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Oil industry looks to fight against export ban

Chief proponents of resistance to embargo takes aim at Obama administration

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — The oil industry is fighting back against allegations that it is looking to recruit another country to challenge the U.S. ban on exporting American crude.

Representatives from the American Petroleum Institute on Friday flatly denied the group had approached another country to formally protest the restrictions through the World Trade Organization.

"Absolutely not," said Erik Milito, API's upstream director. "The debate we're having ... is around the need to make sure U.S. policymakers here in the United States are working within our framework to provide a solution to this export dilemma that we're currently in."

Industry leaders have been campaigning for an end to the 38-year-old limits on most oil exports in light of surging domestic crude production, projected to reach record levels by 2016. But Milito insisted that the focus is on the Obama administration, the Senate and the House of Representatives "so that we are going toward an endgame that will ease these restrictions . . . to increase production, increase jobs and do the right thing for the economy."

A Bloomberg report recently said API was developing a legal analysis that could be used by a foreign country in mounting a challenge of the trade restriction. Earlier this month, Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass., blasted the potential strategy, calling it a "troubling tactic" that would undermine U.S. law, circumvent the legislative process and ignore the will of the American people.

Milito called the allegations "misleading."

"I would not take anything away from that in terms of us talking to foreign governments," Milito said. "That's absolutely not happening."

Congress banned exports of crude in 1975, after an embargo by Arab nations in protest of western policies on Israel underscored the United States' reliance on foreign energy supplies.

But the governing law is not absolute; the Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security can issue licenses for oil exports whenever it deems them "consistent with the national interest." Exceptions include exports to Canada, as well as foreign sales of oil produced in Alaska's Cook Inlet, some heavy crude produced in California and oil transported through the Trans-Alaska

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Christmas in the city

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Families climb on a trailer for a hayride tour of Grasslands light displays Saturday evening at Stonegate Fellowship's Christmastime in the City. Stonegate Fellowship's annual Christmastime in the City was Friday through Sunday at the church. The event included hayrides, hot dogs, hot chocolate, kettle corn and cotton candy.

North Texans challenge drillers over royalties

By Jim Malewitz
Texas Tribune

Chesapeake Energy's mark on Fort Worth is hard to miss.

The company's 20-story office building is a prominent fixture of the Fort Worth skyline. And Chesapeake, the second-biggest driller in the Barnett Shale in North Texas, owns many of the hundreds of drilling pads nestled among the city's homes, schools and playgrounds.

Chesapeake also has the drilling rights to more than half of the nearly 500 mineral leases that Fort Worth has issued for city property. Since 2006, the Oklahoma City-based driller has produced more than 200 billion cubic feet of natural gas on city-owned land and has paid the city tens of millions of dollars in royalties.

For years, city officials asked few questions.

"No municipality has ever been closer to a particular operator than Fort Worth was to Chesapeake," said Jim Bradbury, a lawyer and former member of the city's drilling task force. But Fort Worth's relationship with Chesapeake, which declined to comment for this article, has shifted. Put in social media terms: It's complicated.

Fort Worth is now battling Chesapeake in a Tarrant County District Court, claiming that the company and its business partner Total E&P USA have shortchanged the city millions of dollars in unpaid royalties. The companies, the complaint states, "have fallen well short of their obligations to the city and its citizens," while "willfully and knowingly violating" their duties.

The company's deductions practice is not illegal per se, nor is it rare, but Fort Worth and other parties suing Chesapeake argue that their contracts forbid it.

In Fort Worth's contract, the parties agreed that royalty payments would "be free of all costs of any kind, including, but not limited to, costs of gathering, production, transportation" and several other listed activities "directly or indirectly incurred by lessee without prior permission from the city."

In court filings, Chesapeake disputes the meaning of the clauses and points to legal precedent that allows a company to deduct the costs.

Fort Worth's suit, filed in October, is hardly an outlier. Dozens of mineral owners across North Texas have filed over similar claims, accusing them of shaving off significant fractions of royalty payments to cover post-drilling costs. Litigants include the city of Arlington, the Arlington Independent School District and Ed Bass, a prominent Fort Worth investor who derives much of his wealth from oil and gas.

The company has faced similar complaints — some in class-action suits — in other states where it bought up shale leases, including Arkansas, Louisiana, Ohio, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania.

In 2011, with plummeting natural gas prices eroding its bottom line, Chesapeake began to sharply scale back its presence in North Texas. It also sent

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MIDLAND 101

By Jimmy Patterson

Minister preached as church fire embers glowed

Editor's note: This is one in a series on Midland County historical markers.

In 1890, First Christian Church — (which adopted the name "First Christian Church-Disciples of Christ" beginning in 1968) — established what was the fifth denomination in a still young town.

According to the church's history, "Sixteen persons desiring to be called simply 'Christians' began the organization of what was to be called First Christian Church, under the guidance of A.J. Bush. Not having a building of their own and often without a preacher, they met in the homes of members on Sunday afternoons for the observance of the Lord's Supper, singing and prayer."

In 1892, the growing congregation purchased two lots on the corner of Loraine Street and Illinois Avenue and erected a small, white frame building at the location. Evangelist James B. Sweeney, dean of Add-Ran College, the forerunner of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, dedicated the building and conducted the church's first revival.

Kuby Ferguson was called to be the church's first resident pastor, and by 1907, the congregation had outgrown the small white church it had built only 15 years earlier. In 1908, a larger building known as the "Old Red Brick Church" was dedicated on the same patch of land downtown. During construction, services at First Christian were held in the Midland County Courthouse. When Midland National Bank burned in 1909, all of First Christian's membership and administrative records — which had been stored in the bank during construction of the new building — were lost.

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Democrats work to raise number of female governors

By Steve Peoples
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Democratic Party claims to be the natural home for women.

The numbers tell another story when it comes to the nation's governors.

Republicans, four women: Jan Brewer, in Arizona, Susana Martinez, in New Mexico, Mary Fallin, in Oklahoma, and Nikki Haley, in South Carolina. Democrats: Maggie Hassan, in New Hampshire.

For the GOP, often accused of waging a "war on women," this advantage offers a powerful tool in the competition for female voters.

"We have to show the fact there is no war on women," said Nikki Haley, who's in her first term. "The more Republican women out there, the better our case is."

Democratic leaders, backed by national women's groups, are trying to turn it around in gubernatorial elections next fall that feature no less than six high-profile female candidates. Their goal is to give Hassan, who faces re-election in 2014, some company.

"My mother always used to say if you want something done, ask a busy woman," said Rhode Island's treasurer, Gina Raimondo, a 42-year-old mother of two young children who began her campaign last week. "People in Rhode Island want someone who's going to do something."

Raimondo is a leading contender in the crowded Democratic primary to succeed Lincoln Chafee, the Democratic incumbent who's not running for a second term.

In Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Texas, there also are strong female candidates.

Gender is not a central issue in theses contests, but the Democratic women are using their backgrounds to help distinguish themselves.

Several candidates interviewed by The Associated Press said that the real-world stresses of raising families help them connect with voters, while shaping their priorities on issues such as health care, education and jobs.

In some cases, they're up against male incumbents who elevated women's issues by backing conservative social priorities on abortion, contraception and "equal pay" legislation.

In Pennsylvania, Democratic U.S. Rep. Allyson Schwartz charges that Republican Gov. Tom Corbett has "almost been dismissive of women," particularly on issues such as "access to family planning and reproductive rights."

Corbett has drawn criticism for cutting education, and like other Republican governors, supported legislation requiring women to get ultrasounds before having abortions. That idea never became law, but Corbett did say that women should close their eyes if they felt the procedure was too obtrusive.

"It is important for us in Pennsylvania to see a new and different kind of leadership that will move the state forward. It may well take a woman to do that," Schwartz told a recent gathering of Pennsylvania politicians in New York City. She's considered the early front-runner in the primary.

In state and national elections, women are a powerful voting bloc.

In presidential races, a Republican candidate has not won a majority of women since 1984. In the 2010 congressional elections, however, exit polls found that women voted for Republicans and Democrats almost evenly, helping to propel the GOP to the U.S. House majority.

Since then, Republicans have suffered from several self-inflicted wounds. For example, in 2012, Republican Senate candidate Todd Akin of Missouri suggested that women's bodies could prevent impregnation in cases of "legitimate rape."

A report from the Republican National Committee this year detailed the scope of the problem. "Women are not a 'coalition.' They represent more than half the voting population in the country, and our inability to win their votes is losing us elections," it said.

Republicans such as South Carolina's Haley are in a unique position to balance damage done from party leaders elsewhere.

"Women can't help it when men say ignorant things," she said. "What we can do is try to make sure we continue to refocus people on what's important and back on the issues."

Haley, Martinez and Fallin are running for re-election in 2014. Brewer hasn't decided whether she will challenge term limits set in the Arizona Constitution.

Democrats lost two female governors in recent years when President Barack Obama appointed Arizona's Janet Napolitano and Kansas' Kathleen Sebelius to his Cabinet.

None of the Democrats' 2014 female candidates are considered sure bets.

In Republican-friendly Texas, Democratic strategists are skeptical about the chances of state Sen. Wendy Davis, who developed a national following after her filibuster of a Republican-backed abortion bill.

Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley is trying to become the state's first female governor elected in a general election. Raimondo and Schwartz are trying to become their states' first female chief executive, as is Wisconsin businesswoman Mary Burke.

Burke is the likely challenger for Republican Gov. Scott Walker, who has pursued social conservative priorities on women's issues as he weighs a 2016 presidential bid.

"There are a lot of areas where women in the state aren't getting a fair shake," Burke said.

Burke cited Walker's repeal of legislation designed to deter employers from wage discrimination based on age and gender. Walker also signed into law legislation that singled out abortion clinics in requiring their doctors to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals, which would reduce the number of abortion providers.

Dinosaur exhibit proposed for Big Bend

Associated Press

EL PASO — The National Park Service is planning a new dinosaur fossil exhibit for Big Bend National Park in West Texas.

The exhibit built inside the park would house fossil replicas from dinosaurs that existed in the area more than 90 million years ago.

Park geologist Don Corrick told the El Paso Times the exhibit would be built in an already developed area of the park. The fossils will tell the evolution of Big Bend from the time it was covered by ocean to eventual extinction.

"(The new exhibit) would be one of the most important interpretive additions in the park's history. What we have now is a little 10 by 10 room with some little fossils on the floor. (The new exhibit) will tell the story of the changing landscape and changing wildlife over a deep geological time dating back to when the ancient ocean covered the Big Bend," Corrick said.

The proposed exhibit is going through the environmental assessment process and the public comment period runs through Monday. Some have objected to its location in the park.

Rick Lobello, an El Paso environmentalist and former Big Bend park ranger, says the exhibit would be better located at one of the more intensely developed parts of the park.

"Big Bend should be preserved and protected as the best example of the Chihuahuan desert wildlife in northern America," Lobello said. "To help protect that wilderness aspect, it's best not to have too many buildings in the park that already has developed areas."

But Corrick said the proposed location already has a parking lot, paved road and trail, as well as toilet and picnic area.

The proposal includes three to four exhibit structures providing shaded outdoor space for the replicas. It would also expand the parking lot and add a rock garden and child exploration area.

It would be paid for by the nongovernmental group, Friends of Big Bend.

"It will create the whole picture over what Big Bend was like over the past 100 million years," Corrick said. "And it will make a very powerful connection when you're interpreting a story and then it's right there next to that resource."

Companies cited after A&M structure collapse

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Federal officials have fined two construction companies for safety violations related to this summer's collapse of a barn frame at Texas A&M University's $80 million equestrian complex.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration investigated when four workers were hurt in the June 22 accident, about a mile from campus. OSHA determined the barn, which was under construction at the time, collapsed due to a failure in structural stability, The Eagle newspaper reported Sunday.

Houston-based Ramco Erectors was fined $40,500 for seven OSHA violations. The general contractor, Gamma Construction Co., was cited for one OSHA violation and ordered to pay $6,300.

The two companies have 15 days to pay the penalties or appeal. Efforts Sunday to leave messages by email and telephone were unsuccessful.

Three of the four injured workers were critically hurt, but all have since recovered. Their names were not released.

The steel frame structure fell when a worker released a rafter from a crane before proper bracing was completed, according to a citation issued to Ramco Erectors for failing to instruct employees on unsafe conditions. Once the rafter was let go, "the building racked and fell to the ground," according to OSHA documents.

Additionally, Ramco Erectors was cited for not providing a safe work environment "free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm."

The subcontractor also was fined for not inspecting rigging equipment material according to standards, which led to a defective safety latch for a sling used to lift rafters going unnoticed. Other citations were related to site-specific plans and improper or defective equipment.

Gamma Construction received a citation for failure to maintain structural stability by not replacing critical rigging materials.

Gamma Construction, on its website, described the A&M work as a facility to enhance A&M's equine program and consolidate not only academic programs, but clubs and associations to one location in order to teach, train, conduct research, exhibit and showcase events.

Conditions at the time of the collapse were cloudy with temperatures in the mid-80s and winds gusting just above 10 mph, the National Weather Service said.

Obituaries

Faye Brantner White

Erma Faye Brantner White, 96, passed away in Cuero, Texas on December 21, 2013.

Faye was born November 10, 1917 in Robertson County (Bremond), Texas to Lee and Orrie Ann Rogers Brantner. She was preceded in death by her husband George Vernon White, her parents, brothers Seth, Clanton, and Harold Brantner and sisters Inez Brantner and Edith Maye Smith.

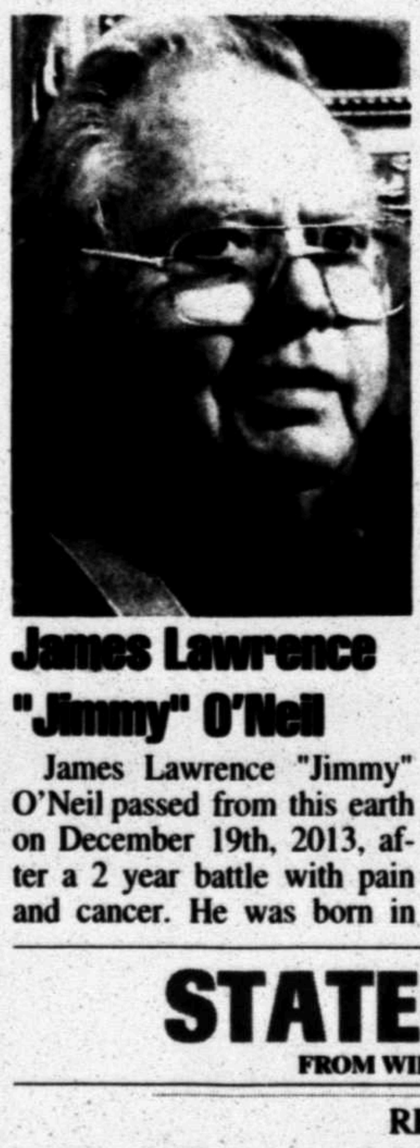
Faye graduated from Bremond High School where she was on the Tigers' State Championship softball team. During her senior year, she secretly married her sweetheart George on April 26, 1935. They celebrated 74 years of marriage in 2009.

They resided for 25 years in Midland, Texas where Faye was a tireless proponent in the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and was honored for her service with a lifetime membership in the National PTA. She also taught many Sunday School classes at First Methodist Church. They retired to Panorama Village, Texas in 1976 where Faye was an active member of the Beacon Sunday School Class and First Methodist Church of Conroe for 31 years. In 2008, they moved to Victoria, Texas and then to New Braunfels, Texas in 2009.

Faye was an accomplished seamstress, much esteemed cook and a noteworthy opponent in all games. She delighted in spending time with her daughter, grandchildren, and their friends and is treasured for her amazing bedtime stories and special treats. All who knew her will miss her signature sweet smile and special little wave.

She is survived by daughter Cathy White Brunicardi (Greg Decker) of Weesatche, Texas; three grandchildren Emily Catherine New (Robert Mercado), Tally White Tripp of San Antonio, Texas and Matthew Carlos Brunicardi of New York, New York; and great-grandson Ari Lucero Mercado.

Interment will be at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio at a later date. In her memory, bring a loving smile to all who need one each day. The family wishes to thank the wonderful, loving staff of Hope Hospice and Sodalis New Braunfels, and Mission Nursing and Rehab of Cuero.



James Lawrence "Jimmy" O'Neil

James Lawrence "Jimmy" O'Neil passed from this earth on December 19th, 2013, after a 2 year battle with pain and cancer. He was born in Dawson County on July 24th, 1937, to Leta Greaves O'Neil and Robert Lee O'Neil. He moved to Midland at the age of 6.

Jimmy was a very hard working man, and always had projects going. He was devoted to his family and loved them very much.

On October 28, 1955, he married Shirley Carlisle O'Neil. They had 2 sons, James "Lynn" O'Neil and Larry Wade O'Neil.

Jimmy started working in the oil fields of West Texas and New Mexico and then cut meat at Bowen's Grocery in the 1960's. He worked for DeCoty Coffee Company before starting his own business, H&J Food Store in Odessa in 1970. In 1979, he started a new business in Midland, O'Neil Grocery & Deli, as well as a catering service. He enjoyed cooking for people, whether it was for 5 people or 1,500 people. He sold O'Neil Grocery & Deli in 2000 due to his health, only to buy Bowen's Grocery, which he sold a year later and retired. He truly enjoyed his faithful customers and employees, as well his wonderful family and friends. Most of all he enjoyed his grandchildren, and his new great grandson, Cooper. He was a member of Valley View Baptist Church, where he made many great friends.

He was predeceased by his mother, father, and brothers: R.L. O'Neil, Olen Cecil "Sonny" O'Neil, W.R. "Hoot" O'Neil, and Delbert O'Neil. He is survived by his wife, Shirley; his sons, Lynn (Pam) of Midland and Larry (Shanda) of Robert Lee, TX; his grandchildren, Justin O'Neil, Amy Hill (David), Bryce O'Neil (Sarah), Erica O'Neil, and Hayden O'Neil; his great grandson, Cooper Hill; his sister, Nita Faubion Smith (Sonny); his brother, Elbert O'Neil (Betty); and many special nieces and nephews.

We all loved him very much and he will be greatly missed.

If you choose to make a donation rather than flowers, please remember Hospice of Midland, or Valley View Bapt. Church, Box 10397, 79702.

Family will be receiving friends on Sunday, December 22nd, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Funeral service is set for Monday, December 23rd, at 2:00 p.m., at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel, with Pastor Robert Frazier officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to:
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Death Notices

Kip Alan Ragsdale

Kip Alan Ragsdale, age 39, passed away December 20, 2013 at his home in Seminole, Texas.

Visitation will be held at Boyer Funeral Home on December 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Memorial services will be on December 24, 2013 at 11:00 am at Boyer Funeral Home.

Survived by daughter Kennedy Joe Ragsdale, Father David Ragsdale, Mother Barbra Jo Ragsdale, Brother David Shawn Ragsdale, and several Aunts and Uncles.

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

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

RENO

North Texas has 3.3 magnitude earthquake

North Texas has had another minor earthquake in an area where more than a dozen quakes were recorded in November.

The U.S. Geological Survey said a 3.3 magnitude quake happened at 11:31 a.m. Sunday in Parker County. The quake was centered a mile south of Reno, in an area about 20 miles northwest of Fort Worth.

SAN ANTONIO

8 arrested in cockfighting raid

Investigators say eight people have been arrested during a raid of a cockfighting ring in the San Antonio area.

The Bexar County Sheriff's Office said a tip led to the site on Saturday and a crowd watching birds fight at a residence.

Sheriff's office spokesman Paul Berry said dozens of birds and cockfighting equipment were confiscated.

AP poll: Obama health care overhaul top 2013 story

By David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The glitch-plagued rollout of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul was the top news story of 2013, followed by the Boston Marathon bombing and the dramatic papal changeover at the Vatican, according to The Associated Press' annual poll of U.S. editors and news directors.

The saga of "Obamacare" — as the Affordable Care Act is widely known — received 45 first-place votes out of the 144 ballots cast for the top 10 stories. The marathon bombing received 29 first-place votes and the papal transition 21.

Other strong contenders were the bitter partisan conflict in Congress and the leaks about National Security Agency surveillance by former NSA analyst Edward Snowden.

Last year, the top story was the massacre of 26 children and staff at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn. That result came after a rare decision by the AP to re-conduct the voting; the initial round of balloting had ended Dec. 13, a day before the Newtown shooting, with the 2012 election at the top.

The first AP top-stories poll was conducted in 1936, when editors chose the abdication of Britain's King Edward VIII.

Here are 2013's top 10 stories, in order:

HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL: The White House had hoped the Oct. 1 launch of open enrollment would be a showcase for the upside of Obama's much-debated overhaul. Instead, the website became a symbol of dysfunction, providing Republicans and late-night comics with ammunition, and worrying the president's Democratic allies. The site gradually improved, but a wave of cancellation notices from insurers undercut Obama's oft-repeated promise that people who liked their existing coverage could keep it.

BOSTON MARATHON BOMBING: In seconds, a scene of celebration transformed into one of carnage, as two bombs exploded near the finish line of the Boston Marathon in April. Three people were killed and more than 260 injured, including at least 16 who lost limbs. Authorities soon identified two suspects — 26-year-old Tamerlan Tsarnaev, who died in a shootout with police, and his brother, Dzhokhar, 20, who faces multiple charges, including 17 that carry a possible death penalty. Though jolted by the bombings and a subsequent lockdown, the city rallied under the slogan "Boston Strong."

Charles Krupa/AP

An emergency responder and volunteers, including Carlos Arredondo, wearing a cowboy hat, push Jeff Bauman in a wheelchair after he was injured in an explosion near the finish line of the Boston Marathon on April 15 in Boston.

VATICAN CHANGEOVER: Pope Benedict XVI stunned Catholics around the world with his announcement in February that he would resign. The cardinal elected to succeed him, soon known as Pope Francis, proceeded to captivate many Catholics and non-Catholics alike with a new tone of openness, modesty and tolerance. Without challenging core church doctrine, he suggested it was time to rethink policy on divorce, focus more on serving the poor, and devote less rhetoric to condemnations of gay marriage and abortion.

DIVIDED CONGRESS: Opinion polls showed Congress with historically low approval ratings, and the key reason was seemingly intractable partisan conflict. Among the consequences were the harsh automatic spending curbs known as sequestration, the partial shutdown of the government in October, and bitterness in Senate after the Democrats used their majority to reduce the Republicans' ability to stall presidential nominations via filibusters.

NSA SPYING: The ripple effect continues, seven months after the world learned of Edward Snowden. The former NSA analyst leaked vast troves of secret documents detailing NSA surveillance operations, including programs that collected Americans' phone records and eavesdropped on allied leaders. After a stay in Hong Kong, Snowden spent a month in Moscow's airport before obtaining asylum in Russia. The leaks have roiled diplomacy, triggered lawsuits and calls for reform, and prompted warnings that terrorists could benefit from the disclosures.

GAY MARRIAGE: Capping decades of activism, the gay-rights movement won a monumental victory in June in the form of two Supreme Court decisions. One cleared the way for ending a ban on same-sex marriages in California, the most populous state. The other struck down a 1996 law passed by Congress that banned federal recognition of same-sex marriages. In subsequent months, Hawaii, Illinois and New Mexico boosted the number of states allowing gay marriage to 17.

NELSON MANDELA: A freedom fighter, a political prisoner, a statesman revered for preaching reconciliation in a nation torn by racial strife. Nelson Mandela was all that and more — the icon of the anti-apartheid movement and South Africa's first black president. With his death at the age of 95, his compatriots, world leaders and countless other admirers mourned the loss of a one-of-a-kind hero.

PHILIPPINES TYPHOON: There were dire warnings beforehand, but the toll wreaked by Typhoon Haiyan was still stunning in its scope after it struck on Nov. 8. More than 6,000 people died; hundreds more remain missing. The typhoon damaged or destroyed the homes of more than 16 million people, with rebuilding expected to take years.

SYRIA: The death toll mounted inexorably, past 120,000, as Syria's nearly 3-year-old civil warfare raged on with no signs of resolution. The government of Bashar Assad did agree to eliminate its chemical weapons, but prospects for peace talks were complicated by infighting among anti-government rebels. Nearly 9 million Syrians have been uprooted from their homes, with many of them seeking refuge abroad.

MISSING WOMEN FOUND: The call for help came on May 6, and the revelations that followed were gripping and grim. A former bus driver, Ariel Castro, had abducted three women from the streets of Cleveland from 2002 to 2004 when they were 14, 16 and 20. He periodically kept them chained, restricted access to food and toilets and repeatedly raped and assaulted them until their escape. Castro pleaded guilty to multiple charges, and in September, faced with life in prison, hanged himself in his cell.

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2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
5-6 p.m. Local news reports
6-9 p.m. Roger Hedgecock
9-midnight Hugh Hewitt
Midnight-6 a.m. Coast to Coast with George Noory
Web: http://www.newstalkkcrs.com

KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
6-10 a.m. Morning Show with Craig Anderson
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Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
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Web: http://www.kwel.com

Sport talk
KMND (AM 1510)
6-9 a.m. Mike and Mike in the Morning.
9 a.m.-noon The Herd with Colin Cowherd
Noon-3 p.m. The Dan Patrick Show

Other options
Contemporary Christian: KFRI (FM 88.7), KLVW (FM 90.5)
NPR: KOCV (FM 91.3)

Restaurants open on Christmas

If you're exhausted from your holiday preparations, take the day off on Christmas and let someone else do the cooking. Although not every restaurant is keeping normal business hours, there are several that will be open.

Most of these restaurants have a wide variety of menu items, making them perfect choices when you are trying to make a group of people happy. A few offer a buffet and most have take-out for your convenience.

- Buffalo Wild Wings, 5107 W. Wadley Ave., 694-9400, 5 p.m.-2 a.m.
- Denny's, 3701 W. Wall St., 520-5306, 24 hours.
- Furr's, 1116 N. Midkiff Road, 694-1619, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Grand Buffet, 2510 W. Louisiana Ave., 688-8881, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Hilton Midland Plaza, 117 W. Wall Ave., 683-6131, Call for hours.
- I-HOP, 2507 W. Loop 250, 684-5759, 301 E. I-20, 686-0537, 24 hours.
- MD Pizza Factory, 4706 N. Midkiff Road Suite 13, 682-4440, 4-9:30 p.m.
- Way Out West Steak and Buffet, 515 Andrews Highway, 697-4196, 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

- Christ Church Midland Children's Christmas Pageant and family worship at 4 p.m., Christmas carols, special music and traditional worship at 9 p.m. www.ccanglican.com.
- Christian Church of Midland Christmas Eve Service at 6 p.m. www.ccofm.com.
- Church on the Journey Worship service at 6 p.m. 694-2685.
- Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity Services at 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. www.holytrinity.org.
- Fannin Baptist Church Candle Light Service at 5:30 p.m. www.fanninbaptist.org.
- First Baptist Church Candlelight services 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Worship Center. www.fbc-midland.org.
- First Presbyterian Church Worship in sanctuary at 5:30 p.m., worship in chapel with Communion at 7:30 p.m., woship in sahctuary with Communion at 9 p.m. www.fpcmid.org.
- First United Methodist Church Carols and Candles at noon; family service at 5:30 p.m.; and Carols, Candles and Communion at 7:30 p.m. www.firstmethodistmidland.com.
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church Candlelight worship "Promise Fulfilled," 7 p.m. 570-8149.
- Memorial Christian Church All Saints Christmas Eve service at 5:30 p.m. 694-5321.
- Midland Bible Church Christmas Eve service at 6:30 p.m. www.midlandbible.org.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine Children's Mass at 6 p.m., Mass at midnight. 682-2581.
- St. Ann's Catholic Church Children's Christmas Mass at 5 p.m., Vigil Mass of Christmas at 8 p.m. and Choral Christmas Eucharist at 10:30 p.m. 682-6303.
- St. Luke's United Methodist Church Family service at 5 p.m.; Lessons and Carols service at 7:30 p.m.; Traditional Candlelight Service at 11 p.m. 694-2571 or stlukesumc-midland.org.
- St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. www.stnicksmt.org.
- St. Stephen's Catholic Church Mass at 7 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 9 p.m. Spanish, midnight. 520-7394.
- Stonegate Fellowship Church Christmas Eve services at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Free tickets ensure seats. www.stonegatefellowship.com.

Christmas Day

- Christ Church Midland Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. www.ccanglican.com.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and Shrine Christmas Remembrance Mass at 10 a.m. 682-2581.
- St. Ann's Catholic Church Mass for Christmas Day at 10 a.m., Spanish Mass at 1 p.m. 682-6303.
- St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church Christmas Day service at 10 a.m. www.stnicksmt.org.
- St. Stephen's Catholic Church Mass at 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Spanish, 5 p.m. 520-7394.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Holiday huddle

Families huddle around a pit fire to stay warm as they wait to go on a hayride tour of Grasslands light displays Saturday evening at Stonegate Fellowship's Christmastime in the City.

Weak US card security made Target a juicy target

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The U.S. is the juiciest target for hackers hunting credit card information. And experts say incidents like the recent data theft at Target's stores will get worse before they get better.

That's in part because U.S. credit and debit cards rely on an easy-to-copy magnetic strip on the back of the card, which stores account information using the same technology as cassette tapes.

"We are using 20th century cards against 21st century hackers," said Mallory Duncan, general counsel at the National Retail Federation. "The thieves have moved on but the cards have not."

In most countries outside the U.S., people carry cards that use digital chips to hold account information. The chip generates a unique code every time it's used. That makes the cards more difficult for criminals to replicate. So difficult that they generally don't bother.

"The U.S. is the top victim location for card counterfeit attacks like this," said Jason Oxman, chief executive of the Electronic Transactions Association.

The breach that exposed the credit card and debit card information of as many as 40 million Target customers who swiped their cards between Nov. 27 and Dec. 15 is still under investigation. It's unclear how the breach occurred and what data, exactly, criminals have. Although security experts said no security system is fail-safe, there are several measures stores, banks and credit card companies can take to protect against these attacks.

Companies haven't further enhanced security because it can be expensive. And while global credit and debit card fraud hit a record $11.27 billion last year, those costs accounted for just 5.2 cents of every $100 in transactions, according to the Nilson Report, which tracks global payments.

Another problem: retailers, banks and credit card companies each want someone else to foot most of the bill. Card companies want stores to pay to better protect their internal systems. Stores want card companies to issue more sophisticated cards. Banks want to preserve the profits they get from older processing systems.

Card payment systems work much the way they have for decades. The magnetic strip on the back of a credit or debit card contains the cardholder's name, account number, the card's expiration date and a security code different from the three or four-digit security code printed on the back of most cards.

When the card is swiped at a store, an electronic conversation is begun between two banks. The store's bank, which pays the store right away for the item the customer bought, needs to make sure the customer's bank approves the transaction and will pay the store's bank. On average, the conversation takes 1.4 seconds.

During that time the customer's information flows through the network and is recorded, sometimes only briefly, on computers within the system controlled by payment processing companies. Retailers can store card numbers and expiration dates, but they are prohibited from storing more sensitive data such as the security code printed on the backs of cards or other personal identification numbers.

Hackers have been known to snag account information as it passes through the network or pilfer it from databases where it's stored. Target says there is no indication that security codes on the back of customer credit cards were stolen. That would make it hard to use stolen account information to buy from most Internet retail sites. But the security code on the back of a card is not needed for in-person purchases.

Drillers

From 1A

notices to some mineral owners that it would ramp up deductions from monthly royalty checks for post-production costs, such as for gathering, transporting and compressing the gas before selling it. The policy shift came after auditors realized it had long neglected to deduct the full amounts it should have, the company said. Chesapeake officials said deductions would vary based upon production but might average about 25 percent, according to a 2011 article by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

"You can tie everything to prices tanking, but they've also gotten more brazen," said Shayne Moses, a Fort Worth lawyer who says he has represented as many as 10 mineral owners. One client, the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, netted $5.3 million in additional royalties after settling with Chesapeake in September 2012, according to Moses' firm.

Monthly statements tell mineral owners that deductions are embedded in the payments, but they are not listed as line items. Those wanting to find out how much money the company is deducting must request production and sales records — typically located at Chesapeake's Oklahoma City headquarters — and perform the complex math themselves, plaintiff's lawyers say.

Officials in Fort Worth, whose royalty percentage from Chesapeake ranges from 25 percent to 27.5 percent depending on the lease, said they were unaware of the deductions until news reports revealed the practice.

After traveling to Oklahoma City to examine the company's records in August, the officials determined that deductions ranged from 12 percent to 38 percent of royalty payments, depending on the lease and production. That probably adds up to tens of millions of dollars for Fort Worth, said Gerald Pruitt, the city's deputy attorney. The city has not calculated the full amount it believes the company owes; auditors will do that math if the court grants the city a summary judgment.

What further irks Fort Worth and other landowners is that Chesapeake in many cases sells the gas to an affiliate, Chesapeake Energy Marketing. In essence, the company is setting the price and paying itself. Fort Worth's complaint calls the arrangement a sham.

Moses and other plaintiffs' lawyers acknowledge that their clients face an uphill battle in Texas, whose courts have set a high bar for those looking to recoup royalties. Additionally, Texas judges rarely certify class-action lawsuits, making it difficult for mineral owners to pool their resources.

The Texas Supreme Court ruled in 1996 that the "trade meaning" of "royalty" and "market value of the well" included possible built-in deductions, rendering meaningless a clause barring deductions from the "value of the Lessor's royalty." Courts have cited that ruling — Heritage Resources v. Nationsbank— in recent decisions favoring drillers.

But Pruitt said Fort Worth might be in better shape than some mineral owners, because its contract also prohibits Chesapeake from selling to an affiliate without written notice — an action, the city says, Chesapeake failed to take.

"Through the use of these sham arrangements among affiliates," the city's complaint says, the companies "have pocketed millions of dollars that belong to the city of Fort Worth and its affiliates."

Despite the suit's strong language, Fort Worth officials insist that they are not severing ties with the company.

"Chesapeake remains a strong community partner, but there is a difference of opinion about the terms of the agreements Chesapeake made with the city," Mayor Betsy Price said in an email. "It's an unfortunate situation, but we will do what it takes to ensure the citizens of Fort Worth realize the benefits they're due."

Apple reaches deal to bring iPhone to China Mobile

Associated Press

BEIJING — Apple says it has reached a deal to bring the iPhone to China Mobile, the world's biggest phone carrier.

The deal ends a lengthy courtship and could boost sales of the iPhone in China. The iPhone, once hugely popular in China, has been eclipsed by the rise of lower-priced rival smartphones from Samsung and Chinese companies.

The iPhone 5S and 5C will go on sale in Apple stores and China Mobile stores beginning Friday, Jan. 17. China Mobile customers can register for phones starting Wednesday.

The companies didn't announce pricing or the terms of the agreement.

The iPhone, while popular around the world, has faced tough competition in recent years from cheaper smartphones running Google's Android software. Collectively, Android phones far outsell Apple's iPhone.

Analysts speculate that Apple could sell another 10 million to 40 million more phones if it reached a deal with China Mobile.

Apple CEO Tim Cook told the official Xinhua News Agency in January that he expects China to surpass the United States as its biggest market. Some 50 million iPhones have been sold in China in the past 2 1/2 years, according to analyst estimates.

China Mobile, which is owned by the Chinese government, has more than 750 million mobile accounts. However, a survey by Bernstein Research said some China Mobile consumers use smaller carriers for data service. Apple already has agreements with China Telecom Ltd. and China Unicom Ltd., which have about 455 million mobile accounts.

With China Mobile, Apple gains access to a bigger, more robust network. The network has faster data speeds and suffers fewer complaints about dropped calls than those of two smaller state-owned rivals.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Daniel R. Allred, 21, of Midland, was charged Saturday with theft.

James M. Busbee, 50, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Breanna M. Cervantes, 22, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Larry J. Cortez Jr., 28, of Midland, was charged Saturday with engaging in organized criminal activity.

Justin Delagarza, 28, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

Nazario Esquivel, 33, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

Tony C. Glenn, 47, of Midland, was charged Saturday with obstruction or retaliation.

Clarence A. Haire Jr., 34, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

Michael Martinez, 29, of Midland, was charged Saturday with engaging in organized criminal activity.

Frankie R. McKinney, 42, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams.

James A. Ozuna, 28, of Midland, was charged Saturday with engaging in organized criminal activity.

Tiffany J. Ruiz, 22, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

Ban

From 1A

Pipeline System.

Broader changes could come from Congress, which could rewrite the export law, or the Obama administration, which could opt to more liberally interpret the "national interest" exception.

Oil industry lobbyists have been pressing for changes, launching a campaign that already has prompted high-profile pro-export editorials in the Wall Street Journal and other newspapers. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, is set to unveil a major policy paper on the issue on Jan. 7. And last week, Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz noted the exports ban was born from an era of long gas station lines and hefty oil imports — a situation far different than today, with the U.S. on track to produce 9.5 million barrels per day in 2016.

Milito said Moniz's comments affirm the "growing disconnect between domestic production levels and our outdated export levels."

"The American energy revolution has rendered our current export policies obsolete," he said. "Exporting a portion of our abundant crude supply would provide greater stability to the global supply while creating jobs and generating revenues stateside."

Critics said that more foreign sales of U.S. oil could cause domestic prices to climb, effectively lifting the price for West Texas Intermediate crude, which trades at a discount to the global benchmark, Brent crude. "Why would we want to export oil and raise American oil prices to match the world's oil price?" asked Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., in a letter to President Barack Obama earlier this week.

API's Milito counters that some costs could actually be lower without a ban, since most American refineries are designed to process dense, high-sulfur sour crude generally imported from other countries — not the light, sweet stuff flowing from U.S. fields.

"Trapping light, domestic crude within our borders only penalizes U.S. production, which could mean higher costs for refiners and consumers," he said.

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From 1A

First Christian Church again fell victim to a fire on Jan. 20, 1957, when the main church building was totally destroyed. The Reporter-Telegram referred to the disaster as "one of Midland's costliest fires in history." Firefighters tried for 12 hours to extinguish the flames after it was first sparked at 4 a.m. Firefighters received a temporary respite from the aggressive flames before it reignited and claimed the entire structure.

Even before the flames had been completely extinguished, the church went on.

"Clarence Saint, the minister, held worship services in the Youth Center at 8:30 the morning after, and again at 10:50 a.m., as usual," according to church records. "Hymnals were borrowed from First Baptist Church, communion ware and a pulpit from First Presbyterian Church and chairs were delivered by National Guardsmen, and came from Midland Community Theater, Pioneer Natural Gas and the American Legion."

Source: "The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 1890-1990."

Excerpted from Jimmy Patterson's book, "A History of Character: The Story of Midland, Texas," scheduled to be published in 2014.

Health plan sticker shock ahead for some buyers

By Carla K. Johnson
Associated Press

CHICAGO — As a key enrollment deadline hits today, many people without health insurance have been sizing up policies on the new government health care marketplace and making what seems like a logical choice: They're picking the cheapest one.

Increasingly, experts in health insurance are becoming concerned that many of these first-time buyers will be in for a shock when they get medical care next year and discover they're on the hook for most of the initial cost.

The prospect of sticker shock after Jan. 1, when those who sign up for policies now can begin getting coverage, is seen as a looming problem for a new national system that has been plagued by trouble since the new marketplaces went online in the states in October.

For those without insurance — about 15 percent of the population— "the lesson is it's important to understand the total cost of ownership of a plan," said Matt Eyles, a vice president of Avalere Health, a market analysis firm. "You just don't want to look only at the premium."

Counselors who have been helping people choose policies say many are focused only on the upfront cost, not what the insurance companies agree to pay.

"I am so deeply clueless about all of this," acknowledged one new buyer, Adrienne Matzen, 29, an actor in Chicago who's mostly been without insurance since she turned 21. Though she needs regular care for asthma and a thyroid condition, she said she's looking for a low monthly premium because she makes less than $20,000 a year.

Hospitals are worried that those who rack up uncovered medical bills next year won't be able to pay them, perpetuating one of the problems the new health care system is supposed to solve.

The new federal and state health insurance exchanges offer policies ranked as bronze, silver, gold and platinum. The bronze options have the lowest monthly premiums but high deductibles — the amount the policyholder must pay before the insurer picks up any of the cost of medical care.

On average, a bronze plan's deductible is more than $4,300, according to an analysis of marketplace plans in 19 states by Avalere Health. A consumer who upgrades to a silver plan could reduce the deductible to about $2,500. A top-of-the-line platinum plan has the lowest average deductible: $167.

M. Spencer Green/AP

In this Dec. 3 photo, actor Adrienne Matzen poses in Chicago's theater district. Matzen, 29, who has been mostly uninsured since she turned 21, is now looking for a low monthly premium insurance plan on the federal website. High deductibles for health plans available on the Illinois insurance exchange may cause to sticker shock when people start paying medical bills in 2014, if they have elected to pay for insurance under the Affordable Care Act.

Comprehensive data on premiums isn't available, but in one example, a 30-year-old in Chicago would pay an average of $222 per month for a bronze plan, $279 for a silver or $338 for a platinum.

The complexities of insurance are eye-glazing even for those who have it. Only 14 percent of American adults with insurance understand deductibles, according to one recent study.

The danger of a wrong snap judgment is great for those under financial pressure — especially those with modest incomes who make too much to qualify for the government subsidies available under the new health care system. Subsidies aren't available for individuals making more than $45,960.

Most of the uninsured make less than that, but many still pick the cheapest plans.

"Price rules," said John Foley, a Legal Aid counselor in Palm Beach, Fla., who has been helping people enroll.

Some applicants see the catch.

"The real big surprise was how much out-of-pocket would be required for our family," said David Winebrenner, 46, a financial adviser in Lebanon, Ky., whose deductible topped $12,000 for a family of six for a silver plan he was considering. The monthly premium: $1,400.

While the health law makes many preventive services free — such as vaccines, blood pressure screening and mammograms — most medical care is paid out of pocket until the deductible level is reached. Some of the new plans offer limited coverage for certain services before a patient has met the annual deductible. These services can include primary care, some prescription drugs and routine care for common chronic conditions such as high blood pressure and diabetes.

It's unclear how many plans provide this feature, and it may not be easy for consumers to tell.

Lynn Quincy of Consumers Union, a public policy group, suggests that consumers narrow their options to five plans, then go to each insurer's website to read the benefits summary. It spells out who pays what for two common situations: having a baby and managing Type 2 diabetes.

To be sure, the new health law did away with the whopping deductibles in plans previously offered to people without employer-provided coverage. Out-of-pocket costs are now capped at $6,350 for individuals and $12,700 for a family.

Some who had private insurance policies that were canceled may find that keeping the same deductibles may mean higher premiums.

But some people who have been paying their own medical bills, or leaving them unpaid at the hospital, seem surprised that health insurance doesn't cover more of the costs.

"They previously had no insurance coverage at all and so they might not be happy," said Cynthia Rahming, an enrollment counselor in Houston.

Fearing the sticker shock, Loyola University Health System in Chicago is offering payment plans to spread the out-of-pocket costs.

Some who had private insurance policies that were canceled may find that keeping the same deductibles may mean higher premiums.

In California, Diane Agnone complained in an online post on her state's health marketplace. "How is this affordable? I am a healthy 62-year-old single woman, and these new premiums will cost me over $200 more per month than my existing plan."

The new insurance system requires policies to cover more services than some consumers had chosen to buy in the past.

"It's all a matter of having a budget and it only goes so far," said Agnone, an executive with a nonprofit charity based in Fairfield, which is about halfway between San Francisco and Sacramento. "There is no winning in this."

REJOICE!

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Walker, Christie headline GOP presidential field

■ Governor might be the way for Republicans to go, and there are two who appear head and shoulders above others

CARL LEUBSDORF
Dallas Morning News

Since last month's elections, Republicans have focused considerable attention on their governors, a far more promising group than the leaders and members of this unproductive, unpopular Congress and probably their best hope for finding a 2016 presidential winner.

Two may be emerging as natural rivals, Chris Christie, the boisterous, assertive recently re-elected governor of New Jersey, and Scott Walker, the low-key, buttoned-up solidly conservative governor of Wisconsin.

"Christie is moderate in policy, but immoderate in temperament," noted Marc Thiessen, co-author of Walker's recent book, "Unintimidated: A Governor's Story and a Nation's Challenge." "Walker is moderate in temperament, but immoderate in policy.

"The question is: Which is a better model for the GOP nationally?"

That contrast has been evident as Christie sought to ride last month's overwhelming re-election and Walker pushed his book as a potential platform before what polls suggest could be a difficult 2014 re-election race.

The potential Republican field teems with contrasts: Sens. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and Rand Paul, R-Ky., acknowledge interest in running, while Walker and Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., barely concede there'll be a race. Texas Gov. Rick Perry's interest in a second bid is unsurprising, while New Hampshire and Iowa forays by Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., and former Sen. Scott Brown, R-Mass., seem mystifying. Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., angers tea party types by accepting some Democratic ideas in a compromise budget plan, while Cruz, Paul and Rubio woo them by opposing it.

Though a new Iowa poll shows Ryan with the highest favorability rating, there seems a consensus among top Republicans for nominating a governor. Four of the last six presidents have been governors, and no GOP senator has won since Warren Harding in 1920.

Christie has generated the most speculation. Elected twice in a solidly blue state, he has done well among minority and women voters Republicans have had difficulty winning, though his 2013 opponent was a woman, albeit a little known, underfunded one.

But he might face serious problems in a national race: a bumptious, often overbearing manner and an ideology that, while fuzzy on contentious issues like immigration and abortion, seems too centrist for the GOP's dominant conservatives.

He's already encountered trouble reconciling his centrist New Jersey approach with the need to woo those conservatives, inciting criticism by abandoning his pre-election support for lower in-state tuition for students entering the country illegally. And he had difficulty explaining when local Democrats questioned why one of his appointees limited access to the George Washington Bridge from a town whose mayor had refused to endorse Christie.

Walker, meanwhile, is downplaying his conservative social policy views and stressing his successes at eliminating Wisconsin's budget deficit and curbing government employee unions. At a breakfast sponsored by The Christian Science Monitor, he avoided direct answers to abortion and immigration questions. "I'm pro-life … but I don't focus on it, I don't obsess over it," he said, glossing over the fact he signed bills requiring women to undergo ultrasounds before abortions and requiring abortion providers to have admitting privileges at a local hospital.

And while favoring "legal immigration," he said, "I don't get caught up in the bills or legislation here because it's not what I was elected to do. I was elected to govern a state."

Conservatives like his social views, anti-union efforts and rejection of Medicaid funds under the Obama health plan. But Walker's economic record could be a handicap (especially compared with Perry's): Wisconsin failed to add the 250,000 jobs he promised, gaining 24,305 last year, 34th among the 50 states according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Still, Walker may be better positioned than the other conservative governors, assuming he wins re-election. He seems unthreatening, comes from a purple swing state and may benefit from proximity in Iowa's crucial caucuses.

Ohio's John Kasich could face a GOP backlash because he decided to help his re-election by accepting the Medicaid funds, efforts by Louisiana's Bobby Jindal and Kansas' Sam Brownback to make reputations as conservative reformers have sapped their home-state popularity, and Perry faces a real challenge overcoming lingering damage from his 2012 campaign.

When the real action starts, outspoken senatorial conservatives Paul and Cruz could generate support among Iowa's evangelical conservatives. But an expected large conservative field could help Christie. And a neighboring candidate with outspoken conservative views and a non-confrontational manner might do best of all.

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GUEST VIEW

Texas' health ranking nothing to brag about

Austin American-Statesman

Texas ranked 36th on an annual measure of the health of each state released recently.

The cynically inclined might respond with surprise that the state ranked that high, given that about 25 percent of Texans lack health insurance and also given how poorly the state often ranks on education, poverty and other health measures. But Texas has relatively few drug and cancer deaths compared with many other states. Texas also is kept at the top of the bottom third of the health rankings by Mississippi and other Southern states that annually occupy the rankings' bottom 10.

There's never any comfort in knowing that we're not Mississippi. And Texas' position this year on America's Health Rankings, an annual assessment by United Health Foundation, is a notch lower than last year's 35th. Texas might never join the ranks of the healthiest states as long as our political leaders remain reluctant to expand health insurance, fail to keep education funding on pace with population growth and choose to not promote efforts to improve the state's low rates of physical inactivity and lower its high rates of obesity and diabetes.

One takeaway from the rankings is there is a strong connection between health and education. The more education a person has, the more likely he or she is to have a job that offers health insurance and the less likely he or she is to smoke or be obese.

The healthiest ranked state was Hawaii. The political leanings of each state stand out when looking at the list of the top and bottom 10. The 10 least healthy states are generally conservative, while eight of the 10 healthiest states are more liberal. Most of the states in the top 10 chose to set up their own state insurance marketplaces under the Affordable Care Act, unlike Texas, and also used the health reform law to expand Medicaid.

The health rankings coincided with news last week from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that 14,038 Texans signed up for health insurance on the Affordable Care Act's federally run marketplace between Oct. 1 and Nov. 30. Nationally, 364,682 Americans have signed up for private insurance coverage under the health care law as of Nov. 30, according to the Obama administration.

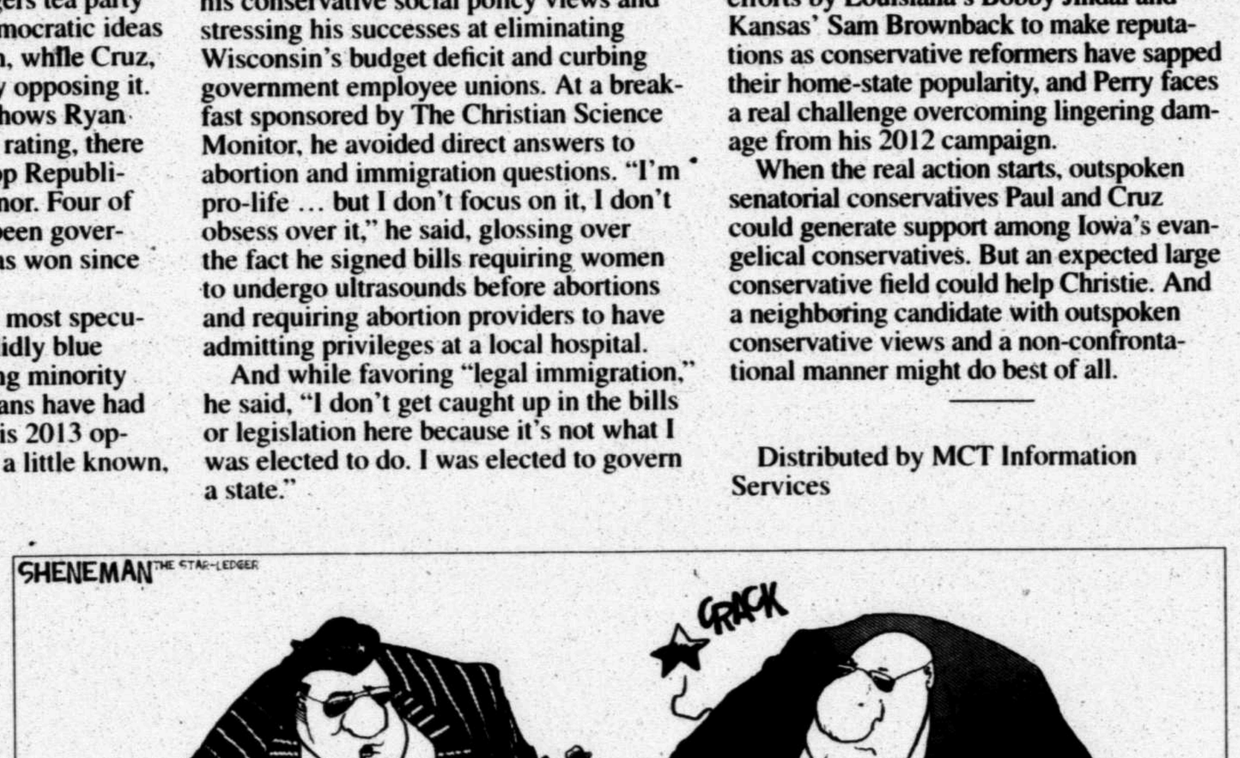
The news is a sign that the HealthCare.gov website is moving beyond the troubles that plagued it upon its launch Oct. 1. Still, last week's numbers remain far below the 1.2 million that officials had projected would enroll nationwide by the end of November.

Unlikely to help matters is the fact that Gov. Rick Perry and state legislators not only refused to set up a state-run insurance marketplace but also refused to expand Medicaid coverage to low-income Texans. Expanding Medicaid would have brought a million or more Texans into the ranks of the insured.

The Affordable Care Act was written with the assumption that the states would expand Medicaid to the working poor. When the Supreme Court allowed states to opt out of the law's Medicaid provision, it created a gap that prevents members of the working poor who make too much to qualify for Medicaid without the expansion but too little to qualify for tax credits on the insurance marketplace from accessing health insurance.

State policymakers should also take note of a third health-related item last week that came from a study published in BMJ, the former British Medical Journal. Researchers found that exercise might be as effective as prescription drugs in treating heart disease, diabetes and other leading causes of death. As the New York Times' Gretchen Reynolds wrote, "The study raises important questions about whether our health care system focuses too much on medications and too little on activity to combat physical ailments."

Opponents point to the expense of efforts to expand and improve education and health care and to promote exercise and healthy diets, but these efforts can control costs and have long-term benefits for individuals and the state. Pursued, they also might one day give Texans something to brag about when it comes to their own health.



Hard work isn't always fun

■ Performance matters, and despite the efforts of some, not everyone is buying a fun-at-all-costs attitude

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With the exception of human resources professionals and corporate executives who publicly bemoan a general lack of work ethic as their main obstacle to filling vacant positions, you rarely hear about hard work anymore. As far as I can tell, it's too infrequently held up as intrinsic to the American character or as a value to be aspired to.

From public schools that beat the drum of student "engagement" with fun activities but rarely talk about working hard and performing under pressure, to workplaces that believe they have to entertain their employees into productivity, our society seems to think that fun is always necessary for getting through life.

But I've noticed some pushback recently against the absurdities of a philosophy that posits that fun, personal fulfillment and self-esteem are the top goals of any endeavor.

Writing for Slate magazine, New America Foundation fellow Konstantin Kakaes responded to a starry-eyed editorial in The New York Times about how school math doesn't have to be "boring." "Anyone with an understanding of what math actually is believes it must sometimes be boring," Kakaes wrote.

Learning is work, after all. And some learning, no matter how rewarding, is difficult. To observe that some advanced math concepts cannot be funified seems beyond rebuke, but the many acolytes of the "Learning Is and Must Always Be Fun!" school of thought try hard to keep such common sense from gaining traction.

As one miffed reader responded to Kakaes, "I teach, and my approach is very child-centered. There is ALWAYS something you as a teacher can do to make the material engaging, and telling your students to 'deal with it' as the caption of the photo suggests is a huge cop-out and a missed opportunity."

A few days later on the Times' op-ed pages, author Oliver Burkeman pleaded with readers to forget the idea of workplace fun being a job requirement. His was a scathing takedown of corporate gamification, workplace indulgence culture and the "Head of Fungineering, or Chief Cheerfulness Ninja, or Vice President of Wow."

Citing studies finding that fun doesn't always guarantee workplace harmony or productivity, and that forced glee can have the opposite effect on workers, Burkeman begs for understanding of his nuanced position:

"Lest my curmudgeonliness be mistaken for misanthropy, let's be clear: There's nothing wrong with happiness at work. Enjoyable jobs are surely preferable to boring or unpleasant ones; moreover, studies suggest that happy employees are more productive ones. But it doesn't follow that the path to this desirable state of affairs is through deliberate efforts, on the part of managers, to try to generate fun. Indeed, there's evidence that this approach — which has been labeled, suitably appallingly, 'fungineering' — might have precisely the opposite effect, making people miserable and thus reaffirming one of the oldest observations about happiness: When you try too hard to obtain it, you're almost guaranteed to fail."

I wouldn't be crowing quite so divinely about the hopefully soon demise of society's fun fanatics and their trick bags of games, incentives, token economies and rewards to make hard work palatable if I didn't see a slight glimmer of hope.

As it turns out, Millennials — aka Generation Ys, the generation that has grown up ensconced in our everyone-gets-a-trophy culture — are learning first-hand that in the real world of business, some peers value performance above all else.

According to The Wall Street Journal, in the hard-knuckled world of startups — in which companies are known for their chalk walls, balance ball chairs, foosball tables, and free booze and meals — workers who don't perform are dropped very quickly.

"New companies let nearly 25 percent of their employees go in the lead-up to their first birthday," the Journal reported. "Startup managers say they try to let underperformers or poor fits go within their first three months, but some hires don't last even that long."

Whether for lacking skills, not having enough "hustle" or failing to keep pace, employees who don't last at startups will quickly find themselves with new opportunities to evaluate whether they worked hard enough to succeed at their job — and whether to work harder at the next gig. After all, there's great enjoyment to be had from accomplishments born of hard work and determination.

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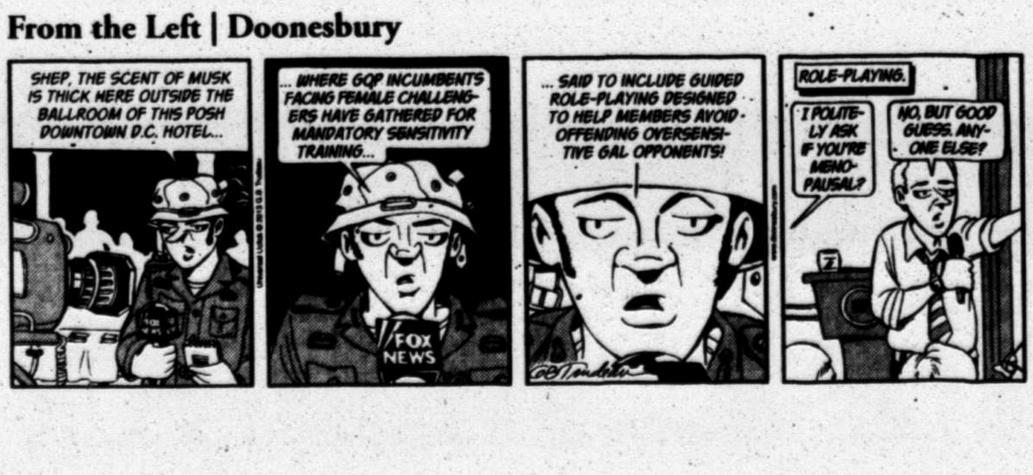

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

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A truck driver's trailer slips off the pavement as sleet continues to fall two miles south of Enid, Okla., in Garfield County on Saturday.

Start of winter brings snow, ice and warm weather

By Holly Ramer
Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — The first full day of winter brought a wild mix of weather across the U.S. on Sunday: ice and high wind in the Great Lakes and New England areas, flooding in the South, snow in the Midwest and record-shattering temperatures in the 60s and 70s along the mid-Atlantic.

Snow and ice knocked out power to 400,000 homes and businesses in Michigan, upstate New York and northern New England, and also left more than 400,000 people without electricity in eastern Canada. It could be days before the lights are back on everywhere.

As of midafternoon, more than 500 airline flights had been canceled and about 3,800 delayed, according to aviation tracking website FlightAware.com.

The icy weather was expected to make roads hazardous through at least Monday from the upper Midwest to northern New England during one of the busiest travel times of the year.

In Arkansas, authorities said Sunday that a woman was killed after an EF2 tornado with winds of about 130 mph struck in St. Francis County on Saturday. A man found in a field was hospitalized in serious condition, while the woman's 3-year-old granddaughter and 25-year-old daughter were treated at a hospital.

High-temperature records for the date fell for the second straight day in the mid-Atlantic states because of a mass of hot, muggy air from the South.

In New York's Central Park, the mercury reached 70 degrees, easily eclipsing the previous high of 63 from 1998. Records were also set in Wilmington, Del., (67), Atlantic City, N.J., (68), and Philadelphia (67). Washington tied its 1889 mark at 72.

Temperatures were expected to return to normal by Monday night and Tuesday, dropping back into the 30s.

The scene was much more seasonal Sunday in Vermont, where Lynne White of West Charleston listened to the cracking of falling tree branches and gazed at the coating of ice on her home.

"It's actually really pretty," she said. "Not safe, I'm sure, but it's pretty."

Heavy snow in Wisconsin forced dozens of churches to cancel Sunday services. Milwaukee got about 9 inches, Manitowoc 7. Ice and snow in Oklahoma were blamed for three traffic deaths on slick roads.

In New York's St. Lawrence County, almost 2 inches of ice had accumulated by early Sunday, coating tree limbs and power lines, and a state of emergency was declared to keep the roads clear of motorists.

"It's a big party weekend ... before Christmas," county dispatch operations supervisor Jim Chestnut said. "This put a little bit of a damper onto that."

Despite a glaze of freezing rain in Maine, plenty of shoppers ventured to the outlet malls in Kittery, Maine, on the last weekend before Christmas.

In Canada, crews struggled to restore service to those without power in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. Toronto Mayor Rob Ford called the storm one of the worst in the city's history. Passengers were stranded at airports from Toronto to St. John's, Newfoundland.

In Kentucky, three bodies were pulled from Rolling Fork River on Sunday after their vehicle was swept away by floodwaters, and a fourth person drowned in Carroll County, after a four-wheeler overturned in high water.

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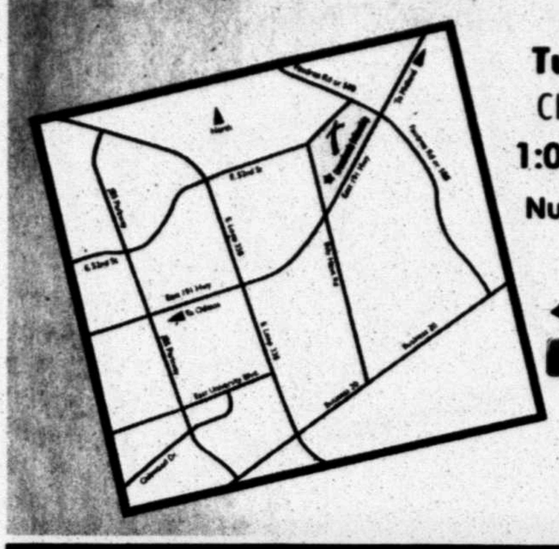
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E-readers do less, but with fewer distractions

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

■ REVIEW

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Until I tried one, I never understood the appeal of e-book readers, given that tablets can do much more.

The e-reader's ease and comfort became apparent as I raced to finish the second "Hunger Games" book before the movie came out. I blew through several pages on a Kobo Aura while waiting for a sandwich in Cupertino, Calif., and a connecting flight in Charlotte, N.C. The Aura, like the Kindle Paperwhite and the Nook GlowLight, was just the right size to hold while waiting in the aisle for passengers in front of me to stow their luggage.

Back home in New York, I can slip an e-reader in my coat pocket after getting off the subway or continue reading while walking those final few blocks to work. These readers are so convenient that I've read more books in just four months than the past few years combined.

What I like most: All three devices minimize distractions. There's no notification about a new Facebook post, no temptation to check email. Surfing on their rudimentary Web browsers is so frustrating that you quickly return to reading. Battery life is good because you're not taxing the device with images and video on pristine, colorful screens. The e-readers' black-and-white displays are good for reading — and just that.

E-readers are cheaper than full-fledged tablets, too — a good option for that avid reader you're shopping for.

■ Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle Paperwhite ($119, or $139 without ads on screensaver; $70 more for 3G cellular access):

The online bookseller has done for e-readers what Apple did for tablets — make the devices something regular people want and buy. Since releasing the first Kindle in 2007, Amazon has expanded into tablets with the Kindle Fire line. But it still makes excellent e-readers.

Of the three I tested, the Paperwhite is the best in terms of comfort and ease of use, but it's also the worst for locking you in to Amazon's book system. For the most part, you're limited to reading books you buy through Amazon, and those books can be read only on Kindle devices and apps. Most other e-readers support a system called EPub, which allows for transfers from device to device.

That said, Amazon typically has the best prices, and you can return e-books within seven days. With a $79-a-year Amazon Prime membership for free shipping, you also can borrow one e-book from a selected list each month.

The device is small yet sturdy. Books are easy to read using the default font, though you can change it. You can change the size of text and illustrations by pinching in or out with two fingers. A screen-within-a-screen feature lets you jump to another part of the book without losing your place.

Where the Paperwhite stands out is in its supplemental materials. You can see which passages other Kindle readers have collectively highlighted. An X-Ray feature gives you more

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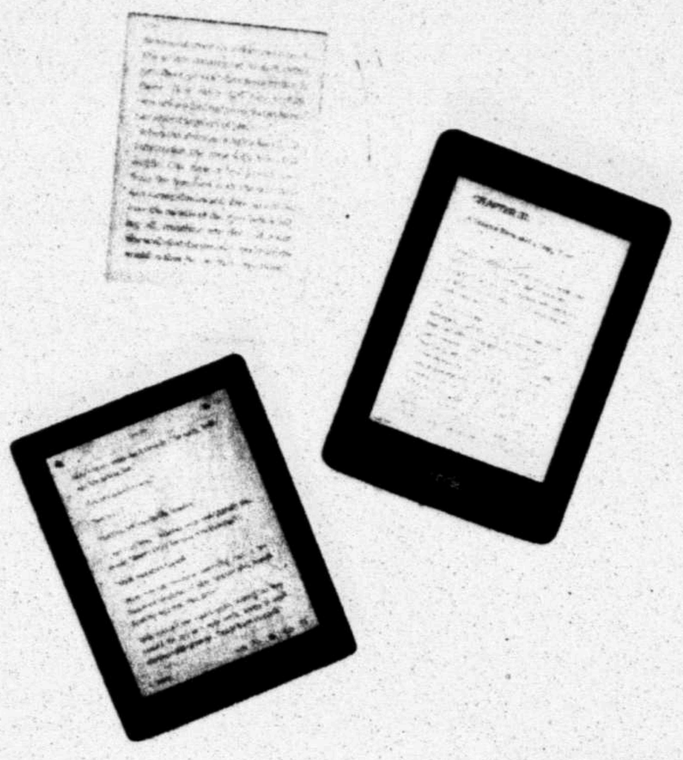

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This Dec. 19 photo shows a Nook GlowLight, top, a Kindle Paperwhite, right, and a Kobo Aura, in New York. E-readers are cheaper than full-fledged tablets.

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In this Nov. 28 photo, a shopper takes a selfie as crowds pour into the Macy's Herald Square flagship store in New York.

CONSTANTLY CHANGING

'Selfies' just one part of shifting social media

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Sure, it was a little gimmicky, but it should have come as no surprise last month that Oxford Dictionaries chose "selfie" as its word of the year for 2013.

The word, which Oxford defines as "a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam and uploaded to a social media website," is one example of how we're currently using social media and why those who try to avoid it can find it vacuous and time-wasting.

I'm way too self-conscious to take selfies regularly, but I understand the appeal. Every day, more and more of us are carrying this crazy-powerful, do-all computer — the smartphone — in our pockets and purses. Why not use it to do what people have been doing for thousands of years: document your place in space and time at a given moment? That's not new, but being able to share it with the world in less than five seconds from practically anywhere is still a jarring change that many of our brains haven't adapted to yet.

That could be said for a lot of what's happened in the current age of social media, which began to go mainstream around 2007-2008. Piggybacking on the mass adoption of smartphones, tablets and shrinking photo hardware, the era of social media shows no sign of going away or even transitioning into something else soon. It's been more than a fad, though the landscape shifts and changes from year to year.

Let's take a snapshot, an in-the-moment selfie, of the state of social media in late 2013.

The Big Two:

Every few months, you'll see news stories suggesting that users are abandoning Facebook in droves or that people are getting burned out on the ever-quickening pace of Twitter. There seems to be an obsession with whether teens are leaving Facebook to avoid their nosy parents and if Facebook's perpetual privacy failings will lead to a user exodus.

Let's start with Facebook. The company says it has about 1.19 billion (yes, billion with a "b") monthly active users. Though its initial public offering last year flailed, the company's stock has recently soared to $10 over that price at $48 a share as of this writing.

If Facebook still has tons of users and its stock is doing great, what could be the problem? This is anecdotal, but what I experience myself and what I hear from other friends and social media users is that Facebook hasn't been aggressive enough in making its mobile apps great (something Facebook itself has admitted) despite some revamping this year.

For some, it has also become overfamiliar. You know that feeling you get when you've been hanging around with family on a vacation for a few days too long? Some users of Facebook may be starting to feel stifled by having practically everyone they know continually updating and messaging.

This year, Facebook increased the size of photos in news feeds and is planning to emphasize relevant, much-discussed news stories in favor of cute photos and memes.

Twitter, on the other hand, feels like it's peaking. It successfully went public in November, had huge international growth and boasts more than 200 million active users. It made deals with the NFL to show game highlights in Tweets and has of late been pushing itself as a source for news and a place to gather for live events like the World Series or the "Breaking Bad" finale and discuss them as a community.

Is Twitter a communications platform or a new media company? Twitter itself may not know; historically, much of Twitter's culture has been driven by users, not the company's management. My sense is that due to some Twitter design tweaks, more users are finding ways to have lengthier conversations on Twitter instead of just spouting drive-by commentary.

Photo phenomenon:

Last year, Facebook acquired a rapidly growing photo-sharing service called

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Tech tips: Using a phone abroad without huge fees

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

BANGKOK — If you have a trip outside the United States coming up, one thing you'll likely want to bring is your cellphone. You might have heard warnings about how those phones can accrue international charges quickly through your U.S. wireless carrier. It doesn't have to be that way.

In the past, I've simply turned off my phone's cellular connections while abroad. But nearly three weeks in Thailand and Cambodia earlier this year proved too long to stay away from email, Facebook, Instagram, Foursquare and other time sinks.

If you're traveling internationally, check with your carrier on whether your phone will even work with cellular networks abroad. If it doesn't, you can still use apps through Wi-Fi connections at hotels and malls. Your phone company might even rent or loan a compatible phone.

Assess your needs

Will you make a lot of calls or texts? Before I left, Verizon told me that calls would cost $1.99 a minute in Thailand and $2.89 a minute in Cambodia. No, thanks. I'll just text people instead. To avoid text charges, I signed up for three free services, WhatsApp, Line and Viber. The catch is that you can text only with those on the same service, so your contacts will also have to join.

Where international use can get expensive is in data charges. Verizon was charging $20.48 per megabyte in either country. Just opening the Facebook app uses more than half a megabyte. Five minutes of scrolling through friends' posts can eat up more than 10 megabytes, or more than $200. That's before sharing a single photo. Bills can reach thousands of dollars in no time.

The solution is to get a data plan.

T-Mobile's main plans now offer free text and data in more than 100 countries. Speeds are adequate for sending email and checking Facebook, though you'll need to pay for faster speeds. Other U.S. carriers offer affordable packages, too, if you plan ahead.

Start by monitoring how you use your phone. On Android, look for "Data usage" in the settings. On the iPhone, go to "General," then "Usage" under the settings. Check back in a few days or a week to see how much data you have used. Android also will tell you what apps have been using your data. Owners of iPhones can get a free app called Onavo Count. Your cellphone bill might also have information on past data use.

Keep in mind you might use your phone more than usual because you won't be checking from regular computers at home or work. Check if your hotel offers Wi-Fi, as that might help reduce cellular use. If there's a daily charge for Wi-Fi, your phone might still be cheaper.

To reduce data use further, turn off automatic syncing for as many apps as you can. I also kept my phone on airplane mode most of the time and allowed connections only periodically. I monitored my data usage to spot data hogs early.

Your options

Your phone company can tell you about their packages. Although Verizon quoted a $20.48-per-megabyte charge, it offered me 100 megabytes for $25 in

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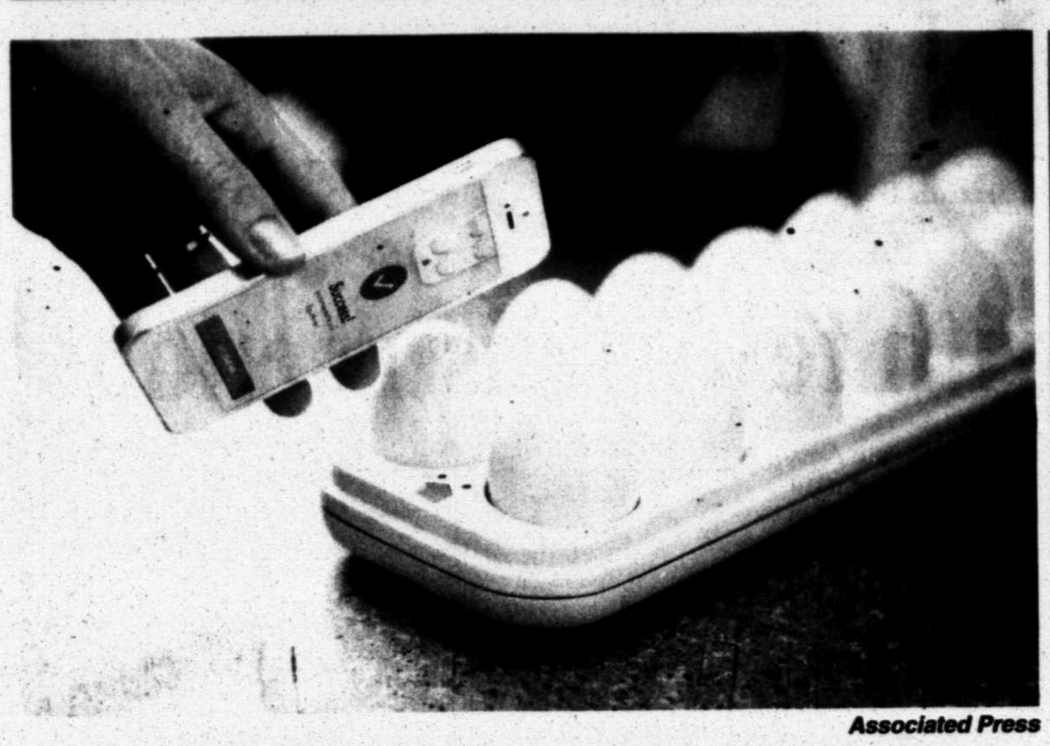

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This undated photo provided by Quirky.com shows the Egg Minder, a gadget that wirelessly connects to your smartphone to make sure that you don't eat a bad egg. The Egg Minder is just one of the slightly bizarre gifts available this year for the techie who has everything.

The season's weirdest, wackiest tech gifts

By Bree Fowler
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■ REVIEW

NEW YORK — It's tough to shop for techies. They already own everything with a plug or rechargeable battery. But fear not, a slew of unique technology gifts have hit the market just in time for Christmas.

Here's a roundup of some of the season's most offbeat offerings. While these items may seem a bit wacky and bizarre, it's doubtful that the tech enthusiasts in your life own anything similar.

■ Call Me Gloves, Hammacher Schlemmer, $80:

These winter gloves let you wirelessly connect to your smartphone by making the universal "call me" sign. That is, by holding your thumb to your ear, pointing your pinkie finger toward your mouth and folding the rest of your fingers in to make the shape of a phone.

The left glove has a speaker in the thumb and a microphone in the pinkie. Buttons on the glove's cuff let you answer and end calls. There also are conductive fibers woven into the tips of both thumbs and index fingers so you can text and Web surf on a smartphone or tablet without taking the gloves off.

You'll get 12 hours of talk time out of the battery, but you'll need more time than that to convince onlookers you're not crazy.

■ Egg Minder, Quirky.com, $70:

Nobody likes a bad egg. This gadget wirelessly connects to your smartphone to make sure you don't eat one. LED lights show you which eggs in the tray are the oldest and the app's push notifications let you know when you're running low, preventing a last-minute scramble at breakfast time.

■ Plush Toast Wireless Speaker, ThinkGeek, $40:

Speaking of breakfast, does the person you're shopping for like toast? I mean, really like toast? If so, then this tablet holder and speaker might be right for them.

Most tablets fit and plug into this rechargeable device. You can listen to music that way, or connect it to your smartphone or iPod via Bluetooth. Its — plush exterior makes it as cuddly as a teddy bear. It's sure to please both day old bread enthusiasts and small children.

■ Scout1 Wi-Fi Pet Monitor, Motorola Mobility, $300:

This product, sold exclusively through PetSmart, you keep an eye on Felix or Snoopy while you're away. In addition to viewing furry friends remotely, users can pan, tilt and zoom cameras through their smartphone, tablet or desktop computer.

There's also two-way audio to allow remote conversations between you and your pet, infrared night vision, temperature monitoring and the ability to take snapshots and record video, just in case Fido does something especially cute.

Does Rover like to roam? If so, you can connect and view up to four cameras in multiple rooms.

■ Personal Submarine, Hammacher Schlemmer, $2 million:

If Santa has some extra cash he can buy this two-person submersible that can reach depths of 1,000 feet. The sub's transparent acrylic dome keeps adventurers safe and dry as they channel Jacques Cousteau and Jules Verne.

The sub is powered by battery packs that can supply up to six hours of travel and a maximum speed of three knots. It's also equipped with four external 150-watt quartz-halogen lamps to light up the underwater landscape, along with a xenon strobe light and RF beacon alerts to let others know your location.

There's a bit of a learning curve when it comes to piloting these vehicles, so training is included.

■ Pop Dongle by Pop Secret, eBay auction, price to be determined:

Does the person you're shopping for find smartphone games a little dry? Well the folks at Pop Secret think the key to jazzing things up lies in adding butter, or in this case, a buttery smell.

The Pop Dongle is part of an iPhone game created by the popcorn maker. It plugs into your iPhone's earphone jack and when you slather pieces of popcorn with butter in the on-screen game the dongle releases a buttered-popcorn scent.

There's nothing fancy about the game. The scent itself hangs in the air and after a while you can't really tell when the dongle is releasing it.

You won't find these in stores. The only dongles available to the public are being auctioned on eBay. The money goes to the Red Cross. The first sold earlier this month for $315. At last check, bidding on the second was up to $152.50 in an auction set to close on Monday.

The third will be auctioned off in bidding that ends on Jan. 2.

■ Zombie apocalypse supplies, Larson Electronics, various prices:

Everybody needs to be prepared for the day that zombies take over the earth, right? Larson Electronics, which makes heavy duty and industrial lighting, has a collection of products designed for just that.

Offerings include a high-intensity discharge spotlight capable of reaching distances of over 5,000 feet — just what you need to let you know walkers are approaching. There's also a solar-powered LED beacon for signaling other survivors and universal handcuff keys to help you escape from unfriendly members of the living.

Gift Guide: Streaming players project video to TV

■ REVIEW

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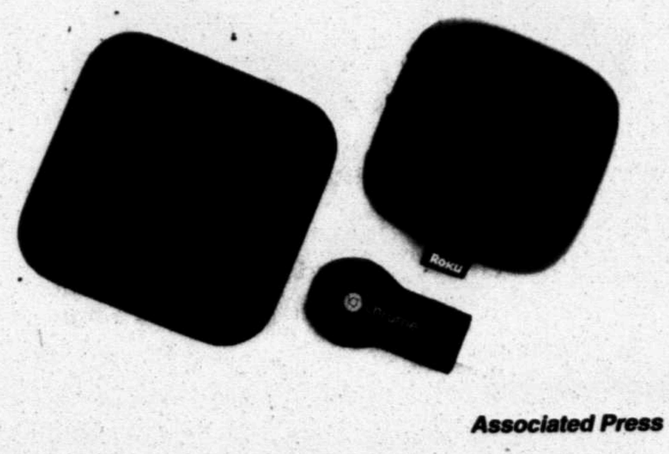

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An Apple TV device, left, is shown alongside Google's Chromecast, center, and the Roku 2, Dec. 19 in New York. Streaming video devices such as Roku, Apple TV and Google's Chromecast project video from Netflix, YouTube and other services onto the big-screen TV. Suddenly, the computer seems inadequate. Internet television will never be the same.

NEW YORK — I was happy watching television shows and movies on my computer — until I realized what I was missing.

Streaming video devices such as Roku, Apple TV and Google's Chromecast project video from Netflix, YouTube and other services onto the big-screen TV. Suddenly, the computer seems inadequate. Internet television will never be the same.

Internet-connected TVs, TiVo digital video recorders and various game consoles also come with apps for video services. But frequent users of these services will likely want a device that focuses on doing that one thing well.

People must still subscribe individually to Netflix, Hulu Plus, Amazon Instant Video, Major League Baseball and other services, though that can often be done right from the TV screen. Some services require a subscription with certain cable or satellite TV providers. With HBO Go, for instance, Comcast and DirecTV subscribers can use Apple TVs but not Rokus, while it's the other way around with Charter.

■ Roku 3 ($100):

Roku started as a project within Netflix, which was looking for a cheap way for subscribers to get Internet movies and TV shows onto regular TVs. Roku was spun out into a separate company, and the device now works all major video services except Apple's iTunes.

It also plays games such as "Angry Birds," offers language lessons, supports music services such as Pandora and Spotify and lets you browse photos on Smugmug, Flickr and other services. All told, there are more than 1,000 apps available from Roku's store, many of them free.

Apps often replicate the experience on the services' websites. With Hulu, for instance, you can browse video by genre or play items in your queue. With Netflix, you get profiles for up to five individuals, with separate recommendations and watch lists.

With each service designing its own app, it feels as though I have 1,000 devices in one. Each app has its own on-screen keyboard when searching for video. The remote's up button gets me options such as closed captioning on Hulu, but it exits the video on Amazon and Netflix.

Roku's remote control has an unconventional headphone jack. Plug a pair in, and sound on the TV will automatically turn off. That's great if others in your household are trying to read or sleep.

■ Apple TV ($99):

Think of Apple TV as a Roku with fewer apps — only 27, plus Apple's own services. Apple is constantly adding new ones, and those get installed automatically. Apple wants to keep the device clean and focus on the services people use most. It offers Netflix, Hulu, PBS, HBO, ESPN, YouTube and more — though Amazon's service is missing.

However, Apple TV is alone in supporting Apple's services. You can buy or rent iTunes content right from the device, or you can play music and video stored on iCloud or your computer, iPhone or iPad. Instead of Pandora or Spotify, you get Apple's streaming music service, iTunes Radio.

Where Apple TV excels is in consistency. The keyboard is the same whether you're on HBO Go, Hulu Plus or Netflix, and the menu layout is similar from app to app. You can subscribe to many of the services right from the device and have that billed to your iTunes account. No need to search for your credit card each time, as Roku requires.

Apple TV works fine as a stand-alone device, but much of its power comes from working with other Apple products. Place an iPhone or an iPad with iOS 7 near the Apple TV to bypass the initial setup and transfer account information wirelessly.

With AirPlay, your iPhone, iPad or Mac can launch content not available through the included apps. That's the way I watched "Margin Call" on Amazon. Charter subscribers can watch HBO that way, too. Unfortunately, DVDs are blocked because of rights issues. You'll have to figure out a way to hook up your computer to the TV directly, or buy a DVD player. On Windows computers, AirPlay is limited to iTunes content and photos.

■ Chromecast ($35):

Google's device is a third the price of the others, but it's also quite dumb by design. It is the size of a USB flash drive and plugs into an HDMI port. Turn on the TV — and nothing happens.

It's more of a conduit between the TV and your mobile device.

Start by downloading Google's Chromecast app on your Apple or Android device. Then download one or more of the 17 apps supported. The list is short, but growing. As with Apple TV, Amazon's service isn't supported. Neither is Apple's iTunes. But it's alone among the three devices to support music and video through Google Play.

The Chromecast is the best option when individuals in a household have separate accounts for Hulu and other services. Each person controls the device from his or her phone; with Apple TV and Roku, it's annoying to sign in and out each time.

Once you have content running on your phone or tablet, you tap a button to fling it to the TV. You can then use your device for other things. You can forward, rewind or pause video from the phone, but you're stuck with that video once the phone loses its connection with the Chromecast, which happened often.

With all three devices, I have occasional problems with audio and video not syncing properly, making it seem as though I'm watching a badly dubbed foreign film. It happened most often on the Chromecast and the least on Apple TV.

But I sometimes had hiccups when using AirPlay. Playing content through a native app is the smoothest option, and Roku has the most choices for that. For me, Apple TV is the best choice if you use iTunes and have other Apple gadgets.

GALLAGA

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Instagram. There were fears that Facebook would ruin the service by flooding it with ads or would shut it down or re-brand it something like "Facebook Photos."

That didn't happen. In fact, Instagram continued growing (to at least 150 million users currently) and, by adding short-form videos of 15 seconds or less to the service, managed to knock the wind out of Twitter's fledgling six-second video service, Vine. Instagram photos are no longer mobile-only. They can be viewed and shared on the Web, and Instagram's square-shaped photo format has become so influential that Apple's latest iPhone software version added an option to snap photos that way.

Instagram succeeded by keeping things simple and keeping ads unobtrusive and had its busiest day ever on Thanksgiving. But it's not without competition.

Google's social network, Google Plus, added more photo-editing features and options to store and share photos off mobile devices. But it still struggles with identity issues; most people are members of it because they use other Google services, not because they want to use Google Plus, and it largely remains an afterthought among social network users.

Snapchat was perhaps the social media story of the year, coming out of nowhere and courting young users who wanted to share photos and short videos that would self-destruct after being viewed for a few seconds. Last I checked, it only had about 26 million users, but it was boasting about 400 million photos and videos sent per day, eclipsing both Facebook and Instagram.

Less successful this year was Flickr, an old-school photo social network owned by Yahoo that rolled out a major redesign and an offer of practically unlimited space for its users. After some initial excitement, Flickr faded to the background as the year went on. Likewise, Yahoo's acquisition of the blogging service Tumblr in May created waves, but since then it's been unclear what, if anything, will change at Tumblr and whether Yahoo will do well with it.

Pinning, winning:

Last year's social media darling was aspirational lifestyle site Pinterest, where users could share images of food they wanted to prepare, abs they wanted to have on their torso and words of wisdom (in image form). Pinterest now has about 70 million users and has been extremely business-friendly, sending lots of Web traffic to retailers and Etsy crafters. This year, Target made Pinterest part of its holiday shopping push.

So why should we care about these social media services and how people are bouncing from one to the other or abandoning them? Because it can tell us a lot about how people who spend time on the Web use that time.

Is Twitter's quick-hit information deluge the most useful in a national emergency? Does Pinterest's overwhelmingly positive vibe give the Web a warm, happy place to go when things are dark and scary? And is Snapchat giving teens a refuge to share private messages with others in a space their parents won't enter?

In 2013, selfies were just one part of an ever-evolving social media universe.

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Thailand if I signed up in advance. That's 99 percent cheaper than $2,048. I'd still have to pay regular prices in Cambodia. Weekly and monthly rates are sometimes available as well. It varies by carrier and by country, so it's best to check before you leave.

You can also ask about calling and texting packages. In Cambodia, for example, I could have saved 60 cents a minute on calls by paying a one-time fee of $4.99. Because my visit to Cambodia was short, I got by with the hotel's free Wi-Fi for data and made no calls or texts.

Whatever your needs, don't commit until you explore other options.

It will likely be cheaper if you buy a phone package at your destination. Local carriers typically have shops at airports. In Thailand, the True mobile company offered 3 gigabytes for less than $35. Had I used Verizon's plan, I likely would have needed a second or third block of data for $25 each. True gave me much more for much less. One drawback is I must use a temporary phone number, not my regular one back home.

If you go this route, turn off data roaming on your phone before you leave so you're not inadvertently charged. Leave the phone on airplane mode until the local plan is set up. If you forget, some carriers will warn you by text, but sometimes after you've started accruing charges.

The catch

You need an unlocked phone to use another carrier's SIM card. U.S. phones are typically locked, but major carriers will unlock them upon request after your contract is up or the phone is paid off. Some carriers will also unlock it before international travel — if you ask. Third-party services also offer to unlock the phone for you, but the legality is dubious, and you risk disabling your phone permanently.

If you don't have an unlocked phone, try borrowing or renting one. Telestial and Cellular Abroad offer phone rentals and international data plans. They are sometimes more expensive than what your U.S. carrier offers, though. You can also try to rent one at the airport when you arrive.

The top iPhone and iPad apps on the App Store

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App Store Official Charts for the week ending Dec. 16, 2013:

Top Paid iPhone Apps:

1. "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas," Rockstar Games
2. "Heads Up!" Warner Bros.
3. "Traffic Racer,"Soner Kara
4. "Minecraft - Pocket Edition", Mojang
5. "Afterlight," Simon Filip
6. "PNP - Portable North Pole 2013," UGroupMedia Inc.
7. "Angry Birds Star Wars II," Rovio Entertainment Ltd
8. "Santa's Twerk Shop by JibJab - Starring You! Cast Yourself & Friends as a Dancing Elf, Twerking Elves for Christmas and the Holidays," JibJab Media Inc.
9. "Free Music Download Pro - Mp3 Downloader," ASPS Apps
10. "Plague Inc." Ndemic Creations

Top Free iPhone Apps:

1. "Angry Birds Go!" Rovio Entertainment Ltd
2. "12 Days of Gifts," iTunes
3. "Facebook Messenger," Facebook, Inc.
4. "QuizUp: The Biggest Trivia Game In The World!" Plain Vanilla Corp
5. "ElfYourself by OfficeMax," Magic Mirror LLC
6. "Circle - The Local Network," Hawthorne Labs
7. "LEGO Star Wars: The Complete Saga," Warner Bros.
8. "Snapchat," Snapchat, Inc.
9. "YouTube," Google, Inc.
10. "Instagram," Instagram, Inc.

Top Paid iPad Apps:

1. "The Room Two," Fireproof Games
2. "Minecraft - Pocket Edition," Mojang
3. "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas," Rockstar Games
4. "Toca Lab," Toca Boca AB
5. "Angry Birds Star Wars II," Rovio Entertainment Ltd.
6. "Assassin's Creed Pirates," Ubisoft
7. "Cops N Robbers (Jail Break) - Mine Mini Game With Minecraft Skin Exporter (PC Edition) & Multiplayer," JoyDo Entertainment
8. "Heads Up!" Warner Bros.
9. "Ski Safari: Adventure Time," Cartoon Network
10. "Pixel Gun 3D - Block World Pocket Survival Shooter with Skins Maker for minecraft (PC edition) & Multiplayer," Alex Krasnov

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1. "Angry Birds Go!" Rovio Entertainment Ltd
2. "12 Days of Gifts," iTunes
3. "LEGO Star Wars: The Complete Saga," Warner Bros.
4. "The Room," Fireproof Games
5. "Beat the Boss 3," Game Hive Corp.
6. "YouTube," Google, Inc.
7. "Cut the Rope: Holiday Gift," Chillingo Ltd
8. "Calculator for iPad Free," International Travel Weather Calculator
9. "Toca Kitchen," Toca Boca AB
10. "ElfYourself by OfficeMax," Magic Mirror LLC

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PLEX			96			(:20) George and the Dragon				★★ Clifford Martin Short.			(:35) ★ Bait Shop Bill Engvall.			(:05) My Girl 2	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:20) For Ellen		★★★ Intolerable Cruelty			(:45) Gone ('11, Thril) Molly Parker.				★★ Jeepers Creepers 2		
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FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Year Without Santa		★★★ The Polar Express Tom Hanks.				★★ Prancer ('89, Fam) Sam Elliott.				★★ Scrooged	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Kids "Brunch Time"		Kids Cook-Off		Kids Cook-Off		Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Kids Cook-Off	
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FX	31	31	59	64	69	(5:00) Alvin & the...		Alvin & the Chipmunks: The Squeakqu...				★★ Alvin and the Chipmunks Jason Lee.				Alvin & the Chi...	
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SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) ★★ The Matrix Keanu Reeves.				★★★ Batman Begins ('05, Act) Michael Caine, Christian Bale.						★★★ Sin City	
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TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Law and Murder"		Major Crimes "Curve Ball"		Major Crimes "Risk Assessment" (N)		Rizzoli & Isles "Can I Get a Witness?"		Major Crimes "Risk Assessment"		Hawaii Five-0 "Kupale"	
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USA	26	30	42	27	49	NCIS "The Inside Man"		WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) NCIS: Los Angeles "Brimstone"		(:05) NCIS: Los Angeles "Disorder"	
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E-READERS

From 1B

information on characters, places and terms. You can use that to jump to every mention of the Mad Hatter in "Alice in Wonderland," for instance. The Paperwhite has a built-in dictionary like other e-readers, but you can also look up concepts such as "credit default swaps" rather than just individual words.

The Paperwhite's light isn't as bright as the others, and it can be turned on and off only from an on-screen menu. The other two have physical buttons that are easier to access.

■ **Kobo Aura ($150):** All three readers have 6-inch screens, measured diagonally, yet the Aura is the smallest and lightest of them all. The Aura feels boxy, though, without curved edges found in the Paperwhite or the Nook.

Unlike the Paperwhite, the Aura's power switch requires sliding, which reduces the chances of accidentally turning on in your bag. The Nook has a similar safeguard, but requires an awkward two-step process involving a physical button and a slide on the screen.

The Aura's supplemental materials aren't as extensive as the Paperwhite's, but it offers more than the Nook, which has nothing. With a book by Nate Silver on the faulty world of predictions, for instance, you can delve into key concepts such as the industrial revolution, forecasting and the Bayes estimator.

The Aura is also the most extensive in offering reading stats. It estimates how long it'll take to finish the book, the current chapter and the next. It also tracks the number of books finished, the total time spent reading, the average number of pages read per minute and much more. The Paperwhite offers only a subset of that. With the Nook, you just get the page number.

■ **Barnes & Noble Inc.'s Nook GlowLight ($119):** Some readers may prefer the Nook's white frame, as it's a better match to the color of the screen than the black frame on the others. It is lighter than the Paperwhite and has a soft back with a rubber-like silicone edge. The Nook also gets rid of a small annoyance in other devices: a tendency for the screen to go black and refresh itself after several pages.

Personally, the Paperwhite feels the most comfortable and durable, and the black frame helps my eyes focus on the text. But see for yourself. Unlike the other e-readers, you can go to any Barnes & Noble retail store and hold one. You can also go back if you need help using the device.

Unfortunately, the Nook doesn't offer much more than reading. There's no library of supplemental materials. There's no official Web browser. I had to search online for a hack to reach a hidden one.

There's no sliding or pinching to change text size, but rather a series of taps to maneuver. I couldn't find a way to enlarge illustrations.

The Nook does win on price. You pay $20 more for an ad-free version of the Paperwhite. However, you more than make that up after buying enough books at lower prices on Amazon.

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Each set of letters below is arranged alphabetically, and the ? is in the correct alphabetical position. Figure out what letter the ? represents and rearrange the letters to spell a six-letter word. For example, in A?ENTV the ? could be an A, B, C, D or E. Here it represents a D, which can be combined with the other letters to spell ADVENT. The first letter has been placed to get you started.

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Yesterday's Answer: ACCIDENT, FOOD; COMPANY, ROCKET; SPEEDBOAT, LIGHT; CHEETAH, MOMENT

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Gift Guide: Fitness bands for aspiring health nuts

■ REVIEW

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The latest fitness gadgets record much more than how many steps you take on any given day. From sleep patterns to mood, calorie intake and progress toward exercise goals, few aspects of life are left un-tracked for those searching for a more quantified self.

These gadgets can be good for aspiring health nuts and couch potatoes needing inspiration to get active.

Then there's the message. Before buying one of these, try to feel out what the gift recipient thinks of them and whether he or she will find it useful.

Associated Press

Four fitness trackers are shown in this photograph, in New York, Dec. 16. They are, from left, Fitbit Force, Jawbone Up, Fitbug Orb, and the Nike FuelBand SE. For aspiring health nuts and to inspire couch potatoes to get active, the latest crop of fitness gadgets will record much more than how many steps you took on any given day. From sleep patterns to calorie intake, mood and progress toward exercise goals, few aspects of life are left untracked for those in search for a more quantified self.

■ **Fitbit Force ($130):**

This comprehensive fitness tracker does a little bit of everything. It'll log how many steps you take, floors you climb, calories you burn and miles you move. Sync it with your computer or a smartphone app to set goals and see how you spend your waking — and sleeping — hours.

Pros: It's a sleek wristband with a display that functions as a watch and shows the day's activity progress. It's comfortable to wear sleeping or typing. It works as a silent alarm and will wake you up with a vibration if you wear it to bed.

Cons: The clasp can be difficult to fasten; mine fell off once when I was taking off my coat because I didn't know it wasn't closed all the way. It doesn't track your heart rate or skin temperature, both of which are crucial for some fitness gurus but aren't included in any of these four gadgets.

■ **Fitbug Orb ($50):**

The Fitbug is the most versatile when it comes to wearability — crucial for any device meant to be worn constantly. The device itself is a round orb with a diameter of roughly an inch. You can insert it into a wristband, hang it on your belt or clip it into a bra.

Pros: You can wear it on your wrist, but you can use an included "underwear clip" instead. Unlike the others, there's no need to recharge the battery.

Cons: It's big for a device that lacks a display. Because it looks like a watch, you want it to at least tell time. Instead, there's a button to send data to your phone or computer, and a single light.

It's "splashproof," rather than water resistant, so it's probably not good to wear in the shower.

■ **Jawbone Up ($130):**

The Jawbone motivates without being unrealistic. If it's near midnight and you are 5,000 steps from your goal, it'll stay quiet. But if you're just 50 steps away, you might get a notification to push you over.

With a smartphone app, users can add "teammates" and track fitness, sleep goals and calories. You can add your mood manually. A "smart" alarm will wake you up by vibrating on your wrist up to 30 minutes before your designated wake-up time.

Pros: Easy to take on and off. It's the smallest and least obtrusive of the four. It can almost pass for a bracelet. The battery lasted more than a week on a single charge when I tried it, and the app is fun and intuitive to use. Your "teammates" can leave comments and smileys on your activity.

Cons: There's no display, so you need to sync it with a smartphone to see your activities. It doesn't work with computers. As with other fitness trackers, food logging and calorie counting can get tedious.

■ **Nike FuelBand SE ($149):**

With its powerful brand name behind it, Nike broadened the appeal of fitness bracelets with the first FuelBand and improved on it with the SE. Unlike the other trackers, this gadget is meant only for your daily activity — no sleep patterns or cute mood icons here.

Pros: Motivation, pure and simple. The wristband tracks your progress as it changes from red (lazy pants) to yellow (getting there) to green (whew). It flashes when you meet your daily goal and awards you badges for exceeding it. For example, you get a rainbow badge for tripling your daily goal.

The display shows the time, steps taken, calories and the number of NikeFuel points earned. Its simplicity is part of the appeal for those looking for an easy-to-use fitness tracker.

Cons: It's the priciest of the bunch, yet it doesn't track sleep patterns. Nike won't reveal how it calculates NikeFuel points. In my tests, this one seems to have the shortest battery life of the four, lasting about a week.

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Getting broken, missing or damaged teeth fixed is often thought of as a cosmetic procedure—and if that were indeed all it was, it would still be worthwhile. Many studies have shown that self-esteem increases when cosmetic procedures are done.

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Dr. Ayman Dayeh (from left), Dr. S. M. Diais and Dr. Russell Toler of locally-owned Dental Solution can brighten or repair your smile. In Midland, call 432-697-4200 and in Odessa call 432-333-4500 to make an appointment.

Dr. Diais says you are never too old for this procedure. With whatever years you have left, why not learn to enjoy favorite foods again? With better nutrition and digestion, you may enjoy life enough to stick around a little longer!

Dental Solution is your complete dental office, whether you need a complete set of new teeth or just a filling or a cleaning. With Dr. Ayman Dayeh on board, Dental Solution can provide complete orthodontic services in-house.

Longtime area dentist Dr. Russell Toler has also recently joined the Dental Solution staff—and he is providing office time on Fridays and on Saturday mornings in Midland. A new service, the Saturday schedule has already helped lots of Midlanders who are too busy to take time out for dental care during the work week.

Patient safety is always top priority, so Dr. Diais and his staff use digital x-rays to reduce the amount of radiation in that procedure.

Is there such thing as a healthy smile? You may be surprised to learn that there is, and it's available at Dental Solution. That should definitely make you smile!

Dr. Diais has been providing dental services to the Permian Basin since 1998. He is licensed by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners and is a member and a fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry, a member and a fellow of the International Congress of Oral Implantology, and a member of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry.

To schedule an appointment, call Dental Solution at 432-333-4500 in Odessa. In Midland call 432-697-4200. The Midland office is at 2101 North Midland Drive, Suite 7.

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Search committee at Texas shows even rich can be stupid

RANDY GALLOWAY
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — Don't try to tell me there's a head football coach anywhere in the college world that is not interested — either highly interested or ready immediately to take the job — in being the next guy up at the University of Texas.

By the way, that includes Nick Saban. Present tense, you noticed. Never say never with Saban, but at this point, I'm not betting that way.

Was Saban, however, ready to hook 'em out of Alabama and become the King of Austin?

Yes, without question, he considered it. Stack the money high enough and he was coming. The surprise is the money wasn't or hasn't been stacked high enough.

Yet.

But back to my original proclamation that any college head football coach in America wants this Austin job.

Gawd knows, I've never been accused of being one of those arrogant advocates of UT superiority. Personally, I like the Aggies a lot better, plus TCU and Baylor. With no ties to any of them, I can freelance when it comes to my favorites.

But I laugh as I currently read comments from numerous high-profile college coaches who are either dodging "the Texas question," or flat lying when they say they have no interest.

For football, that place in Austin has the most money and the best facilities, and with the name "Texas," that relates extremely well to recruiting our most fertile in the nation high school campuses.

So if not Saban, then what about David Shaw at Stanford? Again, what about any name you can name?

Well, there's also a glitch. That glitch is and will be the X-factor in this search.

That glitch, by the way, emerged

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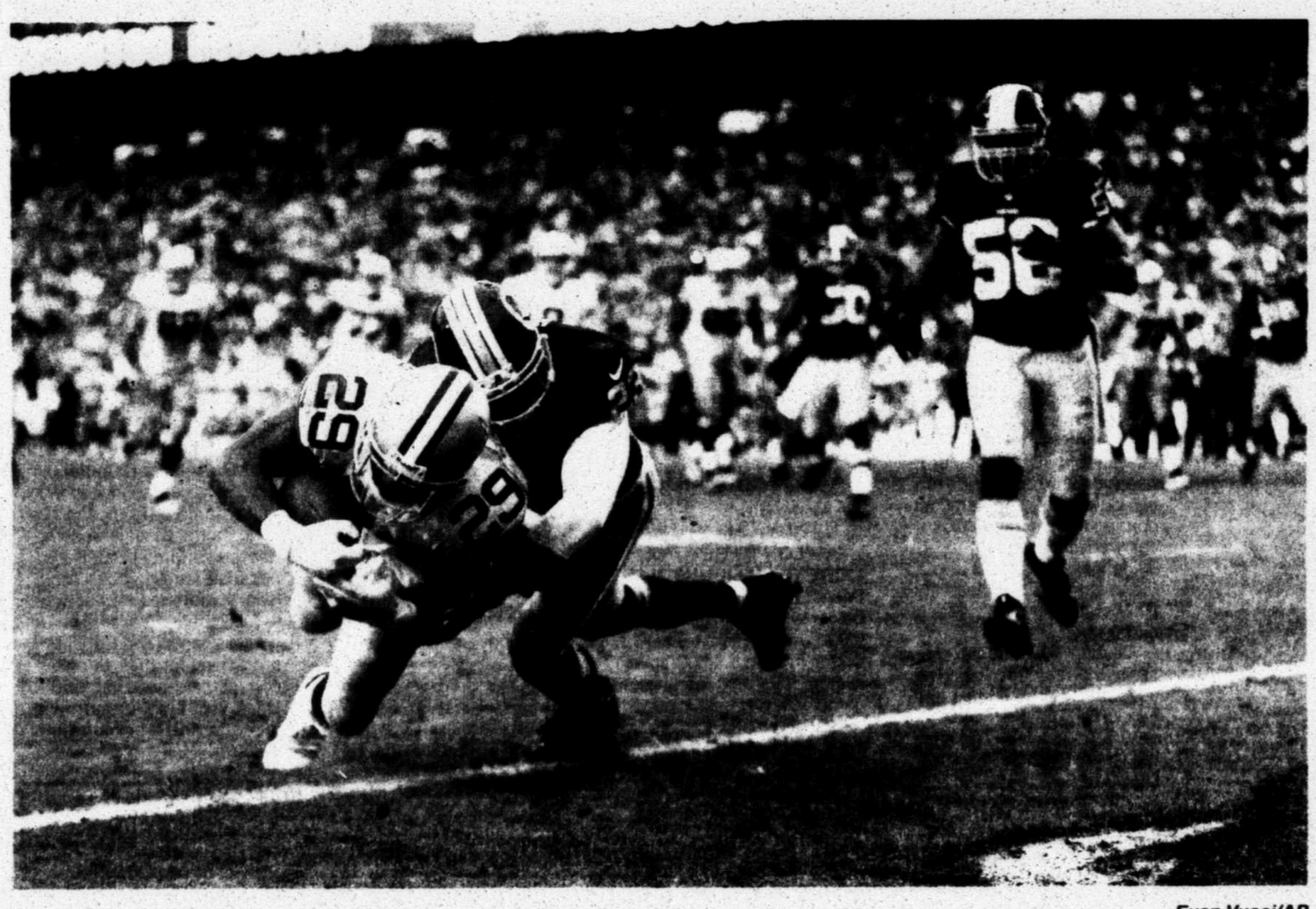
Jack Plunkett/AP

University of Texas president Bill Powers, left, and athletic director Steve Patterson discuss a search for a new football coach in Austin on Dec. 15, four losses.

Rally rouses hopes



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Dallas running back DeMarco Murray carries the ball into the end zone for the game-winning touchdown under pressure from Washington Redskins cornerback DeAngelo Hall during the second half of Sunday's game in Landover, Md.

Cowboys win to force playoffs-or-bust game

By Tom Orsborn
San Antonio Express-News

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LANDOVER, Md. — Cowboys owner Jerry Jones can dream big for at least one more week thanks to Sunday's dramatic 24-23 win over the Redskins.

"I haven't taken a breath since July not thinking I can still walk out in the Super Bowl," Jones said in the cramped visitor's locker room at rain-soaked FedEx Field.

After rallying from a nine-point fourth-quarter deficit to sweep Washington and push their NFC East record to 5-0 for the first time since 1998, the Cowboys (8-7) will participate in a playoffs-or-go home regular-season finale against a division foe for the third year in a row. The opponent this time is the Philadelphia Eagles (9-6), a team Dallas beat 17-3 on the road in October.

The Cowboys lost playoffs-or-bust games on the road to the New York Giants in 2011 and Washington in 2012. A victory likely next Sunday night at AT&T Stadium would end the franchise's three-year playoff drought and give it its first NFC East crown since 2009.

"(The finales in 2011 and 2012) were on the road, but this time we get to sleep in our own beds and play at our house," defensive tackle Jason Hatcher said. "It kind of gives us an advantage, but we've got to take it."

History says they won't. Dallas is an NFL-worst 2-11 in Week 17 since the 2000 season and quarterback Tony Romo is 1-6 in win-or-go-home games.

But Romo should have plenty of confidence after Sunday. With the season on the line and his back throbbing from a hit he took earlier in the game, Romo scrambled on fourth and goal from the 10 before hitting DeMarco Murray for the winning touchdown with 1:08 left, capping a nine-play, 87-yard drive.

Had Romo failed in the clutch again, Dallas would have been eliminated from the playoff chase with a Philadelphia win over Chicago in Sunday night's game.

"This felt like an elimination game for us," said Romo, who guided the Cowboys to 10 points in the final 6:09. "Guys kept having belief…We started our playoffs today for sure."

The win snapped a two-game losing streak for Dallas, which failed to protect a 23-point third-quarter lead in losing 37-36 to Green Bay last week. The Cowboys also showed grit in shaking off a horrible third quarter in which the Redskins took advantage of two turnovers, including a Romo interception, and a costly penalty against safety J.J. Wilcox to score 17 unanswered points for a 23-14 fourth-quarter lead.

"This validates what we already knew - that we have a mentally tough group and guys with great character, which we've shown all year long," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said.

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Houston drops 13th straight game, loses to Denver

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

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David J. Phillip/AP

Denver's Peyton Manning (18) is hit by Houston's Joe Mays (53) as he throws during the third quarter of Sunday's game in Houston.

HOUSTON — Houston's franchise-record skid extended to 13 games with a 37-13 loss to the Denver Broncos on Sunday.

Now the Texans need a win in the season finale at Tennessee to avoid matching their franchise-record worst record of 2-14 from 2005.

It's a stunning downfall for a team that won the AFC South the last two seasons and went 12-4 last year before injuries and poor play led to coach Gary Kubiak's firing and dropped Houston to the NFL's worst mark in 2013.

"Nobody's throwing in the towel," receiver Andre Johnson said. "(We're) just going to keep playing ... we're going to keep fighting, and hopefully it will work out for us on Sunday."

Peyton Manning led Denver to the win with a big fourth quarter. He regained his NFL record for most touchdown passes with 51 when he threw for 400 yards and four touchdowns, including three in the fourth quarter.

He surpassed the 50 TD passes Tom Brady threw in 2007 and led the Broncos (12-3) over the Texans (2-13), who haven't won since Sept. 15.

Manning set the record on a 25-yard pass to Julius Thomas

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Sunday's Week 16 NFL Scoreboard

Buffalo	19	Denver	37	N.Y. Jets	24	N.Y. Giants	23
Miami	0	Houston	13	Cleveland	13	Detroit	20 (OT)
Carolina	17	Tennessee	20	St. Louis	23	Arizona	17
New Orleans	13	Jacksonville	16	Tampa Bay	13	Seattle	10
Cincinnati	42	Indianapolis	23	Dallas	24	New England	41
Minnesota	14	Kansas City	7	Washington	23	Baltimore	7

Pittsburgh	38		
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San Diego	26		
Oakland	13		
Philadelphia	54		
Chicago	11		

James, Parratto team up to win diving event

From staff reports

AUSTIN — Anna James teamed with Jessica Parratto to win the women's 10-meter synchronized diving competition at the USA Diving Winter National Championships at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swim Center on Sunday.

James

James and Parratto had a score of 610.56 to win as Samantha Bromberg and Cheyenne Cousineau finished second.

James, who is a senior at Midland High and has signed to dive at Purdue University, earned a spot at next year's FINA World Cup as an individual by finishing second in the women's platform on Saturday.

No. 12 Baylor beats Southern

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Associated Press

WACO — What Scott Drew really wanted from No. 12 Baylor in the Bears' last game before the Christmas break was a sharper performance than last time out.

The coach got it, with an 81-56 victory Sunday over Southern University for the Bears' 10th straight win at home — and 15th victory in 16 games overall.

Baylor (10-1) beat another Louisiana team at home four days earlier, but needed overtime to get past Northwestern State.

"We weren't as sharp and crisp the last game we played, but found a way to win," Drew said. "Today, we wanted to be much better. I felt we executed a lot better. Defensively, that's what we are and who we've been. ... We were able to build on the lead rather than give it back in the second half."

Isaiah Austin had 14 points and 10 rebounds, the first double-double this season for the 7-foot-1 center while leading five players scoring in double figures.

Tre Lynch had 27 points, including five 3-pointers, to lead Southern (3-9), which shot 34 percent from the field (18 of 53) and was outrebounded 39-27.

The Jaguars, who made it to the NCAA tournament last season as the Southwestern Athletic Conference tournament champions, are 0-4 against Top 25 teams this season. They were coming off a 69-43 loss at top-ranked Arizona on Thursday night, which had been the most points Southern allowed to the ranked teams.

Southern coach Roman Banks said Baylor stacks up with the other ranked teams his team has played. The Jaguars opened the season with a loss at then-No. 17 Marquette and also lost at No. 16 Florida.

"They are probably just as good as some of the Top 20 teams that we've played. I think any given night, they can step on the floor and win," Banks said. "Those three bigs that they rotate keep the pressure on you. If you can't match that length and intensity, it's pretty hard on you, which gave us a lot of problems."

Brady Heslip had 13 points for Baylor, while big men Cory Jefferson and Rico Gathers both had 12. Kenny Chery had 10 points.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl, East

Carolina vs. Ohio, 1 p.m., ESPN

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Diamond Head Classic, semifinal, teams TBD, 8 p.m., ESPN2

NFL

Atlanta at San Francisco, 7:25 p.m., ESPN

NBA

Dallas at Houston, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

NHL

Minnesota at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m., NBC Sports Network

Dallas at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest Plus

SOCCER

Premier League, Arsenal vs. Chelsea, 1:55 p.m., NBC Sports Network

TRANSACTIONS

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reassigned C Casey Wellman to Hershey (AHL).

Central Hockey League

St. CHARLES CHILL — Announced G Linus Lundin was reassigned to the team by Springfield (AHL). Signed D Brock Wilson. Waived G Kevin McFarland.

COLLEGE

NOTRE DAME — Announced senior men's basketball G Jerian Grant is no longer enrolled in the school because of an academic matter.

TEXAS A&M — Dismissed sophomore basketball G J-Mychal Reese for violating athletic department rules and regulations. Suspended freshman LB Darian Claiborne after he was arrested on two drug possession charges.

BOWL GLANCE

Saturday

New Mexico Bowl
At Albuquerque
Colorado State 48, Washington State 45

Las Vegas Bowl
Southern Cal 45, Fresno State 20

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
San Diego State 49, Buffalo 24

New Orleans Bowl
Louisiana-Lafayette 24, Tulane 21

Today

Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
Ohio (7-5) vs. East Carolina (9-3), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday

Hawaii Bowl
At Honolulu
Oregon State (6-6) vs. Boise State (8-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday

Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
At Detroit
Bowling Green (10-3) vs. Pittsburgh (6-6), 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Poinsettia Bowl
At San Diego
Northern Illinois (12-1) vs. Utah State (8-5), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday

Military Bowl
At Annapolis, Md.
Marshall (9-4) vs. Maryland (7-5), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)

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

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

Saturday

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

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

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

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

Monday, Dec. 30

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, Dec. 31

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

Sun Bowl
At El Paso
Virginia Tech (8-4) vs. UCLA (9-3), 2 p.m. (CBS)

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

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

Wednesday, Jan. 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 2

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

Friday, Jan. 3

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

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

Saturday, Jan. 4

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

Sunday, Jan. 5

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

Monday, Jan. 6

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

NHL GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Boston	36	24	10	2	50	100	75
Tampa Bay	36	22	11	3	47	100	86
Montreal	38	22	13	3	47	96	84
Detroit	38	17	12	9	43	99	105
Toronto	38	18	16	4	40	105	111
Ottawa	38	14	17	7	35	106	126
Florida	37	14	18	5	33	87	117
Buffalo	36	9	24	3	21	64	104
Metropolitan Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Pittsburgh	38	27	10	1	55	121	83
Washington	36	19	13	4	42	115	109
New Jersey	37	15	15	7	37	90	94
Philadelphia	36	16	16	4	36	89	103
Carolina	36	14	14	8	36	83	101
N.Y. Rangers	37	17	18	2	36	86	101
Columbus	36	15	17	4	34	97	103
N.Y. Islanders	37	10	20	7	27	93	129
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Chicago	38	25	7	6	56	140	105
St. Louis	35	24	7	4	52	125	81
Colorado	35	23	10	2	48	102	83
Minnesota	38	20	13	5	45	87	92
Dallas	35	17	12	6	40	101	105
Winnipeg	38	16	17	5	37	101	110
Nashville	36	16	16	4	36	83	103
Pacific Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Anaheim	38	26	7	5	57	124	96
Los Angeles	37	25	8	4	54	104	71
San Jose	36	22	8	6	50	116	90
Vancouver	39	22	11	6	50	106	93
Phoenix	35	19	10	6	44	110	108
Calgary	36	13	17	6	32	91	115
Edmonton	38	11	24	3	25	95	133

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

Sunday's Scores

N.Y. Rangers 4, Minnesota 1
Vancouver 2, Winnipeg 1

Today's Games

Phoenix at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Anaheim at Washington, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Carolina, 6 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Boston at Nashville, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Calgary, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

GALLOWAY

From 1C

front and center last week.

UT announced its "search committee" to find Mack Brown's replacement. Eight names are on that list. Ian Fitzsimmons, doing talk radio on local ESPN, said the list read like the cast from "Gilligan's Island." Heavy hitters, big-money alums and/or regents are involved.

Who are these people and what the hell do any of them have to do with hiring the next football coach?

Beyond this search committee, UT also hired a headhunter outfit to dig up names undercover.

Hold it right there, Bevo.

Didn't a guy named Steve Patterson recently land the job as Texas' new athletic director?

If Patterson was such a great choice for AD, and if, as we were told, Patterson convinced the AD search committee (basically the same names) he was right for the job "because he could make the tough decisions," what is a search committee doing in this picture?

Who exactly is the engineer on this Austin railroad?

That's why any coach, including Saban, would be worried about coming to what should be football paradise.

Is Patterson, as AD, going to be your boss, or will you be answering directly to the money boys (and one woman) on the search committee?

Say this for DeLoss Dodds, the longtime former AD: Until the last couple of years, when the entire athletic program at UT went sour, at least you knew Dodds was the man. He kept the wealthy under control.

As the Mack football regime went into a fade, admittedly, Dodd and Brown lost their control over the wealthy.

Those close to Saban said he was turned off by the "arrogance" of some Texas boosters, and the perceived attitude of "what Texas wants, Texas gets."

Of course, when a Nick Saban is labeling someone else as "arrogant," we've got an instant head-on collision between pot and kettle.

But again, why did UT think it was important to name a "search committee?" Did the wealthy egos need stroking? Why was a search committee even necessary if you trusted the AD you just hired?

I've also been told the search committee is only a smokescreen, and that Patterson and school president Bill Powers will actually be making the hire.

But do head coaches out there across the land, guys who would definitely want this job, believe that?

There's your glitch. There's your X-factor in Austin.

Texas is its own worst enemy when it comes to the perception of meddling by the wealthy. And that downgrades the job.

My advice for Patterson (I'm above dealing with a bleeping search committee) is to stick close to state of Texas roots. Be looking for the next head coach in your own back yard, because coaches with state roots are able to dig through the ongoing BS that piles up at UT.

Ninety miles north is Art Briles.

That's your man, UT. Sorry, Baylor. I'm just being honest.

A friend keeps telling me it would be beneath Texas to hire a coach at Baylor. I laugh. Right now, it would be beneath Art to take the Texas job, plus, he's got that new contract in Waco.

That contract, however, has a low buyout, and at $4 million a year, a comfortable number to surpass for the UT massive hip pocket.

Briles has kind of a detached personality, meaning it would be easier to keep the UT wealthy out of his living room. But mainly, it's the football "thing" that Briles brings.

He's got the offensive brains, and for the most part, the offensive smarts to know a quarterback when he sees one. I'm still shocked Art declared Johnny Manziel as a no-go for a college quarterback (he liked him as a safety in recruiting), but that's just one demerit on his resume.

In this day and age, you can find a defensive mastermind. But the key to winning is moving the football frequently into the end zone. Briles, combined with the Texas football resources, would be a killer combo.

UT is a very rich school with many built-in advantages, financially and otherwise. But even the rich can be stupid.

That's why I'm here to help. Stupid happens in Austin. See the naming of a "search committee."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

TEXAS A&M'S CLAIBORNE ARRESTED ON DRUG CHARGES: At College Station, Texas A&M standout freshman linebacker Darian Claiborne has been arrested on two drug possession charges.

Claiborne was arrested Sunday on charges of possession of a dangerous drug and possession of less than two ounces of marijuana, according to the Brazos County Jail website.

He was arrested at about 3 p.m. and released less than two hours later after posting $6,000 bond.

Claiborne has 89 tackles to tie for the team lead and has seven tackles for losses and two forced fumbles.

The Aggies face Duke in the Chick-Fil-A Bowl on Dec. 31.

The team did not immediately respond to a message left seeking comment on the arrest.

3 TEXAS PLAYERS ACADEMICALLY INELIGIBLE FOR BOWL: At Austin, three Texas football players have been ruled academically ineligible for the Dec. 30 Alamo Bowl.

UT officials on Sunday said sophomore running back Daje Johnson, sophomore offensive tackle Kennedy Estelle and redshirt freshman running back Jalen Overstreet are out for the game. A team statement said all three players will not make the trip to San Antonio.

The Longhorns (8-4) take on No. 10 Oregon (10-2) in the Alamo Bowl.

BAYLOR TO RETURN MORE THAN 5K UNSOLD BOWL TICKETS: At Waco, Baylor will return more than 5,000 unsold Fiesta Bowl tickets from its 17,500-ticket allotment for next month's game with Central Florida.

Baylor athletic officials told the Waco Tribune-Herald that the deadline was Friday to sell the allotted tickets as the No. 6 Bears prepare for No. 15 UCF.

The Fiesta Bowl is Jan. 1 in Glendale, Ariz. University of Phoenix Stadium seats 73,000.

Associate athletic director Nick Joos said the school in Waco kept about 1,000 tickets and those will be available starting today online and at the Bears' ticket office.

Baylor, which had to pay for all 17,500 tickets upfront, has sold about 11,000 tickets and will keep others for last-minute buyers.

TODAY'S BOWL GAME

BEEF 'O' BRADY'S BOWL

East Carolina (9-3) vs. Ohio (7-5), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Line: East Carolina by 14.

Series record: East Carolina leads 2-0

WHAT'S AT STAKE

Conference USA's East Carolina won five of six down the stretch and can finish with 10 wins, which would be the second-highest total in school history. Ohio of the Mid-American Conference received an invitation to the game at Tropicana Field, home of major league baseball's Tampa Bay Rays, because the American Athletic Conference was unable to fulfill the league's bowl commitments. The Bobcats are aiming for their third consecutive bowl win and to finish with eight or more victories for the fourth straight season.

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3:00 PM Chap Center Midland Lee vs Midland Classical
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4:30 PM Midland High Baytown Lee vs Plainview
6:00 PM Chap Center EP Eastlake vs Midland High
Thursday December 26 - BOYS Schedule
4:30 PM Chap Center EP Americas vs Midland Lee
6:00 PM Midland High Bushland vs Alief Hastings
7:30 PM Midland High EP Eastlake vs Crowley
7:30 PM Chap Center Plainview vs Midland High
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SUNDAY'S NFL ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

PANTHERS 17
SAINTS 13

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Cam Newton threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Domenik Hixon with 23 seconds left to lift the Panthers to the team's first playoff berth since 2008. Carolina (11-4) can wrap up the NFC South and a first-round bye with a win next Sunday at Atlanta.

The Panthers intercepted Drew Brees twice and sacked him six times to avenge a 31-13 loss two weeks ago.

BENGALS 42
VIKINGS 14

CINCINNATI — Vincent Rey returned an interception 25 yards for a touchdown as Cincinnati clinched the AFC North. Andy Dalton threw four touchdown passes.

The Bengals (10-5) remained perfect at home and secured an unprecedented third straight playoff appearance when Miami lost at Buffalo. Then the Bengals won the division when the Ravens fell to the Patriots.

CARDINALS 17
SEAHAWKS 10

SEATTLE — Carson Palmer overcame four interceptions to throw a 31-yard touchdown to Michael Floyd with 2:13 left. The Cardinals kept their postseason hopes going while snapping the Seahawks 14-game home win streak.

Arizona (10-5) had to win after Carolina beat New Orleans. And the Cardinals did thanks to a stingy defense that flustered Russell Wilson into one of his worst days as a pro, delaying any celebration of an NFC West championship. The Seahawks can still clinch the NFC West with a win over St. Louis next Sunday.

PATRIOTS 41
RAVENS 7

BALTIMORE — Logan Ryan had two interceptions, LeGarrette Blount scored twice and the Patriots ended the Ravens' four-game winning streak.

The previous time these two teams met, the AFC title hung in the balance and Baltimore used a strong second half to pull out a 28-13 victory. In this one, New England took a 17-0 lead early in the second quarter and never let up behind a defense that forced four turnovers and had four sacks.

STEELERS 38
PACKERS 31

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Le'Veon Bell ran for a 1-yard touchdown with 1:28 left, then Pittsburgh withstood Green Bay's last throw into the end zone and dealt the Packers' playoff hopes a blow.

CHIEFS 23
COLTS 7

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Andrew Luck threw for 241 yards and a touchdown, Donald Brown ran 51 yards for another score in a potential preview of an AFC wild-card game.

BILLS 19
DOLPHINS 0

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — The Dolphins had a three-game winning streak snapped and are in jeopardy of missing the playoffs for a fifth consecutive season. With the loss, Miami (8-7) needs help from other teams. Miami hosts the New York Jets next weekend.

CHARGERS 26
RAIDERS 13

SAN DIEGO — The Chargers beat hapless Oakland by overcoming three turnovers while benefiting from two turnovers and 12 penalties for 73 yards by the Raiders.

GIANTS 23
LIONS 20, OT

DETROIT — Josh Brown's 45-yard field goal on the third drive of overtime lifted the Giants and knocked the Lions (7-8) from postseason consideration. They lost for the fifth time in six games, blowing fourth-quarter leads in each setback that might seal Jim Schwartz's fate.

RAMS 23
BUCCANEERS 13

ST. LOUIS — Robert Quinn got three of St. Louis' seven sacks and set a franchise season record. Quinn leads the NFL with 18 sacks. He broke Kevin Carter's franchise record of 17 in that 1999 Super Bowl title season.

JETS 24
BROWNS 13

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Geno Smith threw two touchdown passes to David Nelson and ran for another score. Smith had his first game with at least two TD passes since October, with no turnovers or sacks. The rookie was 20 of 36 for 214 yards and also ran for 48 yards — including a 17-yard scoring scamper in the fourth quarter.

TITANS 20
JAGUARS 16

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Nate Washington scored on a 30-yard reception in the fourth quarter and Tennessee got a much-needed defensive stop late to end a three-game losing streak.

EAGLES 54
BEARS 11

PHILADELPHIA — Nick Foles threw two touchdown passes, LeSean McCoy ran for two scores and the Philadelphia Eagles routed the Chicago Bears 54-11 on Sunday night in a matchup of first-place teams with opposite stakes.

SUNDAY'S BOXES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

COWBOYS 24, REDSKINS 23

Dallas	7	7	0	10	—24
Washington	3	3	14	3	—23

First Quarter
Dal—Murray 3 run (Bailey kick), 12:49.
Was—FG Forbath 36, 4:15.
Second Quarter
Was—FG Forbath 22, 7:36.
Dal—Bryant 14 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), 4:37.
Third Quarter
Was—Garcon 8 pass from Cousins (Forbath kick), 9:09.
Was—Morris 4 run (Forbath kick), 3:41.
Fourth Quarter
Was—FG Forbath 47, 14:56.
Dal—FG Bailey 25, 6:09.
Dal—Murray 10 pass from Romo (Bailey kick), 1:08.
A—80,411.

	Dal	Was
First downs	16	17
Total Net Yards	309	297
Rushes-yards	23-95	28-100
Passing	214	197
Comp-Att-Int	17-27-1	21-36-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-12	0-0
Punts	3-51.7	3-43.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-42	8-44
Time of Possession	26:13	33:47

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Dallas, Murray 22-96, Romo 1-(minus 1). Washington, Morris 24-88, Cousins 2-10, Morgan 1-4, Helu Jr. 1-(minus 2).
PASSING—Dallas, Romo 17-27-1-226. Washington, Cousins 21-36-1-197.
RECEIVING—Dallas, Williams 4-84, Bryant 4-73, Murray 3-15, Beasley 2-29, Witten 2-13, Austin 1-8, Clutts 1-4. Washington, Garcon 11-144, Moss 2-13, Paulsen 2-7, Helu Jr. 2-5, Young 2-5, A.Robinson 1-14, Davis 1-9.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

BRONCOS 37, TEXANS 13

Denver	3	13	0	21	—37
Houston	3	3	7	0	—13

First Quarter
Den—FG Prater 32, 8:50.
Hou—FG Bullock 45, 2:02.
Second Quarter
Den—D.Thomas 36 pass from Manning (Prater kick), 14:54.
Hou—FG Bullock 35, 6:06.
Den—FG Prater 25, :56.
Den—FG Prater 44, :00.
Third Quarter
Hou—Martin 15 pass from Schaub (Bullock kick), 10:33.
Fourth Quarter
Den—Decker 10 pass from Manning (Prater kick), 13:26.
Den—Decker 20 pass from Manning (Prater kick), 6:57.
Den—J.Thomas 25 pass from Manning (Prater kick), 4:28.
A—71,761.

	Den	Hou
First downs	25	14
Total Net Yards	511	240
Rushes-yards	18-114	26-87
Passing	397	153
Comp-Att-Int	32-51-0	18-37-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-3	3-23
Punts	6-48.7	8-44.9
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-67	4-57
Time of Possession	28:53	31:07

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Denver, Moreno 11-76, Ball 4-32, Hillman 3-6. Houston, Karim 8-30, D.Johnson 12-29, Grimes 5-23, Schaub 1-5.
PASSING—Denver, Manning 32-51-0-400. Houston, Schaub 18-37-2-176.
RECEIVING—Denver, Decker 10-131, D.Thomas 8-123, J.Thomas 6-78, Tamme 3-22, Moreno 2-26, Caldwell 2-12, Green 1-8. Houston, Griffin 5-66, A.Johnson 4-63, Martin 4-35, D.Johnson 2-1, Hopkins 1-8, G.Jones 1-4, Karim 1-(minus 1).
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

PANTHERS 17, SAINTS 13

New Orleans	0	6	0	7	—13
Carolina	0	7	3	7	—17

Second Quarter
NO—FG S.Graham 40, 10:49.
NO—FG S.Graham 24, 7:22.
Car—D.Williams 43 run (Gano kick), 1:45.
Third Quarter
Car—FG Gano 40, 7:21.
Fourth Quarter
NO—J.Graham 5 pass from Brees (S.Graham kick), 6:37.
Car—Hixon 14 pass from Newton (Gano kick), :23.
A—73,825.

	NO	Car
First downs	20	10
Total Net Yards	365	222
Rushes-yards	30-126	18-81
Passing	239	141
Comp-Att-Int	30-45-2	13-22-
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-42	4-40
Punts	7-48.6	8-50.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-40	3-26
Time of Possession	38:48	21:12

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—New Orleans, Ingram 13-83, K.Robinson 6-18, Brees 1-9, Thomas 4-8, Collins 3-8, Stills 1-3, Sproles 1-2, Meachem 1-(minus 5). Carolina, D.Williams 12-67, Ginn Jr. 1-7, Newton 4-6, Tolbert 1-1.
PASSING—New Orleans, Brees 30-44-2-281, McCown 0-1-0-0. Carolina, Newton 13-22-1-181.
RECEIVING—New Orleans, J.Graham 5-73, Colston 5-63, Thomas 5-7, Moore 3-47, Sproles 3-18, Watson 2-26, Stills 2-23, Meachem 2-14, Collins 2-3, Ingram 1-7. Carolina, Olsen 4-35, Ginn Jr. 2-66, Hixon 2-18, Tolbert 2-5, Smith 1-44, LaFell 1-13, D.Williams 1-0.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

JETS 24, BROWNS 13

Cleveland	3	7	0	3	—13
N.Y. Jets	0	10	0	14	—24

First Quarter
Cle—FG Cundiff 27, 6:30.
Second Quarter
Cle—Baker 5 run (Cundiff kick), 6:47.
NYJ—Nelson 6 pass from Smith (Folk kick), 1:18.
NYJ—FG Folk 21, :00.
Fourth Quarter
NYJ—Nelson 5 pass from Smith (Folk kick), 14:14.
Cle—FG Cundiff 21, 9:40.
NYJ—Smith 17 run (Folk kick), 3:19.
A—76,957.

	Cle	NYJ
First downs	19	25
Total Net Yards	283	422
Rushes-yards	21-115	39-208
Passing	168	214
Comp-Att-Int	18-40-2	20-37-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-10	0-0
Punts	3-49.3	3-46.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-24	6-35
Time of Possession	27:17	32:43

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Cleveland, Baker 17-64, Gordon 1-22, Campbell 2-21, Ogbonnaya 1-8. N.Y. Jets, Ivory 20-109, Powell 7-54, Smith 10-48, Kerley 1-8, Hakim 1-(minus 11).
PASSING—Cleveland, Campbell 18-40-2-178. N.Y. Jets, Smith 20-36-0-214, Bush 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING—Cleveland, Gordon 6-97, Cooper 4-26, Barnidge 2-23, Baker 2-12, Tyms 2-12, Little 1-4, Ogbonnaya 1-4. N.Y. Jets, Kerley 5-70, Nelson 4-33, Powell 4-26, Winslow 3-35, Cumberland 2-30, Holmes 2-20.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—N.Y. Jets, Folk 49 (WR).

COLTS 23, CHIEFS 7

Indianapolis	0	13	10	0	—23
Kansas City	7	0	0	0	—7

First Quarter
KC—Charles 31 run (Succop kick), 11:05.
Second Quarter
Ind—FG Vinatieri 46, 11:40.
Ind—D.Brown 33 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 9:23.
Ind—FG Vinatieri 45, 1:54.
Third Quarter
Ind—D.Brown 51 run (Vinatieri kick), 12:55.
Ind—FG Vinatieri 30, 2:47.
A—75,396.

	Ind	KC
First downs	19	18
Total Net Yards	367	287
Rushes-yards	34-135	20-155
Passing	232	132
Comp-Att-Int	26-37-0	16-29-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-9	4-21
Punts	4-50.3	5-54.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	5-2
Penalties-Yards	3-31	7-65
Time of Possession	38:20	21:40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Indianapolis, D.Brown 10-79, Richardson 16-43, Choice 1-8, Luck 6-5, Havili 1-0. Kansas City, Charles 13-106, A.Smith 6-47, Davis 1-2.
PASSING—Indianapolis, Luck 26-37-0-241. Kansas City, A.Smith 16-29-2-153.
RECEIVING—Indianapolis, Whalen 7-80, Hilton 5-52, Rogers 4-42, Richardson 3-15, D.Brown 2-31, Fleener 2-8, Doyle 1-6, Saunders 1-6, Havili 1-1. Kansas City, Bowe 5-46, Charles 5-38, Avery 3-32, Fasano 1-19, McCluster 1-11, Gray 1-7.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Indianapolis, Vinatieri 34 (WL). Kansas City, Succop 47 (WL).

DOLPHINS 19, BILLS 0

Miami	0	0	0	0	—0
Buffalo	3	7	0	9	—19

First Quarter
Buf—FG Carpenter 45, 6:42.
Second Quarter
Buf—Jackson 9 run (Carpenter kick), 13:18.
Fourth Quarter
Buf—FG Carpenter 21, 12:01.
Buf—FG Carpenter 22, 6:43.
Buf—FG Carpenter 26, 2:26.
A—54,305.

	Mia	Buf
First downs	6	18
Total Net Yards	103	390
Rushes-yards	12-14	51-203
Passing	89	187
Comp-Att-Int	12-33-2	15-25-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	7-46	1-6
Punts	10-50.1	6-36.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	3-0
Penalties-Yards	6-37	4-31
Time of Possession	23:29	36:31

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Miami, Miller 3-8, Dan Thomas 9-6. Buffalo, Jackson 19-111, Spiller 20-77, Lewis 8-13, Summers 2-7, Graham 1-(minus 2), Goodwin 1-(minus 3).
PASSING—Miami, Tannehill 10-27-0-82, Mat Moore 2-6-2-53. Buffalo, Lewis 15-25-1-193.
RECEIVING—Miami, Wallace 4-38, Clay 4-32, Hartline 2-53, Matthews 1-9, Dan Thomas 1-3. Buffalo, Woods 3-70, Spiller 3-26, Chandler 2-31, Graham 2-27, Hogan 2-8, Jackson 2-7, L.Smith 1-24.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

TITANS 20, JAGUARS 16

Tennessee	3	3	7	7	—20
Jacksonville	7	6	3	0	—16

First Quarter
Ten—FG Bironas 45, 9:05.
Jax—M.Lewis 4 pass from Henne (Scobee kick), 4:45.
Second Quarter
Ten—FG Bironas 52, 1:55.
Jax—Brown 7 pass from Henne (kick blocked), :43.
Third Quarter
Jax—FG Scobee 36, 9:22.
Ten—Greene 1 run (Bironas kick), 4:01.
Fourth Quarter
Ten—N.Washington 30 pass from Fitzpatrick (Bironas kick), 14:25.
A—60,559.

	Ten	Jax
First downs	22	15
Total Net Yards	346	289
Rushes-yards	44-182	21-63
Passing	164	226
Comp-Att-Int	17-26-1	24-34-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-17	2-11
Punts	3-46.7	4-45.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-4	4-15
Time of Possession	35:39	24:21

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Tennessee, Greene 19-91, C.Johnson 22-90, Fitzpatrick 3-1. Jacksonville, Jones-Drew 13-45, Robinson 1-11, Todman 6-6, Henne 1-1.
PASSING—Tennessee, Fitzpatrick 17-26-1-181. Jacksonville, Henne 24-34-1-237.
RECEIVING—Tennessee, N.Washington 6-117, Walker 4-35, Wright 4-22, Battle 1-4, C.Johnson 1-3, Greene 1-0. Jacksonville, Brown 5-71, M.Lewis 4-50, Taylor 4-45, Jones-Drew 4-24, Sanders 4-20, L.Thomas 1-13, Meester 1-9, Todman 1-5.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

RAMS 23, BUCCANEERS 13

Tampa Bay	7	3	3	0	—13
St. Louis	0	14	3	6	—23

First Quarter
TB—Rainey 1 run (Lindell kick), 6:31.
Second Quarter
StL—Stacy 1 run (Zuerlein kick), 13:48.
StL—Bailey 27 run (Zuerlein kick), 12:04.
TB—FG Lindell 35, :00.
Third Quarter
TB—FG Lindell 32, 9:23.
StL—FG Zuerlein 54, 5:08.
Fourth Quarter
StL—FG Zuerlein 25, 11:15.
StL—FG Zuerlein 48, 3:15.
A—54,423.

	TB	StL
First downs	14	18
Total Net Yards	170	277
Rushes-yards	23-59	39-129
Passing	111	148
Comp-Att-Int	16-26-0	16-20-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	7-47	1-10
Punts	4-46.5	2-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-2
Penalties-Yards	3-26	7-85
Time of Possession	25:54	34:06

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Tampa Bay, Rainey 20-37, Page 1-19, Glennon 2-3. St. Louis, Stacy 33-104, Bailey 1-27, Clemens 4-0, Cunningham 1-(minus 2).
PASSING—Tampa Bay, Glennon 16-26-0-158. St. Louis, Clemens 16-20-0-158.
RECEIVING—Tampa Bay, Jackson 5-98, Wright 4-27, Owusu 2-13, Long 2-5, Underwood 1-7, Leonard 1-4, Rainey 1-4. St. Louis, Bailey 3-44, Harkey 3-22, Cook 2-27, Givens 2-24, Pettis 2-16, Quick 2-16, Stacy 1-5, Kendricks 1-4.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

BENGALS 42, VIKINGS 14

Minnesota	7	0	7	0	—14
Cincinnati	14	14	14	0	—42

First Quarter
Cin—Green-Ellis 4 run (Nugent kick), 13:12.
Min—Wright 36 pass from Cassel (Walsh kick), 10:02.
Cin—Green 29 pass from Dalton (Nugent kick), :57.
Second Quarter
Cin—Rey 25 interception return (Nugent kick), 10:02.
Cin—Gresham 16 pass from Dalton (Nugent kick), 2:22.
Third Quarter
Cin—Sanu 7 pass from Dalton (Nugent kick), 10:35.
Cin—Green 2 pass from Dalton (Nugent kick), 3:19.
Min—Patterson 35 run (Walsh kick), 1:34.
A—61,555.

	Min	Cin
First downs	10	24
Total Net Yards	209	429
Rushes-yards	17-115	37-81
Passing	94	348
Comp-Att-Int	13-27-3	27-38-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-20	2-18
Punts	5-39.4	4-40.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-40	6-55
Time of Possession	20:28	39:32

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Minnesota, Patterson 3-54, Peterson 11-45, Cassel 3-16. Cincinnati, Green-Ellis 12-24, Bernard 13-20, Sanu 3-12, Dalton 1-10, M.Jones 2-6, Peerman 2-6, J.Johnson 4-3.
PASSING—Minnesota, Cassel 13-27-3-114. Cincinnati, Dalton 27-38-0-366.
RECEIVING—Minnesota, Jennings 4-27, Patterson 3-8, Ellison 2-22, Wright 1-36, Banyard 1-11, Simpson 1-8, Peterson 1-2. Cincinnati, Green 7-97, M.Jones 6-85, Sanu 4-35, Gresham 3-49, Hawkins 3-37, Bernard 2-47, Green-Ellis 1-10, Eifert 1-6.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

GIANTS 23, LIONS 20, OT

N.Y. Giants	3	10	0	7	3	—23
Detroit	0	3	9	8	0	—20

First Quarter
NYG—FG J.Brown 41, 3:49.
Second Quarter
Det—FG Akers 37, 12:38.
NYG—Jernigan 20 pass from Manning (J.Brown kick), 2:19.
NYG—FG J.Brown 52, :09.
Third Quarter
Det—Bell 1 run (Akers kick), 9:06.
Det—Fairley safety, 1:01.
Fourth Quarter
Det—Riddick 2 run (Fauria pass from Stafford), 11:50.
NYG—Hill 38 interception return (J.Brown kick), 4:57.
Overtime
NYG—FG J.Brown 45, 7:32.
A—63,996.

	NYG	Det
First downs	15	24
Total Net Yards	279	355
Rushes-yards	21-41	36-148
Passing	238	207
Comp-Att-Int	23-42-1	25-42-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-18	2-15
Punts	6-46.5	6-45.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-30	7-60
Time of Possession	29:43	37:45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—N.Y. Giants, A.Brown 16-40, Pascoe 1-2, Cox 2-1, Manning 2-(minus 2). Detroit, Bell 20-91, Bush 12-34, Ross 1-16, Riddick 2-8, Stafford 1-(minus 1).
PASSING—N.Y. Giants, Manning 23-42-1-256. Detroit, Stafford 25-42-2-222.
RECEIVING—N.Y. Giants, Jernigan 6-80, Myers 4-53, Nicks 4-52, Randle 4-40, A.Brown 2-14, Murphy Jr. 2-10, Pascoe 1-7. Detroit, Bell 10-63, Fauria 3-43, Johnson 3-43, Ogletree 2-29, Durham 2-14, Burleson 2-12, Bush 2-10, Dickerson 1-8.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

CHARGERS 26, RAIDERS 13

Oakland	0	10	0	3	—13
San Diego	3	7	10	6	—26

First Quarter
SD—FG Novak 27, 2:42.
Second Quarter
Oak—D.McFadden 5 run (Janikowski kick), 10:39.
SD—Mathews 7 run (Novak kick), 3:13.
Oak—FG Janikowski 20, :10.
Third Quarter
SD—Allen 4 pass from Rivers (Novak kick), 5:00.
SD—FG Novak 48, :56.
Fourth Quarter
SD—FG Novak 28, 14:51.
Oak—FG Janikowski 42, 11:19.
SD—FG Novak 33, 6:23.
A—65,675.

	Oak	SD
First downs	14	24
Total Net Yards	265	344
Rushes-yards	17-59	37-148
Passing	206	196
Comp-Att-Int	20-36-1	19-29-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-0	1-5
Punts	5-54.2	1-37.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	12-73	3-24
Time of Possession	25:18	34:42

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Oakland, Jennings 10-45, D.McFadden 4-8, McGloin 1-5, Jones 2-1. San Diego, Mathews 25-99, Woodhead 8-52, Rivers 4-(minus 3).
PASSING—Oakland, McGloin 20-36-1-206. San Diego, Rivers 19-29-1-201.
RECEIVING—Oakland, Holmes 5-71, Reece 4-26, Jennings 3-27, D.Moore 3-17, Rivera 2-43, Mastrud 1-12, D.McFadden 1-8, Streater 1-2. San Diego, Royal 4-54, Gates 3-42, Allen 3-26, Mathews 3-20, Woodhead 3-16, V.Brown 2-38, Phillips 1-5.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

CARDINALS 17, SEAHAWKS 10

Arizona	0	3	3	11	—17
Seattle	0	3	0	7	—10

Second Quarter
Sea—FG Hauschka 27, 13:42.
Ari—FG Feely 39, 2:15.
Third Quarter
Ari—FG Feely 46, :27.
Fourth Quarter
Ari—FG Feely 26, 10:39.
Sea—Miller 11 pass from Wilson (Hauschka kick), 7:26.
Ari—Floyd 31 pass from Palmer (Mendenhall run), 2:13.
A—68,266.

	Ari	Sea
First downs	16	10
Total Net Yards	307	192
Rushes-yards	43-139	20-103
Passing	168	89
Comp-Att-Int	13-25-4	11-27-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-10	4-19
Punts	5-48.8	9-37.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	7-46	9-102
Time of Possession	37:24	22:36

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Arizona, Ellington 15-64, Mendenhall 21-63, S.Taylor 2-15, Palmer 5-(minus 3). Seattle, Lynch 18-71, Wilson 2-32.
PASSING—Arizona, Palmer 13-25-4-178. Seattle, Wilson 11-27-1-108.
RECEIVING—Arizona, Fitzgerald 3-18, Dray 3-16, Roberts 2-25, Ellington 2-8, Golden 1-63, Floyd 1-31, Ballard 1-17. Seattle, Kearse 3-38, Tate 2-34, Lynch 2-5, Miller 1-11, Lockette 1-9, Baldwin 1-8, Willson 1-3.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Seattle, Hauschka 24 (WL).

STEELERS 38, PACKERS 31

Pittsburgh	7	3	21	7	—38
Green Bay	7	7	7	10	—31

First Quarter
GB—Boykin 5 pass from Flynn (Crosby kick), 4:02.
Pit—Sanders 1 pass from Roethlisberger (Suisham kick), :01.
Second Quarter
GB—Lacy 14 run (Crosby kick), 1:53.
Pit—FG Suisham 31, :02.
Third Quarter
Pit—Roethlisberger 13 run (Suisham kick), 11:51.
GB—Lacy 2 run (Crosby kick), 5:19.
Pit—Spaeth 11 pass from Roethlisberger (Suisham kick), 1:55.
Pit—C.Allen 40 interception return (Suisham kick), 1:37.
Fourth Quarter
GB—FG Crosby 22, 12:04.
GB—Kuhn 1 run (Crosby kick), 7:14.
Pit—Bell 1 run (Suisham kick), 1:25.
A—77,999.

	Pit	GB
First downs	21	26
Total Net Yards	343	370
Rushes-yards	29-151	30-151
Passing	192	219
Comp-Att-Int	17-29-1	21-39-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-5	3-13
Punts	5-35.6	5-41.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-58	9-90
Time of Possession	26:40	33:20

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Pittsburgh, Bell 26-124, Roethlisberger 1-13, Dwyer 1-7, F.Jones 1-7. Green Bay, Lacy 15-84, Starks 10-47, Kuhn 3-12, Flynn 2-8.
PASSING—Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 16-28-1-167, McBriar 1-1-0-30. Green Bay, Flynn 21-39-1-232.
RECEIVING—Pittsburgh, A.Brown 6-105, Miller 3-17, Sanders 2-7, Paulson 1-30, Spaeth 1-11, Cotchery 1-9, Dwyer 1-7, W.Johnson 1-6, Bell 1-5. Green Bay, J.Jones 9-84, Boykin 5-54, Nelson 3-46, Lacy 2-6, Starks 1-23, Quarless 1-19.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

PATRIOTS 41, RAVENS 7

New England	14	3	3	21	—41
Baltimore	0	0	0	7	—7

First Quarter
NE—Blount 1 run (Gostkowski kick), 9:39.
NE—Vereen 4 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 4:51.
Second Quarter
NE—FG Gostkowski 45, 14:55.
Third Quarter
NE—FG Gostkowski 42, 7:15.
Fourth Quarter
Bal—Flacco 1 run (Tucker kick), 9:21.
NE—Blount 7 run (Gostkowski kick), 2:05.
NE—Cha.Jones fumble recovery in end zone (Gostkowski kick), 1:59.
NE—T.Wilson 74 interception return (Gostkowski kick), :40.
A—71,433.

	NE	Bal
First downs	21	19
Total Net Yards	300	358
Rushes-yards	34-142	28-121
Passing	158	237
Comp-Att-Int	14-26-0	23-42-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-14	4-25
Punts	7-47.7	4-53.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-58	9-83
Time of Possession	31:58	28:02

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—New England, Blount 16-76, Ridley 15-54, Vereen 2-6, Bolden 1-6. Baltimore, Rice 11-40, Taylor 3-39, Pierce 10-31, Scott 2-11, Flacco 2-0.
PASSING—New England, Brady 14-26-0-172. Baltimore, Flacco 22-38-2-260, Taylor 1-4-1-2.
RECEIVING—New England, Edelman 7-77, Amendola 2-45, Bolden 2-16, Dobson 1-21, Hoomanawanui 1-9, Vereen 1-4. Baltimore, M.Brown 4-51, Dickson 4-44, Pitta 4-34, T.Smith 3-69, Pierce 3-27, Rice 2-23, J.Jones 1-11, Scott 1-2, Leach 1-1.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Baltimore, Tucker 37 (WL).

EAGLES 54, BEARS 11

Chicago	0	3	8	0	—11
Philadelphia	21	3	9	21	—54

First Quarter
Phi—Cooper 5 pass from Foles (Henery kick), 9:54.
Phi—McCoy 1 run (Henery kick), 7:44.
Phi—Celek 10 pass from Foles (Henery kick), 1:27.
Second Quarter
Phi—FG Henery 49, 1:07.
Chi—FG Gould 50, :00.
Third Quarter
Phi—Thornton safety, 9:52.
Phi—McCoy 1 run (Henery kick), 7:11.
Chi—Marshall 6 pass from Cutler (E.Bennett pass from Cutler), :00.
Fourth Quarter
Phi—Polk 10 run (Henery kick), 11:19.
Phi—Boykin 54 interception return (Henery kick), 8:00.
Phi—Brown 65 run (Henery kick), 6:14.
A—69,144.

	Chi	Phi
First downs	18	28
Total Net Yards	257	514
Rushes-yards	19-61	36-289
Passing	196	225
Comp-Att-Int	22-39-1	21-25-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-46	2-5
Punts	6-37.8	2-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-10	2-15
Time of Possession	29:40	30:20

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Chicago, Forte 9-29, Bush 7-20, Cutler 2-15, McCown 1-(minus 3). Philadelphia, McCoy 18-133, Brown 9-115, Foles 2-17, Jackson 2-12, Polk 2-12, Smith 1-2, Vick 2-(minus 2).
PASSING—Chicago, Cutler 20-35-1-222, McCown 2-4-0-20. Philadelphia, Foles 21-25-0-230.
RECEIVING—Chicago, Jeffery 6-76, M.Bennett 5-65, Marshall 4-36, Forte 4-25, E.Bennett 2-12, Weems 1-8. Philadelphia, McCoy 6-29, Jackson 4-29, Celek 3-58, Cooper 3-53, Avant 3-26, Ertz 1-27, Polk 1-8.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

BASIN NFL CONNECTION

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Winston

ERIC WINSTON
OT, ARIZONA CARDINALS
(LEE HIGH SCHOOL)

Winston started at right tackle for the Cardinals in their 17-10 victory against NFC West rival Seattle on Sunday on the road. The Cardinals were the first team to beat the Seahawks at home since late 2011, ending a 14-game home winning streak. The Cardinals had 307 total yards on the day.

Tannehill

RYAN TANNEHILL
QB, MIAMI DOLPHINS
(BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL)

Tannehill struggled in the Dolphins' 19-0 loss to Buffalo on Sunday on the road. Tannehill completed 10 of 27 passes for 82 yards with no touchdowns and no interceptions.

Cannon

MARCUS CANNON
OL, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS
(ODESSA HIGH SCHOOL)

Cannon started at right tackle for the Patriots in a 41-7 rout of the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday in Baltimore. New England rolled up 300 total yards as Tom Brady was only sacked twice.

Bird

BRONT BIRD
LB, SAN DIEGO CHARGERS
(ODESSA PERMIAN HIGH SCHOOL)

Bird played as a substitute in the Chargers' 26-13 victory against the Oakland Raiders on Sunday. Bird did not record a tackle.

NFL STANDINGS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-New England	11	4	0	.733	410	318	7-0-0	4-4-0	8-3-0	3-1-0	3-2-0
Miami	8	7	0	.533	310	315	4-3-0	4-4-0	7-4-0	1-3-0	2-3-0
N.Y. Jets	7	8	0	.467	270	380	6-2-0	1-6-0	4-7-0	3-1-0	2-3-0
Buffalo	6	9	0	.400	319	354	4-4-0	2-5-0	5-6-0	1-3-0	3-2-0

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Indianapolis	10	5	0	.667	361	326	5-2-0	5-3-0	8-3-0	2-2-0	5-0-0
Tennessee	6	9	0	.400	346	371	2-5-0	4-4-0	5-6-0	1-3-0	1-4-0
Jacksonville	4	11	0	.267	237	419	1-7-0	3-4-0	4-7-0	0-4-0	3-2-0
Houston	2	13	0	.133	266	412	1-7-0	1-6-0	2-9-0	0-4-0	1-4-0

North

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Cincinnati	10	5	0	.667	396	288	[illegible]	3-5-0	7-4-0	3-1-0	2-3-0
Baltimore	8	7	0	.533	303	318	[illegible]	[illegible]	6-5-0	2-2-0	3-2-0
Pittsburgh	7	8	0	.467	359	363	4-3-0	3-5-0	5-6-0	2-2-0	3-2-0
Cleveland	4	11	0	.267	301	386	3-5-0	1-6-0	3-8-0	[illegible]	2-3-0

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
y-Denver	12	3	0	.800	572	385	7-1-0	5-2-0	8-3-0	4-0-0	4-1-0
x-Kansas City	11	4	0	.733	406	278	[illegible]	6-1-0	7-4-0	4-0-0	2-3-0
San Diego	8	7	0	.533	369	324	4-3-0	4-4-0	5-6-0	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oakland	4	11	0	.267	308	419	3-4-0	[illegible]	[illegible]	0-4-0	1-4-0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
Philadelphia	9	6	0	.600	418	360	4-4-0	5-2-0	8-3-0	1-3-0	3-2-0
Dallas	8	7	0	.533	417	408	5-2-0	3-5-0	7-4-0	1-3-0	5-0-0
N.Y. Giants	6	9	0	.400	274	377	3-4-0	3-5-0	5-6-0	1-3-0	2-3-0
Washington	3	12	0	.200	328	458	2-6-0	1-6-0	1-10-0	2-2-0	0-5-0

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
x-Carolina	11	4	0	.733	345	221	[illegible]	4-3-0	8-3-0	3-1-0	4-1-0
New Orleans	10	5	0	.667	372	287	7-0-0	3-5-0	8-3-0	[illegible]	4-1-0
Atlanta	4	10	0	.286	309	388	3-4-0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2-4-0
Tampa Bay	4	11	0	.267	271	347	3-5-0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

North

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
Chicago	8	7	0	.533	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-2-0	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Green Bay	7	7	1	.500	384	400	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Detroit	7	8	0	.467	382	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Minnesota	4	10	1	.300	377	467	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
x-Seattle	12	3	0	.800	390	222	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
San Francisco	10	4	0	.714	349	228	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Arizona	10	5	0	.667	359	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Louis	7	8	0	.467	339	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Sunday's Scores
St. Louis 23, Tampa Bay 13
Indianapolis 23, Kansas City 7
Denver 37, Houston 13
Buffalo 19, Miami 0
Carolina 17, New Orleans 13
Dallas 24, Washington 23
N.Y. Jets 24, Cleveland 13
Cincinnati 42, Minnesota 14
Tennessee 20, Jacksonville 16
Arizona 17, Seattle 10
N.Y. Giants 23, Detroit 20, OT
San Diego 26, Oakland 13
Pittsburgh 38, Green Bay 31
New England 41, Baltimore 7
Philadelphia 54, Chicago 11

Today's Game
Atlanta at San Francisco, 7:40 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 29
Green Bay at Chicago, Noon
Houston at Tennessee, Noon
Detroit at Minnesota, Noon
Carolina at Atlanta, Noon
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, Noon
Washington at N.Y. Giants, Noon
Baltimore at Cincinnati, Noon
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, Noon
N.Y. Jets at Miami, Noon
Denver at Oakland, 3:25 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 3:25 p.m.
St. Louis at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 3:25 p.m.
Buffalo at New England, 3:25 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

COWBOYS

From 1C

Despite entering the game with a six-game losing streak, Washington (3-12) thrived in the spoiler role with Pierre Garcon (11 catches for 144 yards and one TD) leading the way. But Orlando Scandrick, one of the best players on the NFL's worst defense, positioned Dallas for the win after he broke up a Kirk Cousins' pass to Garcon on third-and-6 from the Washington 41 to force a punt.

Romo, who was 17 of 27 for 226 yards with two TDs and one pick, completed passes of 15 and 51 yards to Terrance Williams during the winning drive. After Murray lost 9 yards trying to reverse course on a run designed to go around left end, Romo had the season in his hands, a scary thought for many fans after he threw two crunch time interceptions in the loss to Green Bay.

Memories were also still fresh of the game-sealing interception he threw against Washington in the 2012 finale.

But this time, he didn't disappoint, even with the sore back.

"Tony was struggling even to hand the ball off," said Cole Beasley, whose 20-yard grab on fourth-and-6 from the Washington 40 set up a 25-yard Dan Bailey field goal that pulled Dallas within 23-17. "He's a competitor. He wasn't going to leave the field."

In the end, for the always dramatic Cowboys, it was another great "show," the term Jones used to explain why he believes fan apathy doesn't exist.

"There's a lot of people mad, a lot of people who want me to do differently, but no apathy," Jones said. "And if we go out here and win, then we've got a chance for some serious rewards."

TEXANS

From 1C

with 4:28 remaining. Just 2 1/2 minutes earlier, he tied the mark with a 20-yard pass to Eric Decker.

He entered the game with 47 and his first touchdown came on a 36-yard pass to Demaryius Thomas in the second quarter. The second was a 10-yard throw to Decker earlier in the fourth period.

Manning had previously established the record by throwing 49 touchdown passes in 2004.

COLLEGEBASKETBALL

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Men

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 81, Southern U. 56
Georgia St. 99, UTSA 68
SOUTH
Auburn 77, Boston College 67
Eckerd 67, Miles 50
Elon 67, FAU 62
Florida Southern 106, Tuskegee 90
Louisiana Tech 83, Louisiana-Monroe 61
Mercer 79, Mississippi 76
Miami 71, La Salle 58
Milwaukee 67, Alabama St. 54
Missouri-St. Louis 80, Davis & Elkins 61
Ohio 70, Richmond 69, OT
St. Leo 79, Shaw 68
Tampa 75, Pfeiffer 74
Tulane 65, Northeastern 62
UCF 90, Valparaiso 62
UNC Pembroke 79, Coker 72
MIDWEST
Bowling Green 64, Detroit 62
Creighton 68, California 54
Illinois St. 69, DePaul 64
Indiana 90, Kennesaw St. 66
Iowa 86, Ark.-Pine Bluff 61
Nebraska-Omaha 76, Seattle 69
Northwestern 58, Brown 52
Oakland 100, Robert Morris 94
Southern Cal 79, Dayton 76, OT
Truman St. 93, Central St. (Ohio) 81
Washburn 82, Lindenwood (Mo.) 64
Wichita St. 77, NC Central 66
FAR WEST
CS San Bernardino 85, Midwestern St. 65
Cal State-LA 74, CS Dominguez Hills 67
Florida Gulf Coast 77, Florida A&M 68
Mississippi St. 71, South Florida 66
N. Illinois 71, UC Riverside 64
Nevada 80, Iona 72
Occidental 83, UC Santa Cruz 73
Radford 94, Sacred Heart 78
San Francisco 77, American U 69
San Francisco St. 83, Sonoma St. 62
UCLA 83, Weber St. 60
UConn 82, Washington 70
West Florida 77, Cent. Washington 73
Wyoming 72, N. Colorado 59
EAST
Bloomfield 76, Adelphi 61
Colgate 79, Ursinus 51
Daemen 90, Queens (NY) 77
Dowling 75, Caldwell 73
Drexel 59, St. Francis (Pa.) 49
Hartford 66, St. Peter's 56
Hillsdale 75, Quincy 64
Holy Family 67, LeMoyne 65
Marist 76, Penn 62
Molloy 94, Roberts Wesleyan 83
Penn St. 92, Mount St. Mary's 82
Philadelphia 81, St. Rose 78
Purdue 73, West Virginia 70
Rhode Island 62, New Hampshire 45
Rutgers 75, Army 72
S. Connecticut 82, New Haven 74, OT
Seton Hall 92, E. Washington 70
Stony Brook 76, Cornell 54
TOURNAMENT
Diamond Head Classic First Round
Akron 83, Oregon St. 71
Iowa St. 79, George Mason 67

TODAY'S GAMES
SOUTHWEST
Montana St. at UTEP, 8:05 p.m.
SOUTH
SC State at Jacksonville, 6 p.m.
Morehead St. at Tennessee, 6 p.m.
Norfolk St. at Virginia, 6 p.m.
MIDWEST
Indiana Tech at Detroit, 11 a.m.
La Roche at Cleveland St., 2 p.m.
Chicago St. at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.
IUPUI at SE Missouri, 7 p.m.
Albany (NY) at Drake, 7:05 p.m.
SIU-Edwardsville at S. Illinois, 7:05 p.m.
FAR WEST
Radford-Sacred Heart loser vs. Florida Gulf Coast-Florida A&M loser at Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 1:30 p.m.
Radford-Sacred Heart winner vs. Florida Gulf Coast-Florida A&M winner at Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 4 p.m.
Evergreen St. at Portland St., 4:05 p.m.
South Florida-Mississippi St. loser vs. UNLV-Santa Clara loser at Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 7 p.m.
Ill.-Chicago at Colorado St., 8 p.m.
Grand Canyon at New Mexico, 8:05 p.m.
N. Dakota St. at Utah Valley, 8:05 p.m.
N. Arizona at Arizona, 9 p.m.
South Florida-Mississippi St. winner vs. UNLV-Santa Clara winner at Orleans Arena, Las Vegas, 9:30 p.m.
EAST
Binghamton at Buffalo, 11 a.m.
NJIT at St. Francis (NY), 1 p.m.
Loyola of Chicago at Fordham, 3 p.m.
Hofstra at Siena, 6 p.m.
TOURNAMENTS
Diamond Head Classic At Honolulu
Semifinals
Iowa St.-George Mason winner vs. Oregon St.-Akron winner, 3:30 p.m.
South Carolina-Saint Mary's (Calif.) winner vs. Boise St.-Hawaii winner, 8 p.m.
Consolation Bracket
Iowa St.-George Mason loser vs. Oregon St.-Akron loser, 1:30 p.m.
South Carolina-Saint Mary's (Calif.) loser vs. Boise St.-Hawaii loser, 10 p.m.

Women

SOUTHWEST
Abilene Christian 58, Texas Tech 57
FAU 71, Jacksonville 62
UTSA 86, Texas St. 83
SOUTH
Alabama St. 57, Savannah St. 52
Duke 69, Kentucky 61
Louisiana Tech 81, Alabama A&M 51
South Carolina 70, SC State 26
St. Bonaventure 58, UNC-Greensboro 46
VCU 94, Florida A&M 67
MIDWEST
Dayton 87, Toledo 75
Kansas 82, Tulsa 78
Milwaukee 73, Illinois St. 58
Minnesota 67, Auburn 54
Missouri 75, W. Illinois 60
Nebraska-Omaha 70, Austin Peay 54
Notre Dame 106, Cent. Michigan 72
Oakland 72, W. Michigan 62
Purdue 57, Bowling Green 48
Wichita St. 69, Texas-Pan American 40
FAR WEST
Colorado St. 59, Weber St. 54
EAST
Albany (NY) 64, Colgate 50
Boston U. 69, New Hampshire 58
E. Michigan 64, Monmouth (NJ) 53
Penn St. 85, Alcorn St. 62
St. John's 72, Texas A&M 70
Stony Brook 70, Wagner 51
UConn 80, California 47
Villanova 59, Temple 58
TOURNAMENT
Fairfield Inn Christmas Classic Second Round
Kentucky Wesleyan 69, McKendree 59
Missouri-St. Louis 80, Davis & Elkins 61
TODAY'S GAMES
MIDWEST
UT Martin at S. Illinois, 12:05 p.m.
FAR WEST
Hawaii at Grand Canyon, 2 p.m.
New Mexico St. at Cal State Fullerton, 9 p.m.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

STANDINGS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	11	14	.440	—
Boston	12	17	.414	1
Brooklyn	9	17	.346	2 1/2
New York	8	18	.308	3 1/2
Philadelphia	8	20	.286	4 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	20	6	.769	—
Atlanta	15	12	.556	5 1/2
Washington	12	13	.480	7 1/2
Charlotte	13	15	.464	8
Orlando	8	19	.296	12 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	22	5	.815	—
Detroit	13	16	.448	10
Chicago	10	16	.385	11 1/2
Cleveland	10	16	.385	11 1/2
Milwaukee	6	21	.222	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	21	6	.778	—
Houston	18	10	.643	3 1/2
Dallas	15	12	.556	6
New Orleans	11	14	.440	9
Memphis	11	15	.423	9 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	23	5	.821	—
Oklahoma City	22	5	.815	1/2
Denver	14	12	.538	8
Minnesota	13	14	.481	9 1/2
Utah	8	22	.267	16

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	19	9	.679	—
Phoenix	16	10	.615	2
Golden State	15	13	.536	4
L.A. Lakers	13	14	.481	5 1/2
Sacramento	8	18	.308	10

Sunday's Scores
Indiana 106, Boston 79
Toronto 104, Oklahoma City 98
Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, late

Today's Games
New York at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 7 p.m.
Utah at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Toronto at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY'S BOXES
PACERS 108, CELTICS 79
BOSTON (79): Green 4-9 1-1 11, Bass 2-9 2-2 6, Sullinger 3-9 0-1 6, Crawford 4-11 0-0 9, Bradley 6-14 0-0 13, Favors 0-3 0-0 0, Lee 5-10 0-1 11, Wallace 0-0 3-4 3, Pressey 0-1 0-0 0, Humphries 4-6 0-0 8, Olynyk 3-10 0-0 6, Brooks 1-2 3-4 6. Totals 32-84 9-13 79.
INDIANA (108): George 9-13 4-5 24, West 3-7 2-2 8, Hibbert 7-11 1-4 15, G.Hill 3-8 0-0 7, Stephenson 5-15 1-2 12, Granger 4-8 0-0 12, Scola 2-3 5-6 9, Watson 3-6 2-2 9, Mahinmi 2-2 0-1 4, Copeland 1-4 0-0 2, Sloan 0-1 0-0 0, Butler 1-2 0-0 2, Johnson 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 41-83 15-22 108.

Boston	17	20	21	21 — 79
Indiana	28	30	28	22 — 108

3-Point Goals—Boston 6-14 (Green 2-2, Brooks 1-1, Bradley 1-1, Lee 1-2, Crawford 1-4, Olynyk 0-1, Sullinger 0-1, Favors 0-2), Indiana 5-19 (Granger 4-5, George 2-3, Watson 1-2, Stephenson 1-3, G.Hill 1-3, Sloan 0-1, Copeland 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Boston 47 (Green, Bradley 6), Indiana 58 (Hibbert 12). Assists—Boston 18 (Olynyk, Pressey 4), Indiana 28 (Stephenson 10). Total Fouls—Boston 22, Indiana 18. A—18,165 (18,165).

RAPTORS 104, THUNDER 98
TORONTO (104): Ross 2-10 0-0 6, Johnson 7-11 2-2 17, Valanciunas 6-10 1-2 13, Lowry 9-16 7-7 22, DeRozan 7-20 3-5 17, Salmons 5-12 3-3 14, Hansbrough 0-3 3-4 3, Patterson 2-3 0-0 5, Novak 0-0 0-0 0, Vasquez 1-6 5-6 7. Totals 39-91 24-29 104.
OKLAHOMA CITY (98): Durant 5-16 12-12 24, Ibaka 4-9 0-0 8, Perkins 0-1 0-0 0, Westbrook 8-17 10-11 27, Sefolosha 1-2 2-2 5, Lamb 3-8 0-0 7, Adams 0-3 0-0 0, Jackson 1-11 4-4 6, Collison 2-3 2-2 6, Jones 3-4 2-2 8, Fisher 1-2 3-3 6. Totals 28-76 35-36 98.

Toronto	25	37	1329	— 104
Oklahoma City	21	35	28	14 — 98

3-Point Goals—Toronto 8-20 (Lowry 3-6, Ross 2-4, Johnson 1-1, Patterson 1-1, Salmons 1-5, Vasquez 0-3), Oklahoma City 7-23 (Durant 2-7, Ibaka 1-1, Sefolosha 1-1, Fisher 1-2, Westbrook 1-2, Lamb 1-4, Jones 0-1, Jackson 0-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 58 (Johnson 13), Oklahoma City 51 (Westbrook 9). Assists—Toronto 22 (Lowry 9), Oklahoma City 17 (Westbrook, Jackson 5). Total Fouls—Toronto 29, Oklahoma City 28. Technicals—Toronto defensive three second, Durant, Oklahoma City defensive three second. A—18,203 (18,203).

BAYLOR

From 1C

Asked about the Bears' balanced scoring, Austin said it's great.

"Nobody on this team is selfish at all. Sometimes I'll have four points, Cory will have 30, Kenny will have 20 some games, and some games Brady won't get up a shot, but nobody complains," Austin said. "We're all in it for the long run. We want to win games, and we're a great brotherhood right now."

Jefferson had 11 points on 5-of-6 shooting by halftime, when Baylor led 36-26.

Baylor had a 32-16 lead after an 8-0 run when jumpers by Jefferson 5 minutes apart provided bookends for the spurt, with four free throws in between.

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Games of Dec. 29

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DEADLINE: 2 P.M. THURSDAY

TIEBREAKER 1 ☐ Total points scored (both teams) in RAMS game.

TIEBREAKER 2 ☐ Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Carolina at Atlanta	Tampa Bay at New Orleans
Green Bay at Chicago	Washington at NY Giants
Baltimore at Cincinnati	Cleveland aat Pittsburgh
Philadelphia at Dallas	Houston at Tennessee
Jacksonville at Indianapolis	San Francisco at Arizona
NY Jets at Miami	Denver at Oakland
Detroit at Minnesota	Kansas City at San Diego
Buffalo at New England	St. Louis at Seattle

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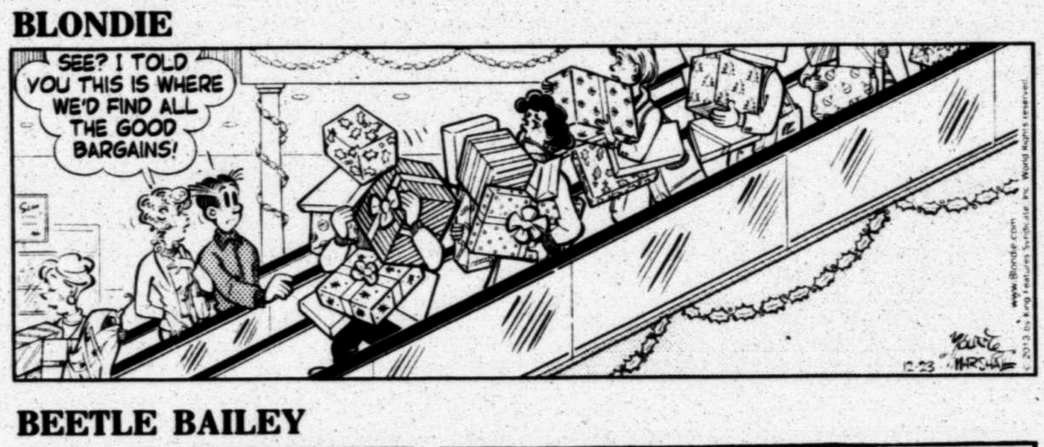

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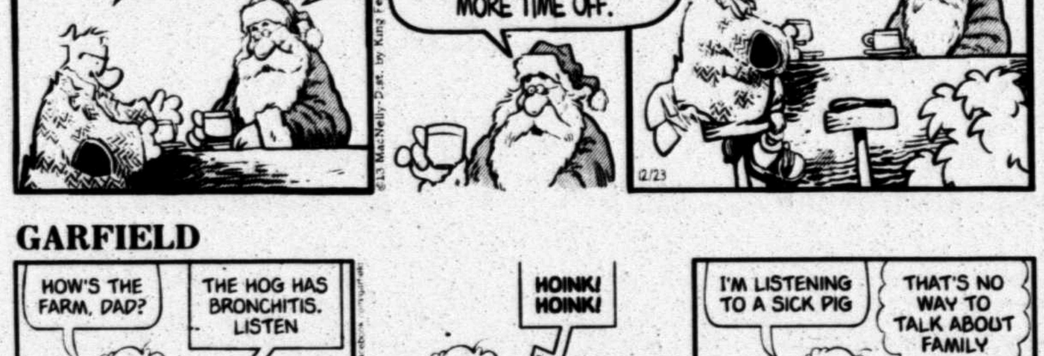

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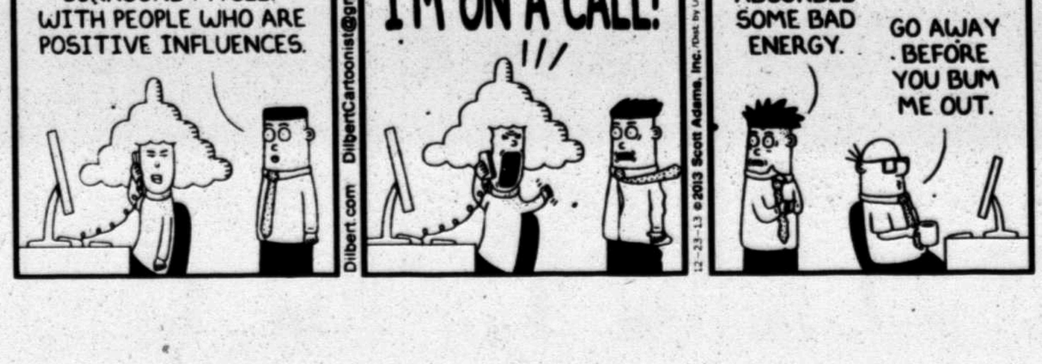

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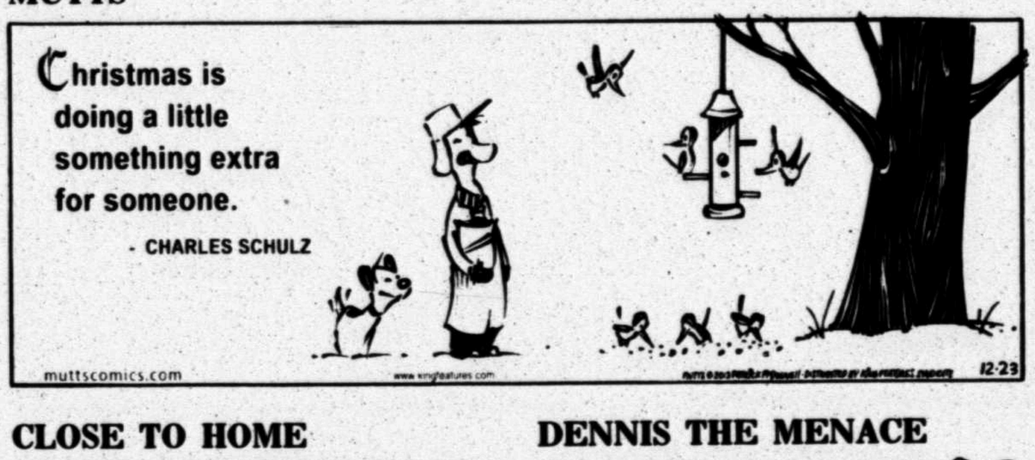

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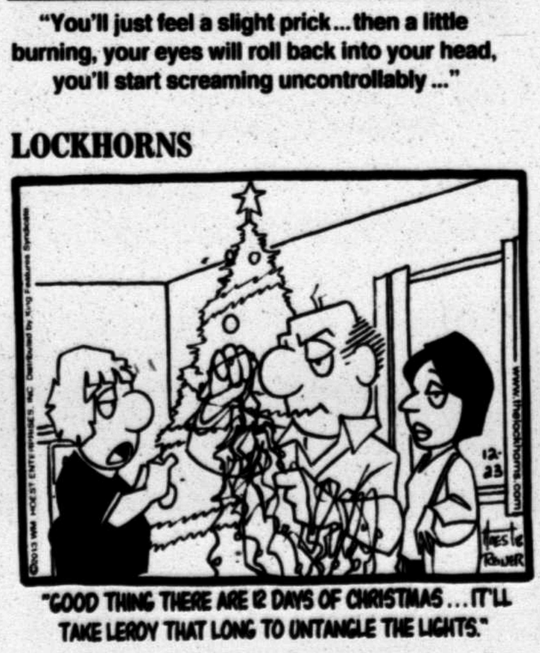

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High: 54
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TUESDAY: Sunny
High: 59
Low: 33

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny
High: 52
Low: 30

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Expect sunny skies today with a high around 54 and southwest winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming light west in the afternoon. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear conditions with a low around 32 and calm winds becoming south around 5 mph after midnight.

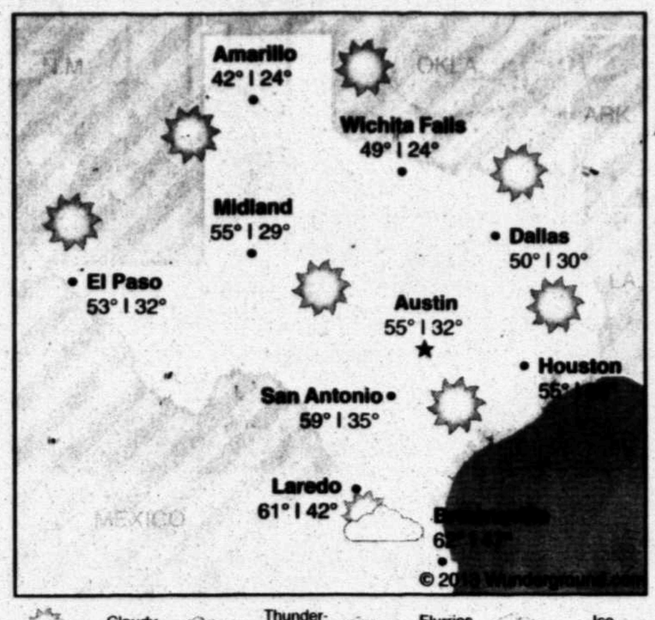
Tuesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 59 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph. Expect mostly clear conditions at night, with a low around 33 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph becoming northeast after midnight.

Wednesday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 52 and a low around 30.

National forecast

Soaking rain will spread over the East Coast today, replacing the record warmth from the weekend. The rain will pour down heavily at times, potentially leading to localized flash floods in low-lying and areas with poor drainage.

The air may be cold enough for the rain to fall as an icy mix or snow across northern New England.



Precipitation

Saturday	0.08 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.44 in.
Year total	8.51 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.44 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	47
Low	32
Normal high	57
Normal low	30
Sunrise	7:46 a.m.
Sunset	5:50 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, Dec. 23

Commitment to relationship ends at computer keyboard

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 am a woman in an exclusive, committed relationship with "Vince." We have talked about a future together and getting married. My only issue is I can't seem to keep him off of dating sites. Even when I catch Vince redhanded, he'll deny it or blame it on his friend "using his ID."

I have asked him over and over to delete the sites, but he won't. He continues to tell me he's in love with me and wants only me. He says I'm the woman of his dreams. If that's true, there should be no need for him to look anymore, right?

Please help me understand his obsession, and if there are any tools I can use to be more effective to talk to Vince about this. — FUMING IN FLORIDA

DEAR FUMING: Your communication tools are just fine. Your ability to recognize when someone is stringing you along is what needs improvement.

You may feel you are in a committed relationship, but Vince appears to be less committed than you are. Worse, he also has a problem telling the truth. If Vince wanted only you and was ready to settle down, he wouldn't compulsively look online to see who else is available.

DEAR ABBY: I'm conflicted about my role in supporting my children through the death of my ex-wife. We divorced 25 years ago. There was no significant other in her life. I would like to support them emotionally, but I feel the burial, funeral, etc., are matters for their family and her relatives.

My question is, am I right? And how soon should I go and be with my children? We have been in close touch, and I believe they know that I care and I'm here for them. They live across the country, so the distance and cost of transportation are concerns. — CONFLICTED IN TEXAS

DEAR CONFLICTED: I'm sure no one expects you to contribute financially to the funeral of someone from whom you have been divorced for a quarter of a century. However, you should ask your adult children if they would like you to attend for emotional support. Because they are all grown and presumably busy with their lives, if your presence isn't needed at the funeral, you could schedule a family reunion at a time when it's convenient for all of you.

DEAR ABBY: What do I do about a friend who often interrupts a conversation to check his phone and look up the topic on the Internet? He then adds to — or corrects — the discussion we are having. It's starting to ruin the friendship. Any advice? — OVERCORRECTED IN TEXAS

DEAR OVERCORRECTED: Whether someone doing this is offensive or not depends upon the spirit in which it's being done. Your friend may not be certain that what he — or you — is saying is correct and he wants to verify it. Often when people check information online, they find more information on the subject. Your friend may be doing it in the spirit of helpfulness. My husband and I do this with each other often, and neither of us is offended.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠J 9 7 ♥A Q 3 2 ♦7 5 4 2 ♣K 3
The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♥	1♠	1NT	?

What call would you make?
A — Should you play that a cue-bid of the enemy suit shows 10 or more points and a fit for partner, bid two diamonds. Otherwise, bid two spades.

Q 2 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠K 9 8 6 ♥Void ♦A 6 5 3 2 ♣K 8 7 2
With the opponents silent, partner opens one no-trump. How would you proceed?
A — Bid two clubs, Stayman. On a good day, you'll locate a spade fit. Should partner respond two hearts, you can bid three no-trump next. Should the response be two diamonds, denying a major and indicating that the opponents have 10 or more hearts, we would not gamble on three no-trump. Bid three diamonds and pass three no-trump should partner bid it.

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠A 10 ♥9 7 5 ♦J 10 6 2 ♣A K Q J
The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
2♥	Pass	Pass	?

What call would you make?
A — Double is out with only two spades. Two no-trump is out with no heart stopper. What choices are left? Only pass and three clubs. We like three clubs.

Q 4 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠J 3 ♥A 7 5 ♦A Q J 3 2 ♣A 10 5
Your right-hand opponent opens one spade. What call would you make?
A — Bid two diamonds. Should the opponents compete to two spades, you can double at your next turn, showing support for the other suits, as well as your five diamonds.

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 Monday, Dec. 23, 2013

This year you often think in lofty terms when deciding how to invigorate your life. Others trust your judgment more and more. If you are single, a new door opens, and you will meet many new people as a result. Take your time getting to know others; you have many admirers. If you are attached, the two of you love being together and often plan a date night alone together. Schedule several weekends away together as a couple. VIRGO is detail-oriented.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ A discussion in the morning will encourage you and a partner to clear up the remaining holiday details. By midafternoon, the Christmas spirit hits you. Put on some holiday music while you finish up any wrapping you have to do. Tonight: Invite a friend over to swap gifts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Your mood appears to be contagious. You will need to jump over an obstacle that might involve a loved one's resistance. Run errands and catch up on calls. Touch base with friends and start swapping good wishes for the holiday. Tonight: Indulge a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Honor what is going on with a parent or older relative. An unanticipated expense emerges out of the blue, which will encourage you to curb any frivolous spending. Still, you might opt to buy a couple of small items for last-minute presents. Tonight: Honor a change.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You'll express the fervor of the holidays and engage others to join in. A child or loved one could be cantankerous at best, but you'll help even this person out. Whatever you do naturally pleases others. Stop midday and assess what is left to do. Tonight: With loved ones.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You'll be thinking ahead with the understanding that a road block is about to appear. You will move through your errands and other matters efficiently. You instinctively might recognize that something or someone has been left out. Do some backtracking. Tonight: At home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You express unusual vitality and excitement about the next few days. Your creativity seems to feed off the holiday. You will delight a child or loved one just by sharing your thoughts and feelings. Make plans to join a group of friends. Tonight: Celebrate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ A hassle might become bigger than it really is because of fatigue and boredom with an issue. Let it go for a while, and build up your stamina. Do something for yourself, even if you feel overwhelmed with last-minute errands. Tonight: Drop in on an older relative.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Friends surround you. Hopefully you are not in the position of doing last-minute shopping, but rather off enjoying a holiday event. Some of you could decide to go ice skating or indulge in some other activity to revitalize yourself. Tonight: Music, lights and mistletoe set the scene.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Tension builds as expenses seem to multiply. You must meet certain responsibilities, no matter what. A partner might pitch in and ease your burden, which will allow you to relax a little. Take advantage of this extra time. Tonight: Visit with someone you won't see for a while.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ If you kick back and detach, a last-minute problem will solve itself. You also will understand more of the mechanics of the issue. Your sense of humor could emerge. Drop by a party or two, and start wishing others a Merry Christmas. Tonight: Let the fun continue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Your role might be more pivotal than you realize. You could have a lot of errands to take care of, while someone makes an important request. A partner might offer to pitch in. Together, all of the tasks you have to do will become easier. Tonight: Quality time with a loved one.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ You might have special plans. Unfortunately, others don't seem to realize that fact, or you have not shared it with them. In any case, you could find yourself overwhelmed. People want your company, so make time for them. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

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BORN TODAY

Actress Susan Lucci (1946), political figure Wesley Clark (1944), poet Robert Bly (1926)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Given to back talk
6 Not together
11 Org. in many Tom Clancy novels
14 Love lots
15 Serious grime
16 Former Boston Bruin Bobby
17 "Scoop for fruit
19 Photo taker, briefly
20 Place to swim
21 Brand with a "Twist, Lick, Dunk" app
22 Holy images
24 Post-OR place
26 Like some bases and kisses
28 Parade debris
32 Slump in one's seat
35 Stay away from
36 The "I" in IBM: Abbr.
38 However, for short
39 Bishop's domain
41 Earlier than desired
44 Finish
45 Paris airport
47 Totally out there
48 Bank employee
51 "M*A*S*H" star
53 Firstborn
55 Battleship letters
56 "My Cousin Vinny" star Joe
58 Pressure from the cops
60 Govt. job-safety gp.
64 Gen. Eisenhower's WWII command
65 "Single-minded auditor
68 Bearded African beast
69 More pathetic, as excuses go
70 French Revolution figure killed by Corday
71 Tree juice
72 Piano practice piece
73 Walks with difficulty

DOWN

1 Bedside light
2 Thought: Pref.
3 Sport played on horseback
4 Very productive, as a writer
5 Currency of Japan
6 Many miles off
7 Enters all at once
8 Distribute in shares
9 U.S. 66, for one
10 Wave of excitement
11 "Certain palm tree extract
12 Tehran's country
13 "A Farewell to ___"
18 Prizefight
23 Corporate VIP
25 Hand over
27 Norwegian metropolis
28 Army trainee
29 Like ewes and rams
30 "Pasta-based first course
31 Ballpark level
33 Musical triad
34 Civic or Accord
37 Texter's "until next time"
40 Hopping mad
42 Possesses
43 Like Christmas wrap and tree ornaments
46 Approached bedtime
49 Partners' legal entity: Abbr.
50 Safe to consume
52 Civic or Accord
54 SeaWorld orca
56 Wooden pins
57 Europe's ___ highest active volcano
59 Land measure
61 Houston MLBer
62 Noggin, and a hint to the starts of the answers to starred clues
63 Liberal
66 Do lunch, say
67 Official behind a catcher

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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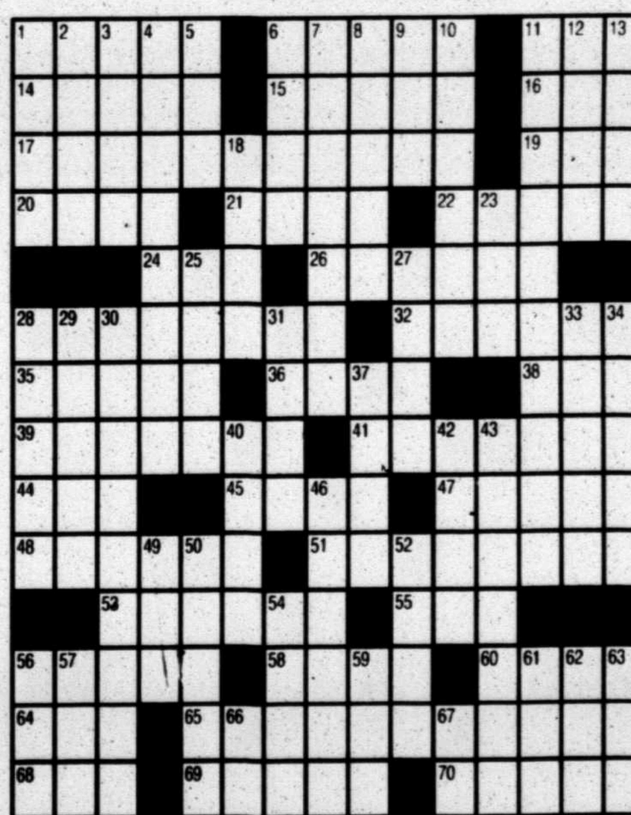

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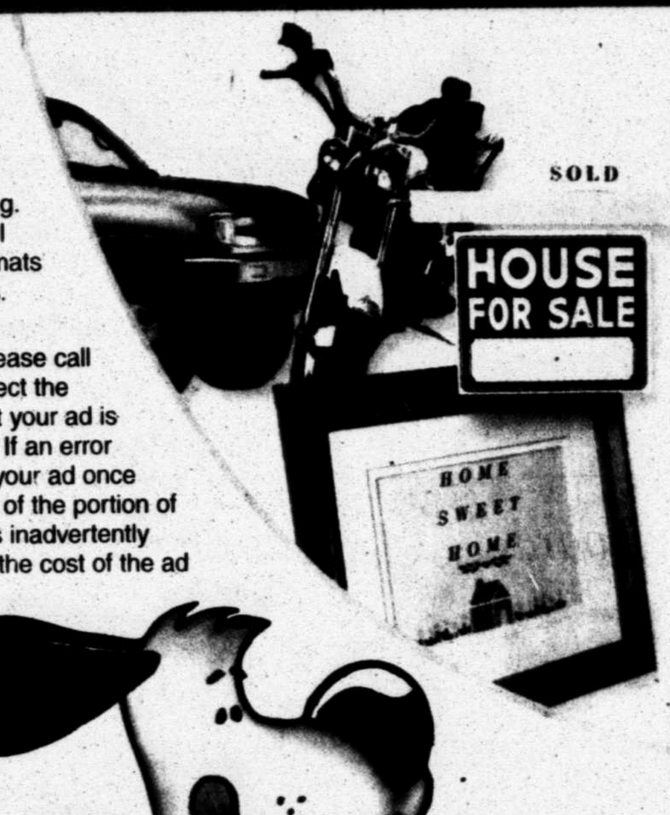

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Saturday	12p.m. Friday
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SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE

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Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2013

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Publishing On:	Deadline is:
Wed., Dec. 25th	Tues., Dec. 24th, NOON
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Wed., Dec. 25th	Mon., Dec. 23rd, 5 PM
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Fri., Dec. 27th	Tues., Dec. 24th, Noon

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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

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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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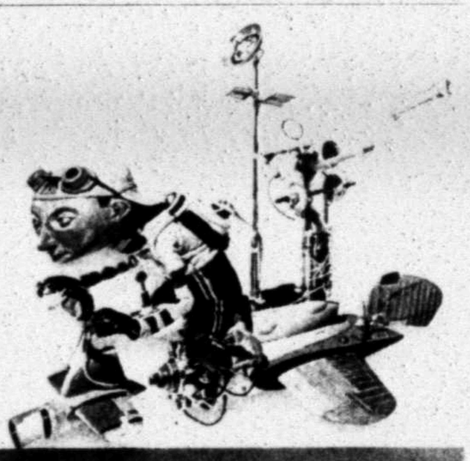
Diggers Oilfield Services, LLC FT

Part time Office Asst needed. Microsoft Office a must. QuickBooks knowledge a plus. Must be detailed oriented and have strong written and verbal skills. Please send resumes to Sara Anderson at sanderson@diggersoilfieldservices



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SKILLED LABOR

Forklift Operator

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

JOB REQUIREMENTS:
- Ability to read and write
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified
- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
- Capable of standing and walking for extended period of time
- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

RESPONSIBILITES:
- Accurate loading and unloading of printed materials in a safe and efficient manner
- Ensure material are efficiently/properly stacked and stored in appropriate and designated areas
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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
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ENERGY & UTILITIES

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Confidential
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Our team has an opening for a motivated, energetic and dependable member to help us provide quality care to our patients. Experience is not mandatory but a great attitude is. Please bring resume to Mansfield Chiropractic at 4107 West Illinois

Nursing Supervisor/Manager

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RNs for Su Casa Home Health
RN position is **PT**. Great benefits and pay rate. Fax resume to **432-570-0823** or come by **1311 W. Florida, Midland, TX.**

HUMAN RESOURCES

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Natural Gas Services Group
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OTHER JOBS

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OTHER JOBS

Janitorial Help
Part-time Janitorial work in the evening. Apply at: 2311 Elizabeth Ave or call 432-570-9903.

The Midland Reporter Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

Pressman/Pressman Trainee

for our Harris N-1650 Printing presses. This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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Oilfield Construction Manager
Minimum 5 years experience with bidding, invoicing and job cost tracking. Oversee building locations, roads, and containment pads. Please send resume to M-31 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Tx. 79701

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LPC Crude Oil Marketing, LLC
P. O. Box 3821
Midland, TX 79702
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Field Service Technicians FT
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Midland, TX
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I&E Tech for natural gas processing plant and gathering system near Rankin, Texas. Must have experience with electronic and pneumatic instumantation and be able to troubleshoot 480V 3 phase electrical service. Experience with generators and plant automation a plus. Must be willing to take might and weekend call outs. Fax resume to (432)639-2132 or mail to Benedum Gas Plant, HC 34 Box 63, Midkiff, Texas, 79755.

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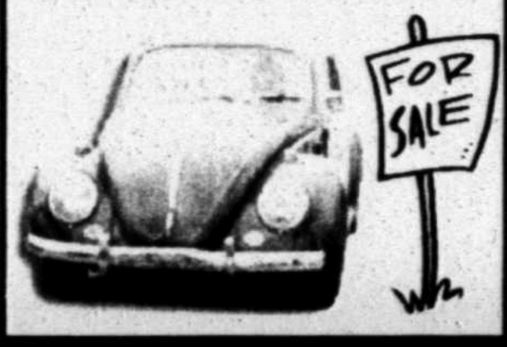

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Sport Activity, Cold, Tech, Spare saver, Head up Avtive seats
13k miles, CPO

2013 BMW 335i Convertible
Jet Blk/Blk
Conv, Prem, Nav, SaT Though Loading System heated seats
4k miles, DEMO

2013 BMW 535i
Dark Graphite / Blk
M sport, Tech, Prem, heated, head up display
6k miles, Service loaner

2013 BMW 528xi
Space Gray/Oyster
Prem, Heated seats, rear view camera, Nav,
4k miles, Demo

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Super Clean

2012 BMW 535i
Space Gray/Oyster
Prem sound, Sport Prem
11k miles, CPO

2012 Mercedes CLS550
Blk/Blk
Harman Kardon, Nav., 20k miles

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Mineral Wht/Oyster
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(Private Parties Only)

- 14 days in the Midland Reporter-Telegram
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ALL real estate advertising herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to indicate any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, age, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin or intention to make any such preferences, limitations ot discrimination.

We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on equal opportunity basis.

To file a complaint, contact www.hud.gov or 1-800-669-9777

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE
CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS
CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION

TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, shall convene at 10:00 A.M. on the 28th day of January, 2014, at Midland City Hall at 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas, and, during such meeting, the City Council will consider the passage of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of certificates of obligation in an amount not to exceed TWENTY-NINE MILLION DOLLARS ($29,000,000) for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for the construction, improvement, and acquisition of public works and equipment, to wit: (i) acquiring and installing a voice and data communication system for public services, including police and fire departments, (ii) improving, constructing and equipping fire fighting facilities, (iii) improving, constructing and equipping park and recreational facilities, (iv) improving and equipping the City's information technology system, (v) constructing and improving streets, including drainage, landscaping, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, signage and traffic signalization incidental thereto and the acquisition of land and rights-of-way therefor and (vi) paying professional services rendered in relation to such projects and the financing thereof, such certificates to be payable from ad valorem taxes and a limited pledge of the net revenues of the City's water and sewer system. The certificates are to be issued and this notice is given under and pursuant to the provisions of Texas Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271, as amended.

Amy Turner
City Secretary
City of Midland, Texas

Attention Readers
In observance of
New Year's Day
The Midland Reporter-Telegram will be closed
Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014

Advertising Deadlines

Classified Word Ads

Publishing On:	Deadline is:
Wed., Jan. 1st	Tues., Dec. 31st, NOON
Thurs., Jan. 2nd	Tues., Dec. 31st, 2 PM

Classified Display Ads

Publishing On:	Deadline is:
Wed., Jan. 1st	Mon., Dec. 30th, 5 PM
Thurs., Jan. 2nd	Mon., Dec. 30th,, 5 PM
Fri., Jan. 3rd	Tues., Dec. 31st, NOON

Retail Display Ads

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Wed., Jan 1st	Mon., Dec. 30th, 5 PM
Thurs., Jan 2nd	Mon., Dec. 30th, 5 PM
Sun., Jan 5th (Oil Report/West Texas Living, Arts & Ent.)	Mon., Dec. 30th, 5 PM
Fri., Jan 3rd	Tues., Dec. 31st, Noon

CIRCULATION HOURS
Customer Service calls will be taken Wednesday, January 1st from 7 AM-11 AM only.
We will re-open Thursday, Jan. 2nd for regular business hours.

Midland Reporter-Telegram

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SKILLED LABOR

Forklift Operator

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

JOB REQUIREMENTS:

- Ability to read and write
- Ability to lift up to 50 lbs.
- Ability to bend and reach overhead
- Ability to count accurately and do simple math
- Able to operate a forklift and willing to be certified
- Be reliable, responsible and able to follow instructions
- Capable of standing and walking for extended period of time
- Able to work in various environments that include winter and summer conditions.
- Must be able to work weekends when necessary

RESPONSIBILITES:

- Accurate loading and unloading of printed materials in a safe and efficient manner
- Ensure material are efficiently/properly stacked and stored in appropriate and designated areas
- Perform other non-forklift duties when assigned

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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@hearstnp.com
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Required experience

- 5-10 years' experience calling on engineering and corporate level project managers within the oil and gas industry.
- 5 years' direct experience selling related products to oilfield services clientele.
- Degree preferred but not required for right candidate.

Required characteristics

- Naturally conveys passion and enthusiasm for the company's products; able to convey technical product details in the most effective manner.
- Polished sales skills at the executive level – adept at interacting with and cultivating relationships with engineering design and project coordinators for major projects within oil and gas industry.
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Odessa, Texas 79763

Plant Operator

West Texas Gas FT

PLANT OPERATOR NEEDED IMMEDIATELY: Experience preferred but not required. Location near Stanton, TX. Fax resume to: (432) 458-3423 or mail to: Sale Ranch, 2873 FM 829, Stanton, TX 79782. Can Email resume to dsatterfield@wtgbenedum.com.

Tubing Testers & Scanners

Confidential FT
Odessa, TX 79763

Oilfield Service Company in Odessa, TX looking to hire Tubing Testers and Scanners. Must have clean driving record and be able to pass a drug test. Come to 1535 Windcrest, Odessa, TX to fill out application.

HEALTHCARE

Mansfield Chiropractic

Our team has an opening for a motivated, energetic and dependable member to help us provide quality care to our patients. Experience is not mandatory but a great attitude is. Please bring resume to Mansfield Chiropractic at 4107 West Illinois

Nursing Supervisor/Manager

Well organized self starter
Small stable staff
Some local travel (Midland/Odessa)
No Nights, Weekends or Holidays
Experience in sterile technique helpful (operating room, etc)

Apply in confidence. Mail resume to:
M- 12 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois Midland, TX 79701

Medical Assistant

Medical Assistant needed for busy physicians practice. Great Beneifit Package.
Please fax resumes to 682-2284 or mail to Premier Physicians, Attn: Arita Routh, PO Box 5291, Midland, Texas 79704. No phone calls please
PP-7233

Registered Radiologic Technologist

American Medical Group FT

Tired of working holidays, weekends and on-call? American Medical Group has an opening for a Registered Radiologic Technologist. Full time with competitive pay and benefits. Apply in person at 2410 N Fowler St Hobbs, New Mexico or fax resume to **575-392-0087**. No phone calls, please.

RNs for Su Casa Home Health

RN position is **PT**. Great benefits and pay rate. Fax resume to **432-570-0823** or come by **1311 W. Florida, Midland, TX.**

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources Assistant

Natural Gas Services Group FT

NGSG is seeking a Human Resources Assistant. Responsibilities will included Multi-state payroll, Benefit Administration, HR administration, maintaining files, reports and working with the accounting Department. This individual must have at minimum of 3 years payroll service and 3 years Human Resources experience. Excellent Salary & Benefit package. For more information or to submit resume contact Employment@ngsgi.com or call 432.262.2700.

OTHER JOBS

All Positions

Firehouse Subs FT
Midland, TX 79701

Now hiring Slice, Prep, Cashiers, Catering & Kitchen help for AM/PM positions. Apply in person: 2900 W. Loop 250 North, Ste 162.

CDL Bus Driver

The Boy's & Girls Club of Midland seeking afternoon CDL Bus Driver. Approximately 2 hours per day @ $25 per hour. Mon-Fri. Call Michael 683-0050.

Housekeeper

Villa Chateau Apartments FT

Full time Housekeeper needed. Physical/Drug screen & Background check done. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apts., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd, Midland, TX 79701. No phone calls please.

OTHER JOBS

Janitorial Help

Part-time Janitorial work in the evening. Apply at: 2311 Elizabeth Ave or call 432-570-9903.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an opening in its Production Department for the position of:

Pressman/Pressman Trainee

for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses. This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires night shift weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.

Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Production Director
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701
E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
or
come by 201 E. Illinois Street to fill out an application.

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Pump Down Supervisors and Operators

O-Tex FT/PT
Midland, TX

O-Tex Pumping is currently hiring experienced pump down supervisors and pump down operators. We offer competitive pay, job bonuses, matching 401K, full medical benefits, and life insurance. Please come by 2611 E. I-20 or go to www.otexpumping.com and fill out an application. Must be able to pass a MVR and drug screen. O-Tex Pumping is an EOE.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Oilfield Construction Manager

Minimum 5 years experience with bidding, invoicing and job cost tracking. Oversee building locations, roads, and containment pads. Please send resume to M-31 c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, 201 E. Illinois, Midland, Tx. 79701

QA & QUALITY CONTROL

NACE Level 1 Inspector

NACE Level 1 Inspector with ASME code experience needed to act as Quality Assurance Manager. Salary DOE. Send resume and salary requirements to **RWI Construction, 10700 State Hwy 191, Midland, TX 79707.**

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Now Hiring

Taste at 508 Barista Cafe All Arounder.
Call 432-230-0225

SALES JOBS

FLOOR MANAGER

Westlake ACE Hardware, one of the largest retailers of home hardware in the U.S., has an opening for **Floor Manager** for our Midland TX store. Our Floor Manager reports to the General Manager. **Westlake** operates 85 stores in seven states and we are growing. We offer starting salary of $40,000, bonus eligibility, two weeks paid vacation and holidays, a liberal employee discount and other benefits. Whether you've worked in the hardware industry, another retail environment or you're just getting started in your retail career, **Westlake ACE** could be the right fit for you. Submit resume and salary history to **resumes@westlakehardware.com** or fax to **866-490-0460**.

Salesperson

Salesperson needed for mattress store in Midland. Are you tired of working furniture store hours from dawn to dark? Personable, energetic individual needed for full time position. Should be good with people and have a professional appearance. Job description includes both sales and clerical/administrative duties. Compensation includes full commission (no tiers, minimums or holdbacks), plus spiffs, vacation, and 401k. No late hours or Sundays. Mail resume to Sleep Shop, 3303 W. Illinois, Midland, TX. 79703

STORE MANAGERS and CASHIERS

Smoker's Outlet is looking for **Store Managers** and **Cashiers** in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest **Smoker's Outlet** to apply.

SKILLED LABOR

Apprentice/Journeyman Electricians

Apprentice/Journeyman Electricians needed. Fort Worth Electrical Contractor needs Apprentice and Journeyman Electricians for work in Andrews, TX area. Please fax resume, list of experience & salary requirements to: 817-355-5355; Attn: H.R. Dept.

Diesel Mechanic Night Supervisor

LPC Crude Oil Marketing, LLC FT
P. O. Box 3821
Midland, TX 79702

LPC Crude Oil Marketing LLC is seeking an Experienced Diesel Mechanic Night Supervisor. The qualified candidate will be responsible for performing routine maintenance as well as variety of repair work on Cummins and Cat engines. In doing so, the candidate must be able to safely drive the service truck to perform the repairs. All work done in this capacity is crucial to the safe and productive operation of the fleet. A class A or B CDL is preferred, but not required. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, performing repairs in an efficient, effective and timely manner. The qualified candidate must be able to communicate effectively. LPC offers a full benefit package including health, dental, vision and life insurance, as well as a retirement package. Please contact Darryl Mulkey at (432) 934-6148 or dmulkey@lpccrude.com

Document Preppers

Kelly Services now hiring Document Preppers, Drug & background screen required. $11.75/hour. Must be flexible and willing to work occasional Saturdays. Both Full Time and Part Time positions available. Apply in person at 4800 E. 42nd, Suite 205, Odessa. Or call 432-363-0123 for more information. Equal Opportunity Employer; Never an applicant fee.

SKILLED LABOR

Field Service Technicians

TekSolv FT
Midland, TX

Searching for Full-time Field Service Technicians in Midland/Odessa. Oil & Gas job, 401k, Benefits, Vacation. Apply online teksolv.com/careers.

I&E Tech : IMMEDIATELY NEEDED

West Texas Gas FT

I&E Tech for natural gas processing plant and gathering system near Rankin, Texas. Must have experience with electronic and pneumatic insturmantation and be able to troubleshoot 480V 3 phase electrical service. Experience with generators and plant automation a plus. Must be willing to take might and weekend call outs. Fax resume to (432)639-2132 or mail to Benedum Gas Plant, HC 34 Box 63, Midkiff, Texas, 79755.

Licensed Commercial Plumber & Exp. Helpers

TMI Mechanical currently hiring **Licensed Commercial Plumbers & Experienced Helpers** for local jobsites. We offer top pay (**up to $28/hr and we will pay additional for medical gas endorsements**). Paid medical, paid vacations and holidays. Must have good driving record. Please call **432-686-0002** for interview.

Multiple Positions

Cement Specialists FT

Currently in need of **Bulk Operators, Pump Operators, and Cement Supervisors.** 1-2 years experience preferred but will train the right person; professional work environment, benefits, paid vacation, competitive pay. **Apply in person at 4004 NCR 1150, Midland, TX.**

Rocker A Cementers

Rocker A Cementers is currently hiring Pump Operators, Bulk Equipment Operators, P&A Supervisors, and Wireline Operators. All positions are in the Lubbock area. Must have a Class A CDL, and be able to pass regular DOT drug testing. Fax resumes and contact information to 806-495-0066, or email to mtmccalli@gmail.com

Shop/Field Mechanics

Basin Engine and Pump FT

Shop and Field Mechanics needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Uniforms provided. Benefits package. Pay DOE. Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115 or email to felicia@basinengine.com. Office 432-570-1114. Applications may be filled out at: 1914 South County Rd 1083, Midland, TX.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Class A CDL Drivers & Shuttle Drivers

Class A CDL Drivers needed - $2,500 Sign-On Bonus! Guaranteed Pay! 2 years experience required. Apply: to Brown Brothers DOS @ 11308 W. Hwy 80 E. in Odessa, 79765, Email jobs@bbdos.com, Visit www.bbdos.com or Call 432-272-7640 for more information. ALSO HIRING Shuttle Drivers - valid drivers license required, clean MVR & must be at least 23 years of age.

Class A CDL Drivers

WE ARE LOOKING FOR CLASS A CDL DRIVERS WITH TANKER ENDORSEMENT FOR THE PERMIAN BASIN AREA TO HAUL SALT WATER LOCALLY. WE PREFER EXPERIENCED DRIVERS, BUT WILL TRAIN THE RIGHT CANDIDATES. COMPETITIVE PAY AND BENEFITS AFTER 90 DAYS OF EMPLOYMENT. BOTH DAY AND NIGHT SHIFTS AVAILABLE. PLEASE CALL CLINT AT 817-526-4126 OR CLINT@TUTLEANDTUTLE.COM FOR A DRIVER'S APPLICATION

Class A CDL Truck Drivers

Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: driver $2,000 sign-on bonus, medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call **432-563-1894** for interview or online @ **www.rockwaterenergy.com**

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

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NEWSPAPER STREET CORNER SALES

Selling Newspapers On The Street Corners
(avg. Income $50.00 - $100.00/day)

MUST BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OLD
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IF INTERESTED CALL
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EARN UP TO $500 PER WEEK!

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Merchandise

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FREE 30 minute pick-up appliances & metal. Call 432-352-7988.

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FREE WOODEN PALLETS!
Midland Reporter-Telegram (on dock side)

SMALL DINING table & 4 chairs. Need regluing. Upholster chair with wooden arm. 432-528-5982

Furniture

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Furniture

QUEEN BEDROOM set, nice rustic, includes 2 dressers. Will text picture. $450. Call 432-210-6070.

WOODEN BUNK beds with mattresses S/T $300. Damage leather sofa and love seat $100, 432-522-2324.

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Sub-Zero under counter wine cooler, $250 or best offer 432-978-0532

Free Stuff

If You Have Items You Are Giving Away For FREE, Your Ad Is On Us! CALL 432-682-6222 TODAY!

Miscellaneous for Sale

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Pets

AKC STANDARD Poodles. White, Int'l American bred $1500. 432-664-1888

DACHSHUND MINI puppies. Blond/ smooth coat $400-$600. Call 432-570-4646.

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REGISTERED LAB Pups $225.00 call 432-557-7255

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Pets

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13k miles, CPO

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Jet Blk/Blk
Conv, Prem, Nav, SaT, Though Loading System heated seats
4k miles, DEMO

2013 BMW 535i
Dark Graphite / Blk
M sport , Tech, Prem , heated , head up display
6k miles, Service loaner

2013 BMW 528xi
Space Gray/Oyster
Prem, Heated seats, rear view camera , Nav,
4k miles, Demo

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Gray/Blk
Sat, Rear Seat Ent, 3rd row, 125k
Super Clean

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20k miles

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Mineral Wht/Oyster
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Legal & Public Notices

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE
CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS
CERTIFICATE OF OBLIGATION**

TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, shall convene at 10:00 A.M. on the 28th day of January, 2014, at Midland City Hall at 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas, and, during such meeting, the City Council will consider the passage of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of certificates of obligation in an amount not to exceed TWENTY-NINE MILLION DOLLARS ($29,000,000) for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for the construction, improvement, and acquisition of public works and equipment, to wit: (i) acquiring and installing a voice and data communication system for public services, including police and fire departments, (ii) improving, constructing and equipping fire fighting facilities, (iii) improving, constructing and equipping park and recreational facilities, (iv) improving and equipping the City's information technology system, (v) constructing and improving streets, including drainage, landscaping, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, signage and traffic signalization incidental thereto and the acquisition of land and rights-of-way therefor and (vi) paying professional services rendered in relation to such projects and the financing thereof, such certificates to be payable from ad valorem taxes and a limited pledge of the net revenues of the City's water and sewer system. The certificates are to be issued and this notice is given under and pursuant to the provisions of Texas Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271, as amended.

Amy Turner
City Secretary
City of Midland, Texas

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In observance of New Year's Day

The Midland Reporter-Telegram will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2014

Advertising Deadlines

Classified Word Ads

Publishing On:	Deadline is:
Wed., Jan. 1st	Tues., Dec. 31st, NOON
Thurs., Jan. 2nd	Tues., Dec. 31st, 2 PM

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Wed., Jan. 1st	Mon., Dec. 30th, 5 PM
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Fri., Jan. 3rd	Tues., Dec. 31st, NOON

Retail Display Ads

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Wed., Jan 1st	Mon., Dec. 30th, 5 PM
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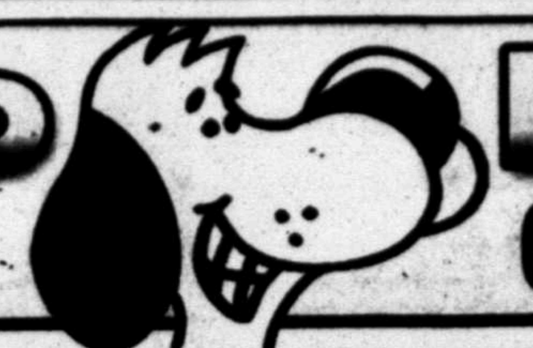
Sun., Jan 5th (Oil Report/West Texas Living, Arts & Ent.)	Mon., Dec. 30th, 5 PM
Fri., Jan 3rd	Tues., Dec. 31st, Noon

CIRCULATION HOURS
Customer Service calls will be taken
Wednesday, January 1st from 7 AM-11 AM only.
We will re-open Thursday, Jan. 2nd for regular business hours.

Midland Reporter-Telegram

Who's Who For Service



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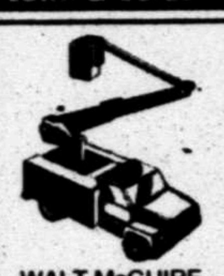

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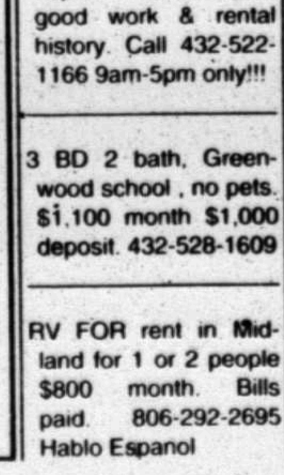

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