastogne was perfect Christmas gift

■ Defeating Hitler's Germans in a crucial fight during the Battle of the Bulge provided a merry Christmas to many



RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

"What's merry about all this, you ask?" Thus began a Christmas Eve message from Gen. Anthony McAuliffe to his troops besieged at the Belgium town of Bastogne. Adolf Hitler had launched a desperate counteroffensive against the allies in the West in December 1944. As described in the book "No Silent Night: The Christmas Battle for Bastogne," the town became a linchpin of the Battle of the Bulge.

Hitler hoped to split the Allied armies and retake the crucial harbor at Antwerp. His attack through the Ardennes forest, accompanied by a withering artillery barrage, caught the Allies by surprise and met with initial success.

But he needed Bastogne, a crossroads that Gen. Dwight Eisenhower quickly decided must be held.

The American general rushed the 101st Airborne (the "Screaming Eagles") to the town, together with other units. Seventy years ago, the heroes of Bastogne, or, as they were fondly dubbed, "the battered bastards of Bastogne," spent Christmas breaking the advance of the German army in one of the most storied fights in American history.

It is Bastogne that gives us some of the great statements of American military defiance. When the Germans demanded surrender of his forces, Gen. McAuliffe shot back with his famous rejoinder, "NUTS!" A soldier's quip captured the spirit of the American defenders: "They've got us surrounded, the poor bastards."

The bravado shouldn't obscure the dire conditions. The Americans were undersupplied and outnumbered. The weather was miserable, frigid and snowy, with cloud cover denying the Allies their advantage in the air.

This had been the case for weeks, leading to Gen. George Patton's famous prayer, reading in part: "Grant us fair weather for Battle. Graciously hearken to us as soldiers who call upon Thee that, armed with Thy power, we may advance from victory to victory, and crush the oppression and wickedness of our enemies."

When the weather cleared on Dec. 23, Allied planes attacked the German forces on the ground and dropped supplies to the besieged at Bastogne. As Christmas approached, the Americans scratched out what cheer they could. On Christmas Eve, an American officer wrote "Merry Christmas" on a map showing the Americans surrounded. There was a Christmas service, appropriately enough, in a stable, and one at an ancient chapel.

But they were still under mortal threat, and many Americans assumed, as the Germans prepared another assault, that they wouldn't survive Christmas.

Germans launched a bombing raid on Christmas Eve that hit an American aid station. Among the casualties was the local woman Renee Lemaire, whose tender care for the wounded Americans had earned her the sobriquet the "Angel of Bastogne." Then German armor and infantry massed for an attack early on Christmas morning that punched through American lines and came within a mile and a half of Gen. McAuliffe's headquarters.

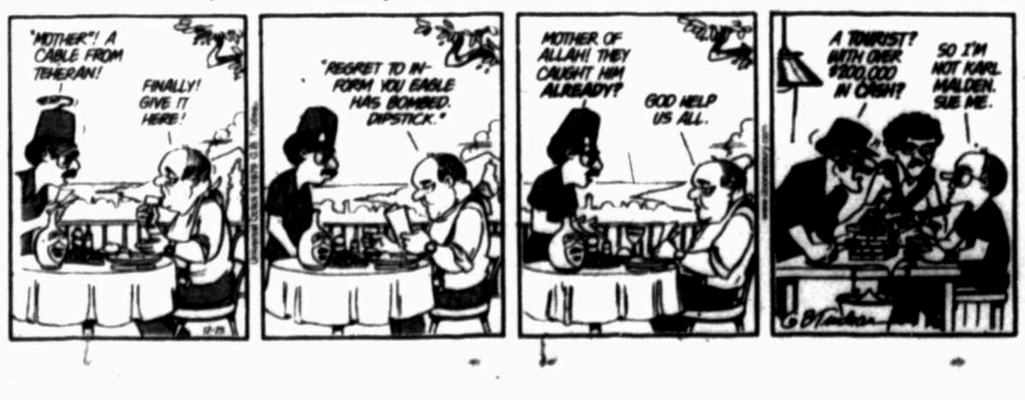
But it was blunted and ferociously chewed up, leaving a devastated landscape of dead bodies and burned-out German tanks, the wreckage of the Germans' last chance to take the town. With the worst seemingly past, Gen. McAuliffe enjoyed a makeshift Christmas dinner of canned salmon and biscuits, complete with a Christmas tree fashioned from spruce branches.

The next day, Gen. Patton finally arrived to relieve Bastogne. The siege had been broken, and so had the Ardennes offensive. Hitler's grand gambit had failed.

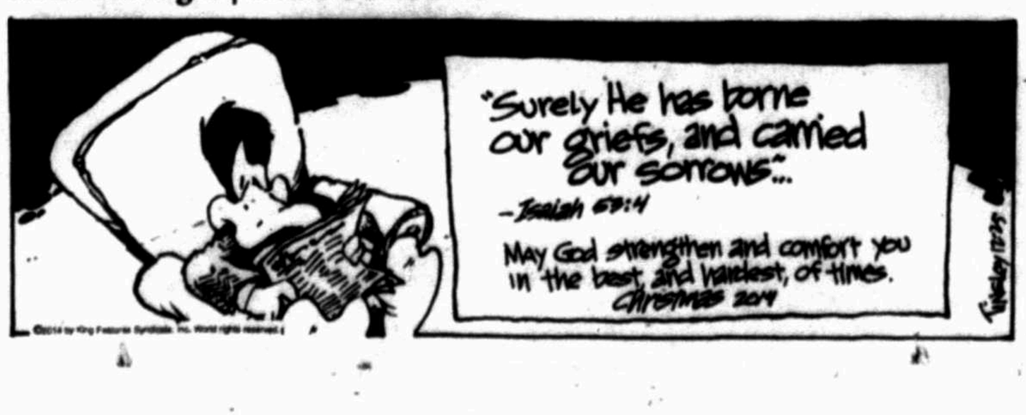
In his message on Christmas Eve, Gen. McAuliffe had continued: "We're fighting — it's cold — we aren't home. All true." But when the Germans had surged ahead at the start of the Battle of the Bulge, "the Eagle Division was hurriedly ordered to stem the advance. How effectively this was done will be written in history; not alone in our Division's glorious history but in world history."

"We are giving," it concluded, "our country and our loved ones at home a worthy Christmas present and being privileged to take part in this gallant feat of arms are truly making for ourselves a merry Christmas."

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Wealthy donors sided with Democrats in 2014

By Philip Elliott
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For as often as Democrats attack the conservative billionaires Charles and David Koch for their heavy spending on politics, it's actually the liberal-minded who shelled out the most cash in the just completed midterm elections.

At least, that is, among those groups that must disclose what they raise and spend.

Among the top 100 individual donors to political groups, more than half gave primarily to Democrats or their allies. Among groups that funneled more than $100,000 to allies, the top of the list tilted overwhelmingly toward Democrats — a group favoring the GOP doesn't appear on the list until No. 14.

The two biggest super PACs of 2014? Senate Majority PAC and House Majority PAC — both backing Democrats.

In all, the top 10 individual donors to outside groups injected almost $128 million into this year's elections. Democratic-leaning groups collected $91 million of it.

Among the 183 groups that wrote checks of $100,000 or more to another group, Democrats had a 3-to-1 cash advantage. The biggest player was the National Education Association, at $22 million. Not a single Republican-leaning group cracked the top 10 list of those transferring money to others.

Overall, for the campaign season that just ended, donors who gave more than $1 million sent roughly 60 cents of every dollar to liberal groups. Among the 10 biggest donors, Democrats outspent Republicans by an almost 3-to-1 margin.

"They're total hypocrites when it comes to this subject," said Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus. "They've made a living off campaign talking points when, in reality, they've been raking in more money from millionaire donors than Republicans for quite a while."

That's true, but only among those groups that have to tell the Federal Election Commission about all the money that's coming and going.

Left undisclosed are the specifics of the fundraising and spending of politically minded nonprofit groups, such as the Koch-backed conservative network of Americans for Prosperity or the environment-minded League of Conservation Voters.

Because they are not technically political, they do not face the same disclosure rules as overtly political groups. That leaves a gaping hole in the effort to follow all the money in politics, especially among Republican patrons who tend to favor those organizations that do not have to disclose how they raise or spend donations.

"I tip my hat to them. It's definitely all legal," said Eddie Vale, an adviser to American Bridge 21st Century, a liberal research group that tracks Republicans.

American Bridge, like Americans for Prosperity, does not disclose its donors.

"We're not going to unilaterally disarm," said Vale, a Democratic strategist who said he would prefer all organizations disclose their donors.

These figures are based on an Associated Press analysis of data compiled by the non-partisan Center for Responsive Politics from reports filed with the Federal Election Commission through Nov. 16 and with the Internal Revenue Service through Aug. 4. The data covers super PACs, earmarked donations to non-profit groups and money sent to party-aligned independent expenditure committees.

Again? Really? What if it's Bush-Clinton in 2016?

By Nancy Benac
Associated Press

"Washington's broken, and voters and campaign donors are looking for people who seem to know what they're doing."

Julian Zelizer, historian, Princeton University

WASHINGTON — Again? Really?

There are more than 300 million people in America, yet the same two families keep popping up when it comes to picking a president.

The possibility of a Bush-Clinton matchup in 2016 is increasingly plausible.

After months of hints and speculation, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush last week said he's actively exploring a bid for the Republican nomination.

And while Hillary Rodham Clinton hasn't revealed her intentions, she's seen as the odds-on favorite for the Democratic nomination.

Between them, the two potential rivals have three presidents and a U.S. senator in the branches of their family trees. And three governors, as well.

Why are these two families so dominant in modern politics?

It turns out that even though Americans profess to reject dynasties, in politics they're quite comfortable with familiar names.

And a famous name can bring a candidate instant brand recognition, important fund-raising connections and a ready network of political contacts. It may also suggest competence at a time of dysfunction — like now.

"Power begets power," says Dartmouth College political scientist Brendan Nyhan. "Dynasties can self-perpetuate."

A political pedigree can have its negatives, though. A prominent surname sometimes carries unsavory associations and the risk of a fatigue factor.

Both sides of that equation were evident after Bush, 61, the son and brother of a president and the grandson of a senator, made his announcement.

Party activists said the Bush name would help Jeb attract early money, talent and supporters around the country.

But Bush's brother, George W. Bush, was hugely unpopular at the end of his presidency six years ago. And while people seem to think more of him now, the recent release of a Senate report on Bush-era torture practices was a ready reminder of past controversies.

Clinton, 67, a former secretary of state, senator and first lady, will face the same competing dynamics of familiarity vs. fatigue if she enters the race.

Former President Bill Clinton is enormously popular now, and would be sure to campaign for his wife as he did in the 2008 race, but there is still plenty of lingering unwanted baggage from his White House years.

After Bush edged closer to a run last week, the liberal RootsAction group quickly set up a NoBushClintons website and began collecting signatures on a "declaration of independence" that pledges to "reject future domination of government by the Bushes and Clintons and by Bush/Clinton-like policies."

But Princeton historian Julian Zelizer thinks the comfort element might be more important to 2016 voters than any same-old, same-old worries.

"Washington's broken, and voters and campaign donors are looking for people who seem to know what they're doing," he said. "The familiarity of these names becomes a big benefit and counteracts any sense that, 'Oh my God, I can't believe these are going to be the candidates again.'"

Despite some groaning about a possible Bush-Clinton sequel, there's plenty of reason to think voters will simply take a breath and size up the primary election candidates on their merits.

"It's all about alternatives," Zelizer says. "If that's the best choice available, people will get over it."

Dynastic politics, in which multiple family members hold elected office, are more common than people might think in the U.S.

The U.S. has had 44 presidents, and eight of them came from four families. (Two each of Adams, Harrison, Roosevelt and Bush.)

Nyhan points to a 2010 study published in Legislative Studies Quarterly that found that over the previous two centuries, nearly 9 percent of members of Congress were closely related to someone who had served in a previous Congress. It concluded that such politicians "enjoy 'brand name advantages,' giving them a significant edge over comparable nondynastic opponents."

That kind of talk makes Jeff Cohen's skin crawl.

Cohen, a co-founder of the RootsAction group, said even his non-political friends frequently complain about the dominance of the Bushes and Clintons.

"It's a source of frustration and it's broad," he says, calling the Bushes and Clintons "symbols of a corrupt system and a permanent governing class."

Even Bush's mother has suggested a third President Bush could be one too many.

"If we can't find more than two or three families to run for high office, that's silly," she said earlier this year.

(Mom supposedly has since come around to the idea of another Bush candidacy.)

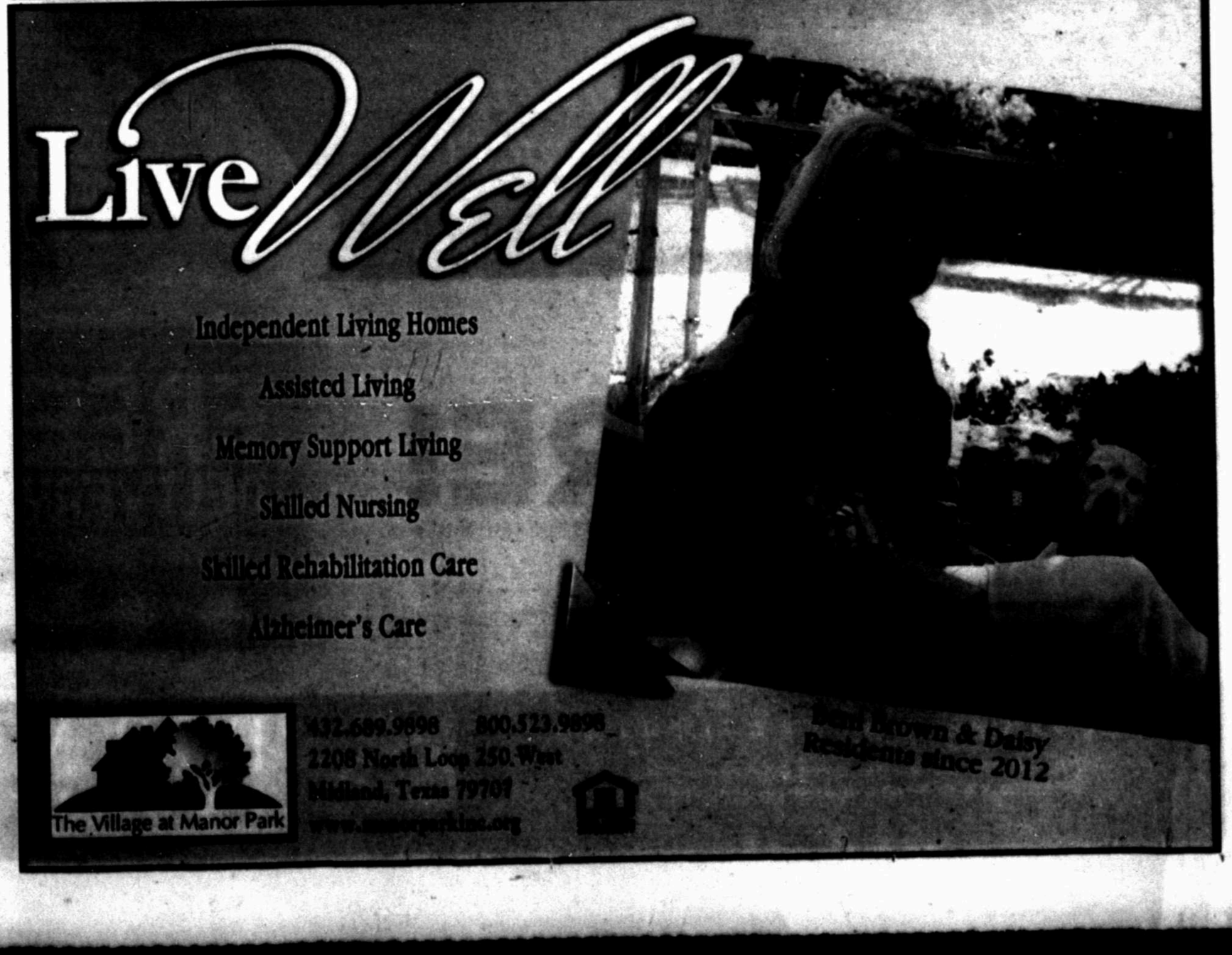
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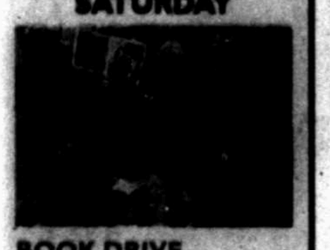
WEEKEND TO-DO LIST

FRIDAY



LIVE MUSIC The Unsweet T's play Friday and Saturday at Your Place.

SATURDAY



BOOK DRIVE Barnes and Noble is hosting a special holiday book drive storytime.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

INSIDE



SMALL SCREEN Haven't had your fill of Christmas specials on TV? We've got you covered. **Page 3**

ONLINE

WISH LIST Check out our 2015 wish list for entertainment in the Tall City. Look for it at mrt.com and in Sunday's Culture section.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Big Eyes," "Into the Woods," "The Gambler"
Closing: "Top Five," "Horrible Bosses 2," "Dumb and Dumber To," "Interstellar"

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Into the Woods," "The Gambler," "Unbroken"
Closing: "Horrible Bosses 2," "Dumb and Dumber To"

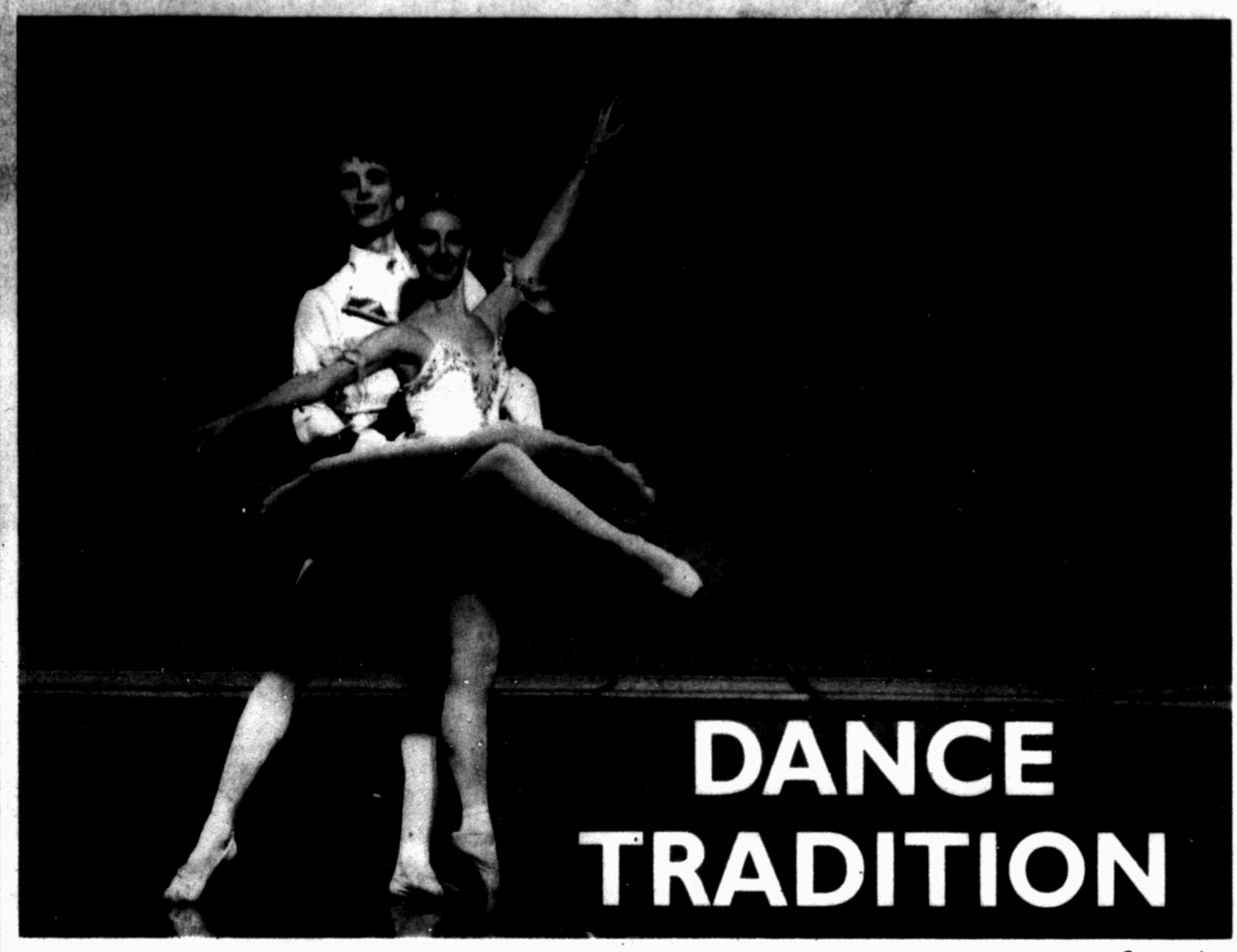
BIG SKY DRIVE-IN
Opening: "Unbroken"
Closing: "Penguins of Madagascar"

STAYING IN? Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. **Page 3**

COMING SOON



BUH-BYE 2014 Ring in the new year with events and parties around West Texas.



DANCE TRADITION

Courtesy photo

Alisa Voronova and Anatolie Ustimov grand pas de deux in Moscow Ballet's "Great Russian Nutcracker," which will be perfomed Dec. 30 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center

Moscow Ballet brings Midland dancers to stage in 'Nutcracker'

By Rich Lopez
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Moscow Ballet's "Great Russian Nutcracker" will not only feature accomplished dancers on the Wagner Noel stage, but also a little bit of home, as well.

The show will feature young area dancers joining the regular company for the performance. This has become a 20-year-old tradition, thanks to Moscow Ballet producer and choreographer Mary Giannone Talmi.

"We've been adding student dancers to our productions since 1994, and she knew from her work with different companies how valuable an experience like this could be for young dancers," Sally Michael Keyes said.

Keyes, spokesperson for the Moscow Ballet, explained how the company connects with locals.

"Every city we visit, we'll find a host dance studio and we send four ballerinas around the country to each city," Keyes said.

The studio here was the Bingham Center, but auditions are open to dancers in all area studios. With costumes for up to 60 dancers, Moscow Ballet recruited 40 dancers with characters and choreography for all.

"Mary has choreographed dances for different ages and skills, and so a dancer who is maybe 7 years old will be cast as a snowflake

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Sony reaches deal with digital distributors to show 'The Interview'

By Michael cieply and Brooks Barnes
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Three digital distributors joined an expanding effort to save "The Interview," as Sony Pictures Entertainment disclosed the first deals to show the film online after a terror threat limited access to theaters.

Among the partners named Wednesday were Google Play, YouTube Movies and Microsoft's Xbox Video. Sony also said it would show the film on a website of its own.

The film is available to rent for $5.99, and a high-definition version will be sold for $14.99. The film was available on those services Wednesday.

A day earlier, Sony had revealed plans to release the comedy, about the assassination of the North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, on Christmas Day in about 200 theaters owned by small chains or independent operators. Sony said Wednesday that number had grown to 300 theaters.

In announcing the deal, Michael Lynton, Sony Pictures' chairman, said conversations with the digital partners began last Wednesday, when it became clear that a planned theatrical release would be scrapped.

"It was essential for our studio to release this movie, especially given the assault upon our business and employees by those who wanted to stop free speech," Lynton said in a statement.



Associated Press

This photo provided by Columbia Pictures-Sony shows, from left, Diana Bang, as Sook, Seth Rogen, as Aaron, and James Franco, as Dave, in Columbia Pictures' "The Interview."

The patchwork of unconventional distribution outlets was hastily assembled, as Sony responded to a decision by major theater chains not to show the film, as well as harsh criticism of its own decision to withdraw the film from theaters last week. The initial retreat followed a threat — traced by the FBI to the North Korean government — of 9/11-style violence against theaters that showed the comedy, which stars Seth Rogen and James Franco.

North Korean officials began promising retribution for the film in June; the public threat was followed by a Nov. 24 attack on Sony's computer systems, and then by an explicit threat by anonymous hackers of attacks on theaters.

While aligning Sony with new digital allies, the week of confusion weakened the studio's ties with traditional allies: the large theater chains that typically get a first cut at its films.

Privately, people associated with those chains — the largest of which are Regal Entertainment, AMC Entertainment, Cinemark and Carmike Cinemas — complained bitterly over the past week that Sony had forced them to clean up a studio problem by taking a lead in canceling the film.

At the same time, they have been wary of the effort to make "The Interview" an online event, lest it become a precedent for the digital sale of films that are still working their way through theaters.

Restaurants cater to Christmas crowds

By Megan Lea Buck
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A quick drive around town will confirm most restaurants and businesses are closed today, but there are a few places serving food and drinks. Many of the restaurants that are keeping the lights on will open late and offer limited menus. Midlanders looking for the traditional Christmas dinner might try Riley's Bar and Grill or Furr's. Denny's and IHOP likely have turkey and dressing on the menu and those two national chains — along with Whataburger — are always open. Other restaurants cater to diners craving something other than the normal holiday fare. You're covered if you want wings, Chinese food or pizza to turkey, ham and mashed potatoes.

BUFFALO WILD WINGS Open with a limited menu for Christmas. Grill and Bar Sports bar with more than 40 TVs inside serves wings, burgers, sandwiches and snacks. Try one of the wraps with your choice of more than 14 sauces. Smoking allowed

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CALENDARS

LIVE WIRE

DECEMBER

26 **Wade Bowen, John Baumann** @ Graham Central Station
26 **Southbound 35** @ The Detour
26 **Chris Brazeal Band, Whiskey Skyline** @ Lone Star Bar
26 **Tech Jazz** @ Music City Mall
26-27 **The Unsweet T's** @ Your Place
26-27 **Freeride** @ The Bar
26-27 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Hot Shots
26-27 **Hammer Down** @ 10 Sports Bar
27 **Shane Rogers Band** @ Redneck's
27 **All Stars, Mike Leonard** @ Music City Mall
28 **Samuel Zachary, Tech Jazz, Tucker Binkley** @ Music City Mall
28 **Steve Hamende** @ Lone Star Bar
29 **Lou Shields** @ Blue Max
30 **Moscow Ballet's "The Great Russian Nutcracker"** @ Wagner Noel
31 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club
31 **Justin Langston** @ Hotel Settles
31 **Bone Thugs-n-Harmony** @ Eden Ultra Lounge
31 **Groove Twenty4** @ The Bar
31 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Rhemadeez
31 **DJ Frank** @ DoubleTree by Hilton
31 **Hammer Down** @ Redneck's
31 **Spur 644** @ Horny Toad Pub & Grill (Snyder)

JANUARY

1 **Flashback** @ The Detour
1 **Judson Cole Band** @ Rockin Rodeo
2 **Fusion** @ The Roadhouse
2 **Joe Koenig, Frankie Ballard, The Turkey Buzzards** @ Graham Central Station
2 **Buggaboos** @ 10 Sports Bar
2 **Flashback** @ The Detour
2-3 **Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar
2-3 **Back Road Troubadors** @ Your Place
3 **Snake Skin Prison** @ Blue Max
3 **DdotElles** @ KamiPost Gallery
4 **The Heroine, Minus the Richards** @ Blue Max
6 **C.W. Ayon, Pearls Mahone** @ Blue Max
9 **Cody Johnson Band** @ Graham Central Station
9 **No Dry County** @ The Detour
9-10 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
9-10 **Jake Hooker** @ Sandhills Rodeo
10 **Lorrie Morgan, Pam Tillis** @ Wagner Noel
11 **Next 2 the Tracks** @ Riley's
11 **Trout Fishing in America** @ Yucca Theater
12 **Saving Abel, Kill Matilda** @ Blue Max
13 **Moot Davis** @ Your Place
14 **Next 2 the Tracks** @ Riley's
15 **Engelbert Humperdinck, Christine Nelson** @ Wagner Noel
15 **In the Whale, Minus the Richards** @ Blue Max
16 **Twisted Texas** @ The Detour
16 **Leonhardt, Junkyard Amy, Kiel Grove** @ Blue Max
16-17 **Blue Cats** @ The Bar
16-17 **Blackwater Draw** @ Your Place
18 **SIs** @ Blue Max
20 **Urban Pioneers, The Rock Botton String Band, Armadillo Creek** @ Blue Max
22 **JB and the Moonshine Band** @ Rockin Rodeo
22 **Stevie Tombsrone** @ Blue Max
23 **Loco Motive** @ The Detour
23 **Mark McKinney** @ Lone Star Bar
23 **Meredith Andrews** @ Stonegate Fellowship
23-24 **Mister Happy** @ The Bar
23-24 **Santa Fe Band Featuring Welvis** @ Your Place

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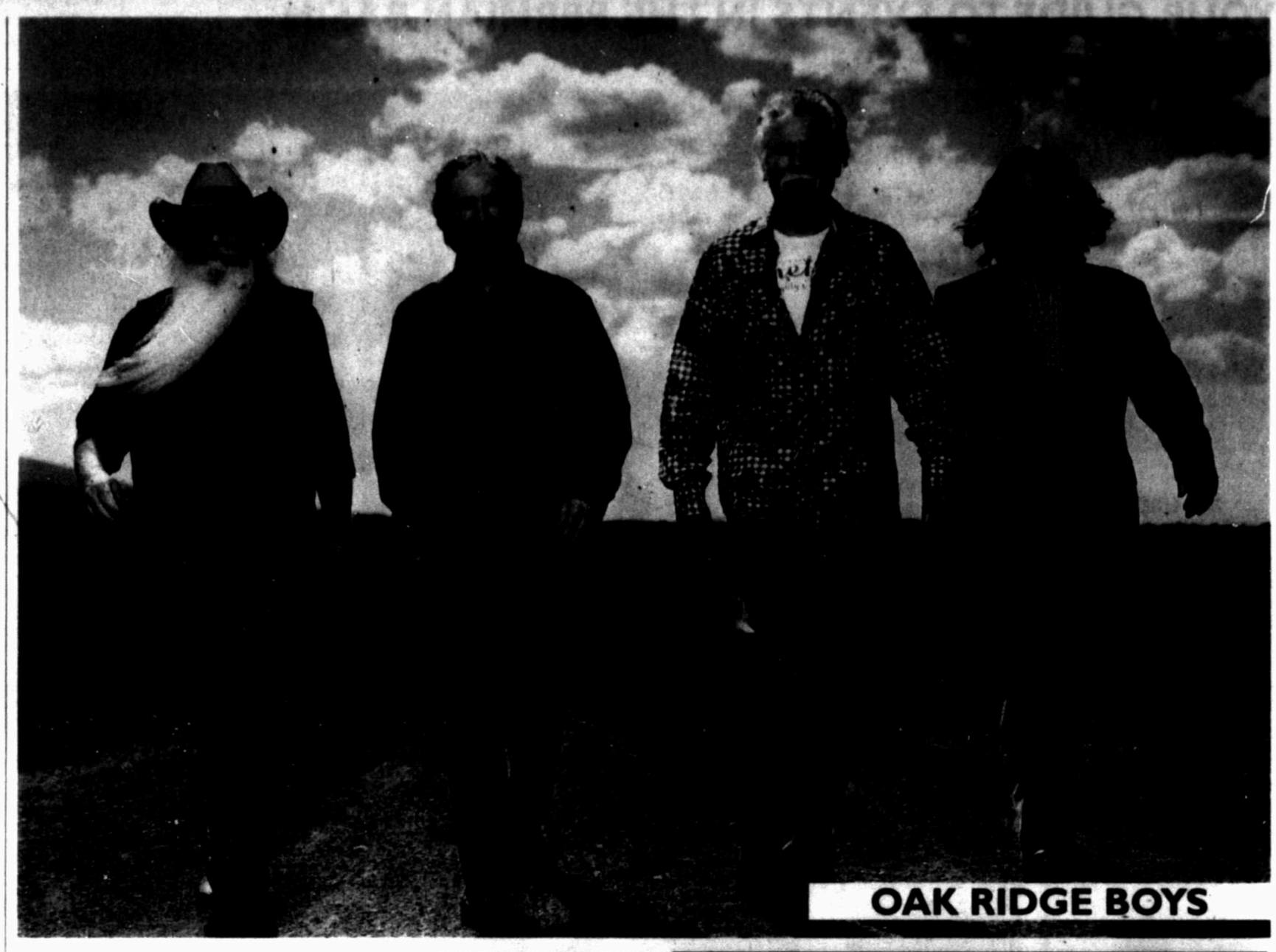
JANUARY

2 **Willie Nelson** @ Lee County Event Center (Hobbs)

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

DECEMBER

27 **Alejandro Escovedo** @ Gas Monkey Bar & Grill
31 **Hellyeah, Drowning Pool** @ South Side Ballroom
31 **Spoon, I Love You But I've Chosen Darkness** @ House Of Blues
31 **Mingo Fishtrap** @ Live Oak Music Hall & Lounge



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COMING SOON

DECEMBER

Special Holiday Book Drive storytime, 10:30 a.m. Dec. 27 at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Family Fun Day, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 27 at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Tall City Youth Calf Roping, Dec. 30 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Moscow Ballet's "Great Russian Nutcracker," 7 p.m. Dec. 30 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Ultimate Calf Roping, Dec. 31-Jan. 1 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

PDAP Annual Family New Year's Eve Celebration, 7 p.m.-midnight Dec. 31 at Midland Center. pdapmidland.org.

New Year's Eve DJ Dance Party and Champagne Toast, 8 p.m.-midnight Dec. 31 at El Cosmico in Marfa. elcosmico.com.

JANUARY

Tex-Mex Barrel Race, Jan. 2-4 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

William Doherty book signing, 2 p.m. Jan. 3 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

An Evening Inspired By Downton Abbey, hosted by Basin PBS, Jan. 3 at Midland Country Club. basinpbs.org.

Family Science Night: "Dinosaurs," 6-8 p.m. Jan. 8 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Improv at the Yucca, Jan. 8 at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Sandhills Quarter Horse Show, Jan. 9-11 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Pam Tillis and Lorrie Morgan: The Grits and Glamour Tour, 8 p.m. Jan. 10 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Adventures in Art: Mixed Media, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Jan. 11 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

Asante Children's Choir from East Africa, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 14 at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity. holytrinity.org.

Midland County Livestock Association Livestock Show, Jan. 14-17 the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Engelbert Humperdinck, 8 p.m. Jan. 15 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Random Acts of Art - Travel Journals, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 17 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

Midland on Tap, 1-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Jan. 17 at CAF. americaontap.com/midland-on-tap.

"Girl Talk The Musical," 8 p.m. Jan. 17 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," 7:30 p.m. Jan. 18 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Crashmaster Monster Truck Show, Jan. 23-25 the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

MOSC Masterworks 3 "There's a Good Chance You'll Love Strauss," 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Rodney Carrington, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. shows Jan. 25 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

The Oak Ridge Boys, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Harlem Globetrotters "Washington Generals' Revenge" tour, 7 p.m. Jan. 28 at Chaparral Center. harlemglobetrotters.com.

"The Addams Family," Jan. 30-Feb. 21 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Silver Spur and Gun Show, Jan. 31-Feb. 1 the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

FEBRUARY

Brian Roman, 7 p.m. Feb. 6 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Jeff Foxworthy, Feb. 7 at Horseshoe Pavillion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

West Texas Winds "Symphony of Five," 3 p.m. Feb. 8 Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

"Guys and Dolls," 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Chocolate Decadence, Feb. 12 at Horseshoe Pavillion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Chubby Checker, 8 p.m. Feb. 13 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

MAP Monster Trucks, Feb. 13-14 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

West Texas Kennel Club Dog Show, Feb. 18-22 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Continental Antique Shows, Feb. 20-22 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Jack Hanna's Into the Wild Live!, Feb. 22 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Permian Basin String Quartet "Cross-Cultural Inspirations," Feb. 22 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Ellen Noel Art Museum's Shrimpfest, Feb. 23 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Loretta Lynn, 8 p.m. Feb. 24 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Circus Gatti, Feb. 25-28 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

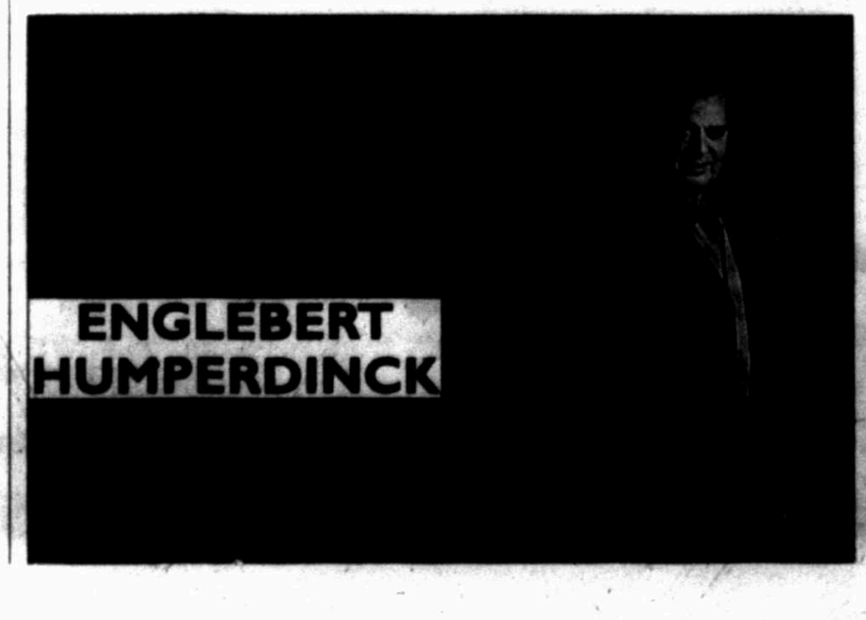
Vienna Boys Choir, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Permian Basin Home & Garden Show, Feb. 26-28 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Just Between Friends consignment sale, Feb. 26-28 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

2 Cellos, 7:30 p.m. Feb. 27 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

"Greater Tuna," Feb. 27-March 21 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.



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DOG SHOW

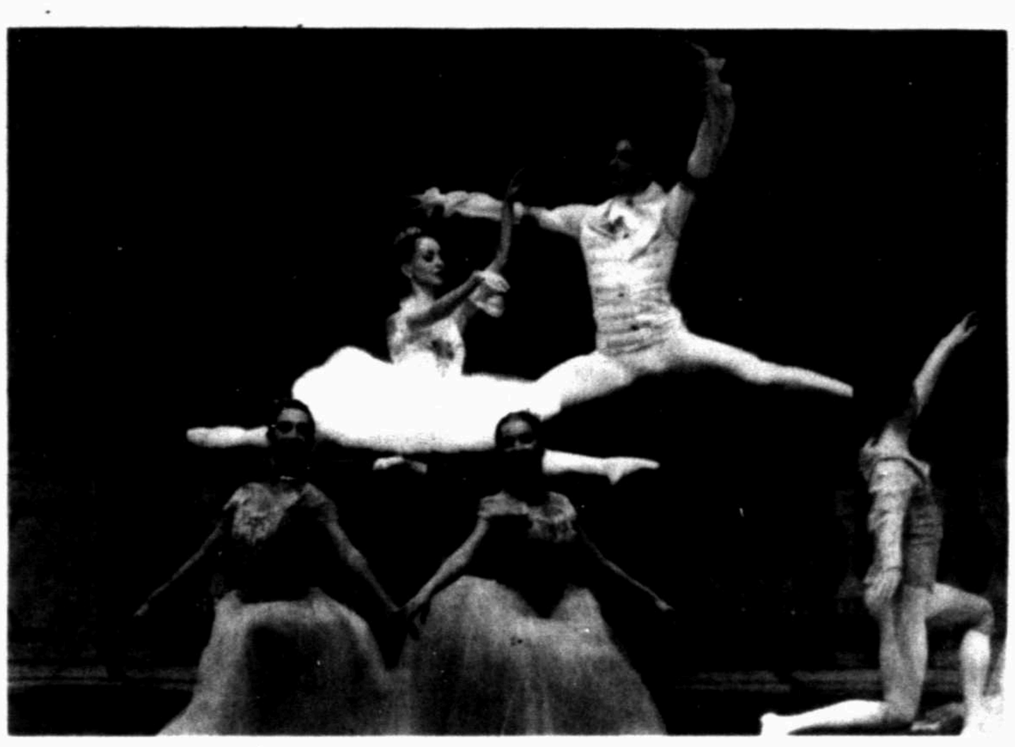
STAGE & SCREEN



Courtesy photos

"The Great Russian Nutcracker" will be performed Tuesday at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.





BALLET

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with simpler choreography, and teenagers will dance besides the variations, and so they'll have more advanced moves," Keyes said.

She has even seen the result come full circle.

Dancers who were selected in the early days have grown to teach and have their dancers in the production.

Not only will Midland-ers see their own onstage, but the Tuesday performance will also be a premiere.

"This show will have a premiering Masha and Nutcracker Prince in Midland, and we think that's very fun to have a new aspect opening there," Keyes said.

But likely proud parents and families will have their eyes on some particular dancers.

"It's rare that a touring company will do this, and definitely a rare opportunity for children," Keyes said. "So people can come see a colorful and warm performance, but also know some of the people onstage."

Want to go?

"The Great Russian Nutcracker" at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 North Farm-to-Market Road 1788 Dec. 30 at 7 p.m. $30-$70 Wagnernoel.com

The small screen: Holiday specials, movies take over TV

From staff reports

Stockings and stomachs have been stuffed and presents have been opened. Time to get in a few final Christmas specials. For those looking for a little couch time, here's what TV has to offer today.

7 a.m. - A Christmas Story (TBS)

9 a.m. - Disney Parks Frozen Christmas Celebration (ABC)

9 a.m. - A Christmas Story (TBS)

10 a.m. - Home Alone (ABC Family)

10 a.m. - A Christmas Carol (TCM)

11 a.m. - A Christmas Story (TBS)

1 p.m. - Santa Claus is Comin' to Town (ABC Family)

1 p.m. - A Christmas Story (TBS)

2 p.m. - The Year Without a Santa Claus (ABC Family)

3 p.m. - A Christmas Story (TBS)

4 p.m. - National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (ABC Family)

5 p.m. - A Christmas Story (TBS)

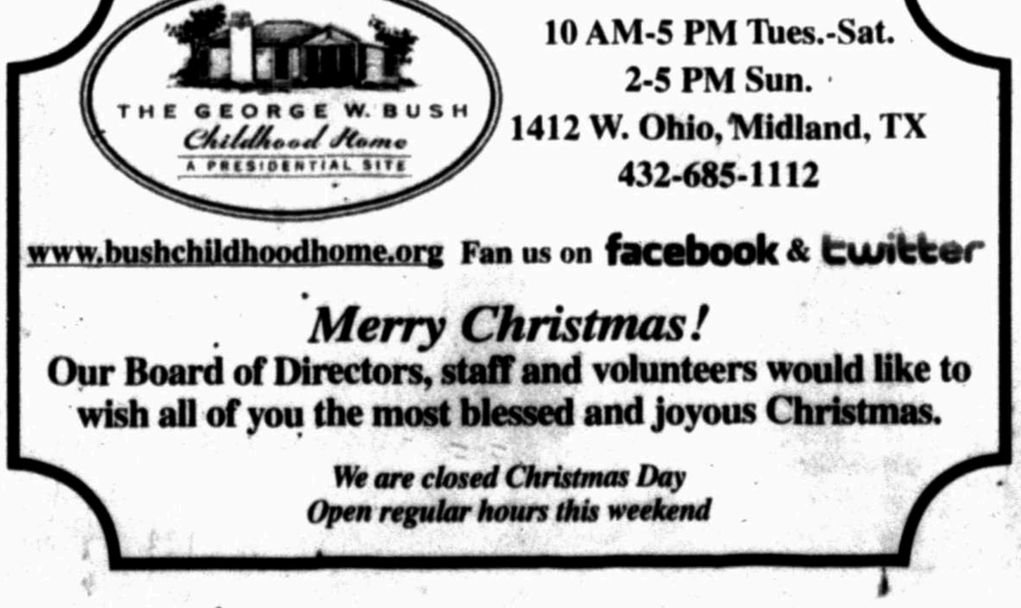
6 p.m. - Elf (ABC Family)

7 p.m. - Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (ABC)

7:30 p.m. - Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (ABC)

8 p.m. - Home Alone (ABC Family)







MOVIES

Former SNL cast members deliver in poignant drama

PICK O' THE WEEK

"The Skeleton Twins" (R) Bill Hader's tender, endearing performance is both funny and heartbreaking; his former "Saturday Night Live" cast mate Kristen Wiig also demonstrates a remarkable gift for drama. Don't miss the raw, astounding tale. **A-**

Reel & Stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@mrt.com

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"This is Where I Leave You" (R) Easily the most disappointing movie of the year. Nary a laugh is to be found, despite its vaunted cast. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"At the Devil's Door" (not rated) Horror fare showed real potential until it drowned in cliché. **D**

"The Devil's Hand" (PG-13) The best movie of the week with 'devil' in the title. **B-**

"Magic in the Moonlight" (PG-13) Not one of Woody Allen's best but with Colin Firth and his gift for acerbic comedy on board, there's still plenty to like. **B**

"The Maze Runner" (PG-13) Even if you're fed up with all the adaptations of the dystopian young adult novels, this one should be an exception. It's a taut thriller with shades of William Golding's "Lord of the Flies." **B+**

"Stonehearst Asylum" (PG-13) While it's not too difficult to figure out what the big secret is, the trip to the truth is still a winsome adventure. **B**

"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" (PG-13) Not nearly as campy or funny as the 1990 version, but these new muscle-bound reptiles have the potential for a successful franchise. **B**

A charming cast anchors the dark musical 'Into the Woods'

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

REVIEW

This is one Disney film that's definitely not a light fairy tale.

For those unfamiliar with Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine's 1987 Broadway musical, that fact might come as a surprise. Fans, meanwhile, will probably be left wondering where the subversive edge has gone.

Disney has chosen to take the middle ground here, cutting, smoothing and refining to create something more palatable to the masses. Devotees might scoff, but director Rob Marshall, his team and his charismatic cast have created a deliriously dark and engrossing spectacle that seems a worthy addition to the movie musical canon — until the last 45 minutes, when it all falls apart.

"Into the Woods" brings together the stories of Cinderella (Anna Kendrick), Jack and the Beanstalk (Daniel Huttlestone), Red Riding Hood (Lilla Crawford), and Rapunzel (MacKenzie Mauzy) when a witch (Meryl Streep) challenges a Baker (James Corden) and his wife (Emily Blunt) to retrieve a number of objects — a red cape, blonde hair, a white cow, and a golden slipper. If they succeed, she'll regain her beauty and bless them with a child.

A manic opening thrusts you into these disparate lives, but soon the quest of the bumbling Baker and his beautiful wife takes hold and powers the first half of the film with a lively, infectious energy.

Blunt and Corden anchor the film with their humanity and humor, while Streep, sporting a ratty, cerulean blue mane, belts her way out of "Mamma Mia" prison and into our musical goodwill, delivering some of the film's most emotional moments.

Kendrick is as delightful as possible as an indecisive Cinderella, too, but the biggest surprise comes from Chris Pine who proves his comedic prowess by carrying on our modern tradition of poking fun at the idea of "Prince Charming." He and Rapunzel's Prince (Billy Magnussen) steal the show with the unforgettable "Agony" — an ode to unrequited love and one-upmanship from the handsomest dolts you're likely to meet.



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In this image released by Disney Enterprises Inc., James Corden, left, and Lilla Crawford as Little Red Riding Hood appear in a scene from "Into the Woods."

The only performer who falters is Disney's own dark prince Johnny Depp who slurs his way through the sleazy "Hello, Little Girl," aiming for what sounds like his best David Bowie impression. Its brevity is its only saving grace.

But, the most glaring issue with "Into the Woods" is the story itself. Just when you think it's reached an appropriate conclusion, you glance at your watch and realize that there's still nearly half a film left. Things get infinitely weirder and darker and end up nullifying most of what was captivating in the first part.

Apparently the second half is even divisive in the theater community. Some productions choose to leave it out entirely.

It's hard to fault the Mouse House for trying to play it a bit safe. They've got a story that involves a mashup of some their most beloved fairy tale characters, and also rape, adultery, and a whole lot of death and cynicism. It hasn't been completely sterilized, either. The beats are still there, just obscured ever so slightly.

So, when Red Riding Hood sings that she "knows things now" following a dramatic run-in with the predatory wolf, it is exactly what you think.

It's hard not to get swept up in the grand production of it all. The film looks timeless with its gothic intricacy and disinterest in being modern or trendy. In 30 years, the costume design is not going to date the film. Also the perpetually present wind and sweeping overhead shots of the village and woods makes it feel like you are indeed somewhere real.

But the magic drains as the minutes wear on — that's the danger of teasing the audience with a false ending.

"Into the Woods," a Disney release, is rated PG by the Motion Picture Association of America for "thematic elements, fantasy action and peril, and some suggestive material." Running time: 124 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

MPAA definition of PG: Parental guidance suggested. Some material may not be suitable for children.

FILM CAPSULES

Annie (PG) A hard-nosed tycoon running for mayor of New York City takes in a down-on-her-luck orphan in a bid to boost his popularity in this update of the Depression-set stage and screen musical. With Jamie Foxx, Quvenzhane Wallis and Rose Byrne. Written by Will Gluck and Aline Brosh McKenna. Directed by Gluck.

Big Eyes (PG-13) A biopic about the artist Margaret Keane, whose work became popular in the 1950s and '60s while her husband took the credit, revolutionizing the commercialization of popular art along the way. With Amy Adams, Christoph Waltz, Danny Huston and Krysten Ritter. Written by Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski. Directed by Tim Burton.

Exodus: Gods and Kings (PG-13) The defiant leader Moses rises up against the Pharaoh Ramses and leads his people out of plague-stricken Egypt toward freedom. With Christian Bale, Joel Edgerton and John Turturro. Written by Adam Cooper, Bill Collage, Jeffrey Caine and Steven Zaillian. Directed by Ridley Scott.

The Gambler (R) An English professor who moonlights as a high-stakes gambler risks everything when he borrows from a gangster while offering his own life as collateral. With Mark Wahlberg, John Goodman and Jessica Lange. Written by William Monahan. Directed by Rupert Wyatt.

The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG-13) The hobbit Bilbo Baggins and his dwarf companions battle the dragon Smaug and the forces of the dark lord Sauron. With Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman, Richard Armitage and Evangeline Lilly. Written by Fran Walsh, Philippa Boyens, Peter Jackson and Guillermo del Toro. Directed by Jackson. In 3-D, Imax and HFR.

Unbroken (PG-13) A biopic about Louis Zamperini, the Olympic runner turned World War II bombardier who survived in a raft for 47 days after a near-fatal plane crash in the Pacific — only to be caught by the Japanese navy and sent to a POW camp. With Jack O'Connell, Domhnall Gleeson and Miyavi. Written by Joel Coen, Ethan Coen and Richard LaGravenese. Directed by Angelina Jolie.

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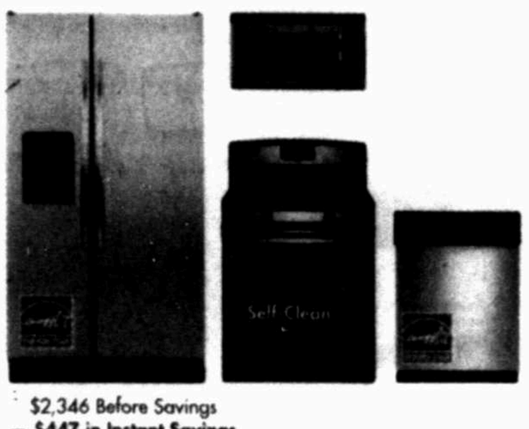
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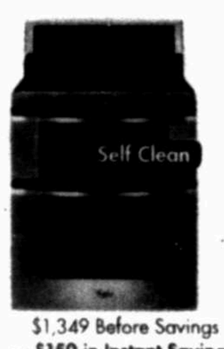
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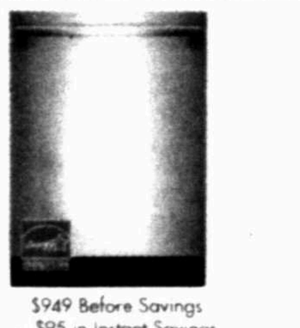
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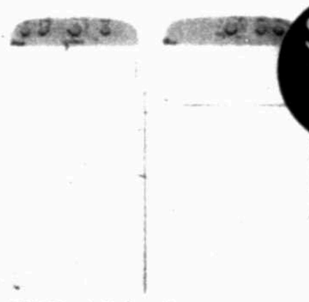
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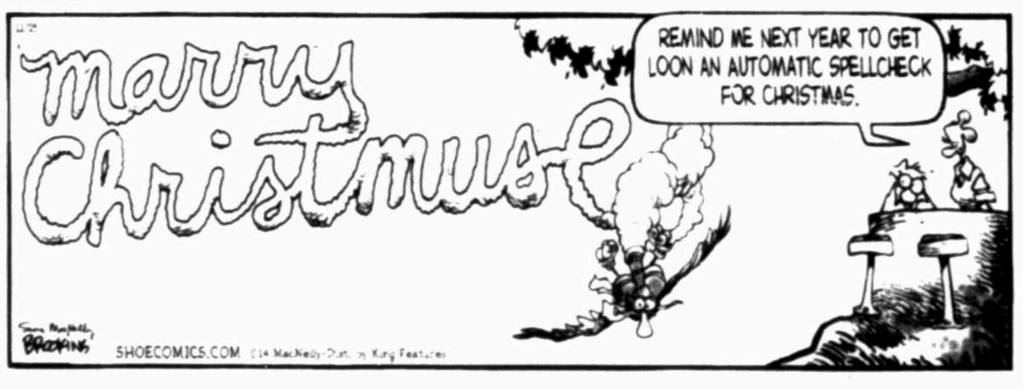
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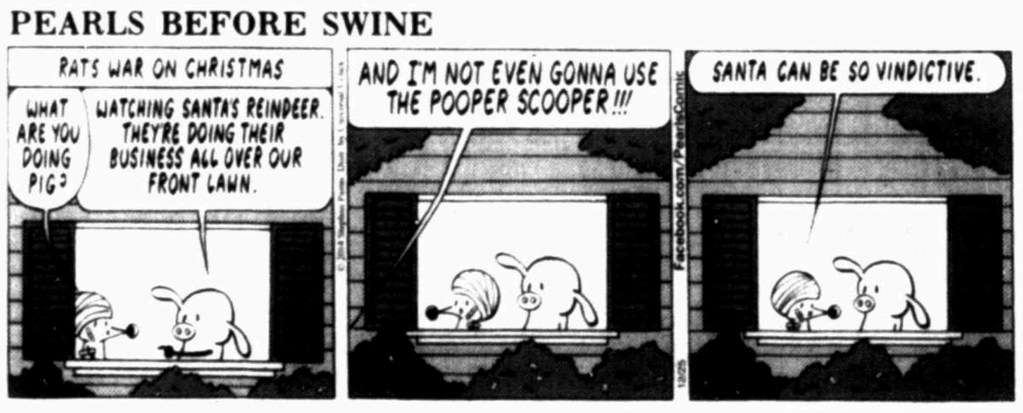
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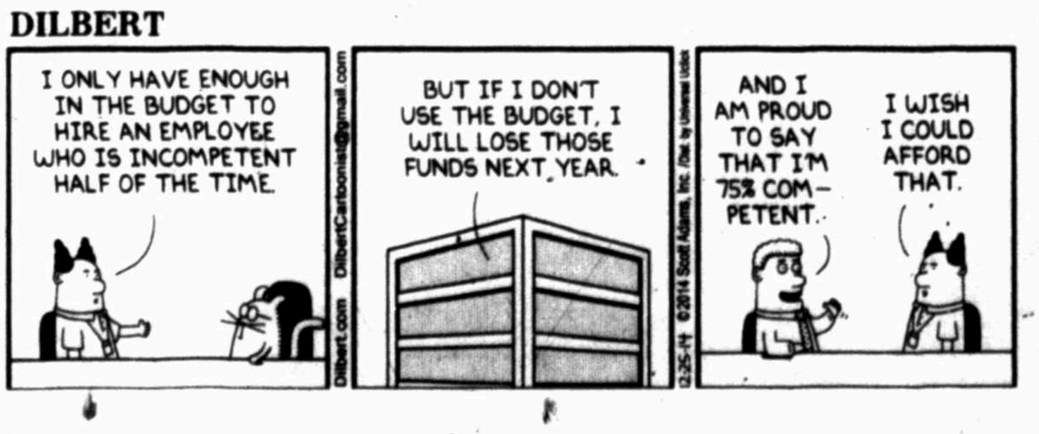
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ASIAN

BUSHIDO JAPANESE STEAK HOUSE AND SUSHI BAR Watch chefs roll sushi and cook at tepanyaki grills or sit at the bar and watch the game. Extensive sushi menu. Grill combos with chicken, steak, seafood. More of a casual atmosphere than other tappanyaki restaurants. 4416 Briarwood Ave. 689-7900 | $$ | 4 spoons

CHINESE KITCHEN Eat-in or take-out Chinese food. Choose combination meals with one, two or three choices. 4200 W. Illinois Ave. 694-3922 | $ | 3 spoons

GENGHIS GRILL With a buffet that consists of countless raw ingredients to pile into a bowl and hand over for a chef to cook, the food at Genghis Grill is as good as you can make it. If you're knowledgeable in what spices complement what meats, veggies and sauces — or if you're just lucky — count on a great meal. For the not-so-confident, the restaurant offers recipe cards to guide your selections. 4517 Midkiff Road 520-5426 www.genghisgrill.com | $$ | 3 spoons

GRAND BUFFET Extensive "all-you-can-eat" Asian buffet includes hodge-podge of options including Chinese dishes, salads, seafood, jello, fried okra, sushi and a Mongolian grill station. 2510 W. Louisiana Ave. 688-8881 | $ | 2 spoons

THE GREAT WALL Chinese takeout restaurant offers large portions from extensive menu. Try the General Tso's chicken with sesame shrimp and add an order of egg rolls or spring rolls. 2215 N. Midland Drive 694-5555 | $ | 3 spoons

HUNAN GARDEN CHINESE RESTAURANT Try the daily lunch buffet with about 10 options like sweet and sour chicken, cashew chicken and beef with snow peas. 4410 N. Midkiff Road, Building A., Space 1. 697-9818 | $ | 3 spoons

KING & I Authentic Thai food served in the heart of Midland. Try the basil fried rice or Popcorn's special with angel hair pasta, green onions, white onions, tomatoes, broccoli, garlic and jalapenos. There's a reason the lunch crowd is often standing-room-only at the location near downtown. It's worth the wait. 801 N. Big Spring St. | $ | 4 spoons

KUO'S CHINESE RESTAURANT Friendly service and a relaxed atmosphere. Try the cashew chicken or Mongolian steak with a fried cream cheese wonton. 3303 N. Midkiff Road. 697-8888 | $ | 4 spoons

MOON GARDEN Try one of the lunch specials like broccoli with garlic sauce or kung pao shrimp. The Chinese restaurant is housed in what used to be a Red Lobster — just in case you were wondering about the nautical decor. 2319 W. Loop 250 N. 570-1165 or 685-3012 | $ | 2 spoons

OSAKA JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE AND SEAFOOD Try steak, chicken or seafood grilled at Teppan Yaki tables or sushi with fresh seafood. Locations in Midland and Odessa. 1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 617-7252 www.my-osaka.com | $$ | 4 spoons

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TASTE OF CHINA SUPER BUFFET All-you-can-eat buffet or order from menu. Senior citizen discount and children 3 and younger eat free. 4400 N. Big Spring St., #53. 684-5288 | $ | 2 spoons

RESTAURANTS

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inside. buffalowildwings.com | 5107 W. Wadley Ave. |694-9400 | $ | 3 spoons | 4 p.m-midnight

DENNY'S Open 24 hours a day, Denny's is one of very few options for people looking to grab a bite to eat at 3 a.m. Breakfast, burgers, snacks, pies and coffee. www.dennys.com | 3701 W. Wall St. | 520-5306 | $ | 2 spoons | 24 hours

EATERY 117 AT DOUBLETREE BY HILTON MIDLAND PLAZA Restaurant will feature buffet service for Christmas Day. doubletree3.hilton.com |117 W. Wall St. | $$ | 683-6131 | 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

FURR'S CAFETERIA Go for a traditional holiday meal with turkey and dressing or choose from other options. Served cafeteria style with salads, entrees, sides and desserts. furrs.net | 1116 Midkiff Road | $ | 520-9629 | 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

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IHOP Open 24 hours a day, IHOP specializes in pancakes but also offers an extensive dinner and lunch menu. www.ihop.com | 2507 W. Loop 250, 684-5759 | 301 E. I-20, 686-0537 | 3 spoons | 24 hours

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RILEY'S BAR & GRILL Established Midland bar serves up food, drinks and live music. Traditional Christmas dinner served at 2 p.m. 3421 W. Wall St. | 520-0006 | 11 a.m.-2 a.m.

TORINO'S Combination pizza joint and sports bar. Go for other game-time snacks like wings, cheese sticks or fried mushrooms. 3303 N. Midkiff #110 | 218-6943 | $ | 4 spoons | 8 p.m. - 2 a.m.

WHATABURGER Open 24 hours, this Texas fast food restaurant is known for its burgers. Enthusiasts can now find Whataburger's fancy ketchup in H-E-B stores. whataburger.com | 800 Andrews Highway, 694-1648 | 1905 N. Big Spring St., 684-0545 | 3206 N. Midkiff Road, 697-4184 | 3 spoons | 24 hours

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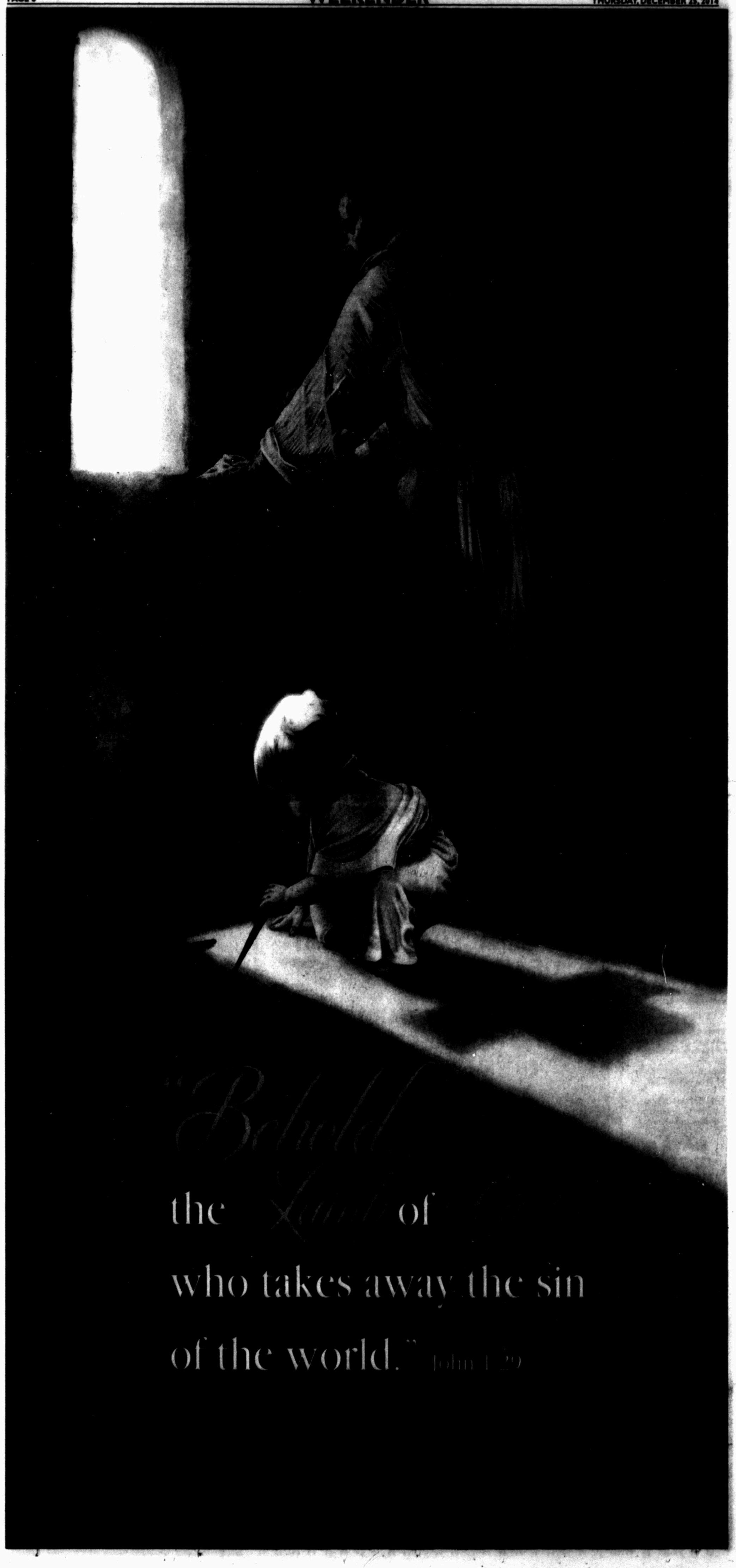
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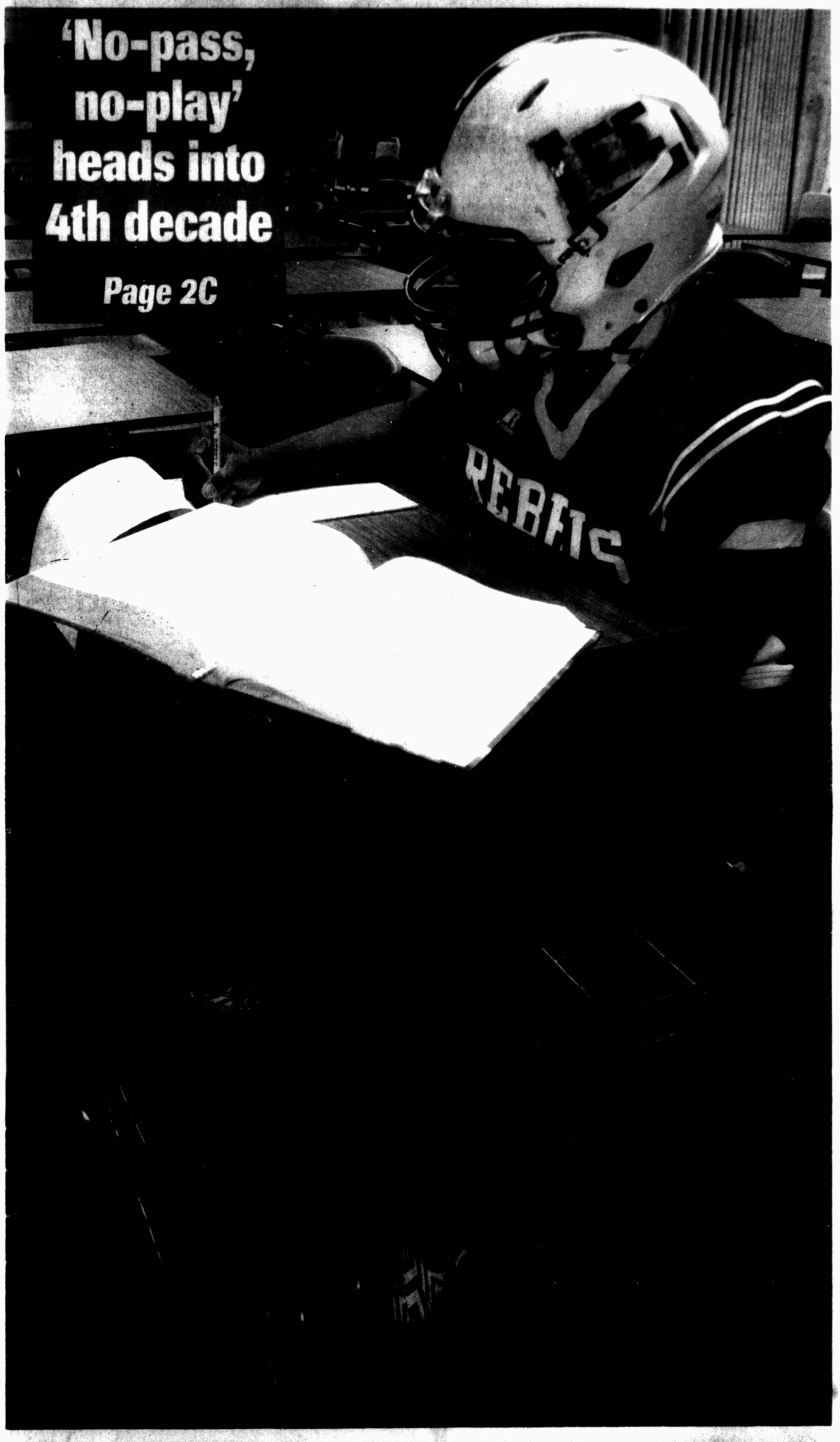

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the Lamb of
who takes away the sin
of the world." John 1:29

SPORTS

NOTE: In order for our employees to enjoy the Christmas holiday, deadlines were pushed up, and several Wednesday night events did not get in today's paper. Check the Reporter-Telegram on Friday for that information.

'No-pass, no-play' heads into 4th decade

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Diamond Head Classic: 7th Place Game, 3 p.m., ESPNU

Diamond Head Classic: 3rd Place Game, 5:30 p.m., ESPN2

Diamond Head Classic: Championship, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2

MEN'S SOCCER

A-League: Adelaide United at Sydney, 2:45 a.m., FOX-SOCP

NBA

Washington at New York, 11 a.m., ESPN/ESPNDEP

Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 1:30 p.m., ABC/ESPNDEP

Cleveland at Miami, 4 p.m., ABC/ESPNDEP

L.A. Lakers at Chicago, 7 p.m., TNT

Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m., TNT

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Assigned LHP Nick Maronde outright to Columbus (IL)

HOUSTON ASTROS — Assigned LHP Dann Downs outright to Fresno (PCL)

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with LHPs Scott Snodgress and Adam Wilk on minor league contracts

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Assigned RHP Brandon Gomes outright to Durham (IL)

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS — Released LB James Anderson. Signed RB Jerome Smith from the practice squad and S Brendan Bishop to the practice squad

BALTIMORE RAVENS — Placed OT Ricky Wagner on injured reserve. Released DE Zach Thompson from the practice squad. Signed DE Steven Means from the practice squad and OTs Nate Menkin and J.J. Unga to the practice squad

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed DL Ishmaa'ily Kitchen and QB Johnny Manziel on injured reserve. Signed LS Charley Hughlett from Kansas City's practice squad. Activated DL John Hughes from injured reserve

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Signed TE Adam Schitz to the practice squad

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Placed CB Jamar Taylor on injured reserve and G Nate Garner on the non-football illness list. Released C Michael Brewster from the practice squad. Signed DT Deandre Coleman and C Sam Brenner from the practice squad

MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed RB Henry Josey from Jacksonville's practice squad and LB Justin Anderson to the practice squad

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed DB Shelton Johnson and LB Justin Jackson to the practice squad

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed DT Garrison Smith to the practice squad

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL — Suspended San Jose F John Scott four games for punching an unsuspecting opponent and causing injury

BUFFALO SABRES — Assigned Fs Mikhail Grigorenko, Joel Armia and Tim Schaller and D Mark Pysyk to Rochester (AHL)

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned F Tim Sestito to Albany (AHL)

COLLEGE

FLORIDA — Named Doug Nussmeier offensive coordinator

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		Friday		
		Heart of Dallas Bowl		
Louisana Tech	4	6	(58)	Illinois
		Quick Lane Bowl		
		At Detroit		
North Carolina	3	3	(66 1/2)	Rutgers
		St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl		
UCF	3	2	(49 1/2)	NC State
		Saturday		
		Military Bowl		
		At Annapolis, Md.		
Cincinnati	3 1/2	3	(51)	Virginia Tech
		Sun Bowl		
		At El Paso		
Arizona St	9	7 1/2	(65 1/2)	Duke
		Independence Bowl		
		At Shreveport, La.		
Miami	Pk	3 1/2	(61)	South Carolina
		Pinstripe Bowl		
		At Bronx, N.Y.		
Boston College	2 1/2	2 1/2	(40)	Penn St
		Holiday Bowl		
		At San Diego		
Southern Cal	4	7	(61 1/2)	Nebraska
		Dec. 29		
		Liberty Bowl		
		At Memphis, Tenn.		
West Virginia	3 1/2	3 1/2	(67)	Texas A&M
		Texas Bowl		
		At Houston		
Arkansas	5	6	(45 1/2)	Texas
		NFL		
		Tonight		
FAVORITE	OPEN	TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
Denver	3 1/2	3	(48)	at Cincinnati
		Sunday		
at Green Bay	7 1/2	7 1/2	(48)	Detroit
at Houston	9 1/2	9 1/2	(40 1/2)	Jacksonville
at Pittsburgh	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Cincinnati
Indianapolis	7	6 1/2	(47)	at Tennessee
at Baltimore	9	9	(42 1/2)	Cleveland
at New England	10 1/2	10 1/2	(47)	Buffalo
at Miami	6	5	(42)	N.Y. Jets
at Atlanta	3 1/2	3 1/2	(47 1/2)	Carolina
at Minnesota	7	7	(43 1/2)	Chicago
at Kansas City	3	3	(43)	San Diego
at N.Y. Giants	1 1/2	2 1/2	(51)	Philadelphia
at Washington	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Dallas
New Orleans	3 1/2	3 1/2	(45)	at Tampa Bay
at Seattle	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	St. Louis
at San Francisco	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Arizona
at Denver	OFF	OFF	(OFF)	Oakland

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	35	22	11	2	46	95	84
Tampa Bay	36	21	11	4	46	117	96
Detroit	35	18	8	9	45	100	87
Toronto	35	20	12	3	43	118	102
Boston	35	18	14	3	39	91	91
Florida	32	15	9	8	38	73	82
Ottawa	34	14	14	6	34	90	94
Buffalo	35	13	19	3	29	69	115

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	34	22	7	5	49	108	80
N.Y. Islanders	34	23	11	0	46	105	84
N.Y. Rangers	32	18	10	4	40	97	83
Washington	34	17	11	6	40	99	90
Philadelphia	34	14	14	6	34	97	101
Columbus	33	14	16	3	31	80	107
New Jersey	36	12	17	7	31	78	104
Carolina	34	10	20	4	24	70	93

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	35	23	10	2	48	107	72
Nashville	33	22	9	2	46	95	70
St. Louis	34	21	10	3	45	100	86
Winnipeg	35	18	10	7	43	88	81
Minnesota	32	16	13	3	35	93	89
Colorado	34	13	13	8	34	90	101
Dallas	33	14	14	5	33	95	113

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	36	23	8	5	51	104	98
San Jose	35	19	11	5	43	99	90
Vancouver	33	20	11	2	42	99	91
Los Angeles	35	17	11	7	41	97	88
Calgary	36	18	15	3	39	104	98
Arizona	34	12	18	4	28	80	112
Edmonton	35	7	21	7	21	75	121

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

Tuesday's Games

Carolina 2, New Jersey 1, SO
Boston 5, Nashville 3
Montreal 3, N.Y. Islanders 1
N.Y. Rangers 4, Washington 2
Philadelphia 5, Minnesota 2
Toronto 4, Dallas 0
Detroit 6, Buffalo 3
Tampa Bay 4, Pittsburgh 3
Arizona 5, Edmonton 1
Colorado 5, St. Louis 0
Winnipeg 5, Chicago 1

'No-pass, no-play' rule heads into fourth decade

After a rough start, it is part of the high school experience

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It's hard to imagine in this era of the 24-hour news cycle there being a story garnering the kind of attention the passage of the "no-pass, no-play" rule did in 1985.

Thirty years after House Bill 72 became law, it still jars strong memories about education reform in Texas.

When it was signed by then-Gov. Mark White in July 1984, it was a sweeping education reform bill that overhauled how public education was handled in Texas.

It also put White in the political crosshairs and helped to push the political profile of Dallas billionaire H. Ross Perot.

It's a bill that to this day has not been matched in its scope of changing Texas' public education system. Its provisions impacted teacher pay, class size, testing, finance and teacher competency.

Among all those provisions, though, one caused more discussion, and cussin', than the others.

In official term,s it was called the "Pass-play" Rule. But it became known as no-pass, no-play. It brought national attention to Texas for a number of reasons, and it challenged how high school football and other athletic coaches handled academics.

It didn't matter that the rule also included all activities under the University Interscholastic League banner. How the rule would impact football that churned the controversy in the mid-1980s.

At the time, the perception across the country was that Texas football coaches would do anything to make sure their best players were on the field for a game. It didn't matter whether they were passing or not — just get them on the field.

Whether that perception was true, it was widely accepted across the country and in some parts of the state. In simple terms, football was king, and nothing was going to change that.

But no-pass, no-play changed the landscape.

High school football in this state is still the Friday night religion it has always been. But 30 years later, the impact of the no-pass, no-play is evident in how coaches and players view the rule.

The rule has been amended since it first went into effect in the fall of 1984, but the idea remains the same: If anyone participating in extracurricular activities can't pass all their classes, they can't play. It's a standard that exists today. The rule also became a model for other states.

"There were early attempts to unravel it in the legislative sessions after 1984, but, by and large, school districts learned to live with it," said former Lt. Gov. William Hobby in the Texas Tribune in 2010. "The world did not end, and Friday night football did not perish from the earth."

How it started

The impetus for improving Texas' public education system had been around for decades but took on a more crucial role in the early 1980s.

White, a Democrat, won the 1982 gubernatorial election with significant support from the state's teachers and coaches, and the reform talk took on added significance.

Shortly after White was inaugurated in 1983, he called on Perot to head up a committee to look at public education in Texas. Perot was head of the "Select Committee on Education Reform."

The committee's job was to examine at all aspects of public education in Texas, including how it was financed, how teachers are paid and whether they are competent and how extracurricular activities are handled.

That is where it began.

The committee recommended a number of major reforms to education in Texas, including smaller class sizes, a teacher pay raise, testing teachers, and the suggestion of moving extracurricular activities outside of the school day, along with no-pass, no-play.

House Bill 72 was introduced to a special session of the Legislature on June 13, 1984, and a little over a month later the legislation was passed and signed by White.

"I really just remember so many of the coaches were kind of in shock about it," said UIL Executive Director Charles Breithaupt, who was the boys basketball coach at Hardin-Jefferson at the time. "No one really ever expected it to ever happen. Everyone thought with the power of high school football there was no way they are going to make this rule stick."

It did.

The basics of the provision was a student had to have an average of 70 in every one of his or her classes to participate in extracurricular activities. If a student failed one class, he or she was ineligible for six weeks and could not participate or practice with the team or organization at all. Coaches were most vocal about that part of the provision.

Previous to the passing of the rule, eligibility was left up to the schools, and some were more stringent than others.

While the shock of the passing level being raised from 60 to 70 was relatively small, it was the idea of losing a player for a month and a half that had coaches worried. It was not just losing an athlete on the playing field, but also losing them from the programs in general.

The hope was that ineligible students would go home and study to get back, but most coaches and teachers knew better.

"That was the travesty of the deal," former Permian head football coach John Wilkins said. "The kid wasn't going to be associated with the program and was just removed from the program. That student lost most of the people that cared about him or her."

The debate and backlash

Wilkins said he was part of a group of about a dozen coaches who went to Austin to meet with White about the no-pass, no-play rule after it was signed.

Prior to the law going into effect, the Texas High School Coaches Association lobbied as hard as it could against the law itself. But after it was passed, the focus turned to the penalty associated with it.

Wilkins said the meeting was cordial and the coaches stated their cases. But he also said that when it ended, the coaches agreed to not take a group picture. It was just a small example of how the coaching fraternity felt about White.

"I started in 1986 (in Texas), and I heard them all cuss Mark White," Midland High coach Craig Yenzer said with a laugh.

The debate about the fairness of the rule raged for months. It even hit national news.

Older coaches tell stories of the legendary Brownwood coach Gordon Wood going on Good Morning America and former Hurst L.D. Bell coach Tim Edwards going on other national television programs. The debate raged beyond Texas as critics around the country wondered about the priorities

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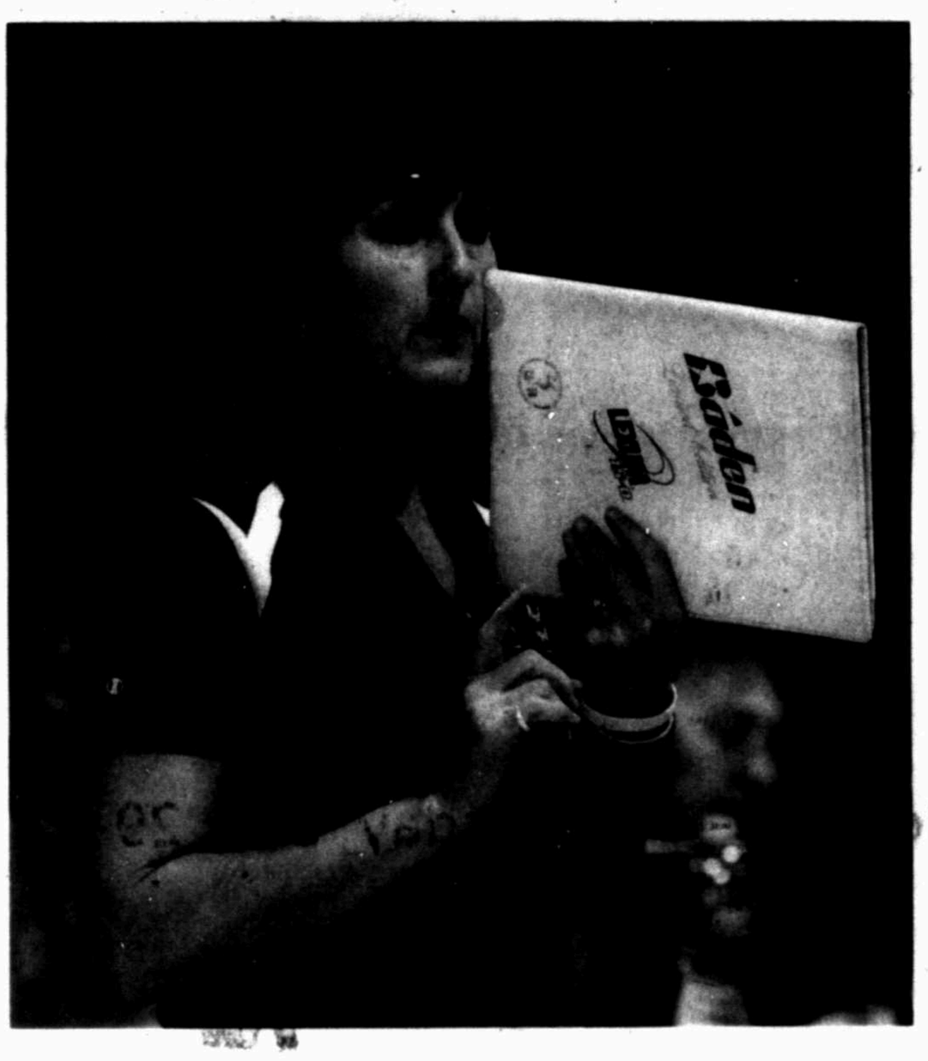


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TOP: Greenwood coach Shad Hanna watches his players during the first practice on Aug. 4.

BELOW RIGHT: Lee girls basketball head coach Monica Ramirez talks with Bri'An Washington (15) on Jan. 7 at Chaparral Center.

BELOW LEFT: Midland High volleyball coach Terri McColloch gives signals during a 2011 game against Odessa Permian.





No pass

From 2C

of high school football coaches in football-mad Texas.

Looking back on it now, some coaches said there was overreaction. But what many involved then still maintain today was that the penalty phase was too harsh to help the athletes in the rule's early years.

"I can remember when I started my coaching career in college the coach's association was against it, and most coaches I talked to were against it, and, therefore, I was against it," said Permian football coach Blake Feldt, who was a college assistant at the time. "Now, in hindsight, I think it's good and it's been good for athletics."

Breithaupt said during the first year of the rule that the first six weeks the school he was at lost 50 freshman football players. He also lost three starters in the middle of the district basketball season.

An article in the Dallas Morning News in July of this year stated that "more than 15 percent of all varsity football players and 40 percent of all junior varsity and freshman players in the state were benched by the rule the first semester it went into effect."

"It was too late for them because you couldn't practice any more, and that was the most drastic thing we began to realize," Breithaupt said. "We really lost them, and that was the most distasteful thing. Those kids just drifted away."

The first six weeks in the fall of 1984, and even into the fall of 1985, led newscasts statewide about which teams were impacted by the new rule.

By the election of 1986, the rule was well established and even withstood a challenge that went to the Texas Supreme Court. The court upheld the law and ruled that students didn't have a constitutional right to participate in sports.

White lost his re-election bid to Bill Clements, and many believe one reason was that state's teachers and coaches let their voices be heard at the ballot box. Even though White lost the election, the rule was in place for good and coaches and teachers had to adjust.

Coaches and school leaders adjusted by having tutoring sessions, and doing their best to make sure their players were doing what they needed to do to pass.

"You definitely had to start paying more attention to your kids," said former Midland High and newly hired Greenwood volleyball coach Terri McColloch, who was beginning her coaching career at Ozona when the law was passed.

"I've been blessed with some very smart kids, but even in my 18 years at Midland High, I still checked their grades and tried to stay on top of it. You just never know. You have kids that think they are doing fine, and then all of the sudden they are really not."

Impact and changes

Over time, coaches adjusted to the rule and did their best to make sure students were passing.

But each year, the THSCA and other groups lobbied to get the rule changed so athletes could at least practice while they were ineligible.

Former Midland ISD Athletic Director Tim Whalen related a story from his time as athletic director that a player had a to be escorted from the bench at a basketball game because that player had become ineligible at the end of the school day. Today, that player would still be able to stay with the team.

"The athletic trainer at MHS, he had to escort the kid off the bench to the dressing room because he was ineligible at 3:40 p.m.," Whalen said. "It was a total embarrassment. He played a half, and then he had the embarrassment."

During the early years of the law, those who were playing high school sports at the time said it could be stressful for some players. There were even stories of players in the early years changing to less stressful courses to make sure they would be eligible.

Ryan Tucker, who graduated from Lee High School in the early 1990s and played in the NFL for more than a decade, said he can remember teachers helping with extra credit for some kids to help them pass.

"As far as how effective it was, I can't say," said Tucker, a current assistant football coach at Midland Christian. "It was definitely in kids' minds. At the six weeks, we had an idea of who was going to be around and who wasn't, for the most part. There was definitely a heightened awareness for teachers, parents and students."

In 1994, a decade after the original law was passed, the lobbying and hard work had paid off. The legislature passed Senate Bill 1 that, among other things, reduced the time a student was ineligible from six to three weeks, if that student brought the grade up to passing and allowed students to participate in practices.

They still could not participate in games or performances, but from that point on, coaches felt it was the right change for a law that in the long run was good student-athletes in Texas.

"All of us had to suffer through a good athlete having to sit out some games," Breithaupt said. "But you know what gets their attention. There's something magical about that rear end sitting on the end of the bench. It sends a message."

In 2007, the legislature modified what courses were exempt from the rule, including some advanced placement and honors courses.

There are subtle changes, but they were changes that, for many, made a big difference in trying to help change the rule but also leaving the main idea of it intact.

"It allows the kids to maintain hope," Lee girls basketball coach Monica Ramirez said. "Some kids just don't have anything else. If you take that completely from them, you may possibly lose that kid. It helps to maintain hope for those kids that may have just got caught and slipped up and didn't pass a class or pay attention in certain areas. They know now what we say is true: If you don't pass, you don't play, and you've got to buckle up and get to work."

Looking forward

Every one interviewed for this story said the law is good right now and they don't see any necessary changes.

Plus, the rule has been around so long that current athletes don't know anything different.

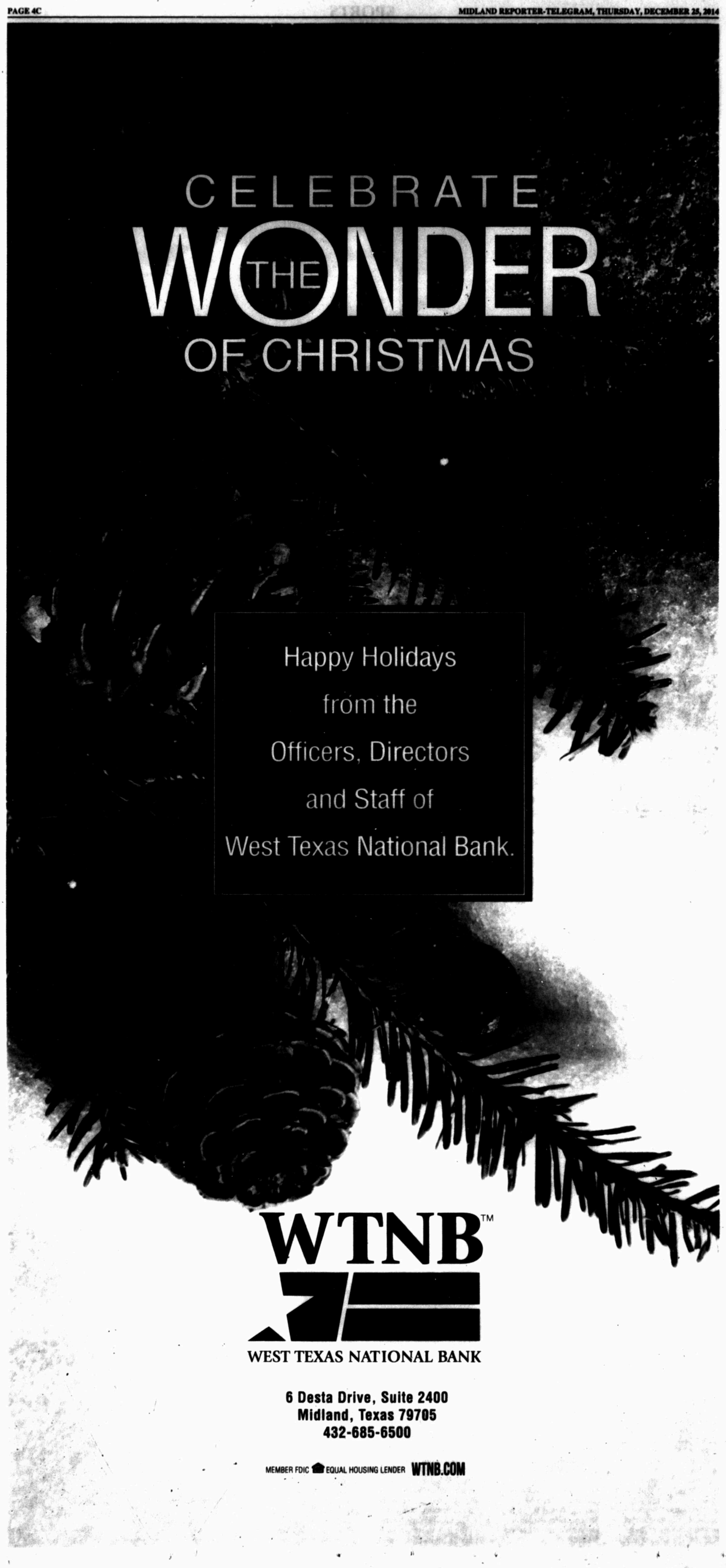
Greenwood football coach Shad Hanna said he was in junior high when the law passed and has known nothing else both as a student and as a coach. And he added that a goal for his program during football season is have a 100 percent passing rate.

"I can't believe it was 30 years ago. I was in junior high playing football," Hanna said with a laugh. "Even the parents, who are my age and younger, can't remember a time there wasn't a rule."

As the law begins its fourth decade, some look back and laugh about the controversy it caused. But it was a first-of-its-kind law — one that other states imitated in some form or fashion — and those who work with students every day say it was a change for the better in the state.

"It made everybody put things into perspective," Whalen said. "It made a lot of coaches realize if (that athlete) doesn't do a good job in the classroom, he's not going to be out there, and nobody in their right mind could refute the academic part of it."

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KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Mom	Two and Half Men	McCar-thys	Elementary "On the Line"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman	(:35) Craig Ferguson
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Hogan's Heroes	Gilligan's Island	Brady Bunch	A. Griffith	Cheers	P. Mason "The Case of the Captain's Coins"	Dragnet "Forgery"
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Bones "The Lance to the Heart"		Bones "The Purging of the Pundit"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
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HBO		300	68	14	14		(5:15)	Percy Jack...	★★ Now You See Me Jesse Eisenberg.				★★ 47 Ronin ('13, Act) Keanu Reeves.		(:05)	★ The Best M...		
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DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Hammerhead		Lair of Mega Shark		Shark of Darkness: Wrath of Submarine				Megalodon: The Extended Cut			
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FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	★★★ Elf ('03, Com) Will Ferrell.				★★★ Home Alone Macaulay Culkin.				The 700 Club		★★ Home Alone 3	
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FX		31	31	59	64	69	★★ Kung Fu Panda 2 ('11, Ani) Jack Black.				★★★ Shrek Forever After Mike Myers.				★★ Christmas With the Kranks			
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34	Movie	★ Christmas at Cartwright's			★ Christmas Under Wraps			★ Royal Christmas			★ A Cookie Cutter...	
HGTV		63	50	26	48	44	House	House	Rehab	Rehab	Rehab	Rehab	H.Hunt	House	Renovation		Rehab	Rehab
HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	(:05) Pawn	Pawn S.	Pawn S.	Pawn S.
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	(5:00)	★ Twelve Men of Christmas	★★ Christmas With the Kranks ('04, Com) Jamie Lee Curtis, Dan Aykroyd, Tim Allen.				★ The Santa Con (2014, Comedy) Melissa Sagemiller, Scott Grimes, Barry Watson.				★★ Christmas With the Kranks	
MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	39				(4:00)	Mecum "Seattle"	Mecum "Anaheim"		Mecum "Best of" (N)		Mecum Dealmakers		"Monterey"		Mecum "Dallas"	
NICK		55	34	39	34	37	Movie	Nicky	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Mother	Mother
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	(5:00)	★★ Troy (2004, Action) Orlando Bloom, Eric Bana, Brad Pitt.					★★★ X2: X-Men United ('03, Sci-Fi) Patrick Stewart.					
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67	★ Snowmageddon ('11, Fant) David Cubitt.				★ Christmas Icetastrophe Victor Webster.				★ Ice Quake ('10, Sci-Fi) Brendan Fehr.			
TBS		25	11	44	66	41	(5:00)	★★★ A Christmas Story	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Dana Carvey, Cristin Milioti		Cougar Town	Conan
TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:00)	★ Love Finds ...	★★★ High Anxiety ('77, Com) Mel Brooks.				★★★ Silent Movie			(:45)	★ To Be or Not To Be	
TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		★ The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (2008, Fantasy)						Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Historias Virgen	
TLC		51	33	32	38	52	90 Day Fiancé "I Have To Tell You Something"		90 Day Fiancé "Going Once, Going Twice...Gone?"		90 Day Fiancé "Red Flags"		90 Day Fiancé "Red Flags"		90 Day Fiancé "I'm Gonna Go Home"		90 Day Fiancé "I'm Gonna Go Home"	
TNT		24	23	40	26	50	(5:00)	★★★ A Christmas Story	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Chicago Bulls Site: United Center -- Chicago, Ill. (L)						NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Clippers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)			
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Walker, Texas Ranger		(:20) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens		Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends
USA		26	30	42	27	49	★★ Little Fockers (2010, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Owen Wilson, Ben Stiller.				★★★ Bridesmaids (2011, Comedy) Maya Rudolph, Rose Byrne, Kristen Wiig.				★ Jingle All the Way II ('14, Fam) Brian Stepanek, Larry the Cable Guy.			
WGN		19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos		America's Funniest Home Videos	

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LeBron set for Christmas homecoming against Heat

By Tim Reynolds and Tom Withers
Associated Press

MIAMI — LeBron James doesn't have any apprehension for this homecoming.

There's nothing to fear, no real worries about his safety, unlike what awaited him the last time he had one of these return games. Then again, this might not even classify as a homecoming — because, it turns out, Miami was never truly his home, just a place he called home for four years while playing with the Heat.

He came. He won. He left.

Today, James returns to face the Heat, the team that turned him from a superstar to a two-time NBA champion superstar. And as he and the Cleveland Cavaliers prepare for what will certainly be an emotional Christmas visit, James said he's expecting to be flooded with positive vibes.

"To say I haven't thought about going back, I would be lying," James said in Cleveland on Tuesday night after he and the Cavaliers beat Minnesota. "It's going to be great to be back in that building around those unbelievable fans and the memories will definitely come back, being a part of the organization for four years."

For their part, the Heat insist that they're looking forward to the reunion.

It goes without saying that some in the organization were angry when James left this past summer, in large part because of how long it took him to tell Miami that he would not be returning. But the building has hardly been scrubbed of reminders: Heat coach Erik Spoelstra still has photos of James in his office, and huge prints of some of his most memorable moments still adorn the walls of "Championship Alley" — the hallway leading from the Miami locker room.

James remains in contact with some Heat players, and his close friendship with Dwyane Wade continues.

"It hasn't changed," Wade said. "It won't change. ... We have a great friendship and great respect for each other. It won't change."

The homecoming drama was so different four years ago.

When James returned to Cleveland on Dec. 2, 2010, for the first time after signing as a free agent with Miami, the city that adopted the Akron native as one of its own turned on him. He was booed incessantly by Cavs fans who felt that he had betrayed them despite seven great seasons.

The Heat won that night. And they knew they would never face an atmosphere that daunting again.

"It was just us," James said.

James has spent the past few days downplaying his return to South Florida, but the four-time MVP has found himself reminiscing about what he accomplished alongside Wade, Udonis Haslem, Chris Bosh, Mario Chalmers and those former Heat teammates who remain in Miami.

They became a family, and for James, family is everything.

"I'm one person who understands being home, being able to stay home and making sacrifices to be home," said Haslem, a Miami native who has spent his entire NBA career there despite the chance to make more elsewhere. "I've done it my whole career and I can't fault him for that. We had a great four years together, we had a lot of success together and we'll continue to be friends."

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	22	7	.759	—
Brooklyn	12	15	.444	9
Boston	10	16	.385	10½
New York	5	25	.167	17½
Philadelphia	4	23	.148	17

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	21	7	.750	—
Washington	19	8	.704	1½
Miami	13	16	.448	8½
Orlando	11	20	.355	11½
Charlotte	10	19	.345	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	19	9	.679	—
Cleveland	17	10	.630	1½
Milwaukee	14	15	.483	5½
Indiana	10	19	.345	9½
Detroit	5	23	.179	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	21	7	.750	—
Houston	20	7	.741	½
Dallas	20	10	.667	2
San Antonio	18	11	.621	3½
New Orleans	14	14	.500	7

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	23	7	.767	—
Oklahoma City	13	16	.448	9½
Denver	12	17	.414	10½
Utah	9	20	.310	13½
Minnesota	5	22	.185	16½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	23	3	.885	—
L.A. Clippers	19	10	.655	5½
Phoenix	16	14	.533	9
Sacramento	12	16	.429	12
L.A. Lakers	8	19	.296	15½

Tuesday's Scores

Chicago 99, Washington 91
Orlando 100, Boston 95
Indiana 96, New Orleans 84
Cleveland 125, Minnesota 104
Atlanta 107, L.A. Clippers 104
Philadelphia 91, Miami 87
Brooklyn 102, Denver 96
Portland 115, Oklahoma City 111, OT
Charlotte 108, Milwaukee 101
Phoenix 124, Dallas 115
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's Games

Washington at New York, noon
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 1:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Miami, 4 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

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2014FALLALL-DISTRICTTEAMS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Football

3-6A ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM

MVP — Braden Hucks, Sr., San Angelo Central

Defensive MVP — Eli Howard, Sr., San Angelo Central

Sophomore of the Year — Dillon Springer, So., Midland High

Coach of the Year — Brent Davis, San Angelo Central

First Team

Offense

Quarterback — *Chess Scott, Sr., Abilene High*

Running Back — *Aron Dobbins, Sr., Lee*; Darius Reed, Sr., Midland High; Sebastian Galindo, Jr., Abilene High

Receivers — Reese Childress, Sr., Abilene High; Landon Sawyer, Sr., San Angelo Central; Dreweyne Andrews, So., Odessa High; Kobe Robinson, Sr., Odessa Permian; Taylor Thompson, Sr., Odessa Permian

Tight End — Nicholas Lambert, Sr., San Angelo Central; Trevor Abney, Sr., Midland High

Center — David Brown, Sr., Abilene High; Jack Feldt, Sr., Odessa Permian

Guards — Ben Weatherby, Sr., San Angelo Central; Robert Evans, Sr., Midland High; Jesus Olivares, Jr., Odessa Permian

Tackles — *Brandon Sampson, Sr., San Angelo Central*; Austin Silfuentes, Sr., Abilene High

Kicker — Gage Bonaventure, Sr., San Angelo Central

Defense

Defensive Ends — Dylan Parsee, Jr., San Angelo Central; Tom Berry, Sr., Abilene High

Defensive Tackles — Miguel Espinoza, Sr., Abilene High; Brian McClure, Jr., Odessa High

Inside LineBackers — *Edgar Contreras, Sr., Odessa High*; Ronnell Wilson, Jr., Abilene High

Outside Linebackers — Hil Holloway, Jr., Abilene High; Donavyn Jackson, Jr., San Angelo Central; Britt Boler, Sr., Midland High; Cody Young, Sr., Odessa Permian

Safeties — McKendrie Morrison, Jr., Abilene High; Luke West, Sr., San Angelo Central; Blake Humble, Sr., Midland High

Cornerbacks — David Earles, Jr., Abilene High; Connor Frank, Sr., San Angelo Central

Punter — Davis Martin, Sr., San Angelo Central

Utility — Efren Morales, Sr., San Angelo Central

*Denotes unanimous selection

Second Team

Offense

Quarterback — Ryan Goodrum, Sr., Midland High

Running Backs — Abram Smith, So., Abilene High; Monroe Lacy, Sr., San Angelo Central; Ricky Hubert, Sr., Midland High

Receivers — Trey Dennis, Sr., Abilene High; Payton Coffman, Sr., Abilene High; Cody Fielder, Sr., San Angelo Central; Courtney McMahon, Sr., Midland High; Juwan Lee, Sr., Lee

Tight End — Kaleb Nunez, Jr., Lee

Center — Lee Payan, Sr., Midland High; Byron Hutson, Sr., Odessa High

Guards — Daniel Wilchek, Sr., Abilene High; Brock Murry, Jr., Lee

Tackles — Braxton Webb, Jr., San Angelo Central; Michael Marsh, Jr., Lee

Kicker — Oscar-Hernandez, Jr., Abilene High

Defense

Defensive Ends — Regan Cooke, Sr., Abilene High; Traver Viem, Jr., Midland High

Defensive Tackles — Cedrick Smith, So., San Angelo Central; Jacob Granado, Sr., Midland High

Inside Linebackers — Davis Martin, Sr., San Angelo Central; Ernie Soles, Sr., Midland High; Josh Nguyen, Jr., Odessa Permian

Outside Linebackers — Gering Scott, So., San Angelo Central; Seth Montes, Sr., Odessa High; Jax Welch, Jr., Odessa Permian

Cornerbacks — Will Vincent, Jr., San Angelo Central; Des Smith, Jr., Odessa Permian

Punter — Blake Boring, Jr., Midland High

Honorable Mention

Offense

Quarterback — Heath Wood, Sr., Odessa Permian

Receivers — Marcel Leak, Sr., San Angelo Central; Kaczanck Ware, Sr., San Angelo Central; Center — Griffin Quarterol, Sr., Lee

Guards — Jeromy Parrish, Sr., San Angelo Central

Tackles — Paxton Herring, So., Midland High; Jesus Adame, Sr., Odessa High

Kicker — Blake Boring, Jr., Midland High

Defense

Defensive Ends — Evan Deal, Jr., Lee; Andrew Blackstone, Jr., Odessa Permian; Noah Hernandez, Sr., Odessa High; Javier Montoya, Sr., Odessa High

Defensive Tackles — Austin Garcia, Jr., San Angelo Central; T.J. Soto, Sr., Lee

Inside Linebackers — Quay Logan, Sr., Abilene High; Tyler Thames, Jr., Lee; Jack Youngblood, Jr., Midland High

Outside Linebackers — Zach Moses, Sr., Abilene High

Safeties — Beau Lasater, Jr., San Angelo Central; Taran Butler, Sr., Odessa Permian

Cornerbacks — Isaac Buenrostro, So., Abilene High; Noah Marquez, So., Midland High

2-4A DIVISION II ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM

MVP — Kaegan Jeffrey, Sr., Sweetwater

Offensive MVP — Lukas Singh, Jr., Fort Stockton

Co-Defensive MVP — Jake Rogers, Jr., Greenwood; Ernesto Orvenidez, Jr., Fort Stockton

Newcomer of the Year — Bubba Henson, Fr., Pecos

Offensive Lineman of the Year — Ty Crabtree, Sr., Monahans

Defensive Lineman of the Year — Israel Jara, Jr., Sweetwater

Freshman — Isaiah McGee, Sr., Sweetwater

Coaching Staff of the Year — Sweetwater

First Team

Offense

Quarterback — Quenton Jones, Jr., Monahans

Running Back — Jacob Lair, Sr., Monahans; T.C. Hurtt, Sr., Sweetwater; Michael Garrison, Sr., Fort Stockton; Caleb Studer, Sr., Lamesa

Tight End — Andrew Acosta, Jr., Fort Stockton

Wide Receiver — Marcus Muniz, Jr., Monahans; Michael Lawrence, Jr., Sweetwater; Bray Arms, Jr., Sweetwater; Javier Vasquez, Sr., Greenwood; Austin Ucax, Sr., Greenwood

Offensive Line — Raymond Porras, Sr., Monahans; Jordan Pollard, Sr., Sweetwater; Ty Crair, Sr., Sweetwater; Cory Mendez, Jr., Sweetwater; Sean Strickland, Sr., Greenwood; Justin Reyna, Sr., Pecos

Kicker — Jacob Lair, Sr., Monahans

Defense

Defensive Line — Eldon Nesbett, Sr., Greenwood; Josue Duarte, Sr., Fort Stockton; Ben Madrid, Jr., Pecos; Larry Iglesias, Sr., Lamesa

Defensive End — Lucas Rodriguez, Jr., Monahans; Daniel Maldanado, Jr., Sweetwater; Josh Swopes, Jr., Greenwood; Bryce Thompson, Sr., Greenwood; Marco Rodriguez, Jr., Fort Stockton

Linebackers — Matt Ligon, Jr., Monahans; Brandon Francisco, Sr., Monahans; Hunter Mobley, Sr., Sweetwater; Kiante McCoy, Fr., Sweetwater; Juan Gonzales, Sr., Fort Stockton; Lucas Cordova, Sr., Pecos

Defensive Backs — Marcus Montez, Jr., Monahans; Michael Greer, So., Sweetwater; Javier Vizcaino, Sr., Greenwood; Isaac Acosta, Sr., Fort Stockton; Larry Ybarra, Sr., Pecos; Isiah Hood, Fr., Lamesa

Punter — Zach Redwine, Sr., Greenwood

Second Team

Offense

Quarterback — Zach Redwine, Sr., Greenwood

Running Back — Nicko Jasso, Sr., Monahans; Alex Garcia, Sr., Pecos

Tight End — Sammy Tann, Sr., Pecos

Wide Receiver — Dylan Anderson, Sr., Monahans; Max Gomez, Jr., Sweetwater; Henry Leyva, Jr., Fort Stockton; Silver Ramirez, Jr., Pecos; Jaleel Edwards, Sr., Lamesa

Offensive Line — Brock Franco, Sr., Monahans; C.J. Adams, Jr., Sweetwater; Carlos Gallegos, So., Sweetwater; Jayden Lane, Sr., Greenwood; Felix Rodriguez, Jr., Greenwood; Ben Lujan, Sr., Fort Stockton; Alan Owens, Sr., Fort Stockton; Jesse Villareal, Jr., Lamesa

Kicker — Marco Cordova, Sr., Pecos

Defense

Defensive Line — Manuel Navarrete, So., Sweetwater; David Leyva, Sr., Stockton

Defensive End — Gavin Stroh, Jr., Monahans; Jacob Strickland, Sr., Monahans; Denzel Moore, Jr., Sweetwater; Therron Jones, So., Sweetwater; Frankie Rodriguez, Jr., Fort Stockton; David Sandivel, Sr., Pecos

Linebackers — Brandon Guelker, Jr., Sweetwater; Adrian Vizcarra, Jr., Sweetwater; Fabian Madrid, So., Greenwood; Faustino Madrid, Jr., Greenwood; Joseph Olvera, Sr., Lamesa

Defensive Back — Coby Beard, Sr., Monahans; Justice Thompson, Jr., Greenwood; Nathan Fuentes, Jr., Monahans

Punter — Isaac Acosta, Sr., Fort Stockton; Jose Bejarao, Sr., Lamesa

Honorable Mention

Greenwood — J.P. Contreras, Hunter Wigington, Eric Rojas, Blake Osborn; Alex Rivera

2-4A DIVISION I ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM

MVP — Jase Hammack, Sr., QB, Andrews

Offensive MVP — William Mansa, Sr., QB, Clint

Defensive MVP — Keegan Gray, Sr., MLB, Andrews

Newcomer of the Year — Torey Kelly, So., RB, Andrews

Coaching Staff of the Year — Andrews

First Team

Offense

Quarterback — Leo Avila, Sr., Mountain View

Running Back — Tomas Chavez, Jr., Fabens; Jesus Almanza, Jr., Clint; Tajh Kelly, Jr., Andrews

Wide Receiver — Braden Grimsley, Sr., Andrews; Caleb O'Connor, Sr., Andrews; Jezrael Gandara, Sr., Clint; Jace Cordell, Sr., Andrews; Giovani Carrillo, Sr., San Elizario

Tight End — Hector Herrera, Sr., Clint; Alan Ramirez, Sr., Fabens

Center — Ethan Azam, Jr., Andrews; Enrique Iglesias, Sr., Fabens; Marco Vega, Sr., Clint

Linebacker — Eduardo Figueroa, Sr., Fabens; Isaac Arzaga, Sr., Mountain View; Alan Salazar, Sr., Clint; Marc Garcia, Sr., Andrews

Defensive Back — Inocencio Perez, Jr., Mountain View; Jace Cordell, Sr., Andrews; Eddie Gaballdon, Jr., Andrews; Daniel Mendoza, Sr., Fabens

Punter — Ricardo Rodriguez, Sr., San Elizario; Caleb O'Connor, Sr., Andrews

Second Team

Offense

Quarterback — Orlando Flores, Sr., Fabens

Running Back — Daniel Zacarias, Jr., Clint; Robert Carreon, Jr., San Elizario; Jeffrey Spence, So., Fabens

Wide Receiver — Ricardo Rodriguez, Sr., San Elizario; Keegan Thompson, So., Andrews; Jovi Lopez, So., Andrews; ARmando Gutierrez, Sr., Fabens

Tight End — Sergio Ponce, So., Mountain View; Chris Silva, Sr., Fabens

Center — Jose Hernandez, Jr., Clint

Offensive Line — Juan Montoya, Sr., Clint; Javier Garcia, Sr., San Elizario; Luis Valenzuela, Jr., Andrews; Victor Morales, Jr., Fabens; Gabe Guerrero, Jr., Mountain View

Kicker — Braden Grimsley, Sr., Andrews

Defense

Defensive Line — Frank Vargas, Sr., Clint; Joe Moreno, Sr., Andrews; Oscar Pena, Sr., Mountain View

Defensive End — Arturo Nunez, Sr., Clint; Blake Narrell, Sr., Andrews

Linebacker — Alfonso Alvarado, Sr., Clint; Brandon Gonzales, Jr., Fabens; Ricky Lopez, Jr., Mountain View; Kenny Bills, Sr., Andrews

Defensive Back — Jesus Almanza, Jr., Clint; William Mansa, Sr., Clint; Ivan Lopez, Jr., San Elizario; Robert Ridge, Sr., Andrews; Chris Silva, Sr., Fabens

Punter — Jerry Escobar, Sr., Fabens

Utility Specialist Teams — Lake Berry, Sr., Andrews; Eric Rivera, Jr., Clint; Saul Villalobos, Sr., Fabens; Tony Altamira, Sr., Mountain View; Robert Carreon, Jr., San Elizario

Honorable Mention

Andrews — Caleb O'Connor, Sr., DE, Denic Lambert, DE, Jacob Morgan, OL, Kenny Bills, Sr., RB, Lake Berry, Sr., LB, Robert Ridge, WR

2014 DISTRICT 3-4A DIVISION I ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM

Newscomer of the Year — Harley Price, So., Brownwood

District MVP — Clay Johnston, Sr., Abilene Wylie

Offensive MVP — Tobyn Tannehill, Sr., Big Spring

Defensive MVP — Bayler Baker, Sr., Abilene Wylie

Coach of the Year — Abilene Wylie staff

First Team

Offense

Quarterback — Jayton Rodriguez, Sr., Ozona

Wide Receiver — Hayden Hargraves, Sr., Christoval; Pecos Silva, Sr., Christoval; Sebastian Martinez, So., McCamey; Adrian Fierro, So., Ozona; Ryan Pearson, Sr., Forsan

Running Back — Luke Parker, Sr., Christoval; Ricky Porras, Sr., Ozona; Ryan Porras, Sr., Ozona

Offensive Line — Andrew Tone, Sr., McCamey; Sam King, Sr., Christoval; Braden East, Jr., Forsan; Zack Taylor, Sr., Ozona; Taylor Monn Jr., Forsan; Michael Graham, Jr., Ozona

Tight End — Bryce Martin Jr., Ozona; Adrian Gomez, Fr., Anthony

Defense

Defensive Line — Levi Guevara, Jr., Mc Camey; John Jurado, Jr., Ozona; Taylor Monn Jr., Forsan; Armando Borrego, Sr., Anthony; Rudy Salinas, Sr., Christoval

Defensive End/Outside Linebacker — Walker Park, Jr., Forsan; Jose Ceda, Jr., Ozona; Procs Silva, Sr., Christoval; Johnny Venegas, Jr., Ozona

Inside Linebacker — Kalen Perez, Jr., Ozona; Garrett Kilgore, Sr., Anthony; Cody Prut Sr., Christoval; Aliz Deleon, Jr., McCamey

Secondary — Oscar Barraza, Sr., Forsan; Eric Garcia, Sr., McCamey; Hayden Hargraves, Sr., Christoval; Bryce Gutierrez, Sr., Ozona; Ryan Porras, Sr., Ozona

Second Team

Offense

Quarterback — Adrian Alonzo, Jr., Mc Camey

Wide Receiver — Cole Carpenter, So., Christoval; Juan Rodriguez, Sr., Ozona; Zeke Garcia, Jr. McCamey; Oscar Barraza, Sr. Forsan; Alberto Alaniz, So., Anthony

Running Back — Walker Park, Jr., Forsan; Aliq Deleon, Jr., McCamey; Trenton Burchett, So. Christoval; Tommy Fay, So., Ozona

Offensive Line — Johnny Venegas, Jr. Ozona; Gabriel Leal, Sr., Forsan; Daymon Ramirez, So., Anthony; Jamie Nunez, Jr. Mc Camey; Chase Dehoyos, Sr., Ozona

Tight End — Trevor Williams, Sr. Forsan

DEFENSE

Defensive Line — Jame Nunez Jr. Mc Camey; Michael Graham, Jr. Ozona; Chance Edwards, Jr., Forsan; Jame Vasquez, Jr. Anthony; Diego Salinas, Fr. Christoval

Defensive End/Outside Linebacker — Mark Juarez, So. McCamey; Jesus Ramirez, Fr. Anthony; Tanner White, So. Anthony; Sam Rosales, So. McCamey

Inside Linebacker — Braden Grady, Sr. Mc Camey; Brandon Espinoza, So. Anthony; Ricky Porras, Sr. Ozona

Secondary — Martin Herrera, Sr. Anthony; Cody Moreno, Jr. Christoval; Zeke Garcia, Jr. McCamey; Juan Rodriguez, Sr. Ozona; Ryan Pearson, Sr. Forsan

Special Teams — Trevor Williams, Sr. Forsan; Paul Moore, So. Christoval; Kalen Perez Jr. Ozona; Abel Hinojos, Sr. Anthony; Jame Reyna, Jr., McCamey

Honorable Mention

Forsan — Jesse Cervantes, Jr., QB; Christopher Mims, Sr., OL; Lyne Schafer, So., LB; Blaze Yeater, So., DB

TAPPS DIVISION I DISTRICT 1 ALL-DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM

MVP — Rawleigh Williams III, Sr., Dallas Bishop Lynch

Defensive Player of the Year — Darrion Daniels, Sr., Dallas Bishop Dunne

Co-Offensive Players of the Year — Nathan Ellena, Sr., Dallas Trinity Christian; Ryan Cash, Jr., Plano Prestonwood

Offensive Newcomer of the Year — Rajon Cunningham, , So., Dallas Bishop Dunne

Special Teams Player of the Year — Frank Colin, Fort Worth Nolan Catholic

Coach of the Year — Michael Johnson, Dallas Bishop Dunne

First Team

Offense

Offensive Line — Johnny Wilson, Sr., Midland Christian; Darrion Daniels, Sr., Dallas Bishop Dunne; Jarred Bird, Jr., Plano Prestonwood; Cameron Pino, Jr., Addison Trinity Christian; Johnathon Muraski, Sr., FW Nolan Catholic

Quarterback — Ryan Cash, Jr., Plano Prestonwood

Running Back — Rawleigh Williams III, Sr., Dallas Bishop Lynch; Nahshon Ellerbe; Rajah Cunningham, So., Dallas Bishop Dunne; Justin Fender, Sr., Midland Christian

Receiver — A.D. Miller, Sr., Dallas Bishop Dunne; Parker Oliver, Jr., Addison Trinity Christian; Jonathan Heasley, Jr., Plano Prestonwood; Mereik Pierce, Sr., Bland John Paul II

Tight End — Nicholas Bolordreaux, Sr., FW Nolan Catholic

Kicker — Travis Causey, Sr., Midland Christian

Athlete — Hunter Griffith, Argyle Liberty Christian

Defense

Defensive Line — Deonte Williams, Jr., Plano Prestonwood; Darrion Daniels, Sr., Dallas Bishop Dunne; Jarred Alex, Sr., Dallas Bishop Dunne; William Jones, Jr., Plano Prestonwood; Blant Foster III, Sr., FW Nolan Catholic

Linebacker — Markeis Williams, Sr., Dallas Bishop Dunne; Kyler Howell, Jr., Argyle Liberty Christian; Hunter Griffith, Sr., Argyle Liberty Christian; Tre'Jzon Blair, Sr., Dallas Bishop Dunne; Kaleb Warren, Sr., Midland Christian

Secondary — Andrew Hunnicutt, Sr., Argyle Liberty Christian; Joshua Drayden, Jr., Dallas Bishop Dunne; Travis Cook, Sr., Dallas Bishop Dunne; Reagan Brown, Sr., Midland Christian; Chevin Calloway, So., Dallas Bishop Dunne

Punter — McLane Mannix, So., Midland Christian

Second Team

Offense

Offensive Line — Bryson Breeding, Jr. Midland Christian; Cameron Brasher, Sr. Argyle Liberty Christian; Andrew Kelly, Jr., Dallas Bishop Lynch; Tyreece Rivers, Jr., Plano Prestonwood; Joe Pina, Jr., FW Nolan Catholic; Quantrell Jones — Micah Simon, Sr., Dallas Bishop Dunne

Running Back — Danan Brown, Sr., Plano John Paul II; Eric Alvarez, Jr., FW Nolan Catholic; Kyleb Howell, Jr., Argyle Liberty Christian; Eric Stevenson, Sr., Plano Prestonwood

Receiver — Andrew Hunnicutt, Sr., Argyle Liberty Christian; Jarred Allen Jr., Jr., Plano Prestonwood; Justus Lee, Jr., Argyle Liberty Christian; Joseph Gannon Sr., Dallas Bishop Lynch

Tight End — Garrett Sawyer, Jr., Argyle Liberty Christian

Kicker — Cole Austin, Sr., Argyle Liberty Christian

Athlete — McLane Mannix, So., Midland Christian

Defense

Defensive Line — Timothy Jones, Sr., Dallas Bishop Dunne; Jonathan King, Jr., FW Nolan Catholic; Reid Talley, Midland Christian; Brandon Chu, Sr., Addison Trinity Christian; Grant Ludgar Sr. Dallas Bishop Lynch

Linebacker — Jack Wayerski, Sr., Plano Prestonwood; Gabe Brack, Sr., Dallas Bishop Lynch; Loren Mondy, So., Dallas Bishop Dunne; Marshall Reid, Addison Trinity Christian; Sr. Midland Christian

Secondary — Collin Whitaker, Jr., Plano Prestonwood; Titus Beacham, Jr., Dallas Bishop Lynch; Givon Washington, Jr., Argyle Liberty Christian; Frank Colin, Sr., FW Nolan Catholic; Kalehb Douvar, Sr., Dallas Bishop Lynch

Punter — Cole Austin, Sr., Argyle Liberty Christian

Honorable Mention

Midland Christian Listed Only

Offensive Line — Jacob Tucker, Sr.

Running Back — Simeon Mayberry, Sr.

Receiver — Reagan Brown, Sr.

Defensive Line — Ray Calhoun, Sr.

Linebacker — Justin Hall, Sr.

Secondary — Sam Gilbert, Sr.

TAPPS SIX-MAN DIVISION I DISTRICT 1 ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

First Team

Offense

Lineman — Jon Crisp, Jr., Abilene Christian

Receiver — Will Brown, So., Trinity; Nicholas Bubany, Jr., Watauga Harvest; Jake Bowman, Jr., Watauga Harvest

Center — Jonah Starck, Sr. Trinity

Quarterback — Chandon Wright, Sr. Watauga Harvest

Running Back — Colin Westmoreland, Sr. Rockwall Heritage; Michael Avila, Sr. Abilene Christian

Utility Back — Bradley Ruiz, Jr. Watauga Harvest

Kicker — Landon Lanier, Sr. Trinity

Special Teams — Kaleb Back, Sr. Watauga Harvest

Tight End — Marcelani Derek, Sr. Abilene Christian; Timothy Wright, Sr. Dallas The Covenant

Defense

Lineman — Jacques Webb, Jr. Trinity; Chad McCowan, Sr. Watauga Harvest; Isaiah Smith, Sr. Red Oak Ovilla Christian

Linebacker — Boomer Selvera, Sr. Trinity; Jake Bowman, Jr. Watauga Harvest; Michael Avila, Sr. Abilene Christian

Defensive End — Ethan Samuels, Sr. Trinity; Bradly Ruiz, Jr. Watauga Harvest; Brendan Schroepfer, Rockwall Heritage Christian; Vincent Baiano, Jr. Trinity

Punter — Cade Allbright, Fr. Red Oak Ovilla Christian

Second Team

Offense

Lineman — Tyler Ruby, Jr. Rockwall Heritage

Receiver — Peyton Harrington, Jr. Trinity; Austin Thorn, Sr. Red Oak Ovilla Christian; Brendan Schroepfer, Sr. Rockwall Heritage

Center — Isaac Wright, Jr. Watauga Harvest

Running Back — Gunner Teaster, Sr. Dallas The Covenant; Kaleb Beck, Sr. Watauga Harvest

Spread Back — Aaron Morales, Jr. Red Oak Ovilla Christian

Utility Back — Kenneth Fleetwood, Sr. Rockwall Heritage Christian

Kicker — Philip Hawthorne, So. Rockwall Heritage

Special Teams — Austin Thorn, Sr. Red Oak Ovilla Christian

Tight End — Daniel Robertson, Jr. Rockwall Heritage; Isaiah Smith, Sr. Red Oak Ovilla Christian

Defense

Lineman — Gage Morrow, Sr. Trinity; Josh Beck, Jr. Watauga Harvest; Sam Jones, Rockwall Heritage

Linebacker — Daniel Robertson, Jr., Rockwall Heritage; Austin Thorn, Sr. Red Oak Ovilla Christian; Kaleb Beck, Sr. Watauga Harvest

Defensive Back — Aaron Morales, Jr. Red Oak Ovilla Christian; Thomas Tannehill, Sr. Rockwall Heritage; Nicholas Bubany, Jr., Watauga Harvest; Hayden Hood, Jr., Abilene Christian

Punter — Ethan Samuels, Sr. Trinity

Honorable Mention

Trinity

Defensive Lineman — Christopher Pociano, So.

Defensive Back — Peyton Harrington, Jr.

Receiver — Gage Morrow, Sr.; Peter Rodenbo, Jr.

Special Teams — Treydan Seay, Fr.

DISTRICT 4-A DIVISION I ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Coach of the Year — Trey Richey, Borden County

Co-Offensive MVP — Hutner Jones, So., Borden County; E.J. Rodriguez, Sr., Grady

Defensive MVP — Trace Richey, Fr., Borden County

Newcomer of the Year — Jonathan Paulson, Jr., Klondike

First Team

Offense

Fullback — Korbin Martinez, Jr., Borden County

Quarterback — Kyle Garza, Jr., Grady

Running Backs — A.J. Rivas, Jr., O'Donnell; Corbin Summers, So., Borden County

Spreadback — Chris Arismendez, Jr., Klondike

Specials Teams Player — Mason Coor, Sr., Borden County

Spread Center — Shawn Solis, Sr., Klondike

Tight Ends — Joseph Briseno, Sr., Grady; Riley Herridge, Sr., Borden County

Tight Center — Frank Banman, Sr., Borden County

Utility Back — Alejandro Jimenez, Jr., Grady

Wide Receivers — Cole Avery, Jr., Grady; Jayden Coleman, Fr., Klondike; Sean Tucker, Sr., Borden County

Kicker — Riley Herridge, Sr., Borden County

Defense

Cornerback — Korbin Martinez, Jr., Borden County; Jonathan Paulson, Jr., Klondike

Defensive Line — Eric Barkowsky, Sr., Klondike; Colby Pennell, Jr., Borden County; Sean Tucker, Sr., Borden County

Linebacker — Frank Banman, Sr., Borden County; Devynn Smith, So., Grady

Nosegaard — Cameron Seiffert, Sr., Grady; Ryan Willborn, Fr., Borden County

Safety — Chris Arismendez, Jr., Klondike; Kyle Garza, Jr., Grady

Utility — Hunter Jones, Sr., Borden County

Punter — E.J. Rodriguez, Sr., Grady

Second Team

Offense

Fullback — Eric Barkowsky, Sr., Klondike

Quarterback — Aaron Skiles, Jr., Klondike

Running Backs — Mason Coor, Sr., Borden County; Trace Richey, Fr., Borden County

Special Teams Players — Noah Morales, So. Borden County; Chance Rosales, Jr., Klondike

Defense

Cornerbacks — Jayton Lewes, So., Borden County; Corbin Summers, So., Borden County; Cayden Vaughn, Sr., Borden County

Wide Receivers — Colby Pennell, Jr., Borden County; Andrue Robles, Jr., Grady; Stanlyn Wilkie, Sr., O'Donnell

Kickers — A.J. Rivas, Jr., O'Donnell; Aza Trejo, Sr., Grady

Defense

Cornerbacks — Jayton Lewes, So., Borden County; Corbin Summers, So., Borden County; Cayden Vaughn, Sr., Borden County

Defensive Line — Javier Reyes Jr., Grady; E.J Rodriguez, Sr., Grady; Zane Smith, So., Klondike; Bry Todd, So., O'Donnell

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

Nosegaard — Bryce Blocker, Sr., Grady

Safeties — Alejandro Jimenez, Jr., Grady; Noah Morales, So., Borden County

Punter — Devynn Smith, So., Grady

DISTRICT 5-A DIVISION I ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Coach of the Yeare — Jeff Jones, Marfa

Offensive MVP — Ismael Ramirez, Sr., Garden City

Defensive MVP — Beto Ramos, Jr., Marfa

Co-Newcomer of the Year — Isaac Enriquez, Jr. Garden City; Jonathan Stone, So. Rankin

First Team

Offense

Fullback — Michael Rodriguez, Jr. Rankin

Quarterback — K.O Ray, Sr., Rankin

Running Backs — Beto Ramos, Jr., Marfa; Angel Zuniga, Sr., Garden City

Spreadback — Salvador Roman, So., Marfa

Special Teams Players — Zebby Hultron, Jr. Rankin; Casey Walker, Jr. Marfa

Spread Center — Julian Lara, Sr. Fort Davis

Tight Ends — Rafe Royall, Jr. Garden City; Orlando Sanchez, Sr., Marfa

Tight Center — Gavin Livingston, Sr., Marfa

Utility Back — Junior Rodriguez, Sr., Rankin

Wide Receivers — Si Exum, Sr., Rankin; Troy Hernandez, Fr., Fort Davis

Kicker — Caleb Seegers, Sr., Marfa

Defense

Cornerbacks — Ismael Ramirez, Sr., Garden City; Michael Rodriguez, Jr., Rankin

Defensive Line — Hugo Almazan, Jr. Garden City; Damion Cura, Sr., Rankin; Jeremy Guevara, Jr. Marfa

Linebacker — Isaiah Enriquez, Jr. Garden City; Elijah Prieto, Sr., Marfa

Nosegaard — Aaron Lanier, Sr. Trinity

Safeties — Si Exum, Sr., Rankin; Salvador Roman, So., Marfa

Utility — Eduardo Amaro, Sr., Marfa; Isaac Enriquez, Jr., Garden City

Punter — Trent Whitesell, Jr. Fort Davis

Second Team

Offense

Fullback — Isaac Enriquez, Jr. Garden City

Quarterback — Eduardo Amaro, Sr., Marfa

Running Backs — Jonathan Stone, So., Rankin; Trent Whitesell, Jr. Fort Davis

Spreadback — Cody Granado, Jr. Fort Davis

Special Teams Players — Trent Whitesell, Jr. Fort Davis

Tight Ends — Rafe Royall, Jr. Garden City; Caleb Seegers, Sr. Marfa

Tight Center — Hugo Almazan, Jr. Garden City

Utility Back — Riley Eggemeyer, So. Garden City

Wide Receivers — Ty Halfmann, Sr. Garden City; Andrew Hutchens, Sr. Rankin

Kicker — Oscar Gutierrez, Sr. Garden City

Defense

Cornerbacks — Troy Hernandez, Fr. Fort Davis; Angel Zuniga, Sr., Garden City

Defensive Line — Tito Flores, Jr. Garden City; Julian Lara, Sr. Fort Davis; Cody Phillips, Sr. Rankin

Linebackers — Andrew Hutchens, Sr. Rankin; Trent Whitesell, Jr. Fort Davis

Safeties — Riley Eggemeyer, So. Garden City; Jonathan Stone, So., Rankin

Punter — Riley Eggemeyer, So. Garden City

DISTRICT 6-A DIVISION II ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Coach of the Year — John Benavidez & Staff, Buena Vista

Newscomer of the Year — Jaden Helms, Fr. Grandfalls-Royalty

Offensive MVP — Dayton Eddleman, Jr., Sands

Defensive MVP — Ethan Evans, So., Buena Vista

First Team

Offense

Tight Ends — Jacob Smith, Sr., Dawson; Neeves Rodriguez, Jr. Grandfalls-Royalty

Wide Receivers — Dylan Tindol, Jr., Sands; Dekota Bustamantes, Jr., Buena Vista

Tight Center — Kevin Gomez, Sr. Buena Vista

Spread Center — Julian Helms, Sr. Grandfalls-Royalty

Quarterback — Ethen Evans, So., Buena Vista

Running Backs — Leo Ramirez, Sr., Loop; Austin Perryman, Sr. Grandfalls-Royalty

Fullback — Miguel Padilla, So., Buena Vista

Spreadback — James Valero, Sr. Dawson

Utility Back — Juan Diaz, So., Sands

Kicker — Jose Ulloa, Jr., Buena Vista

Special Teams Player — Avie Lozano, Fr., Buena Vista

Defense

Nosegaard — Austin Perryman, Sr., Grandfalls-Royalty

Defensive Linemen — Miguel Padilla, So., Buena Vista; Isaac Olivas, Sr., Grandfalls-Royalty; Juan Diaz, So., Sands; Justin Contreras, Jr., Dawson

Linebackers — James Valero, Sr., Dawson; Dayton Eddleman, Jr., Sands

Cornerbacks — Lewis Subia, Sr., Buena Vista; Jacob Smith, Sr., Dawson

Safeties — Julian Helms, Sr., Grandfalls-Royalty; Joseph Sarabia, Fr., Buena Vista

Utility Player — Kevin Gomez, Sr., Buena Vista

Second Team

Offense

Tight Ends — Justin Arranda, Fr., Loop; Colton Butler, So., Grandfalls-Royalty

Wide Receivers — Sergio Plata, Sr., Sands; Matthew De La Rosa, So., Dawson; Jose Castro, Fr., Buena Vista

Tight Center — Austin Nichols, Jr., Sands

Spread Center — Jonathan Contreras, Jr., Dawson

Quarterback — Caithen Bodey, So., Loop; Trey Sissom, So., Sands

Running Backs — Lewis Subia Jr., Buena Vista; Robert Canals, So., Grandfalls-Royalty

Fullback — Dustin Griffin, Sr., Loop; Austin De La Rosa, So., Dawson

Spreadback — Aaron Contreras, Fr., Dawson

Utility Back — Will McMorris, Sr., Sands

Kicker — Derrick Renteria, Fr., Sands

Special Teams Player — Zach Slocum, So., Dawson; Joseph Sarabia, Fr., Buena Vista

Defense

Nosegaard — Oscar Bosquez, Jr., Loop; Will McMorris, Sr., Sands

Defensive Linemen — Dekota Bustamantes, Jr. Buena Vista; Dylan Tindol, Jr., Sands; Colton Butler, So., Grandfalls-Royalty

Linebackers — Robert Canals, So., Grandfalls-Royalty; Dustin Griffin, Sr., Loop

Cornerbacks — Matthew De La Rosa, So., Dawson; Mason Braden, Jr., Buena Vista

Safeties — Aaron Contreras, Fr., Dawson; Nieves Rodriguez, Jr. Grandfalls-Royalty

Utility Player — Justin Aranda, Fr., Loop; Zach'Slocum, So., Dawson

Volleyball

2014 3-6A ALL-DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL TEAM

MVP — Mikail Russell, Sr., San Angelo Central

Outstanding Hitter — Channing Burleson, Sr., Midland High

Co-Outstandings Setters — Ashley Pierce, Jr. Abilene High; Bailey Waddington, Soph., San Angelo Central

Outstanding Defensive Player — Ally Standard, Sr., San Angelo Central

Newcomer of the Year — Alissa Miramontez, Fr., Odessa Permian

Coach of the Year — Connie Bozarth, San Angelo Central

First Team

Jordan Williams, Sr., Odessa Permian; Carlee Smith, Sr., Odessa Permian; Jenna Gilliean, Sr., Midland High; Claire Lancaster, Sr., Midland High; Konner Wood, Jr., Midland High; London Moore, Jr., Abilene High; Morgan Akorita, Sr., Abilene High; Alexis Oliver, Sr., San Angelo Central; Britlyn Daniels, Sr., San Angelo Central; Sydney Staggs, Jr., Abilene High.

Second Team

Vidalia Sanchez, Sr., Permian; Jessica Nguyen, So., Permian; Krista Epley, Jr., Midland; Erin Robbins, Sr., Midland High; Kyndal Cowan, Sr., Midland; Allison Scott, Jr., Abilene; Hannah Tawney, So., Abilene; Darby O'Grady, Jr., Lee; Jocelyn Longoria, Jr., Odessa; Hannah McIntyre, So., Central; Amanda Torres, Sr., Central

Honorable Mention

Myra Carrion, Sr., Abilene High; Brittani Hill, Jr., Abilene High; Grace Ann Phillips, So., Abilene High; Elizabeth Low, Jr. Midland High; Emily Wickman, Jr., Midland High Emily Key, Jr., Midland High; Rachel Pritchard, Jr., Lee; Lexi Watts, Sr., Lee; Alessa Erdeurm, Jr., Lee; Quincy Robinson, Fr., Lee; Ayanna Martinez, Sr. Odessa High; Victoria Torres, Sr., Odessa High; Kim Valencia, Sr., Odessa High; Clara Garcia, Jr., Odessa High; Hope Hyatt, Odessa Permian; Kaytlynn Lewis, Odessa Permian; Alyssa Rios, Sr., San Angelo Central; Allie Holdridge, Sr. San Angelo Central.

Academic All-District

Claire Lancaster, Midland High; Mills Hullender, Midland High; Krista Epley, Midland High; Channning Burleson, Midland High; Erin Robbins, Midland High; Elizabeth Low, Midland High; Jenna Gilliean, Midland High; Emily Key, Midland High; Konner Wood, Midland High; Kyndal Cowan, Midland High; Emily Wickman, Midland High; Lexi Watts, Lee; Alcion Lathram Lee; Madison Petrich,

TODAY: Mostly sunny	FRIDAY: Mostly sunny	SATURDAY: Partly sunny	SUNDAY: Mostly sunny	MONDAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Mostly sunny
High 63 Low 28	High 66 Low 30	High 45 Low 30	High 51 Low 30	High 55 Low 29	High 43 Low 29

Local forecast

After a warmer-than-average high temperature today and Friday, expect wet and colder conditions. The forecast calls for a 20 percent chance of showers Friday night and Saturday.

On Saturday night, there is a 20 percent chance of showers and a low temperature of 30.

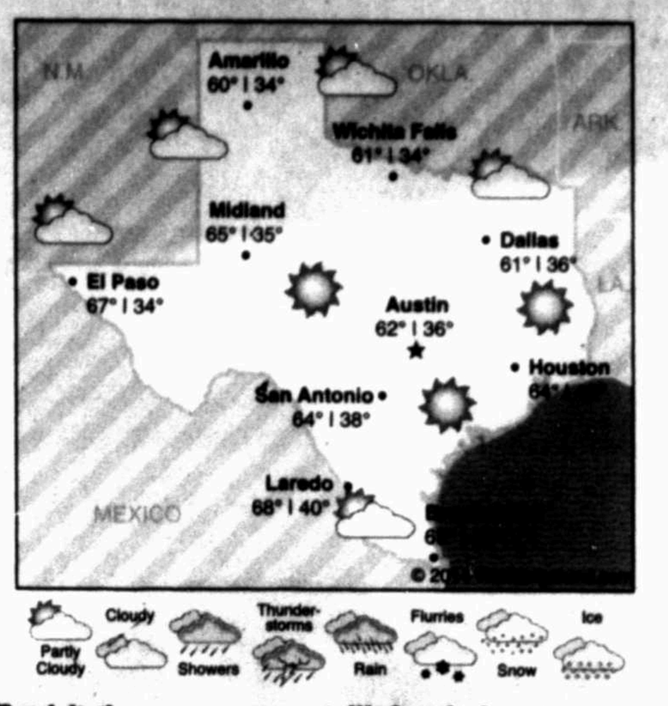
Next week, another cold front is expected to move in Tuesday and Wednesday. Expect highs in the mid 30s to lower 40s and lows in the lower 20s.

The high on Wednesday reached 48, while the low dropped to 31. The record high for Dec. 24 is 82 set in 1955. The record low is 6 set in 1983.

Weather brief

Christmas Eve shaped up to be windy, wet and warm instead of white across much of the country, creating headaches for travelers in the Great Lakes, the Northeast and a storm-battered swath of the South.

While parts of the South cleaned up from severe storms that killed at least four people, a system that forecasters had feared could bring several inches of snow to the Midwest, including the air travel hub of Chicago, mostly petered out or turned out to be rain.



Precipitation

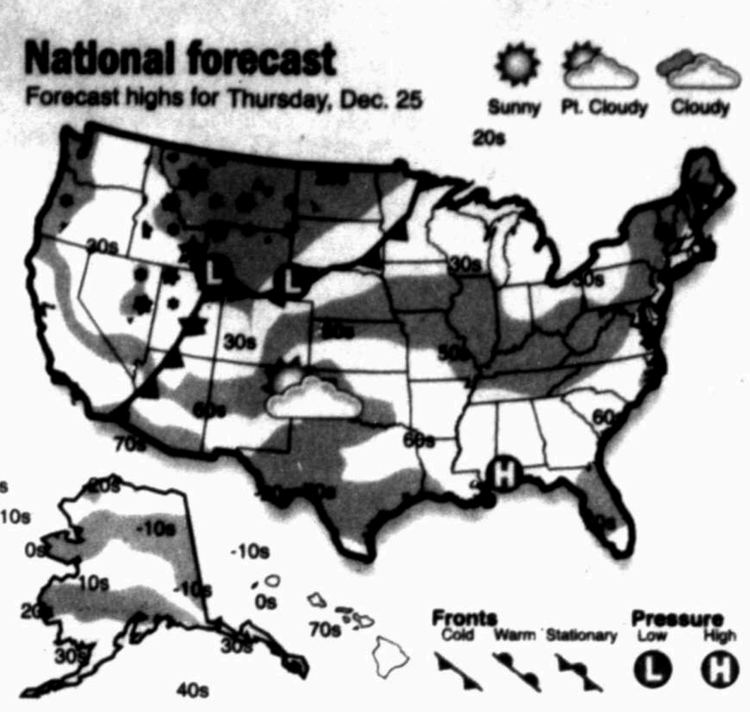
Tuesday	0.17 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.20 in.
Year total	7.65 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.46 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	48
Low	31
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:47 a.m.
Sunset	5:51 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, Dec. 25





Wife who can't make up her mind is driving husband away

DEAR ABBY

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



DEAR ABBY: I have been married for more than 10 years and have two children. My wife has a hard time making decisions, which has resulted in some issues such as hoarding, never having gotten a living room set, not replacing old carpets (which is causing potential health issues), not buying a new car or painting the house.

She is always saying, "I'll decide tomorrow, next week, etc.," but it never happens. She refuses to accept that she has a problem and seek help. I'm ready to give up on her, but I'm worried for the children. What should I do and where can she find help? — CAN'T MAKE A DECISION

DEAR CAN'T MAKE A DECISION: Give your wife a deadline by which to make a decision about the deferred "projects," then make the decision for the both of you. Your wife can find help by asking her doctor for a referral to a licensed mental health provider, but it won't happen until she is willing to admit to herself that she needs it and finally decides to deal with her indecisiveness.

DEAR ABBY: My mother and I haven't spoken in five years. She didn't go to my wedding, nor has she met my children. I want to make up with her and the family, but our argument is not the reason preventing me from reaching out. It's my stepfather.

He has been my dad since I was 5. When I was a teen, he got caught "peeping" at me inappropriately. When my brother discovered it, they got into an altercation. The whole family knows about it, but my mother took no action other than blaming me and telling me to be more careful.

Now, with my own daughter, I worry it could happen to her one day. I miss my family, but am I better off leaving things how they are and remaining strangers? — ESTRANGED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ESTRANGED: Yes, because you know your stepfather is a peeping Tom — which has been known to escalate — and your mother was willing to tolerate it rather than insist on his getting the help he needed.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are retired and can schedule our lives pretty much as we like. However, one thing we disagree on is the scheduling of meals. Formerly, we ate at 7 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. Now my husband wants to eat lunch at 10:30 and dinner at 4 o'clock. It's making me crazy! Pretty soon we'll be eating breakfast the night before.

I have tried talking to him about this, but it makes no difference. Since he does most of the cooking, he just goes ahead on his own schedule. I married him "for better or worse," but not for "brunch"! Help, please. — ANNOYED IN VIRGINIA

DEAR ANNOYED: I think much depends upon why your husband has changed the schedule. Has he told you why? If it's health-related, accommodate him. If you're not ready to eat when he needs to, have him put some food aside for you to reheat and eat later — or prepare your own meals.

DEAR READERS: I wish each and every one of you a joyous and meaningful holiday. Merry Christmas, everyone. Love, ABBY

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 Thursday, Dec. 25:

Your focus will be on the quality of your daily life and your financial security. You will work to enhance both areas. You might be unusually fortunate when it comes to dealing with others. Remember, Lady Luck can take you only so far! If you are single, you might not even notice someone new in your environment for a while. When you do, you will have a lot to smile about. If you are attached, you will find your sweetie to be extremely receptive and loving during the next 12 months. Make the most of it. PISCES knows how to get your attention.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You seem to get caught up in the excessive emotions of the day. You'll feel fortunate just to see a child's glee as he or she opens up gifts. The laughter and fun around you could take a toll, so you might feel ready for a quiet walk or nap by mid-afternoon. Tonight: Not to be found.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. This person might feel isolated on this holiday, and your call will mean the world to him or her. A discussion with a friend could be quite emotional. Surround yourself with loved ones, and even a grump or two! Tonight: Speak your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Your words will mean a lot to a loved one who can be rather controlling. Recognize the emotional power behind the holiday, and look at the big picture. Don't forget to touch base with a loved one you care a lot about. Tonight: Relax and watch a favorite holiday movie.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Deal with someone directly. A discussion could offer you some insight and understanding into this person's behavior. Try to look at the situation from a different perspective. Indulge others with your time, as well as with your gifts. Tonight: Honor the spirit of the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You seem to have a great time no matter where you are or whom you are with. This Christmas holds a very special meaning for you, and it shows. Make time for a talk with an important friend; it could be more important than a present ever would be. Tonight: Join friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You could feel way below your normal level of activity. You have been so busy making sure that everything is done, you probably are very exhausted. The relief of everything being over might encourage you to relax and squeeze in a cat nap. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might be enchanted by a child's excitement about what is going to happen next. Later in the day, you'll want to seek out a favorite spot. Between Christmas dinner and getting together with friends, you will have no complaints. Tonight: Consider an early bedtime.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You'll feel the need to take care of those in your immediate surroundings. A surprise visit or gift could lift the mood of the day and solidify the moment. A private discussion, possibly on the phone, does need to be kept a secret. Tonight: Add some mischief to the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might want to turn a situation around quickly. If you or the other party involved can stay away from the materialistic part of the issue, you'll be able to transform the situation. Someone could help you ease up a bit. Tonight: Asleep at the drop of a hat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Do something just for you this morning. You might be more uptight than you realize. You could discover that someone has picked the perfect gift for you. You love the holiday festivities, and you are likely to go overboard. Tonight: Share a favorite piece of music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You could feel as if you're running around in all directions. Somehow, this holiday has unusual significance this year. You might want to defer to others if you are involved in making dinner and cleaning up. Tonight: Enjoy the moment with loved ones.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You could be exhausted by the morning calls or/or hectic activity. Smile through a problem, and open up to a delightful day that happens only once a year. Get into the mood of the holiday, and you will connect with others. Tonight: Favorite place, favorite people.

BORN TODAY

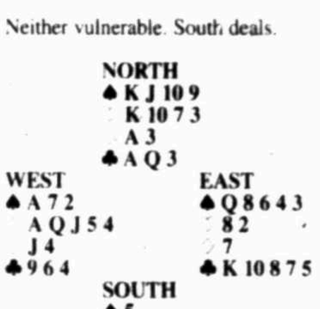
Actor Humphrey Bogart (1899), actress Sissy Spacek (1949), American Red Cross founder Clara Barton (1821)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Christmas present

Neither vulnerable. South deals.



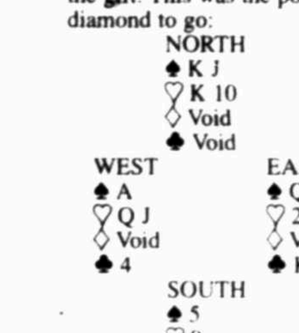
The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
4	Pass	5	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Ace of ♣

West led the heart ace to take a look at dummy before deciding how best to continue. This apparently cost nothing, as South could always lead a heart toward the king for a heart trick.

West shifted to the nine of clubs. South gave this careful thought and decided that West was unlikely to lead away from the king with the ace-queen on the table, so he rose with dummy's ace of clubs and gave West a Christmas present — eight rounds of diamonds! West did not appreciate the gift. This was the position with one diamond to go:



On the play of the two of diamonds, West was forced to discard his remaining club. Declarer now discarded a heart from dummy and led a spade, setting up his 11th trick. Five diamonds bid and made! Well played.

"I wish I had led a club in the first place," said West. He was quite right. Declarer would have had no option other than to take the losing club finesse and the contract would have been defeated.

Merry Christmas!

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Resting places
10 Port south of Hamilton: Ont.
16 Approximately
17 One in a shower
18 Eponymous Detroit exec
19 Speaks for __
20 "Gnarly!"
21 Lean-__
22 Bit of baby talk
23 Vine genus
27 Gains
31 Keebler cookie brand
32 "Go right ahead"
33 Star Wars letters
34 Author Fleming
35 Swiss river
36 Seasonal children's book about a watchful worker, who is graphically represented eight times in this puzzle
43 Feminine principle
44 Guitar, slangily
45 __ green
46 Dives
50 Gives a hand
54 Actress Jenna et al.
55 Third quarters?
56 '80s Peppard co-star
57 Pres. after JAG
58 Canada's smallest prov.
59 1962 Best Picture title locale
62 Refuel, as red blood cells
66 House speaker before Boehner
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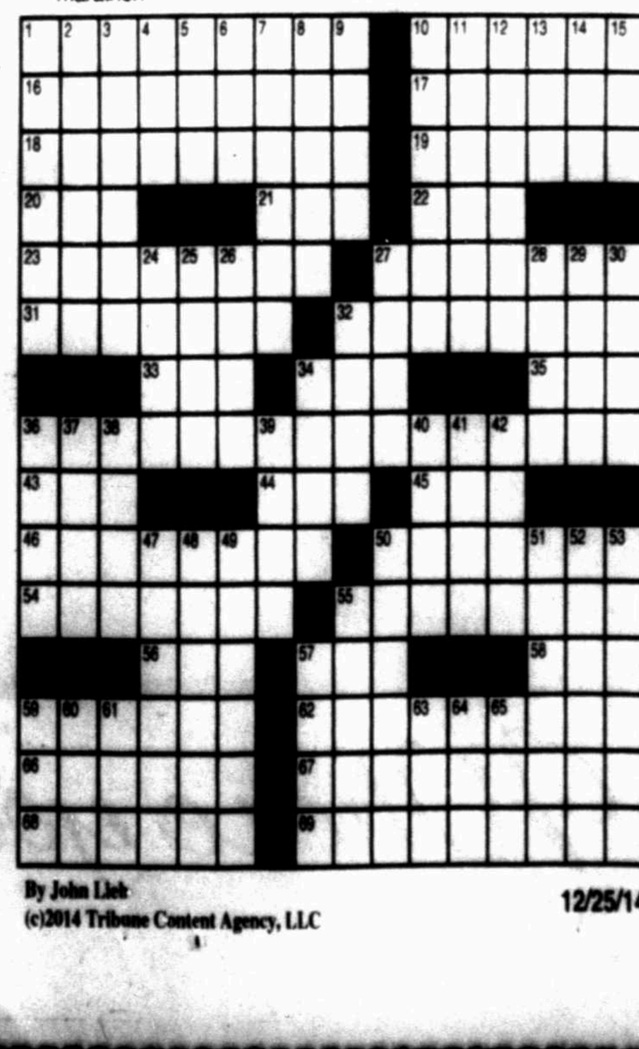
DOWN

1 Pressure
2 Still __; nonetheless
3 Rapper who played Chuck Berry in "Cadillac Records"
4 Calculus lead-in
5 Pitcher Maglie
6 Pugilists' org.
7 Schoolmate of Blair, Jo and Natalie on "The Facts of Life"
8 Barcelona bread
9 Criteria: Abbr.
10 Ellis Island arrival
11 Update the workshop
12 Cancellation notice
13 Big shoes to fill?
14 Beltway insider, for short
15 Sound from the pound
24 Deliberate
25 Extra: Abbr.
26 "I've waited all week for this!"
27 Phnom __
28 Requiem title word
29 Blue-green shade
30 Medieval peon
32 The way it goes
34 "New Sensation" band
36 Kind
37 Incline
38 Ample, informally
39 Feed in a stable
40 Sport with blades
41 Elite commando
42 Word with mile or marathon
47 1997 Hanson #1 hit
48 Tomei of "My Cousin Vinny"
49 Require
50 Wrestler Johnson known as "The Rock"
51 March observance, for short
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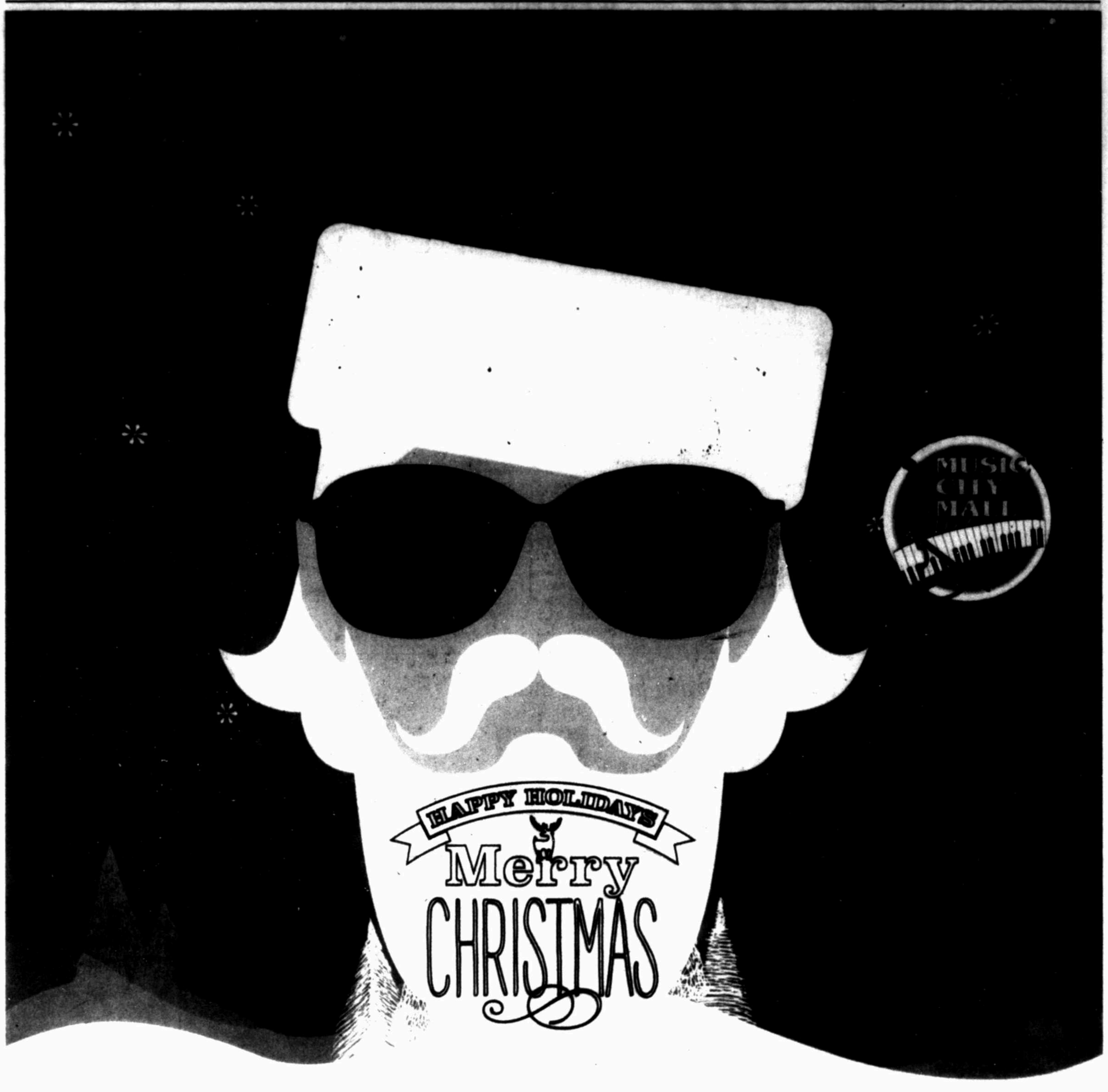
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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

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SANTA ANSWERS ALL!

Imagine you had a chance to interview Santa Claus! What would you ask? What would Santa say? Here are some ideas from some Kid Scoop readers, who came up with the questions and the answers for today's page.

Q: How did you become Santa and how did you get your magic?

Santa: I was a smart, cheerful child. When my parents died, I was heartbroken. I cried, not out of self-pity, but out of true love. One of my tears dropped into the snow and froze to make an ice marble. When I held it, it glowed and took me to the North Pole. I met the elves and they needed my help. After I grew up with them I took on the greatest task of all—delivering presents. The ice marble gave me powers I have today.

– By Chris

Q: What kind of milk do you like?

Santa: I like whole milk best, but Mrs. Claus put me on a diet so I have to drink non-fat.

– By Nick

How many ice marbles can you find on today's page?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow one-step written directions.



Help Santa find his way through the magic maze back to the North Pole.

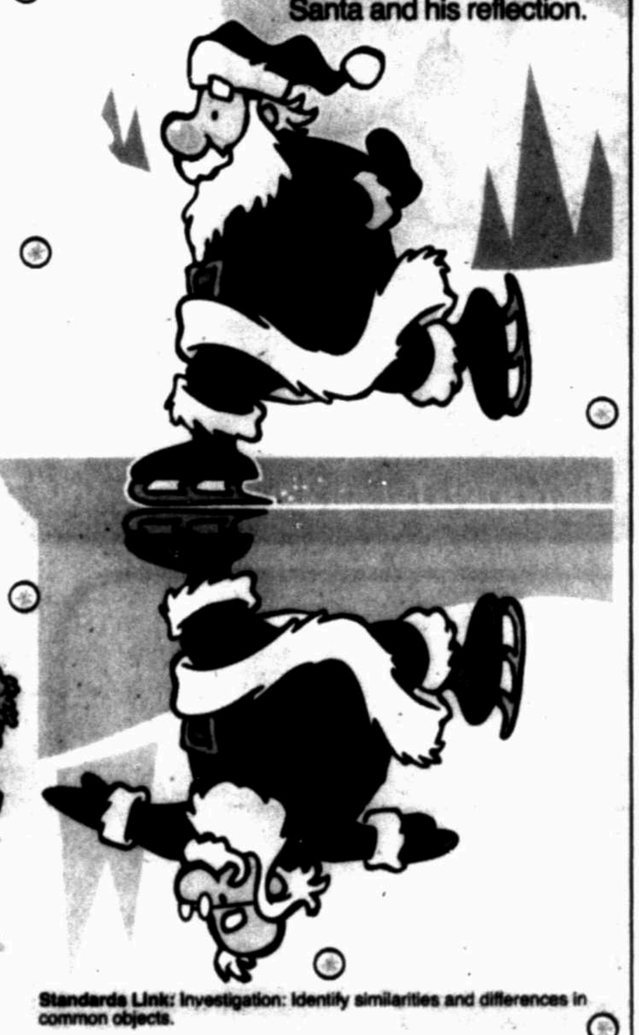


Q: How can you visit all of the children of the world in one night?

Santa: I fly at super speed; that's why you can't see me.

– By Adrian

Find at least 10 differences between Santa and his reflection.



Standards Link: Investigation: Identify similarities and differences in common objects.

Extra! Extra!

Santa Comes to YOUR Town!

Pretend Santa has to buy all of his Christmas presents from the stores advertising in your newspaper. Help him by selecting a gift for everyone in your class using ads in the paper. Don't spend more than $500.

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Solve addition problems using money amounts.

Q: Where do you buy your groceries?

Santa: I don't buy them; Mrs. Claus grows them. On Christmas Eve I come back with a sleigh full of soil instead of an empty sleigh. We grow food in our greenhouse and eat fresh veggies and fruit everyday.

– By Laurena



Find the two identical fruit trees.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Q: Do you think you'll want to be Santa forever?

Santa: As long as my heart is _____ and my belly is _____, I reckon I'll want to be!

– By Maya

Q: Has there ever been a year when you gave out more _____ than presents?

Santa: No, and I _____ that never _____.

– By Michael



Where does each of these words belong?

JIGGLING HOPE COAL HAPPENS POUNDING

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

INTERVIEW
MARBLE
SANTA
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FRUIT
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

Interview with Santa

Q: How can you fit down the chimney with the big bag of toys?
A: I have a magical dust that makes me shrink when I slide down.

Maggie Squire, 6th grade, Hillander

Q: Santa how do you deliver all the presents in one night?
A: I have super speed, and I have a tracking device on the houses and presents and I have super ninja skills.

Aaliyah Dickens, 4th grade, St Ann's

Q: Santa how can you eat all those cookies in one night?
A: Well, my belly just has magical powers so I can eat more than a billion and I can still be in shape!

Alexandra Juarez, 6th grade, Hillander

Q: Santa, since you are kind of fat, how do you get through every Christmas?
A: Well Rachel, I admit, I am sort of fat, so I use a special potion that the elves make so I and all the children's gifts are ant size.

Rachel Holland, 4th grade, St Ann's

Q: Do you have a machine that makes the toys or do the elves make the toys?
A: Sometimes the elves make the toys and sometimes I do, I have no magic machine.

Grace Austin, 6th grade, Hillander

Q: How do you deliver all the presents to kids around the world?
A: I have a lot of helpers who can help, of course, but I get all my reindeer fed before I go to cities and countries around the world.

Sean Gregory, 4th grade, St Ann's

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What's the Question?

Find five to ten quotes in articles in today's newspaper. On a separate piece of paper, write the question you think each quote answers.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Analysis of media communications.



What did The ghost say to Santa Claus?

ANSWER: I'll have a boo Christmas without you.

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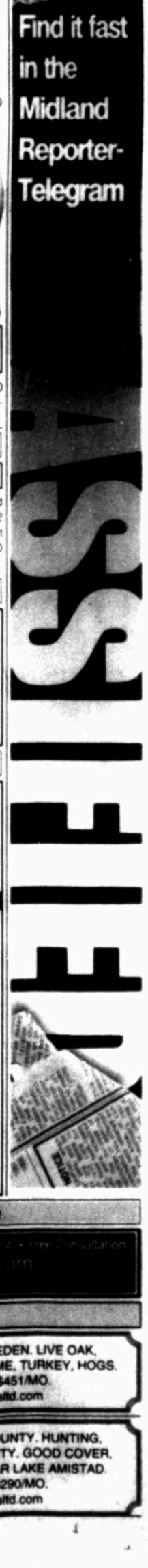
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In remembering Jesus, we worship. We worship as your people have worshipped through the ages. We sing songs; we read scripture lessons, we light candles, we kneel and pray. Receive our worship this Christmas.

Help us not to make Christmas convenient. We like convenience. We are tempted to make Christmas convenient, just a pause on the way to some event, just a drive-by moment, or even selecting the most convenient of all the Christmas Eve and Christmas day worship celebrations. We are tempted to make Christmas convenient, but treating its observance like and add-on, and option, something we can observe—or not, in the name of travel, of family, of food, and of presents.

Forgive us for yielding to the temptation to make Christmas convenient.

We remember our brothers and sisters around the world for whom Christmas worship will not be convenient. Some will walk miles. Some will worship in thatched-roof shelters. Some will worship in hiding. Whether convenient or not, we will all join in the singing, the Scripture, the candle, and the celebration of communion. We will worship you in comfort and beauty.

In our season of celebration, there is also a sense of caution, of anxiety, of worry around the economic season we are experiencing this Christmas. We cannot help but be concerned in the midst of our concerns, we will remember Christmas, like during the days of Caesar, life was not perfect, or easy.

Just keep the candle of the light of Christ glowing in our hearts.

As we remember you.

In the name of the Lord of the Manger, the Hope of the World—Jesus.

"Glory to God in the highest." Amen.

Dr. Tim Walker, Senior Pastor
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Lord God, Father of us all, You provided Your Son an earthly mother to bear and nurse Him. You [illegible] Mary as his wife, and thus to provide for [illegible] needs. Thank You for the gift of parents, [illegible] of Your loving care. Bless all parents [illegible] dom, the patience, the love and the [illegible] train their children in the way they [illegible]

Lord of the nations, the parents [illegible] whose God is the LORD! [illegible] You have made us [illegible] in so many ways. We pray for [illegible]

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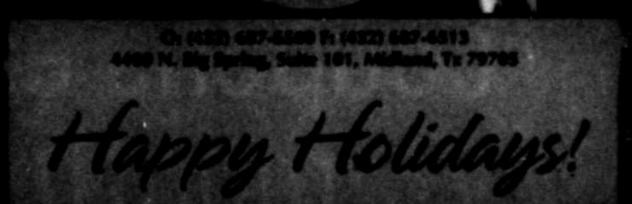


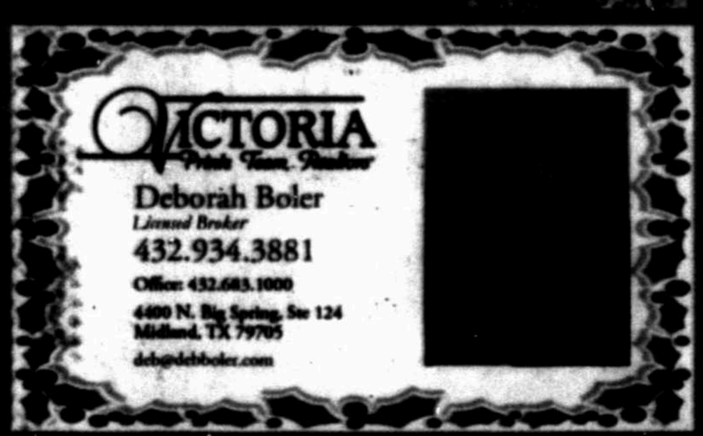






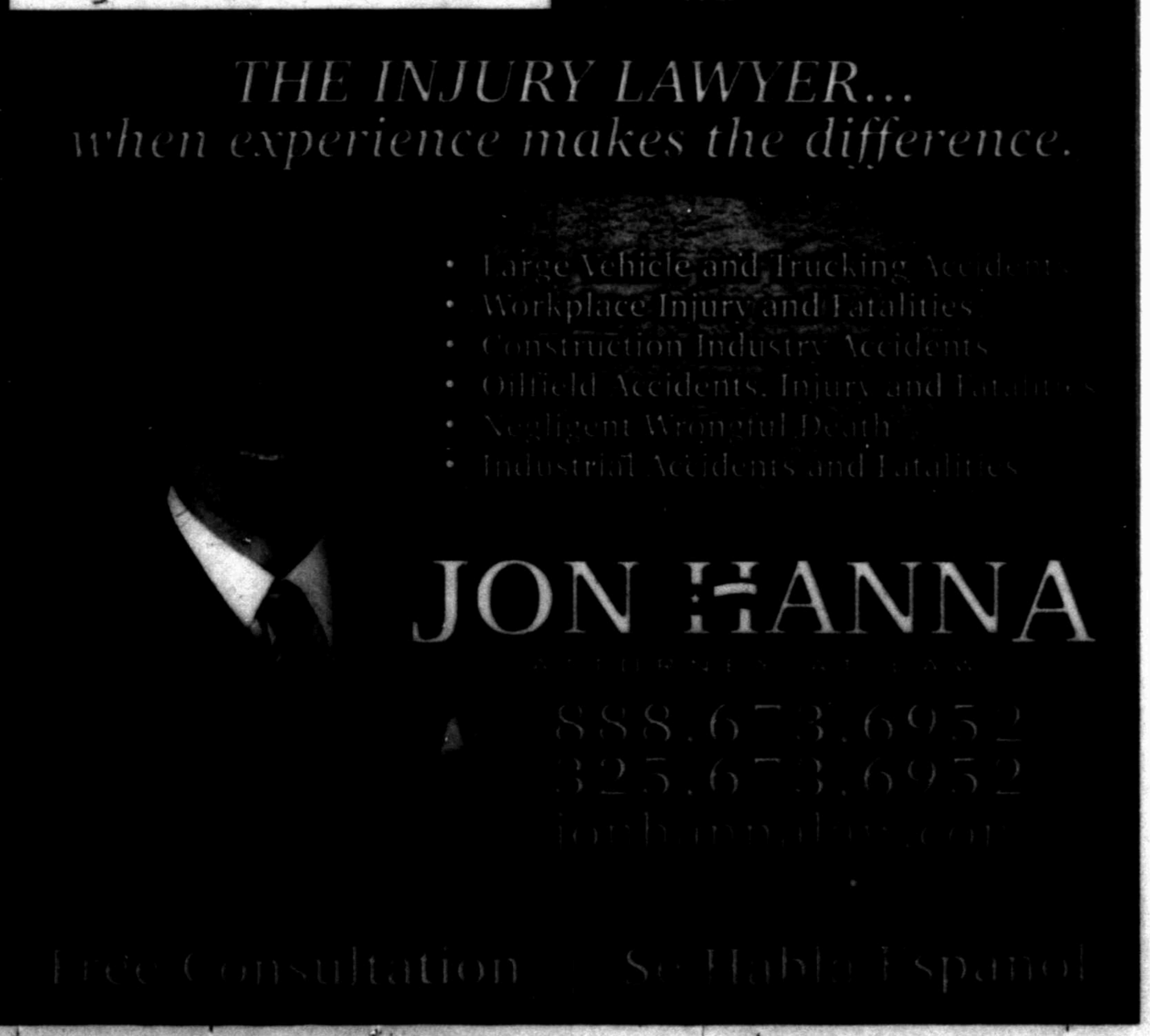


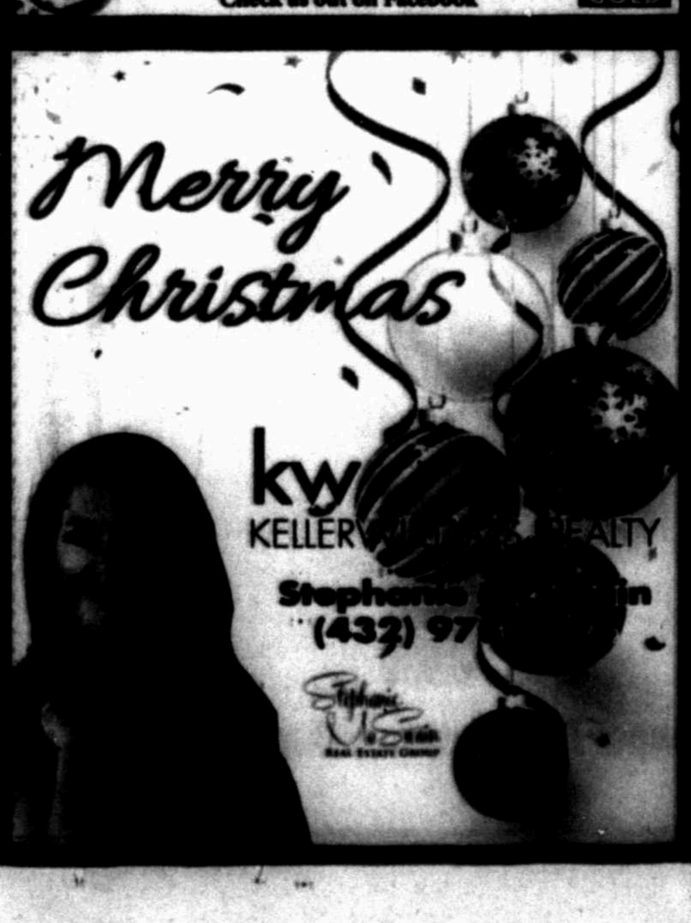






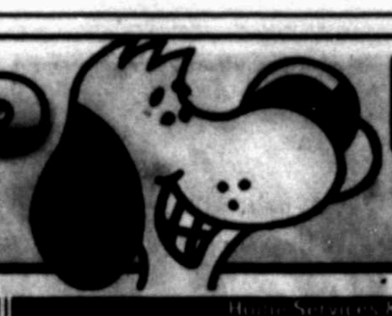






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• Effective written, oral and interpersonal communications required to effectively communicate with customers, co-workers, and business contacts in a courteous and professional manner; and the ability to present and sell ideas to groups/individuals inside and outside of the work group environment.
• Knowledge and skill in using computer software programs, such as MS Word and Excel
• Willingness and ability to travel a minimum of 50% domestically as required
• Have a full understanding of crude oil pricing options at the lease level
• Self-motivated, ability to initiate action, be persistent without being obtrusive
• Able to negotiate fair agreements with favorable terms for employer.
• Highly developed interpersonal skills, with the ability to obtain and retain industry related information at meetings

Job duties will include at minimum:
• Develop and maintain relationships with crude oil producers and facility operators.
• Understand and apply costs for moving crude oil from the lease level (trucking costs, pipeline tariffs, pumpover fees, pipeline loss allowance, etc.)
• Negotiate, bid, and execute the purchase, sale and/or trade of crude oil at the lease level, which includes the ability to calculate the profitability of each transaction entered into.
• Provides monthly volumes for nominations to the scheduler and manage volumes and quantities into each location

Email resume to erlcm@industriallogistics.com

SALES JOBS

Sales Associates

DuraSeal Coatings Company LLC is looking for sales associates in the protective coatings industry for the downhole oil and gas market. Duraseal is technology driven and expanding rapidly.

• Must have a minimum of 5 yrs prior sales experience in the O&G Industry.
• Demonstrated ability of closing & growing sales.
• Must have excellent oral and verbal communication skills.
• Must be computer and internet literate.
• Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering, Industrial Distribution, Petroleum Engineering or a related field is preferred.
• Coatings knowledge is a plus, but not required.

Please send your resume to jobs@duraseal coatings.com

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Forklift Operator

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the Position of "Fork Lift Operator" and other duties as assigned.

JOB Requirements:
- Ability to read and write
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to follow oral and written directions
- Ability to communicate clearly and do simple math
- Ability to work overtime and willing to be flexible

Responsibilities:
- Assemble, fold and unloading of printed materials in a safe and efficient manner
- Ensure printed and processed product stacked and stored in appropriate and designated areas
- Perform other non-specific duties when assigned

- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
- Capable of standing and walking for extended period of time
- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

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Send resume and salary requirements to: John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter Telegram - 201 E. Illinois St - Midland, TX 79701
Email to: jmaddox@mrtnp.com
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SALES JOBS

Sales Person

Local drilling contractor seeking energetic salesperson with at least 5 years' experience in Oil and gas sales. Applicant must have excellent communication skills, be self-motivated, able to work independently, willing to travel and be reliable. This is a salaried position with bonuses and benefits including paid insurance, company vehicle, 401k, expenses and paid vacation. Applicant must pass a complete background check, drug test and have a clean driving record. Please submit resumes either via email to info@hwdrillers.com or in person at 2915 State Hwy 74 South Purcell, OK 405-527-1232.

SKILLED LABOR

Electrician, Mechanic, I&C

Ector County Energy Center (TX) - Invenergy LLC
Invenergy LLC is currently constructing the Ector County Energy Center, a natural gas-fired power generation plant, located in Goldsmith, TX. O & M Technician candidates must possess a minimum of 3 years directly related experience in either electrical, instruments and controls, or mechanical industrial background.

Candidates must be willing and capable of becoming multi-skilled and be part of a work team in a team environment. Each employee will perform both operations and maintenance.

Invenergy will train extensively in the operations area to compliment your skills.

To apply, please visit invenergyllc.com and click on "Career Opportunities." Invenergy LLC is a developer, owner, and operator of renewable and clean energy generation facilities in North America and Europe. Invenergy is a highly-experienced leader in innovative clean energy solutions

Housekeeping Personal

The Hilliard Companies needs a full time (benefits included) Housekeeper. Perform any combination of cleaning duties to maintain private households and commercial establishment's in a clean and orderly manner. Person must have a valid driver license and their own transportation. Please call Sterling Hilliard at 432-683-9100 for more details.
(Español) The Hilliard Companies necesitan una persona de tiempo completo (Incluye beneficios) para limpiesa de oficinas y casas. Necesita una licencia valido para manerjar y su propio transportacion. Para más información comunicarse con Sterling Hilliard 432-683-9100.

Maintenance/Construction

The Hilliard Companies has an opening for maintenance/construction personnel. Person should be knowledgeable in all areas of general commercial building, residential, automobile and other common maintenance/construction duties. Please send resume to: careers@mmbo.com or call 432-683-9100 for more information. Office at 3001 W. Loop 250 N. Ste. E-127, Midland, Tx

PRESSMAN

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Drivers for Mixer Trucks

Ingram Concrete is seeking **CDL Drivers** for Mixer Trucks to fill full-time positions in various locations in West Texas. Compensation based on verifiable experience. Paid weekly. Home daily/weekends. Gauranteed hours. No waiting period. **Please apply at 2808 N. FM 1788 in Midland, Texas 79707 or call 432-561-8922** for additional info. EEO Employer.

INGRAM CONCRETE LLC

CDL Drivers

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Now hiring Class A CDL Drivers, clean driving record is required. Must pass a criminal background check and DOT drug test. **Please call 432-699-4468.**

Class A CDL Drivers

Energy Pumping Specialities Inc. is seeking experienced Class A CDL drivers. Must be 25 years of age with at least 3 years driving experience in tractor trailer combinations. Tanker and Haz-Mat endorsement a plus.
Contact Bobby Linares at (956) 285-6160 for more information or come by 2809 South County Road 1257 Midland Texas 79706
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Class A CDL Truck Drivers

Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call 432-563-1894 for interview or online @ www.rockwaterenergy.com

Drivers

Purity Oilfield Services, LLC. is now hiring Class A CDL drivers with Winch and Vac Truck experience. Competitive salary and excellent benefits offered. Request an application at mhiker@purityoilfieldservices.com or call 432-210-7580.

Hot Oil and Pump Truck Operators

SOC Industries, LLC now hiring experienced Hot Oil and Pump Truck operators. Must have at least 1 year experience and be able to pass DOT, MVR and drug test. Must be able to effectively communicate in English. You will earn top wages and performance/safety bonuses. Benefits include: paid health insurance, paid vacations, paid holidays and furnished uniforms. Apply in person at **2324 FM 715, Midland Texas 79706, fax resumes to 423-620-0035 or email resumes to: timgreer@socind.net. No phone calls please.**

Tank Truck Driver

Tank Truck Driver hauling crude oil. Needed immediately. HAZMAT endorsement and TWIC card required. Local/Regional. $1500 sign on bonus. Benefits available, paid vacation. Call 409-296-2120

Vacuum Truck Operators

SOC Industries, LLC now hiring experienced drivers/operators. Must have at least 6 months experience and be able to pass DOT, MVR and drug test. Must be able to effectively communicate in English. You will earn top wages and performance/safety bonuses. Benefits include: paid health insurance, paid vacations, paid holidays and furnished uniforms. Apply in person at **2324 FM 715, Midland Texas 79706, fax resumes to 423-620-0035 or email resumes to: timgreer@socind.net. No phone calls please.**

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

General

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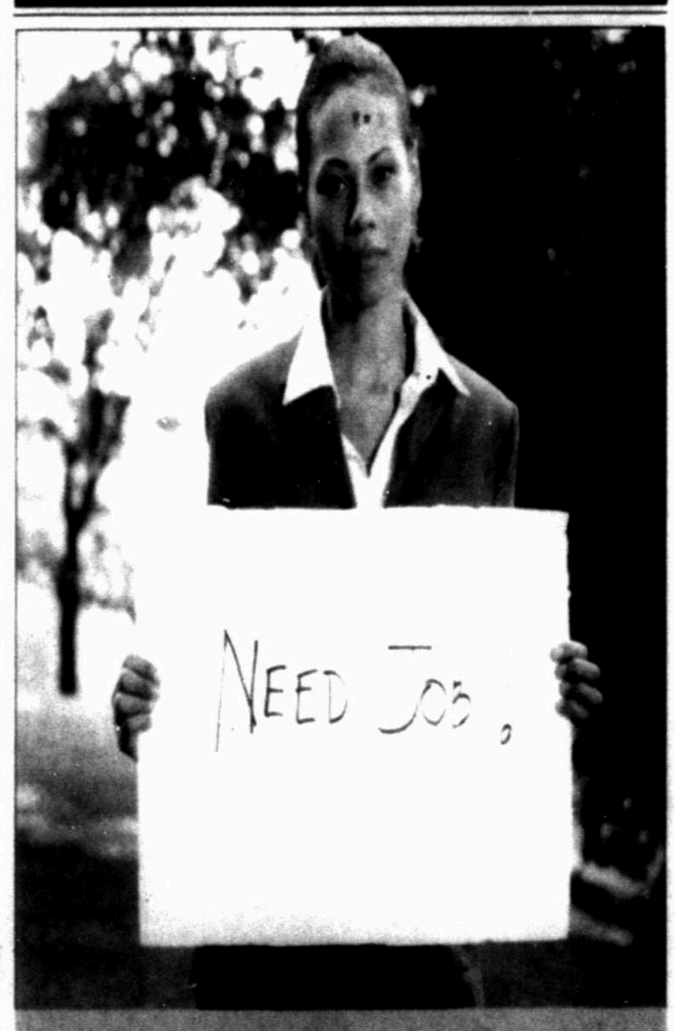
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OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN IT'S DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm - 4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person.

Starting pay $10.00 per hour/after 60 days pay will be $11.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

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Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person.

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Supplement your income by delivering newspapers for a few hours in the early mornings between 12:00am - 6:00am. The Midland Reporter-Telegram is currently seeking individuals who are interested in delivering newspapers to retail locations in and around the City of Midland. If interested, MUST have a reliable vehicle, proof of automobile insurance in your name, a valid driver's license, must understand that this is a 7 day a week delivery commitment as an Independent Contractor.

THE PROFIT FOR THESE ROUTES IS ABOUT $500-$750 a month, depending on the size of the route. This is a perfect way to generate the extra money you need.

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