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Despite more leaks and raises, expo still manages to give fans several surprises.

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THE HEAT IS OFF

The San Antonio Spurs won their fifth NBA championship, beating the Miami Heat to win the series in five games. The Spurs added this title to the ones they won in 1999, 2003, '05 and '07.

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Andrews site seeks to bury depleted uranium WCS also asks state to reduce money to fund potential liability at site

By Betsy Blaney
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — The company operating Texas' only radioactive waste dump site is asking state regulators to allow disposal of depleted uranium and triple the capacity of a burial site that accepts waste from dozens of states.

Although Waste Control Specialists said the uranium stored at its West Texas site would have only low-level radioactivity, opponents said the proposal would get the company another step closer to handling more dangerous material that wasn't part of the original license. The company has already been in talks with county officials about high-level waste disposal.

Meanwhile, the Dallas-based business has also asked

the state to reduce the money it's required to have available to fund potential liability at the site — to about \$86 million from \$136 million.

"The public should be paying attention, but they're not," said state Rep. Lon Burnam, a Fort Worth Democrat who has taken an active role in monitoring how the state handles radioactive waste. "We have less and less financial assurances and greater threat for more harm."

The depleted uranium, a by-product of enriched uranium that fuels nuclear power plants, would come from U.S. Department of Energy facilities, said company spokesman Chuck McDonald.

Although the uranium would still be classified as low-level, experts said the substance gets more radioactive as time passes and if disposed of improperly could pose

health risks such as cancer.

To ensure safety, the depleted uranium would have to be disposed of at the greatest depth possible, said Andrea Morrow, a spokeswoman for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

No date has been set for when the state's three environmental commissioners will consider the amendment.

City officials in Andrews, about 30 miles east of the site, said they weren't familiar enough with the proposal to comment.

"But we'll certainly delve into it to get more information," Andrews City Manager Glen Hackler said. "The city consistently says we need to be cautious and take

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NEXT TEJANO SUPERSTAR



Tyler White/Reporter-Telegram

A young Tejano music fan gets an elevated view of the show Saturday at the West Texas Tejano Blowout at the Star of Texas Ranch. Hundreds of people gathered this weekend for the music festival in Midland. Patrons got to see the several Tejano artists perform their top hits, including Solido, Estrella, The Hometown Boys and Siggins.

Deluge of meth from Mexico spreads across Lone Star State

By Scott K. Parks
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Mexican drug gangs are flooding Texas with more and more cheap pure methamphetamine, according to law officers, drug criminals and statistical data assembled by The Dallas Morning News.

Clandestine Mexican laboratories operating on an industrial scale produce meth in liquid form. Traffickers smuggle it across the border, convert it into crystal-line form and set up drug houses in small and large cities. The distributors sometimes pose as normal families and expose their children to dangerous chemicals used to convert the meth from liquid to crystal.

The meth trail often ends in a spasm of human misery.

Addicts go to prison or die from medical complications. Social service agencies take their children away. Some addicts bottom out and seek a return to normalcy at places such as Wellspring House, an eight-bed residential recovery center nestled in a quiet Irving neighborhood.

That dozens of Mexican syndicates control the retail meth market throughout Texas comes as no surprise to Brian Lane and other addicts who help each other maintain sobriety at Wellspring House.

"My dealer was a Hispanic female with a connection to people from Mexico," said Lane, who recently celebrated two years of meth-free living. "We were getting really good stuff."

Federal drug enforcement analysts estimate that more than 90 percent of the meth in Texas comes from Mexico.

"Jeff," an articulate and likable 19-year-old addict, bounced his leg nervously as he told his story. He had been dealing meth and injecting it for three years by the time he arrived at Wellspring House.

"We got it from the Mexicans, diluted it with a cutting agent to stretch 1 ounce into 2 ounces, and then sold it to white guys around East Texas," said Jeff, who would only talk to The News if his real name wasn't used in this story.

"The drug house looked like a rundown shack. Inside, there were pounds of dope and stacks of money. You felt lucky to go in there and even luckier to make it out."

Lane's love affair with meth, a powerful stimulant, almost ended a decade-long relationship with his life partner, Jonathan Boyd. By the time Lane's addiction reached its worst point in 2012, he wanted to die. Sometimes, Boyd wanted him to die, too.

A cousin had introduced Lane to meth in 2008.

"I suddenly developed so much energy," he said.

Boyd had smoked pot one time and drank an occasional cocktail or glass of wine. But he was naive about the dark

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Local restoration church condemns unruly behavior

By Steve Kuhlmann
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While roadside fundraisers may not be uncommon, over the past two weeks motorists have been calling in complaints of solicitors in the roads.

City of Midland public information officer Sara Higgins said Friday that several people reported solicitors walking into the road to contact drivers, selling Pixi Stix and promoting their church.

While Higgins could not confirm them as the group responsible, the Mesquite Restoration Church is believed to be responsible for the disturbance on at least one of the occasions. Pastor James Williams of After God's Own Heart Restoration Church, based in Midland, said that the group had told him that they were in town for "fundraising" but was disappointed when he learned of the group's behavior.

"I kind of got upset because the police

department has been real, real kind with us," said Williams. "As long as we cooperate with them and what they require of us, we have no problems."

God's Own Heart Restoration Church was founded in 2009 with the purpose of helping drug addicts, prostitutes and anyone else who wants to turn their lives around through Christianity. In addition to the "restoration" program, which can last up to a year, the church also holds services Sundays and throughout the week.

"We try to help the community, not only in Midland, but Odessa and other parts of the United States and try to get people off drugs and alcohol and come as start a new life with Jesus Christ," said Williams.

Williams said his church had crossed paths with the Mesquite Restoration Church at conferences with other restoration programs throughout the year. Those programs featured live services and testimonies, as well as team evangelism trips in the city where the confer-

ence was being held.

"We have fundraisers like you had with Mesquite (Restoration Church), but we go to the police and we try to find out what can we do for our fundraising," Williams said. "The only thing that they had a problem with is anything in the roadways and streets. We never had a problem with them because we wanted to obey exactly what they said to as we went forth into the community."

Williams said the biggest surprise came when he found out that the Mesquite Restoration Church group was using his church's flyers, seeking money in the middle of the streets.

"They were saying something about homes for battered women and stuff like that, but they had our flyers," said Williams. "I took our flyers away from them and told them that, first of all, (we can't) fundraise out in the streets like that. But the thing about that is that if a police officer sees those flyers, they're

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Having a baby won't fix married couple's problems.
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More than 200 sheep were killed in a crash in Oregon. More on 4A.

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Obituaries



Albert Patrick (Pat) Thomas, Sr.

At 12:45 a.m. on June 13, 2014 surrounded by family, 94 year old Pat Thomas, and member of the "Greatest Generation", passed away and into the loving arms of his God and Savior. He was a remarkable man! Referred to by his family and many of those who knew him as the "bravest, most courageous, and yet, most gentle man" they had ever known...a truly rare combination of human traits. He spent his entire professional life in the West Texas towns of, Ranger, Abilene, San Angelo, and Midland...but he always maintained the "roots of his raisin", a true Southern Gentleman, having been born and raised as the youngest of eight children on a rural farm in Newton, Mississippi, on November 14, 1919, the son of Albert Patrick and Virginia (Jennie) Agnes Weir Thomas, Sr. He was preceded in death by his beautiful wife of 66 years, "Jeanie Babe", Dorothea Jean Bruce Thomas of Ranger, TX.

Upon graduation from Newton High School, he became the first of his family to graduate from college, first attending Decatur Junior College and then the University of Southern Mississippi on a full football scholarship. After graduating in 1941, he entered the Officer's Candidate School in the U.S. Navy at the University of Notre Dame.

No one can ever truly explain why so many sacrifice their life while others almost inexplicably survive, but the young Lieutenant Pat Thomas was one of the fortunate who did. As Boat Wave Commander of the First Wave, he, along with his good friend, John Fansmith, from Baltimore, MD, led the first wave of not just one, but the Amphibious Invasions of the enemy Japanese-held islands of Tarawa, Kwajalein, Saipan, Guam, Leyte, Luzon, and Okinawa. Despite constant enemy air attacks, shell, and mortar fire, Lt. Thomas performed his vital duties with courage and skill...even surviving a direct hit to his boat in which 1/3 of his men were killed immediately. He was awarded his country's Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Silver Star, and a Citation from the Commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet, Admiral C. W. Nimitz and the Secretary of the Navy, for his "inspiring leadership, tenacious devotion to duty and unselfish efforts on behalf of his companions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Before his duty in the Pacific, one of the personal highlights of Daddy's Naval Career, was as very young 22 year old Lieutenant serving on the USS Monrovia in her first assault assignment in the Mediterranean. As fortune would have it, he was serving as Officer of the Day on June 30, 1943, when Lt. General George S. Patton, asked permission from the young Lieutenant to "come aboard". He was then entrusted with landing General Patton on the island of Sicily. Daddy said Patton was the most inspiring, commanding "presence" he ever had ever known. After safely transporting Patton, the Monrovia was reassigned to the Pacific...where all the "fun" began...and also, as fate would have it, Daddy was again Officer of the day when General Douglas MacArthur requested permission from Daddy to "Come Aboard".

Daddy was a salesman. He enjoyed a long and successful career with Ralston Purina Feed Company from 1957 until 1990, when at age

70 he was forced to retire. In his final year with Purina at age 70, he was Purina's #1 Salesman in the United States.

His proudest accomplishment, however, was his family, and being a life-long member of the United Methodist Church, serving in numerous lay leadership positions, as Sunday School teacher at both St. Paul UMC in Abilene and the First United Methodist Church in Midland, and being a life-long supporter of the United Methodist's Children Home in Waco, TX.

He is survived by son Albert Patrick (Rick) Thomas III, and his children Patrick IV, and Sarah Thomas of Nashville, TN; son Bruce Phillip Thomas (Jere) of Sterling City, TX, and their children Phillip (Molly) Thomas of Elgin, TX, Lee Pat Thomas of Lubbock, TX, Janell (Paige) Dempsey of Abilene, TX, and April (Drew) Reed of Shallowater, TX.; son David Michael Thomas, deceased, and widow Carla Thomas of Euless, TX, and their children, Brad (Mary) Thomas of Denton, TX, Darin (Emily) Thomas of Fort Worth, TX, and Jennifer Schumacher of Euless, TX; daughter Sylvia Thomas Barritt (Duane), and her children, Molly (Kris) Powell of Dallas, TX, and Morgan Cook of Lubbock, TX.

Pat is also survived by his 12 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A visitation will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Monday, June 16, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, TX. Funeral services will be at 10:00 am on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at the First United Methodist Church, 300 North Main, Midland, TX with burial at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at the Texas State Veterans' Cemetery, 7457 West Lake Rd., Abilene, TX. Services are entrusted with Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, TX. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Barbara "Bobbie" Larson Buescher

Barbara "Bobbie" Larson Buescher, 88, of Midland, TX passed away peacefully in the night on June 13, 2014. She was born January 14, 1926 in Penock, Minnesota to Opal and Furman Larson. She attended Augsburg College in Minneapolis, MN before joining Braniff Airlines in 1945 as a ticket supervisor in San Antonio, TX where she met her husband George Bernard Buescher, Jr. They were married in San Antonio at St. Mary's Catholic Church January 31, 1948. Moving to Abilene in 1953 they raised four children and were very active in many community and church organizations. In 1986, they retired to Midland to be close to children and grandchildren.

Bobbie will be forever remembered as a loving wife, mother and "Nana" to her family. Her gregarious nature and positive attitude created many lifetime friendships; she will be missed by all.

Bobbie was a stylish person who enjoyed playing bridge and poker, as well as traveling with family and friends. She earned her private pilot's license during college and loved flying, even in later years as a passenger. She started hunting at 65 and was credited with a buffalo, elk and many other trophies. She also loved fishing. Bobbie was active with church charities, pink ladies, numerous bridge clubs, and an avid spectator for the Mid-

land College basketball team and the Midland Rockhounds.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, George Buescher, Jr.

She is survived by daughter Judy Floyd and husband Dr. Don Floyd of Midland, and their children Mark Floyd and wife Katie, great-granddaughter Caroline of Dallas, Jana Floyd and fiancé Chris Hoisager of Ft. Worth, Pamela Doughty and husband Jordan of San Angelo; daughter Babs Mayeron and husband John of Dallas and their son Kyle Mayeron of Dallas; son Trey Buescher and wife Lisa of Midland, and their children Lauren Gonzales and husband Barton, great-granddaughter Annalee of North Carolina, Audra Buescher of Dallas; daughter Terri Durossette and husband Randy of Lake Palestine; Sister Inez Weist and family of Minneapolis, MN. She also is survived by many nieces and nephews and a wonderful group of dear friends and card players.

Pallbearers will be Mark Floyd, Kyle Mayeron, Jordan Doughty, Chris Hoisager, Matthew Buescher and Gordon Buescher. Honorary pallbearer will be Staff Sergeant Barton Gonzales, USAF.

A visitation will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Monday, June 16, 2014 at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland, TX. Funeral services will be at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 4601 Neely Ave. Midland, TX with a graveside service to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

The family would like to thank Janice, Jennifer, Crystal, and Heidi at Serenity Living for their compassionate care and loving companionship.

Memorials may be made to St. Stephens Catholic Church, Midland, TX or the charity of your choice.

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Beulah Cox

On Friday, June 13, 2014, Beulah Irene Cox met her Savior face to face. Beulah was 85 years old.

Graveside services will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Resthaven Memorial Park. Memorial services will be on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 2:00 PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel with Steve Baker officiating.

Beulah was born on February 28, 1929 on the family farm outside Nimrod, Texas to Oad and Elizabeth Carver. She was a graduate of Rising Star High School. Beulah married Thurman Cox on August 2, 1947. They lived in Rising Star, Texas for a few years before moving to Jal, New Mexico when Thurman went to work for El Paso Natural Gas and then on to Denver City, Texas. While in Denver City, Beulah earned her BA degree in Education from the College of the Southwest in Hobbs, New Mexico. The family also lived in Gallup, New Mexico and then Kermit, Texas where she and Thurman retired and lived for many years before moving to Midland. Beulah also earned her Masters of Education in Reading at the University of Texas Permian Basin.

Beulah taught in the public school system for 25 years and served faithfully in the Sunday school rooms of many Baptist churches for 50 years, sharing her love and knowledge of Jesus Christ with young and old alike. She and Thurman shared 66 years of happy marriage to-

gether before Thurman went home in May of this year.

Beulah is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Brent Newman, her granddaughter, Lindsey, her grandson, Jeff, and his wife, Emily, all of Cedar Park, Texas. She is also survived by her brother James Carver of Desoto, Texas and many nieces and nephews scattered across the states of Texas and New Mexico.

The family asks in lieu of flowers that memorials be sent to the Crestview Baptist Church Building Fund, Midland, Texas.

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



Janet Williams Koonce

Janet Williams Koonce was born on March 11, 1940, in Lamesa, Texas, to parents Orbie Lee and Annie Lee Williams. She passed away on June 13, 2014, at her home surrounded by family and friends; following a brief bout with Leukemia.

Janet grew up in and around Midland and attended Midland High School and Ft. Stockton High School. She joined Calvary Baptist Church at age 11 and later transferred her membership to Cotton Flat Baptist Church.

In 1957, she married Norman Koonce and they raised three children. Janet's main profession was as a book-keeper and she worked with several of the early oil and gas companies in Midland most notably Leede Exploration and Ford Chapman Production.

Janet "retired" in the mid 1990's and spent the rest of her time traveling with Norman and hosting sleepovers and pool parties for her five grandsons at the family farm near Gardendale. Grandmom's house was the center of activity for almost all holidays; and Christmas time was the main event as Janet spent weeks decorating the inside of the house for the big day.

Janet was a member of the Purple Sage Chapter of The Ninety-Nines - The International Organization of Women Pilots and piloted a Cessna 172. She was active in the Midland Odessa Christian Women's Organization where she attended monthly luncheons and bible studies.

Janet is survived by her son, Gary Koonce and wife Cindy; daughter, Janna Quattlebaum and husband Robert; five grandsons, Byron Koonce, Phillip Koonce, Cole Quattlebaum, Blake Quattlebaum, and Gentry Quattlebaum, all of Midland; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of special friends spanning a lifetime.

She is predeceased by her husband, Norman Koonce; son, Dale Wade Koonce; her parents, Orbie and Annie Williams; her siblings, Judy Rogers, Stan Williams, and Jean Chambliss.

Pallbearers will be Gary, Byron and Phillip Koonce; Robert, Cole, Blake and Gentry Quattlebaum.

A visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas, on Sunday, June 15, 2014, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A service will be held at Ellis Funeral Home on Monday, June 16, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. with a graveside to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the West Texas Boys Ranch or the charity of your choice.

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Patricia Ann McCaskill Estes

Patricia Ann "Pat" McCaskill Estes passed away at home on June 12, 2014, after a brief illness. Pat was born December 30, 1925 in Sweetwater, Texas to Malcolm Neubert McCaskill and Lucille Virginia Healey.

After graduating from Breckenridge High School in 1945, she moved to Midland to live with beloved family members. Cleo "Brownie" Petosky, her husband Jack and their daughter Patricia Ann Petosky Darby. Pat worked for Jack at the Minute Inn Café in downtown Midland before going to work at Superior Oil Company as a well draftsman. While working at Superior she met the love of her life, Aldredge "Little Button" Estes, Jr. They were married March 1, 1947 in El Paso, Texas. She continued her work at Superior throughout WW II until the birth of her first child. Pat loved managing the family ranching business and raising quality registered Hereford cattle.

After her children, Virginia and Beau were born, Pat became active in 4-H, FFA and the National Hereford Association. She was involved in the establishment of High Sky Girl's Ranch, which later became High Sky Children's Ranch. Pat was appointed to the Midland Memorial Hospital Board of Directors in 1979. She ran for office and was elected to the Board and served five terms. In 1992 she was appointed to the Board of Governors and served in that capacity until her death. In recent years, she became actively involved in the local oil industry and the operation of the family partnership. Pat was an active member of First Christian Church of Midland. The most important things in Pat's life were her family and her faith.

Pat is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Aldredge Estes Jr., her sister Elizabeth Cicelle McCaskill Fambro. She is survived by her daughter Virginia Ann Estes of Midland; her son Aldredge Beau Estes III and wife Barbara Skaggs Estes of Midland; her granddaughter Bailey Elizabeth Estes of Midland; nephews Sammy Fambro, Gary Fambro and Joey Fambro of Breckenridge, Texas; and a number of great-nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services will be held Monday, June 16, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. at First Christian Church in Midland, with interment at Fairview Cemetery. Rev Mike Hunter and Dr. Tommy Potter will be officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Online condolences may be offered at www.ellisfunerals.com.

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Wendell Eugene (Joe) Swann

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Joe was a gifted athlete in high school and college, earning All-American honors in football at Panola Junior College where he was also enshrined into their Sports

Hall of Fame. His junior and senior years he attended the University of North Texas where he was named All Conference Receiver in 1950 and 1951, and as an All American Honorable Mention in 1951. While at North Texas he met and married Nancy Jane Lovelace in 1952. They had four children together, Judy, Jerri, Jill, and Alan, but their marriage was cut short in 1990 due to cancer. Upon receiving his degree from University of North Texas, he dedicated his professional career to teaching and coaching in Texas high schools, including Lockhart, Cuero, and Odessa (Hood Junior High School).

After retiring from teaching, Joe married Nell Livingston in 1997 and spent their retirement at their ranch in Santa Anna, Texas. He and Nell very much enjoyed living and working at the ranch in Santa Anna and loved sharing their outdoor life with their family. They recently moved to Coleman, Texas but still maintained their ranch in Santa Anna, working it every day.

Joe is preceded in death by his brother, Jimmy; his wife, Nancy; and his step-daughter, Terrie McClaine. Joe is survived by his wife, Nell; his daughter Judy Bates and her husband Larry, his daughter Jerri Melton and husband Tommy; his daughter Jill Lang and her husband Steven, his son Alan Swann and his wife Laura; Nell's son Joe Hamilton and wife Sabine, Nell's son Jimmy Hamilton and his wife Lana, Nell's daughter Troy Lynn Price and her husband Nathan, 19 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at noon on Monday, June 16, 2014, at First Baptist Church in Coleman, Texas located at 200 East College Avenue.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the American Heart Association.

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In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the American Heart Association.

Death Notices

Conrad Leroy Roberson

Conrad Leroy Roberson, age 78, of Odessa, died Saturday, June 14, 2014 at Odessa Regional Medical Center in Odessa. He was born in Oplin, TX on November 18, 1935 to the late Carr M. Roberson and Mary Ellen (Bryson) Roberson.

He is survived by his wife: Betty "Joyce" Roberson; son: Joel Roberson; sister: Carlene Brooks

The family will receive friends at Acres West Funeral Chapel on Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Memorial services will be 11:00 am Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at Grace Christian Fellowship Church.

Jimmy Dale Pendleton

Jimmy Dale Standifer - Pendleton age, 42, died Thursday June 12th at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa. He was born March 13, 1972 in Fort Worth Texas.

He is survived by his daughter, Kaitlyn Pendleton; parents, Larry and Sheila Pendleton; sisters, Michelle Standifer, Jeridawn Hebert and Amy Thomas, Kristal Pendleton, Tracy McAdams, and Michelle Hernandez.

Visitation will be at Acres West Funeral Chapel Tuesday and Wednesday 10:00 am - 9:00 pm. A memorial Service honoring Jimmy will be held Wednesday at 3:00 pm at Mid-Cities Community Church.

Virginia Anguiana

Virginia Anguiana, 74, of Midland passed away on Thursday, June 12, 2014.

Virginia was born on January 25, 1940 in Tulare, California to Frank and Rachel (Atchison) Babcock.

She is survived by her husband, Gomeindo Marroquin, Jr.; her daughter, Doreen Hanna; her brothers, Frank, Phil, and Steve Babcock.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, June 16, 2014 at 2:00p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Garden.

Casey Kasem, king of Top 40 countdown, 82, dies

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Casey Kasem, the internationally famous radio host with the cheerful manner and gentle voice who became the king of the top 40 countdown with a syndicated show that ran for

decades, died Sunday. He was 82.

Danny Deraney, publicist for Kasem's daughter, Kerri, said Kasem died Sunday morning. A statement issued by the family said he died at 3:23 a.m. on Father's Day morning surrounded by family and friends at a

Washington state hospital. "Even though we know he is in a better place and no longer suffering, we are heartbroken," wrote his daughter Kerri Kasem on Twitter and Facebook from the family. "The world will miss Casey Kasem, an incredible talent and

humanitarian; we will miss our dad."

Kasem's "American Top 40" began on July 4, 1970, in Los Angeles. The No. 1 song on his list then was "Mama Told Me Not to Come," by Three Dog Night.

In his signoff, he would

tell viewers: "And don't forget: keep your feet on the ground and keep reaching for the stars."

Media personality Ryan Seacrest, who took over the show from Kasem in 2004, said in a statement that Kasem's death is a loss for radio listeners worldwide.

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Texas' oil, gas regulator refuses to talk to media

By Ramit Plushnick-Masti
Associated Press

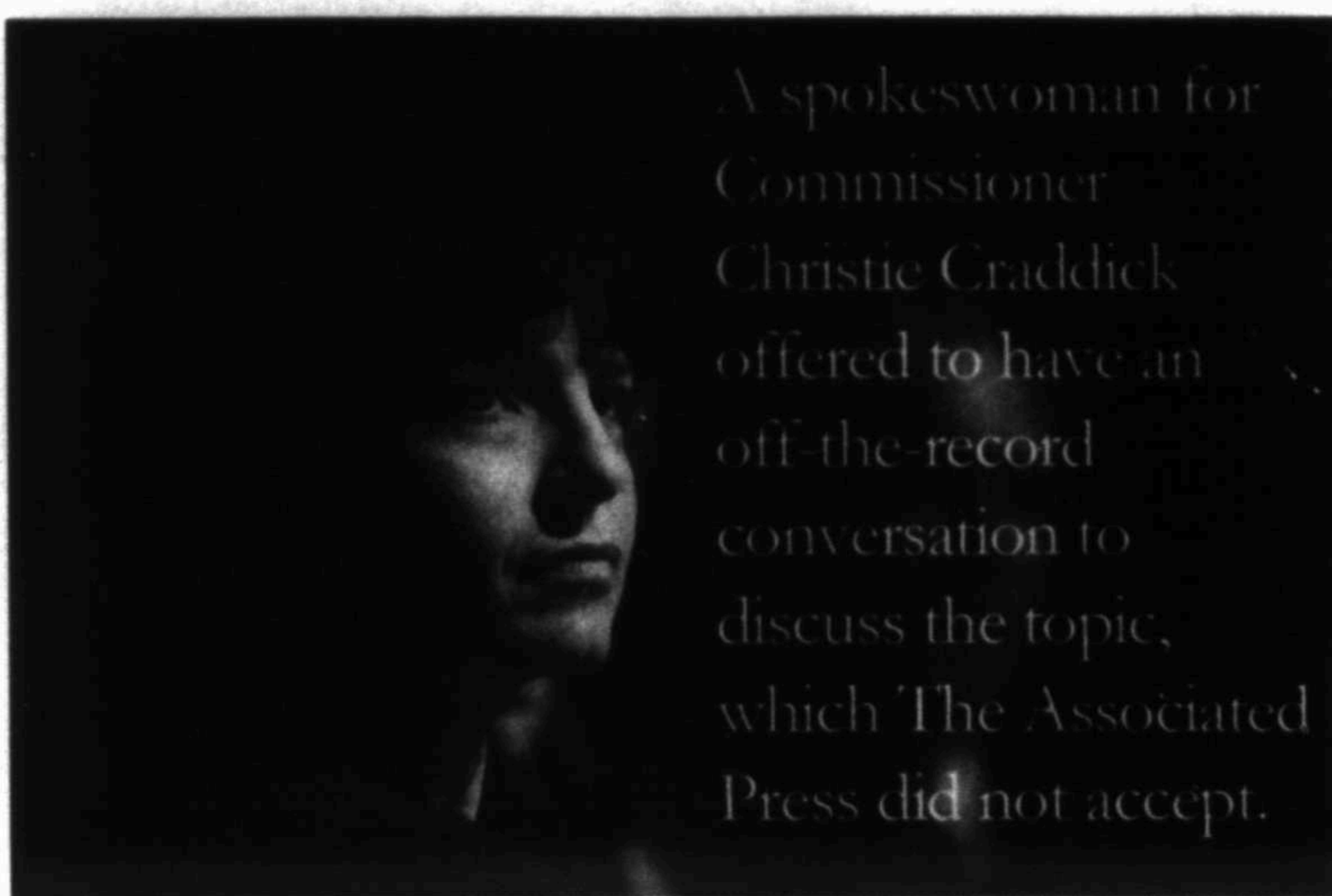
HOUSTON — Texas' oil and gas regulator has instituted a blanket policy barring staff from doing media interviews, raising questions about transparency just as the state grapples with the intricacies of one of the largest energy booms in decades.

The three-member Texas Railroad Commission, which is one of the largest state agencies of its kind in the country, approved the policy in August, about a year after Milton Rister took over as the commission's executive director. Since then, all media inquiries have been funneled through a spokeswoman who responded via email and bars any direct access to staff.

The commission, which also regulates pipelines and mining, devotes much of its time to permitting oil and gas drilling and production, ensuring wells are safe and investigating complaints or problems at those sites.

For a Texas agency to ban all media interviews is unusual. Typically, the media relations department is not the source of information, but rather acts as a liaison to connect journalists with the staff they need to speak with for a particular story.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, a state agency whose responsibilities often overlap with the Railroad Commission, routinely grants interviews with staff mem-



A spokeswoman for Commissioner Christie Craddock offered to have an off-the-record conversation to discuss the topic, which The Associated Press did not accept.

bers who are scientists and experts. The General Land Office, which is responsible for offshore oil spill cleanup, also allows staff to speak with the media.

Speaking to agency petroleum experts, engineers and other qualified staff is crucial to understanding the work being done at the agency, its oversight, the status of its investigations and the quality of that work. Having information funneled through a spokeswoman makes the origin and credibility of the responses unclear.

"There needs to be some rationale behind the Railroad Commission or any agency to outweigh the public's right to be informed," said state Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, a San Antonio Democrat who is on the Texas Legislature's Transparency in State Agency Operations Committee.

Before Rister's appoint-

ment, the Railroad Commission routinely made staff and the agency's executive director — at the time John Tintera — available for interviews. However, that changed under Rister just as oil and gas production boomed. Since his appointment in September 2012, Texas has seen crude oil production rise from 53.2 million barrels a month to 62.4 million barrels, an increase of more than 17 percent.

The new policy states that Rister or the director of public relations can approve interview requests. But Ramona Nye, the spokeswoman, said in an email that all such decisions are made by Rister and "he says there will be no staff interviews."

In keeping with the policy, Rister declined repeated requests to be interviewed for this story. He also refused to explain the reasoning behind the

policy.

Two of the elected commissioners also declined to comment for the story, and a third was on vacation. A spokeswoman for Commissioner Christie Craddock offered to have an off-the-record conversation to discuss the topic, which The Associated Press did not accept.

The policy also states that if permission is granted for an interview, "the employee shall be responsible for any misinformation, misquotes, misinterpretations or misrepresentations conveyed by the employee. Failure to comply with this policy could result in disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal."

"That would appear to have a deterrent effect. Those are some significant consequences, and any employee would be mindful of the consequences," Martinez Fischer said. "I

don't know if that fosters openness and deliberation." Meanwhile, the drilling boom has brought increased scrutiny because it is largely attributed to new hydraulic fracturing techniques that allow drillers to extract oil and gas reserves that were once out-of-reach. Critics said the method can contaminate groundwater. The industry said the technology is safe.

When allegations arise of groundwater contamination resulting from fracking, the Railroad Commission has refused to put its engineers and petroleum experts on the phone to respond to questions. Instead, as in all issues, questions must be emailed to Nye, who talks to staff and provides their answers. It is unclear who is answering the questions, where they rank in the agency and how close they are to the case.

Linne Bradley, the government relations director for the American Library Association, which is a nonprofit that fights for public access to information, said the Railroad Commission's policy is problematic.

"When we have seen agencies that prohibit the flow of information, we worry that there will be inadequate public attention and public scrutiny of what that agency is doing," Bradley said, adding that responding to questions via a spokeswoman is also unacceptable.

"You can't really know where that information is coming from. One has to make assumptions that it's authentic information," she said.

GUILTYPLEAS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Guilty pleas accepted and sentences imposed May 26-30 by District Judges George D. Gilles, Robin Malone Darr, Elizabeth B. Leonard and Rodney W. Satterwhite.

Oline Basped III, 48, possession of a controlled substance — cocaine, four years deferred adjudication.

Jesus Beltran, 33, driving while intoxicated third or more, two years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ).

John Franklin Bracewell, 19, engaging in organized criminal activity, 180 days in state jail.

Jermine Lecharles Bryant, 34, tampering with physical evidence as a repeat offender, 15 years in the TDCJ.

Michael Wayne Coley, 40, theft of \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000, two years in state jail, five years on probation, \$2,800 restitution and court cost; possession of a controlled substance, two years in state jail, five years on probation and court cost.

Brandon John Kalani Cook, 29, criminal mischief \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000, five years deferred adjudication and pay restitution; criminal mischief

\$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000, 10 years deferred adjudication.

Arturo Chavez Espinosa, 35, assault on a security officer, two years in the TDCJ.

Nazario Esquivel, 33, possession of a controlled substance — methamphetamine — as a repeat offender, nine years in the TDCJ; possession of a controlled substance — methamphetamine — as a repeat offender, nine years in the TDCJ.

Aaron Robert Ford, 40, assault upon an emergency services personnel by causing bodily injury to an emergency services personnel, two years deferred adjudication, pay \$1,000 fine and successfully complete TAIP.

Trinidad Jaime Guzman, 22, indecency with a child by contact, two years in the TDCJ; indecency with a child by contact, two years in the TDCJ.

Clarence Allan Haire Jr., 35, possession of a controlled substance — methamphetamine, three years in the TDCJ; possession of a controlled substance — meth-

amphetamine, nine months in state jail.

Jamar Yuses Jackson Jr., 17, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, three years in the TDCJ.

Kyle Ray Jackson, 31, possession of a controlled substance — methamphetamine, five years deferred adjudication and TAIP.

Jermine Jackson, 32, possession of a controlled substance — cocaine — four grams of more but less than 200 grams as a repeat offender, 12 years in the TDCJ and driver's license suspension for 180 days.

David Edmond Jones, 33, tampering with physical evidence, three years in the TDCJ; possession of a controlled substance — cocaine, 180 days in state jail.

Richard Harris Lynch, 56, aggravated assault causing seriously bodily injury with a deadly weapon, three years in the TDCJ.

Isaac Andre Marshall, 30, criminal mischief, one year in the state jail division of the TDCJ; aggravated assault with

a deadly weapon, two years in the TDCJ.

Juan Martin Mata, 46, delivery of a controlled substance, 15 months in state jail possession of controlled substance, six years in the TDCJ and driver's license suspended for 180 days.

Kevin Borunda Melendez, 20, possession of a controlled substance, to-wit, cocaine, deferred five years community supervision, fine of \$1,500 and restitution; prohibited substance in a correctional facility, deferred five years community supervision and restitution.

Sean Patrick Murphy, 44, driving while intoxicated third or more, five years in the TDCJ.

Stephen Douglas Norwood, 55, felony driving while intoxicated, 10 years in the TDCJ, suspended for five years probation, \$2,000 fine, 30 days in jail, driver's license suspended 365 days, interlock, treatment program.

Fernando Rocha, 48, theft by repetition, one year in the state jail division of the TDCJ.

Megan Rocha, 17, injury to a child, five years deferred and

court cost.

Samuel Sanchez Rodriguez, 26, tampering with physical evidence, five years deferred adjudication.

Benjamin Salgado Jr., 35, forgery, five years in the TDCJ; forgery, five years in the TDCJ; unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, five years in the TDCJ.

Paulino Santana, 59, felony driving while intoxicated with prior conviction, four years in the TDCJ and driver's license suspension for 365 days.

Brandi Nicole Sullivan, 27, theft by repetition, two years in State Jail, three years on probation, \$1,000 fine, court cost and 120 hours community service.

Marcus Carlos Valdez, 29, evading in a motor vehicle, eight years in the TDCJ; felony driving while intoxicated, eight years in the TDCJ.

Conrad Albert Wagner, 64, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, six years deferred adjudication, and confinement in a substance abuse felony treatment facility.

Joshua Scott Wallace, 30, burglary of a habitation, nine years in the TDCJ.

Source: Midland County District Attorney's Office

2 men accused of smuggling devices from New Mexico

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Two Chinese nationals are suspected of trying to smuggle sensors made in New Mexico for U.S. military use, federal authorities said.

A federal magistrate judge unsealed two search warrants related to the case last week, the Albuquerque Journal reported Sunday. Much of the case remains sealed, however.

According to the affidavit, Bo Cai, 28, and Wentong Cai, a 29-year-old graduate student in Iowa, were both arrested within the past six months after being caught in an undercover sting operation. They are facing charges of smuggling goods and violating the Arms Export Control Act. The act mandates that certain items being shipped to China, Syria and Sudan have an export license.

Both visited Albuquerque last December to meet with an undercover agent about buying the sensors, which were created for military guidance systems. It is not clear in the documents if the two men are related.

Both could face 20 years in prison and up to \$1 million in fines. Bo Cai has been in the Santa Fe County Jail since his December arrest. Wentong Cai was

booked and released from the same jail.

Both men came to Albuquerque in December and met with an undercover U.S. Homeland Security Investigations agent. According to the complaint, Wentong Cai was a "Breaking Bad" fan, the AMC drama series that filmed in Albuquerque. The agent said he gave Wentong Cai a tour of locations featured on the show and took cellphone photos of the suspect.

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 ■ **Midland Opera Theater DVD party:** "Hansel and Gretel," 5:30 p.m., Blakemore Planetarium, midlandopera.com.
 ■ **Summer Bash:** 7-9 p.m., Washington Aquatic Center, midlandtexas.gov.

Meetings today

■ **Planning and Zoning Commission**
 3:30 p.m.
 City Council Chambers, City Hall
 300 N. Loraine St.

■ **Midland-Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR)**
 5 p.m.
 Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
 9601 Wright Drive

Club meeting today

Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

VBS this week

■ "Cross Canyon Trails," 9 a.m. - noon today through Friday at Southwest Baptist Church, 212-3882.
 ■ "Weird Animals — Jesus' love is one of a kind," 5:30-8:30 p.m. today through Friday at First Christian Church, 682-2541.
 ■ "Weird Animals VBS," today through Friday at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, 520-7394.

City pool hours today

Doug Russell Pool, 900 N. Midland Drive, noon-7 p.m.
 Washington Pool is closed today.
Admission cost:
 Entry fee is \$2, kids under 2 are free. For more information, call 685-7356.

Reading event

The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday. This month's featured book is "How Oliver Olson Changed the World." Each child will receive a copy of the book. Refreshments will be served. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

What's on the radio

■ **News talk**
 KCRS (AM 550)
 6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark and Kurt Verier.
 9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
 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: www.newstalkkcrs.com

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Today in history

Today is Monday, June 16, the 167th day of 2014. There are 198 days left in the year.
 On this date:
 In 1858, accepting the Illinois Republican Party's nomination for the U.S. Senate, Abraham Lincoln said the slavery issue had to be resolved, declaring, "A house divided against itself cannot stand."
 In 1911, IBM, which had its beginnings as the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co., was incorporated in New York State.
 In 1963, the world's first female space traveler, Valentina Tereshkova, 26, was launched into orbit by the Soviet Union aboard Vostok 6. She spent 71 hours in flight, circling the Earth 48 times before returning safely.
 In 1987, a jury in New York acquitted Bernhard Goetz of attempted murder in the subway shooting of four youths he said were going to rob him; however, Goetz was convicted of illegal weapons possession. (In 1996, a civil jury ordered Goetz to pay \$4.3 million to one of the persons he'd shot.)
 Ten years ago: Rebuffing Bush administration claims, the independent commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks said no evidence existed that al-Qaida had strong ties to Saddam Hussein.

Today's birthdays: Songwriter Lamont Dozier is 73. Rhythm and blues singer Eddie Levert is 72. Actress Joan Van Ark is 71. Boxing Hall of Famer Roberto Duran is 63. Pop singer Gino Vannelli is 62. Actress Laurie Metcalf is 59. Gaffer Phil Mickelson is 44. Actress Stibel Kekili (TV: "Game of Thrones") is 34. Singer Diana DeGarmo ("American Idol") is 27.

METH

From 1A

world of drug addiction and manipulative addicts. "My credit cards went on vacation," he recalled. "They would disappear at night and return in the morning."

Night after night, after Boyd fell asleep, Lane would rifle through his wallet, sneak out of the house and spend the night gambling in seedy, windowless gaming parlors stuffed with electronic slot machines.

"The places all had security cameras and doorbells you rang to get inside," he said. "They checked you for weapons and that was about it."

Bags of dope exchanged hands. People smoked it in bathroom stalls. Lane, glassy-eyed and wired, sat on a stool for hours, feeding \$5 bills into a slot, repeatedly punching the "Play" button and watching the machine's icons spin.

Lane's dealer nicknamed him "White Boy" and "Casper." As his addiction deepened, he grew more erratic.

Boyd often came home from work to find his partner maniacally disassembling garage-door openers, entertainment-center remotes and other electronic devices, pieces scattered everywhere. Sometimes, the meth so debilitated him, he could barely feed himself.

"I was high all the time," said Lane, who says he stole thousands of dollars from Boyd during his three years of meth abuse. He also stole Boyd's tools and hocked them at pawn shops.

One night, Lane and his dealer made a mistake. She took him to a drug warehouse where gangsters converted the liquid meth into "ice" and sold it to distributors. The house — actually a small apartment building — sat on a cul-de-sac behind a shopping center just off Interstate 20 in Arlington.

Armed guards weren't happy that the dealer brought Lane to the drug house. They started yelling and tried to block Lane's car from leaving the property. The dealer jumped out of the car to explain, and Lane had to drive over a curb to escape into the night.

"It was terrifying," he recalled. "The only reason they didn't kill her is she moved so much dope for them."

Boyd finally got fed up with his partner and threatened to end their relationship unless Lane went to rehab. They chose Caron Texas, a treatment center in Princeton, a small town in Collin County.

"When I dropped him off at the treatment center, I really was planning on never picking him up," Boyd said.

Dr. John Dakin, clinical director at Caron, convinced Boyd that he, too, needed treatment because of emotional trauma caused by his partner's addiction. His attitude evolved during counseling and he stuck with Lane despite the repeated betrayals.

"The cost and toll of meth on our society is well-documented," Dakin said. "It's probably not going to stop."

After rehab at Caron, Lane enrolled in a sober living program at a residential treatment center. And the idea for Wellspring House came to him and Boyd. They bought the two-story home in Irving, got trained for the program and opened in 2013.

Currently, six of eight Wellspring House residents are battling meth addiction. They stay as long as they want, but they must be employed, or enrolled in college or a trade school, or engaged as full-time community volunteers.

"Dennis," 20, said he began using Adderall, a stimulant made to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and narcolepsy. Then he graduated to meth.

At first, he felt invincible. He lost weight and felt brilliant. His apartment was immaculately clean. He scrubbed bathroom grout with a toothbrush at 3 a.m. But as his tolerance to the drug increased, he spent more and smoked more in a futile attempt to recapture the initial euphoria.

Like many recovering addicts, Dennis relies on a 12-step program with a spiritual component.

"I have a disease that is chronic and it kills me," said Dennis, who also requested that his real name not be used. He's been sober for seven months. "The drug tells me I can control it. It tells me I can use it successfully. But I stayed in rehab for 93 days and got clear enough to see the truth."

Evidence of the Texas meth epidemic is everywhere if you know where to look: the gaming parlors that hooked Lane; communal bathhouses that attract seekers of anonymous sex; a teacher's purse, a lawyer's briefcase or a roughneck's thermos.

Tim Cariker, an assistant district attorney in Marshall, estimates that nine out of 10 low-level drug cases in his East Texas county involve meth possession or sale.

And those aren't the only meth-related prosecutions. Other defendants face theft charges for stealing oilfield equipment or copper tubing to finance their addiction. Other cases involve domestic abuse and child neglect. The meth problem, as described by law enforcement, is much the same throughout North and East Texas.

Cariker, a prosecutor for 11 years, said current anti-drug strategies are not working. Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies can't cut off the supply. Jail time for convicted users doesn't seem to work. They emerge from behind bars to use meth again.

Maybe the answer is increased funding for special court programs that divert users into rehabilitation programs, Cariker said. "Maybe we need to cut off the demand at the lowest level," he said.

Congress passed the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005 because domestic meth cookers had gotten out of control. They could walk into any grocery store and buy cartons of cold pills containing pseudoephedrine, mix them with other chemicals and process the noxious brew into methamphetamine.

The new federal law put tight controls on pseudoephedrine and other so-called precursor chemicals used to cook meth.

And the law worked. "We saw meth production go down starting in 2006," recalled Jane Maxwell, a senior research scientist at the University of Texas at Austin who has tracked the illegal drug market since the 1970s. "But then it started back up in 2008."

Mexican drug cartels noticed the lull in U.S. meth production. They saw an opening and began establishing networks in Texas cities, where they also sold marijuana, black tar heroin and cocaine.

But meth became their special product, and they committed resources to it in a big way. The other three crop-based drugs were vulnerable to government eradication programs and weather conditions that affected harvests.

Cocaine required the Mexicans to share profits with Central and South

American drug gangs that control the coca fields and processing labs. A lot of the American heroin market is controlled by trafficking groups in Asia and Europe.

"What Mexicans can control is the methamphetamine market," said Ben West, a drug market analyst for Stratfor, an Austin-based "global intelligence" company that analyzes world events for its clients.

No one knows for sure, but some analysts estimate that as many as 150 Mexican drug gangs, many of which have splintered off from major cartels, have established operations in Texas. The situation resembles America during Prohibition, when criminal gangs sprang up to fight each other for control of the illegal whiskey industry.

The evidence suggests that drug gangs based south of the border are slowly extending their distribution networks by establishing relationships with Texas criminals.

Take the case of Jerry Don Castleberry, 72, a former member of the Bandidos motorcycle gang. Every so often, according to federal court records, he made the 200-mile round trip from his East Texas home in Longview to pick up a few ounces of meth from his Mexican distributor in Dallas.

Castleberry sometimes traded firearms for meth. But he got arrested and is now serving a long prison sentence.

Federal agents often seize big batches of meth before street dealers like Castleberry can dilute the drug to maximize profits. In some cases, the agents are finding purity levels exceeding 95 percent. High quality suggests abundant supply, which means Mexican labs are churning out their product 24/7.

Some statistics suggest that a focus on meth has led Mexican drug gangs to cut back on cocaine smuggling into Texas. The amount of cocaine seized at the border dropped from 16,908 kilograms in 2011 to 7,143 kilos in 2012 — a 58 percent decrease.

Many drug users who prefer stimulants say Mexican meth is better than crack cocaine for several reasons. It's cheaper and provides a longer-lasting high.

So, business is booming for meth, not so much for cocaine.

Lane and Boyd, both 42, got through their meth crisis and are now considering buying another home in Irving and converting it into a second Wellspring House.

"Our lives together are changed," Boyd said. "When I dropped Brian off at rehab two years ago, I never wanted to deal with another addict. And now I'm surrounded with them."

During a recent conversation in the spacious living room at Wellspring House, Boyd and several addicts talked about the meth subculture — how they teach each other to score dope, how to steal to finance their habits, how to soften coming down from the high when the meth runs out.

It's a sordid topic. Outsiders might wonder why decent people should care about addicts and the drug gangs that supply their meth.

"Drug addiction or alcoholism touches everyone," Lane said. "With meth, you often can't see it, even when they are using. You might live in a gated community, but the reality is that it's slipping in your back door in the form of a neighbor, family member or a service provider."

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CHURCH

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not going to go to them, they come to us."

While Midland does not have a city ordinance against panhandling, the state transportation code prohibits soliciting in a roadway.

"We definitely encourage people to use common sense when buying things from people and with people who are soliciting in a non-traditional form," Higgins said. "If you ever have any concerns with the legitimacy of the business, reach out to your local Better Business Bureau. They've got great tips on how to avoid being scammed and things of that nature."

"Ultimately, if somebody does feel like they are being harassed in some way, I would definitely tell them to call our non-emergency line, or if they want to report suspicious activity or want to file a report — if something illegal took place — they can definitely contact us and just give us as much information as they have."

Jarrod Wise, communications manager at the Better Business Bureau said "when you are approached for a contribution of either your time or your money, ask questions, and don't give a donation until you're satisfied with the answers. Charities with nothing to hide will encourage your interest. Be wary of their reluctance or inability to answer questions."

The following are tips by the Better Business Bureau to help you avoid being scammed:

■ Do not give cash; always make contributions by check and make your check payable to the charity, not to the individual collecting the donation.

■ Keep records of your donations (receipts, canceled checks and bank statements) so you can document your charitable giving at tax time. Although the value of your time as a volunteer is not deductible, out-of-pocket expenses (including trans-

portation costs) directly related to your volunteer service to a charity are deductible.

■ Don't be fooled by names that look impressive or that closely resemble the name of a well-known organization.

■ Check out the organization with the local charity registration office (usually a division of the state attorney general's office) and with your BBB.

■ Ask for the charity's full name and address. Demand identification from the solicitor.

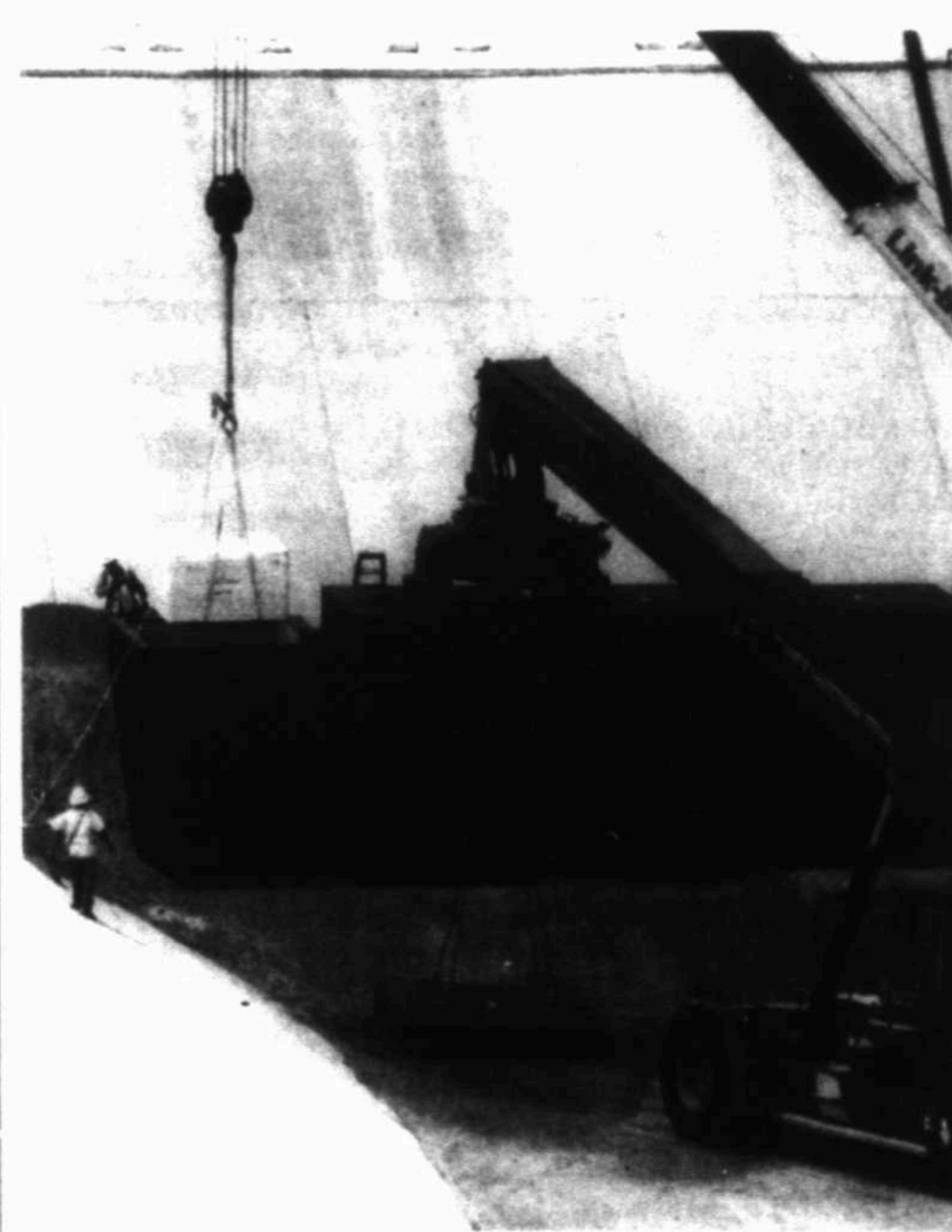
■ Ask if your contribution is tax deductible. Contributions to tax exempt organizations are not always tax deductible.

■ Ask if the charity is licensed by state and local authorities. Registration or licensing is required by most states and many communities. However, bear in mind that registration in and of itself does not imply that the state or local government endorses the charity.

■ Don't succumb to pressure to give money on the spot or allow a "runner" to pick up a contribution; the charity that needs your money today will welcome it just as much tomorrow.

■ Watch out for statements such as "all proceeds will go to the charity." This can mean that the money left after expenses, such as the cost of written materials and fund raising efforts, will go to the charity. These expenses can make a big difference, so check carefully.

■ When you're asked to buy candy, magazines, card or tickets to a dinner or show to benefit a charity, be sure to ask what the charity's share will be. You cannot deduct the full amount paid for any such items, as the IRS considers only the part above the fair-market value of the item to be a charitable contribution. For example, if you pay \$10 for a box of candy that normally sells for \$8, only \$2 can be claimed as a charitable donation.



AP file photo

Crews from Waste Control Specialists load the first of two containers with low-level radioactive waste from Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico on June 8, 2013, into a reinforced 8-inch-thick concrete container at the 90-acre federal dump where it will remain forever, near Andrews. The company is asking state regulators to allow disposal of depleted uranium and to expand by more than threefold the capacity in one of its burial areas.

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McDonald said the company wants to reduce its liability funding because the facility is smaller than the one included in its original application. If the site expands, more financial assurance will be added, he said.

He added that the company's proposal to expand one of its two sites from 2.3 million cubic feet to 9 million cubic feet would likely not ever be used. He said the proposal came from concerns about capacity from state legislators and a commission that oversees the low-level waste site.

The Andrews County site currently only stores as much as 60,000 cubic feet. Environmental groups have long worried about the local geology and contamination of underground

water sources near the site, which can accept low-level waste from compact members Texas and Vermont, as well as 36 other states.

The site could soon be the resting place for hotter material that's being stored at Texas' four commercial nuclear reactors.

In March, Gov. Rick Perry asked lawmakers to explore establishing a location in Texas to store the high-level radioactive waste from these reactors. Two months earlier, House Speaker Joe Straus directed lawmakers to examine the economic impact of permitting such a site.

McDonald said the company has had conversations with Andrews County officials about high-level waste storage. Officials in Loving County, the nation's least populous county, have interest in building a storage site there.

Police: 200 sheep die in Oregon truck crash

Associated Press

SCIO, Ore. — Oregon State Police say about 200 sheep are dead after the rollover crash of a livestock trailer that was hauling more than 300 of the animals.

Lt. Gregg Hastings said

most of the dead sheep were killed in the Friday morning crash on Highway 226 near Scio, south of Salem.

Other injured animals were euthanized at the direction of the sheep's owner.

Hastings said the driver

may have had a medical problem that caused the truck and trailer to leave the road and roll onto its side. The driver was taken to a hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Firefighters, police and passers-by helped remove sheep from the trailer.

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LUBBOCK FBI probes Hub City power company for bid rigging

The FBI is investigating allegations of criminal activity in Lubbock's Power & Light company. The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reported Sunday that according to emails it received through an open records request the FBI investigation began in May when the utility's head of finances Andy Burcham approached the agency to discuss suspected criminal activity.

According to the emails, the investigation is related to work done by Colorado-based E3 Consulting.

Burcham said in an email to Electric Utility Board Chairman Greg Taylor and City Manager James Loomis that he met with FBI investigators on May 12 to "discuss the past due invoices and related information with E3 Consulting." Burcham said he was instructed not to elaborate.

The utility has not paid more than \$133,000 to E3 Consulting, citing billing irregularities.

NEW YORK NYC-to-Las Vegas flight diverted over unruly man

A hollering, agitated passenger who ignored pleas to calm down spurred a pilot to divert a New York-to-Las Vegas JetBlue plane to Detroit over the weekend, according to the airline and a passenger's video.

Flight 211 was headed west from New York's Kennedy Airport when the passenger became unruly, and the captain decided to land in Detroit at around 8:30 a.m. Saturday out of "an abundance of caution," JetBlue Airways Corp. said in statement Sunday.

FBI Detroit spokesman David Porter said it's unknown whether the man will face criminal charges, but said the episode "did not rise to the level of threatening the aircraft." He said, "Flight attendants were able to get a handle on the situation relatively quickly."

Passengers said the outburst erupted suddenly. "All of a sudden, this guy who was sleeping just woke up out of nowhere and started flipping out," Mark Verity told ABC.

Passenger video obtained by ABC News showed a man in a window seat standing, gesticulating and shouting, his remarks unclear.

"Dad, stop it!" a female voice exclaimed as the man lurches toward the aisle, where flight atten-

dants subdued him and restrained him with plastic hand ties.

Authorities in Detroit took him into custody, JetBlue said. Porter said that he couldn't discuss the man's whereabouts Sunday but that he wasn't in FBI custody.

After about two hours in Detroit, the plane went on to Las Vegas, arriving at around 11:30 a.m., JetBlue said.

The episode unfolded five days after a woman was nearly kicked off a JetBlue flight after her 3-year-old daughter urinated in her seat because the flight crew wouldn't let her use the bathroom while the plane was on the tarmac in New York, according to an account the mother gave Boston's WBZ-TV.

The woman, Jennifer Deveraux, said that when she got up to clean the mess, a flight attendant reported her to the pilot, who announced that the Boston-bound plane was returning to the gate to bring an out-of-order passenger to security officials. She said she ultimately was allowed to stay aboard.

JetBlue later apologized, she said; the airline said employees would undergo sensitivity training, the station reported.

It has been a busy few days for airplane mishaps. A Florida-to-Connecticut JetBlue flight was diverted to Kennedy on Sunday after a mechanical warning light went on, and an Allegiant Air flight Friday from Las Vegas to Missoula, Mont., landed in West Wendover, Nev., because of a hydraulic system warning light. Both planes landed safely, with no injuries.

A Delta Air Lines ramp worker was injured Friday evening responding to an engine fire in a plane parked at New York's LaGuardia Airport after all its passengers had disembarked; the airline said the worker was doing well.

CONNECTICUT Hoarder dies after 1st floor falls into basement

CHESHIRE — A 66-year-old woman described by police as an apparent hoarder was found dead under a pile of debris after the first floor of her Connecticut home collapsed into the basement under the weight of all the clutter, authorities said.

Police in Cheshire identified the woman as Beverly Mitchell. Her body was found in her home Saturday, two days after a postal carrier called police to request a welfare check because her mail had been piling up for at least a week.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Orlando Bernal, 34, of Cedar Park, was charged Saturday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Claudia O. Esquivel, 35, of Midland, was charged Saturday with driving while intoxicated with an open alcohol container three or more times.

Lyle J. Heinzman, 21, of Midland, was charged Saturday with failure to appear or bail jumping and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Harvey W. Kiser, 74, of Midland, was charged Saturday with three counts of theft.

Jose L. Montanez, 32, of

Chaparral, New Mexico, was charged Saturday with tampering with or fabricating physical evidence.

Adam Onofre, 35, of Midland, was charged Saturday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

John P. Rodriguez, 26, of Midland, was charged Saturday with violation of parole.

Armin Rubio, 31, of Midland, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

National Guard's border security role in jeopardy

Associated Press

LAREDO — A dispute between the Army and the National Guard is jeopardizing the security role the Guard has played along the U.S.-Mexico border since 2006, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The problems arise as the National Guard becomes more proficient at pinpointing illegal crossings along the border and as agents struggle with an influx of immigrants — especially unaccompanied minors — fleeing poverty and gang violence in Central America.

The National Guard began operating along the border in 2006 when then-President George W. Bush ordered 6,000 troops to the area. Since then, the troops' mission has evolved, and today about 300 Guard soldiers work along the border. Ground patrols have largely been replaced by nighttime helicopter missions, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

"Make this a more long-term program, a more planned, budgeted program," Maj. Gen. William "Len" Smith of the Texas National Guard said.

The current dispute comes from the Army facing budget cuts that could strip it of a fleet of Kiowa helicopters. The Army wants to replace the Kiowa with about 100 Lakota helicopters. Those aircraft could come from the National Guard, leaving that unit with little air capacity of its own.

If the National Guard loses 100 of its helicopters, Smith told the newspaper "we'd have to commit almost all the rest of our (14) Lakotas to that mission, or stop it, neither one being



AP file photo

A member of the National Guard checks on his colleague inside a Border Patrol Skybox on April 19, 2011, near the Hidalgo International Bridge in Hidalgo. A dispute between the Army and the National Guard is jeopardizing the security role the Guard has played along the U.S.-Mexico border since 2006, a newspaper reported Sunday.

Texas congressman wants US to secure Mexico border

MCALLEN — A Texas congressman is calling on the Obama administration to help Mexico secure its southern border to help stem an influx of immigrants from Central American countries.

U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar met Saturday with Border Patrol agents, immigrant families and unaccompanied children who entered the country illegally. Most of them are from Central American countries, such as Guatemala and El Salvador, and entered the United States after trekking through Mexico.

The McAllen Monitor reported that Cuellar said securing the U.S.-Mexico border isn't enough. The United States must also work with Mexico to secure its southern border, and engage Guatemala and El Salvador otherwise "we're going to continue having them continue crossing over."

Thousands of unaccompanied minors from Central America have been entering the United States in recent months.

Associated Press

preferable."

The Guard's border role has been controversial from the start. When Bush ordered 6,000 soldiers to the border, critics said it would militarize the area. Since then, that role has been scaled back, but appears to be more cost-effective and efficient.

In 2010, when President Barack Obama reactivated the Guard's border mission, it was credited with apprehending about 4,000 immigrants over 18

months. But the airborne mission, which began in March 2012, has netted 10 times as many over 18 months. In addition, it cost \$35 million to run the air operation compared to the \$110 million price tag of earlier missions, state and federal officials said. In 2006-07, the National Guard's border presence cost \$1.3 billion.

Still, Victor Manjarrez, associate director at the University of Texas-El Paso's National Center for

Border Security and Immigration, wonders whether the helicopter flights are the best use of the National Guard.

"Air operations are rather expensive," said Manjarrez, a former Border Patrol supervisor. "The ability to see things is much greater now than it was 10 years ago, and (National Guard) air operations almost duplicate some of those efforts. My question is, 'Is that still the best bang for the buck?'"

Changing pot laws prompt child-endangerment review

Associated Press

DENVER — A Colorado man loses custody of his children after getting a medical marijuana card. The daughter of a Michigan couple growing legal medicinal pot is taken by child-protection authorities after an ex-husband says their plants endangered kids.

And police officers in New Jersey visit a home after a 9-year-old mentions his mother's hemp advocacy at school.

While the cases were eventually decided in favor of the parents, the incidents underscore a growing dilemma: While a pot plant in the basement may not bring criminal charges in many states, the same plant can become a piece of evidence in child custody or abuse cases.

"The legal standard is always the best interest of the children, and you can imagine how subjective that can get," said Jess Cochrane, who helped found Boston-based Family Law & Cannabis Alliance after finding child-abuse laws have been slow to catch up with pot policy.

No data exist to show how often pot use comes up in custody disputes, or how often child-welfare workers intervene in homes where marijuana is used.

But in dozens of interviews with lawyers and officials who work in this area, along with activists who counsel parents on marijuana and child endangerment, the consensus is clear:

Pot's growing acceptance is complicating the task of determining when kids are in danger.

A failed proposal in the Colorado Legislature this year showed the dilemma.

Colorado considers adult marijuana use legal, but pot is still treated like heroin and other Schedule I substances as they are under federal law. As a result, when it comes to defining a drug-endangered child, pot can't legally be in a home where children reside.

Two Democratic lawmakers tried to update the law by saying that marijuana must also be shown to be a harm or risk to children to constitute abuse.

But the effort led to angry opposition from both sides — pot-using parents who feared the law could still be used to take their children, and marijuana-legalization opponents who argued that pot remains illegal under federal law and that its very presence in a home threatens kids.

After hours of emotional testimony, lawmakers abandoned the effort as too complicated. Among the teary-eyed moms at the hearing was Moriah Barnhart, who moved to the Denver area from Tampa, Florida, in search of a cannabis-based treatment for a daughter with brain cancer.

"We moved here across the country so we wouldn't be criminals. But all it takes is one neighbor not approving of what we're doing, one police officer who doesn't understand, and the law says I'm a child

abuser," Barnhart said.

Supporters vow to try again to give law enforcement some definitions about when the presence of drugs could harm children, even if the kids don't use it.

"There are people who are very reckless with what they're doing, leaving marijuana brownies on the coffee table or doing hash oil extraction that might blow the place up. Too often with law enforcement, they're just looking at the legality of the behavior and not how it is affecting the children," said Jim Gerhardt of the Colorado Drug Investigators Association, which supported the bill.

Colorado courts are wading into the question of

when adult pot use endangers kids. The state Court of Appeals in 2010 sided with a marijuana-using dad who lost visitation rights though he never used the drug around his daughter.

The court reversed a county court's decision that the father couldn't have unsupervised visitation until passing a drug test, saying that a parent's marijuana use when away from his or her children doesn't suggest any risk of child harm.

But child-endangerment standards remain murky in Colorado, with wide disparities in how local child-protection officers and law enforcement approach pot, said Rob Corry, a Denver lawyer.

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Alternatives-to-Hillary buzz in liberal wing

■ Even with Clinton as the favorite, that doesn't mean there wouldn't be reasons to run

The elections of Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio have generated new energy in the Democratic Party's liberal wing, especially among critics of President Barack Obama's centrist course who fear a Hillary Rodham Clinton presidency would mean more of the same.

The former secretary of state's support for a tougher foreign policy than Obama's in her new book, "Hard Choices," won't assuage them.

But while Clinton's book and accompanying tour have attracted enormous attention, and her standing within the Democratic Party remains very strong, there are increasing signs its liberal wing remains determined to play a role in 2016.

While Warren said she doesn't have plans to seek the White House, a fellow New Englander seems interested. Bernie Sanders, Vermont's independent senator, told The Nation magazine in March, "I am prepared to run for president of the United States." But he added he had not decided whether, if he did run, he'd do so as a Democrat or an independent.

CARL LEUBSDORF
The Dallas Morning News



Sanders recently made an Iowa appearance. And Eric Davis, professor emeritus of political science at Vermont's Middlebury College, told The Washington Post he thinks the onetime Socialist mayor of Burlington "is definitely going to run, and that he's more likely to run as a Democrat than as an independent."

Sanders is not Clinton's only possible challenger from the left. Former Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer, who visited Iowa last year, said in an interview with the Weekly Standard that Clinton has shown a tendency to "shift hard right." He said he is considering running even though he also said a presidential bid "would ruin my life."

De Blasio presumably won't run, but he'd like to play a role. The Democratic National Committee named New York City one of six finalists for the party's 2016 convention, and de Blasio said he hopes to hold the main sessions in his

home borough of Brooklyn, one of the nation's most liberal areas.

"The progressive spirit of New York City has never been stronger or more vibrant than it is today," he wrote the Democratic National Committee. "We believe that this spirit can energize and captivate both the Democratic Party and the nation."

In any case, if Clinton does face a challenge from the left, the Iowa caucuses that begin the nominating process would be an ideal battleground for such a challenger, just as it proved to be the perfect spot for Obama to deal her 2008 hopes a devastating setback.

Iowa caucus participants are far more liberal than the party as a whole. In 2008, for example, 54 percent of them said in entrance polls that they were very liberal or somewhat liberal, 15 points more than called themselves liberals nationally in the Gallup Poll.

Besides, Iowa's Democrats have always had a strong anti-war tendency, be it the Vietnam War a generation ago or the more recent Iraq conflict.

The degree to which some Iowa liberals distrust Clinton was evident in the reaction by one to Sanders' appearance last month at a Hall of Fame dinner in the Mississippi River town of Clinton.

"Hillary Clinton is rancid spoiled milk in comparison to Bernie Sanders," wrote Tom Fiegen in Bleeding Heartland, a blog about Iowa politics. He criticized her ties to Wall Street, complained that President Bill Clinton "sold out all of us" in pushing through the North American Free Trade Agreement, and concluded, "If she were ever to become president, progressives would rue the day."

Such attitudes could be a problem for Clinton if enough Democrats shared Fiegen's views. But there is no sign yet that such resentment is widespread. The Real Clear Politics average of leading polls shows she has the support of two-thirds of registered Democrats, nationally and in Iowa. Sanders didn't register, and the total backing Warren and Schweitzer was in single digits nationally and low double digits in Iowa.

As for the convention, party leaders might be wise to choose a site other than New York, given the fact that the city is a magnet for liberal interest groups and Clinton's home state. Still, it has by far the most big hotels, the best transportation system and lots of places for the partying that accompanies a national convention.

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OUR VIEW

It's time to take care of Midland's litter problem

Midland Mayor Jerry Morales says we have a litter problem, and we couldn't agree with him more. Last week, Morales was on hand to help kick off the new "Not in my town" anti-litter campaign that focuses on increasing education, enforcement and community cleanups through commercials, billboards, signs, social media and the website www.litterfreemidland.com.

The message of the campaign is a solid one. Properly tie trash bags, close dumpsters and do not throw litter in the back of pickups — common-sense ideas. Morales also warned that those daring to litter in Midland will be subject to fines ranging from \$10 to \$2,000.

We are all in favor of an education effort that creates a mindset in which Midlanders and those who visit our city are responsible for their behavior. Rarely do you come across a problem, such as litter, that is entirely man-made.

Plastic bags don't just get loose and attach themselves to mesquite trees. Construction materials don't just blow onto adjacent fields. Litter just doesn't hop out of pickups and on to our streets.

Should fines increase? Absolutely. Should the city step up efforts to cite property owners whose property is in violation of litter laws? No doubt. It is all in the name of making Midland a better place today than it was yesterday.

"The city and county will work together to go after those who choose not to cooperate," Morales said. "You will be held accountable for your actions. We mean business."

We hope the city and county mean what they say when it comes to cleaning up our city. Typically we would hope the actions of government would be more low-key, but the actions of those in or traveling through Midland call for a tougher stance. Unprecedented attention is required for this issue.

We expect the education of Midlanders will continue, and it must. In our view, there might not be many chances before government gets more involved. What's next? We don't know, but Midlanders can expect to be held responsible for the actions of a few. Could we see a larger litter abatement fee to help the cause? We would hate to see it come to that, but if the fight required it, you never know.

Our leaders are getting serious about litter in our community. We hope businesses get on board to help local leaders spread the message. Lastly, we wish the program well and hope Midlanders get on board.

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- Keep Midland Beautiful: keepmidlandbeautiful.org
- Don't Mess With Texas: www.dontmesswithtexas.org

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Boehner chooses job security

■ It's too risky to actually lead on any issues

By week's end, the speaker of the House was sorely in need of a change of subject. His top lieutenant had been ousted by an unknown and underfunded college professor who enjoys Ayn Rand and karaoke, his Republican colleagues were engaged in a fractious succession race, and any hope of legislative achievement for the rest of the year had gone from slim to nil.

So John Boehner, facing the cameras for his weekly news conference Thursday, went to his usual fallback. He criticized President Obama — on job creation, veterans' health care, the Bergdahl prisoner exchange, Syria, Libya, Egypt and, particularly, Iraq. Obama is "taking a nap," the speaker said, while "we've seen big cities in Iraq overrun with terrorists." He repeatedly demanded that the president (who at that moment was awake and in the Oval Office with the Australian prime minister) "get engaged" in Iraq.

Ah, but how? "Do you think the U.S. should be launching airstrikes?" inquired Nancy Cordes of CBS News. "And if not, what should the U.S. do?" "I don't know enough of the details about the airstrikes to comment," the speaker answered. All he could propose was that we should "provide the equipment and the technical assistance that the Iraqis have been asking for."

Actually, the administration has been providing equipment and assistance, but what the Iraqis want are airstrikes — and the speaker wasn't about to commit to that. This was classic Boehner: He opposed Obama's policy — whatever policy — but offered no alternative.

Play-it-safe leadership has kept Boehner in power — stronger than ever, arguably — even as Majority Leader Eric Cantor, the more conservative of the two, fell to a right-wing primary challenger. Cantor had tried to nudge the party to be more inclusive, but even his modest gestures on immigration appear to have cost him his job.

Boehner, by contrast, chooses job security at the cost of leadership. The Ohioan continues to lead House Republicans, but only in the way a rodeo competitor leads the bull he's riding. It's the safe path for him: He keeps his job by doing nothing that might rile rank-and-file conservatives.

Cantor's defeat has widely been interpreted as another conservative rebuke of Washington, and nothing says Washington like Boehner, a 23-year denizen of the capital who wore a necktie Thursday featuring a repeating pattern of Capitol domes. But he avoided anything that might offend tea party activists by answering questions with banality.

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Fox News' Chad Pergram asked about the tea party's role in Cantor's defeat. Boehner answered with a non sequitur about how "the American people are being squeezed by Obama's policies." When Pergram pressed for a germane reply, Boehner held out his hands and wiggled his fingers, as if he were being asked to touch something messy. "I'm not going to analyze that race," he said.

CNN's Dana Bash asked whether Boehner favored Kevin McCarthy of California as the next majority leader. "I can work with whoever gets elected," he replied.

NBC News' Luke Russert inquired about whether immigration reform is dead because of Cantor's defeat. Boehner answered with another irrelevancy about how "the president continues to ignore laws." ABC News' Jeff Zeleny pursued the point with three follow-ups, but he got only pursed lips and demurrals from Boehner — "I'm not going to analyze... We don't know that that is the issue" — before he called on another questioner.

Boehner has defied conservatives before, on the government shutdown, hurricane relief and the budget deal — but only after letting his tea party backbenchers try and fail at their favored approach. Though he lashed out late last year against conservative groups that lobbied against a budget deal, he has since piped down.

Thanks in part to gerrymandering, the vast majority of Republican members of Congress are in safe seats and have no incentive to compromise, because compromise might invite a primary challenge. Cantor was undone in part by conservative voters who had been added to his district by a Republican redistricting effort.

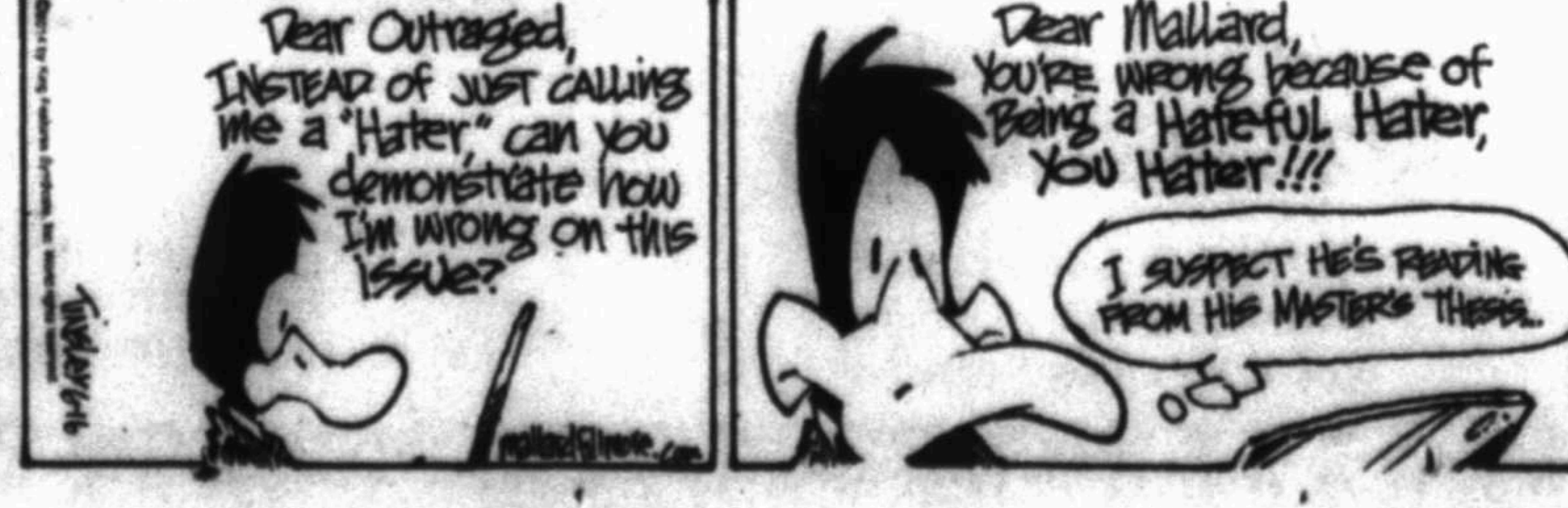
In this environment, the only hope for agreement is that leaders, for the good of party or country, would coerce rank-and-file conservatives to cooperate. But with Cantor's defeat, Boehner has lost any ability to do that. And Cantor's likely successor as majority leader, McCarthy, is a vanilla figure who will be at least as cautious as Boehner.

This is why nothing should be expected from House Republicans, on immigration or anything else. For Boehner's job security, it is the safe play; for the country, it is the most risky.

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Home-schooling parents rally against Common Core

By Kimberly Hefling
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Home-schooling mom Jenni White gave some of the loudest cheers when Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin signed legislation to repeal the Common Core education standards.

White, president of Restore Oklahoma Public Education, helped organize rallies, robo calls and letters to legislators encouraging the repeal. "You name it. We had to do it," White said. "We just had to do it out of a shoestring budget out of our own accounts."

In Oklahoma and elsewhere, home-schooling parents, often with their kids, are a frequent presence at legislative hearings and other political functions representing anti-Common Core forces. Sometimes, as in White's case, they are even leading the opposition.

Home-schooling parents can teach their kids what they choose, but many of these parents still have a big beef with the standards.

Facebook groups such as "Home Schooling Without Common Core," have popped up. A Home School Legal Defense Association produced video on the standards has been viewed online hundreds of thousands of times.

"All parents should be concerned about this. This is our children. To me, it's not political," said Megan King of Lawrence, Kan. She pulled two of her three sons out of their public elementary school, in part, because of the math standards, and she co-founded Kansans Against Common Core.

The standards, adopted in more than 40 states and the District of Columbia, spell out what math and English skills public school students should master at each grade. They were pushed by governors concerned that too few graduates were ready for life after high school.

Use of the standards has become a hot button issue in many states, and governors in Indiana and South Carolina recently signed legislation repealing them. The issue has pitted Chamber of Commerce-aligned Republicans with grassroots conservatives, including many home-



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Megan King talks with her sons Joshua, 9, left, and Benjamin, 11, back, in her home June 7 in Lawrence, Kan. King pulled two of her three sons out of their public elementary school, in part, because of the math standards, and she co-founded Kansans Against Common Core. "All parents should be concerned about this. This is our children. To me, it's not political," said King.

schooling parents.

The Common Core effort was led by the states, but the Obama administration has offered incentives to those that adopted "college and career" ready standards. That has led to charges of federal intrusion.

The concern that the more education policy is centralized, "the less control they have as citizens" motivates many of these home-schooling parents, said Emmett McGroarty, director of education at the conservative American Principles Project.

Some of these parents, like King, believe the standards are poorly designed. King said she believes the math standards are developmentally inappropriate for younger kids, not rigorous enough for older students and too heavy on pushing informational text over literature.

Other home-schoolers fear that as textbook publishers incorporate the standards, it will lead to a smaller number of non-Common Core based-

textbooks, said White, from Luther, Oklahoma. She said she teaches her children using "classically" aligned texts.

McGroarty said there is a concern that the ACT and the College Board, which owns the SAT, are moving toward aligning with the standards. That, he said, would leave home-schooling parents no choice other than to follow the standards if they want their kids to do well on the college entrance exams.

An ACT official said the company supports the Common Core standards, but the exam hasn't changed because of them. The College Board, which is revamping the SAT, has said the new version of the exam isn't aligned to a single set of standards.

Mike Donnelly of the Home School Legal Defense Association, based in Purcellville, Virginia, said there isn't anything "inherently objectionable" in the Common Core standards, but there is concern that if the standards become more mainstream, there

will be more pressure for home-schooled students to conform to them.

A majority of states do not require home-schooled students to take a standardized assessment. In those that do, parents are offered a range of standardized assessments they can use,

so it's possible that home-schooling students in some states could take a Common Core-based assessment or that in the future, there will be fewer options for these students, Donnelly said.

"That's the concern we have, that our students are going to be marginalized by this Common Core system and we'll have difficulty and we'll be pressured and pulled into kind of participating, and we don't want to do that," Donnelly said.

Today home schooling is much more acceptable than it was in the past, and an estimated 3 percent of students are educated at home today, according to Education Department statistics. Years of political battles taught these families to be "very politically savvy," McGroarty said.

Michael Petrilli, executive vice president of the Thomas B. Fordham Institute, an education think tank, has testified before state legislative bodies in favor of the standards. He said the issue goes beyond the standards themselves.

"This is much more of a fundamental, ideological concern for them," he said.

Carmel Martin, a former Obama administration Education Department official who is the executive vice president for policy at the liberal Center for American Progress, said she finds home-schooling parents' opposition to the standards a bit "perplexing."

"Those families make a personal choice, which is a legitimate choice that they are going to handle their child's education at home, so the Common Core doesn't really affect them," Martin said. "They have the option just like a private school to decide what curriculum is going to be used for their children."

Shane Vander Hart, a home-schooling dad in Des Moines, Iowa, runs two conservative-bent web sites and has done contract work for the American Principles Project. He said that even though his family is "going to do what we're going to do anyway," he's concerned about what the standards will do to public education.

"A one size fits all approach does not work and that's one of the primary reasons many of us home-school," Vander Hart said.

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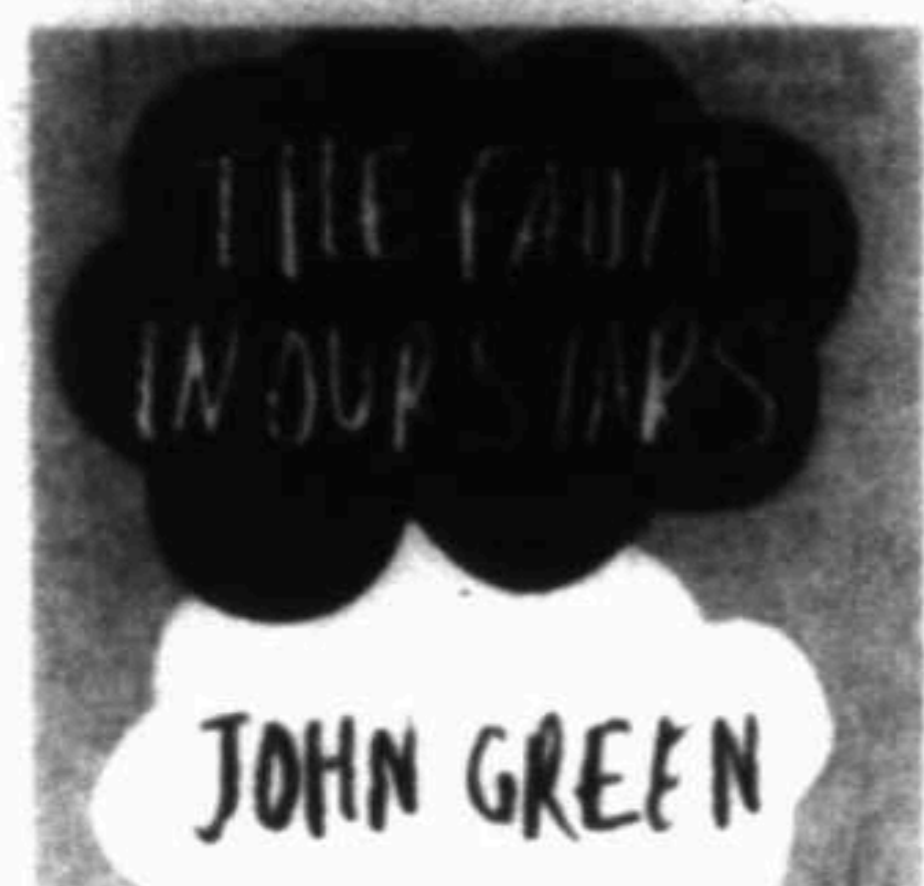
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5. Wiggle (feat. Snoop Dogg), Jason Derulo
6. Am I Wrong, Nico & Vinz
7. Turn Down for What, DJ Snake, Lil Jon
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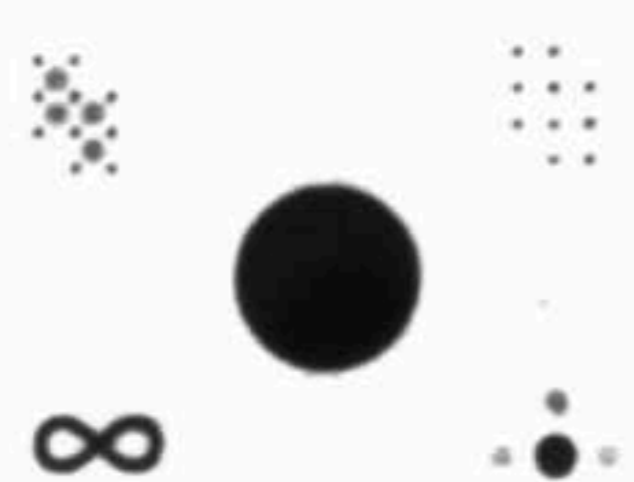
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4. Animal Ambition: An Untamed Desire to Win, 50 Cent
5. Ultraviolence, Lana Del Rey
6. In the Lonely Hour, Sam Smith
7. Unstoppable Love, Jesus Culture
8. The New Classic, Iggy Azalea
9. Frozen, Various Artists
10. Just As I Am, Brantley Gilbert



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1. The Fault in Our Stars by John Green (Penguin Group US)
2. Mr. Mercedes by Stephen King (Scribner)
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4. Looking for Alaska by John Green (Penguin Group US)
5. If I Stay by Gayle Forman (Penguin Group US)
6. The Target by David Baldacci (Grand Central Publishing)
7. The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt (Little, Brown and Company)
8. Unlucky 13 by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro (Little, Brown and Company)
9. City of Heavenly Fire by Cassandra Clare (Margaret K. McElderry Books)
10. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou (Random House Publishing Group)

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3. Minecraft - Pocket Edition, Mojang
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5. Geometry Dash, Robert Topala

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5. The Test: Fun for Friends!, LOTUM Apps

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1. Minecraft - Pocket Edition, Mojang
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Show attendees play the "LittleBigPlanet 3" video game at the Sony booth at the Electronic Entertainment Expo on Tuesday in Los Angeles.

E3 SURPRISES

Despite more leaks and teases, E3 still surprises

By Derrick Lang
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES —

The jaws aren't dropping at E3. Traditionally, the Electronic Entertainment Expo is the place where video game publishers reveal their biggest and boldest creations. That's changed in recent years as game release dates have moved beyond the holiday season and leaks about upcoming titles have spread across the Internet.

"It's true that the Internet and social media are allowing ideas to fly quickly," said Yves Guillemot, CEO of "Assassin's Creed" and "Far Cry" publisher Ubisoft. "This year, we were able to keep 'Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six: Siege' a secret, so we were very happy with that."

In the months leading up to this year's trade show at the Los Angeles Convention Center, an unprecedented amount of both deliberate publicity campaigns announcing new games and seemingly unintentional breaches about upcoming titles meant that much of the typical E3 hype landed with a thud.

Can game makers still astonish?

"I still think it's possible to surprise people," said Matt Nava, the former "Journey" art director who wowed the crowd at Sony's press conference Tuesday with footage of "Abzu," his undersea fantasy coming in 2016. "There's still so many places you can take people where they never imagined they could go before."

A sampling of some big surprises at this year's E3:

■ "Cuphead": Despite receiving only a few seconds of screen time during Microsoft's briefing last week, the old-school 1930s animated art style of this run-and-gun game from indie developer Studio MDHR captured attendees' imaginations. It's coming to the Xbox One as part of Microsoft's ID@Xbox indie initiative.

■ "Powers": Since the Xbox One's debut, Microsoft has touted the console's entertainment prowess and invested heavily in a slate of original programming. However, it was rival Sony who used its E3 press conference to tout a show set for its online service: a live-action adaptation of the graphic novel by Brian Michael Bendis.

■ "LittleBigPlanet 3": It was assumed ahead of E3 that sequels to franchises like "Tomb Raider," "Crackdown" and

Multiplayer fun at E3

LOS ANGELES — Multiplayer action has been part of video-games going back to "Pong," and ever since home consoles went online, few major games are released without some way to compete or cooperate with friends. But online play has become predictable, too often settling for some variation of deathmatch or capture-the-flag. Here are five games from this year's Electronic Entertainment Expo that promise something different.

■ "Evolve" (2K Games) pits four players against one. Sounds unfair, but the four teammates are mere humans sent to track down and slay a massive monster. In the E3 demo, it's a kraken who can fly and shoot lightning bolts, and it evolves into an even more dangerous beast as it gobbles up helpless wildlife. The hunters — assault, trapper, medic and support — are no dummies, though, and the climactic battles are exhausting and exhilarating.

■ "Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six: Siege" (Ubisoft) matches a five-man SWAT team against five terrorists who are holding a hostage in a suburban home. Can the good guys break through the bad guys' defenses and rescue the innocent civilian? It's more like a high-stakes chess match than a bang-bang shoot-'em-up.

■ "Battlefield Hardline" (Electronic Arts) takes the long-running war series into the urban jungle, with cops and robbers replacing the soldiers. The demo plays like an interactive version of the movie "Heat," with a gang of 16 thieves trying to flee a heist as 16 cops chase them. Let's hope EA's online servers can handle all the mayhem.

■ "Splatoon" (Nintendo) is a more whimsical take on the online shooter. Two teams of four are armed with paint guns, and the goal is to fill the arena with more of your color. Players can also turn into squids, who can fly to wherever their teammates are and hide in areas that match their color. It's all fun of territorial combat with the gory head shots.

■ "Just Dance Now" (Ubisoft) brings the popular rhythm franchise to smartphones. Instead of requiring a motion-detecting game console like the Wii U, it uses your phone's accelerometer to determine if you're moving in time to the music. Ubisoft says there's no limit on how many dancers can synch up the app and join in, so it could be the ultimate flash mob generator.

— Lou Kesten
Associated Press

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PRIME STREAMING

Amazon launches music streaming for members

By Ryan Nakashima
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Amazon's newly announced music streaming service is yet another attempt by the company to move beyond e-commerce and infuse itself into the daily lives of Americans with an increasing number of offerings — including grocery delivery and streaming TV.

The announcement comes just days ahead of the expected unveiling of the company's first smartphone.

Amazon.com Inc. is offering more than a million tracks for ad-free streaming and download to Kindle Fire tablets as well as to computers and the Amazon Music app for Apple and Android devices. The service, called Prime Music, is likely to be integrated with an Amazon smartphone

expected to be previewed on Wednesday.

People who pay \$99 a year for an Amazon Prime membership can listen to tens of thousands of albums from artists including Beyonce, The Lumineers and Macklemore & Ryan Lewis for no extra cost. By adding music, Amazon is hoping to hook new customers and retain existing ones on its Prime free-shipping plan, which also allows subscribers to watch streams of movies

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Amazon's new Prime Music streaming service is seen on a Kindle Fire tablet.

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People try out the Oculus Rift virtual reality headsets at the Oculus booth at the Electronic Entertainment Expo on Wednesday in Los Angeles.

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ELECTRONIC ENTERTAINMENT EXPO

At E3, not everyone diving headfirst into VR

By Derrick Lang
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — While the lines to try virtual reality have been among the longest at the Electronic Entertainment Expo, the buzzed about technology isn't necessarily a dominating force at the game industry's annual gathering, not when there are dozens of other queues and immediate financial prospects for traditional games.

Sony and Oculus VR, the startup that launched the latest VR obsession two years ago and was purchased by Facebook earlier this year for \$2 billion, haven't announced plans to bring their respective headsets to market. That hasn't stopped the companies from touting VR with demonstrations in front of and behind closed doors at E3.

There are only a handful of VR creations from smaller developers on display at E3, such as "Words With Friends" co-creator Paul Bettner's cartoony platformer "Lucky's Tale," indie developer Piotr Iwanicki's time-bending shooter "Superhot" and former Microsoft creative director Adam Orth's space odyssey "Adrift." "I've always wanted to work in VR," Orth said. "From the very first moment I had the idea for this game, I said it's gonna be in VR."

What surprised me the most were the emotions that I feel from actually being in the world. You're able to have these moments where the player goes, 'Oh, wow!' They're not manufactured at all."

Richard Marks, the senior director of research and development at Sony Computer Entertainment America, has been showing off the latest demos for Sony's prototype Project Morpheus headset, including a street luge game that simulates careening down a traffic-filled roadway as players lie on a beanbag in the real world.

"I think retailers are still struggling to wrap their minds around it," said Marks, who unveiled Morpheus at the Game Developers Conference in March. "E3 is just a different place. The developers at GDC were all excited to make stuff for it. It's so new. By next year, people will have had more time to think about its commercial viability."

Sony's rivals remain less optimistic about the technology, despite the strides that Oculus and the PlayStation maker have made with sharpness and latency in their headsets.

Phil Spencer, head of Microsoft's Xbox division, and Reggie Fils-Aime, president at Nintendo of America, voiced concerns about the potential of VR following their E3 briefings. Microsoft and Nintendo,

which infamously released the failed Virtual Boy headset in 1995, have yet to unveil their own takes on VR.

"For us, it's all about fun gameplay," said Fils-Aime. "That's what we want. We want a fun, compelling experience. Right now, the technology isn't quite there yet, in our view. Certainly, it's something we're looking at. We look at a wide range of technologies. When it's there and enables a fun experience, we'll be there, too."

Publishers like Ubisoft and Electronic Arts have acknowledged that they're tinkering with VR behind the scenes, but their showy E3 presentations and staggering booths inside the Los Angeles Convention Center this year haven't been strictly dedicated to games intended for screens that won't be attached to gamers' noggins.

Patrick Soderlund, executive vice president at EA Studios, thinks it's only a matter of time.

"We're deep into VR," he noted. "All you have to do is to put the Oculus or Morpheus headset onto your head and realize that VR is now finally at the point where it's going to be viable. We can now do the things — and more — from 'The Lawnmower Man,' which came out 20 years ago. It has to work. I can't imagine it not working."

Games

Microsoft Xbox One and Xbox 360

LOS ANGELES — It's all about the games for Microsoft at E3.

Microsoft focused exclusively on hyping titles coming to its Xbox One and Xbox 360 consoles during its presentation last week ahead of the Electronic Entertainment Expo, the game industry's annual trade show.

The new Xbox One games included a fresh installment of the open-world romp "Crackdown"; a reboot of the Xbox action game "Phantom Dust"; the original dragon-centric adventure "Scalebound" from developer Platinum Games; a sequel to the 2013 "Tomb Raider" reboot titled "Rise of the Tomb Raider"; and a "Halo" collection that will bring four previous installments of the sci-fi shooter to Microsoft's latest console.

Phil Spencer, head of Microsoft's Xbox division, began the 90-minute presentation by noting that Microsoft changed features of the Xbox One, which launched last November, after listening to consumer feedback.

"You are shaping the future of Xbox, and we are better for it," Spencer told the crowd and cameras broadcasting the event. "Today, we are dedicating our entire briefing to games."

When the company initially unveiled the Xbox One last year at its Redmond, Washington, headquarters, Microsoft billed the \$499 console as an "all-in-one" entertainment hub for the living room.

Following criticism, Microsoft backtracked on several requirements for the console, including that it must be connected to both the Internet every 24 hours and to its motion-detecting Kinect sensor. The company began selling a Kinect-free version of the Xbox One last week for \$399.

Microsoft Corp. has lagged behind Sony Corp. since both companies began selling their latest consoles last November. Microsoft has sold 5 million Xbox One consoles to Sony's 7 million PlayStation 4 units. However, both companies have outpaced the sales of their predecessor consoles — the Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3 — during the same time period.

"We will continue to listen to you, our community, and will continue to make Xbox for you," Spencer told the crowd at the conclusion of the July 9 event. "That's not just my personal commitment, but the commitment of the entire Xbox team."

Other upcoming games teased during the event included the futuristic "Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare," driving sequel "Forza Horizon 2," original cartoony shoot-'em-up "Sunset Overdrive" and downloadable choreography game "Dance Central Spotlight."

Sony PS4

LOS ANGELES — Sony Corp. announced recently that it's bringing new installments of the popular video-game franchises "Uncharted" and "LittleBigPlanet" to the PlayStation 4 as it celebrated the 6-month-old game console's marketplace triumph.

Sony also premiered "Abzu," an undersea odyssey from the creators of the award-winning "Journey" and "Entwined," a psychedelic 3-D flying game. And it showed new highlights from the steampunk thriller "The Order: 1886" during its annual presentation at the Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles.

On the hardware side, the company said it will bring PlayStation TV, its video- and game-streaming device, to North America and Europe this fall. The \$99 device lets users stream video, older PlayStation titles and games for Sony's hand-held Vita system to any TV. The "micro-console," which debuted in November in Japan as PSVita TV, also lets PlayStation 4 players send the action to a second TV.

On July 31, Sony will launch the open beta of its cloud-based PlayStation Now service, which will allow players to stream classic games from Sony's older consoles onto newer devices such as the PS4, the hand-held Vita, Xperia cell-phones and Bravia TVs.

Sony is also demonstrating Project Morpheus, its virtual reality headset, at E3. That project, however, won't be available to consumers for at least another year.

Sony has led Microsoft Corp. since both companies began selling their latest consoles in November. Sony has sold 7 million PlayStation 4 consoles to Microsoft's 5 million Xbox One units. However, both companies have outpaced the sales of their predecessor consoles — the Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3 — during the same amount of time. And Sony's lead is far from insurmountable.

That makes exclusive titles like the just-announced "Uncharted 4: A Thief's End" and "LittleBigPlanet 3" more important. But one much-hyped PS4 exclusive, the racing game "DriveClub," was conspicuously absent at this year's E3 presentation. Many of the games Sony showcased last week — including Ubisoft's "Far Cry 4," Warner Bros.' "Batman: Arkham Knight" and Deep Silver's "Dead Island 2" — will also be available on the Xbox One, although Sony promised exclusive content or early beta access for each.

One exclusive that will appeal to comic book fans: A live-action drama based on Brian Michael Bendis' popular series "Powers" will begin airing on Sony's PlayStation Network in December.

— Associated Press

Nintendo reveals 'Skylanders'-like toy line at E3

By Derrick Lang
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Nintendo is taking a cue from "Skylanders" and "Disney Infinity."

The Japanese gaming giant unveiled a toy figure line called "amiibo" that will work in tandem with its video games like the toys-meet-games franchises from Activision Blizzard Inc. and the Walt Disney Co. The announcement was made in an online video released Tuesday during the Electronic Entertainment Expo, the industry's annual trade show.

"We see 'amiibo' as a brand-new platform for us," Reggie Fils-Aime, president of Nintendo of America, said on the E3 show floor Tuesday morning. "We use the term 'platform' specifically. Today, it's figures. In the future, it could be other things that tie into the near-field communication technology built right into the GamePad."

Similar to Activision's "Skylanders" and "Disney Infinity," the characters' virtual histories will be stored on the plastic figures and transmitted through the Wii U GamePad, the

controller for its slow-selling Wii U console that features a touchscreen and NFC capabilities.

"There's a special chip that's embedded in every figure," said Fils-Aime. "Any Wii U system will recognize the figure by touching them on the Wii U GamePad, and when that happens, they spring to life in compatible games in cool new ways."

The "amiibo" figures, the first of which are due out later this year, will include characters from well-known Nintendo franchises, such as the Villager from "Animal Crossing"; the "Wii Fit" trainer; sword-wielding Link from "The Legend of Zelda"; intergalactic soldier Samus Aran from "Metroid"; Pikachu from "Pokemon"; iconic gorilla Donkey Kong; pink shape-shifter Kirby; and Mario, Princess Peach and Yoshi from "Super Mario Bros."

The company said the figures would be compatible with the upcoming Wii U fighting game "Super Smash Bros." and would eventually work with other games, including the recently released racing title "Mario Kart 8" and the forthcoming platformers "Yoshi's Woolly World"

and "Captain Toad: Treasure Tracker."

Bill Trinen, product marketing director at Nintendo of America, said the company was working on a peripheral reader scheduled for release next year that would connect the figures to its hand-held Nintendo 3DS system. He said other "amiibo" figures and games are "in the works." The price of the figures and details on which characters would initially be available wasn't announced.

"Combining 'amiibo' with our games opens up a whole range of potential new gameplay experiences," Trinen said. "It's one of the most exciting things that Nintendo is announcing at E3."

For the second year in a row, Nintendo opted against hosting a flashy E3 presentation in Los Angeles and instead streamed videos showcasing the "amiibo" figures and other upcoming games.

"For us, what we want to do is find great ways to tell our stories," said Fils-Aime. "So much of our content is created by our Japanese developers. We wanted to make sure we could provide consumers a full backstory. A digital

event is much more effective than trying to do it in a live press conference."

Nintendo hyped several upcoming games due out later this year for the Wii U and 3DS, including "The Legend of Zelda" battle game "Hyrule Warriors," hack-and-slash sequel "Bayonetta 2," and the "Omega Ruby" and "Alpha Sapphire" installments of the "Pokemon" series.

Other games teased for release in 2015 included the "Super Mario" level-designing game "Mario Maker," online paint shoot-'em-up "Splatoon," sci-fi role-playing game "Xenoblade Chronicles X," cutesy platformer "Kirby and the Rainbow Curse" and a "Legend of Zelda" game for the Wii U set in an open world.

Nintendo Co. could use a boost from new toys and games. Sales of Nintendo's Wii U console have lagged behind the newer PlayStation 4 and Xbox One systems released by Sony Corp. and Microsoft Corp., respectively, last November. Nintendo has sold 6 million consoles since the Wii U was released in 2012, while Microsoft has sold 5 million, and Sony has sold 7 million units in the past six months.

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This video game image released by Square Enix shows a scene from "Murdered."

'Murdered' spins a spirited mystery

By Lou Kesten
Associated Press

Death is rarely permanent in video games. Whether you're Mario, Lara Croft or Master Chief, no matter how many times you get "killed," you can always dust yourself off and leap back into the fray.

That's not the case for Detective Ronan O'Connor, who's dead from the very start of "Murdered: Soul Suspect" (Square Enix, for the PlayStation 4, Xbox One, PlayStation 3, Xbox 360, PC, \$59.99). You would be, too, if you'd been shoved out a fourth-story window and shot seven times in the

chest.

But Ronan still has things to do, so his ghost rises from his still-bleeding corpse and gets back to work. First on the agenda: figure out the identity of the Bell Killer, the serial murderer who took Ronan down.

"Murdered" is, in some ways, a refreshingly old-fashioned mystery. And while it displays some gory homicides, it's oddly nonviolent. In his spectral state, Ronan can't pick up anything, so he can't use guns or knives or even his fists. All he can do is linger around crime scenes, look for clues and try to piece

together what happened.

Ronan can also possess other characters in the game, but even then his abilities are limited. He can read their minds and goose their memories to see if they've witnessed anything important. If they're already in motion, he can hitch a ride to get past certain obstacles. He can also possess cats, which comes in handy if he needs to climb trees or sneak around air ducts.

The only real threat comes from demons that are ready to drag Ronan to hell. But they're dispatched easily enough by sneaking up behind them and yanking the souls out of their bodies.

The only living person

who can see and communicate with Ronan is the ironically named Joy, a punky teenage medium who's been targeted by the Bell Killer. There are, however, other ghosts roaming the streets. In most cases, they don't know how they ended up dead, so Ronan's job is to retrace their steps and, maybe, give them some peace of mind. You can reveal other stories by collecting artifacts scattered around town, but

I found those tales more predictable.

Ronan's backstory, revealing how a one-time criminal became a heavily tattooed cop, struck me as preposterous, which is saying something in a ghost story. "Murdered" is also marred by frequent technical glitches; at one point, it forced me to replay a sequence leading up to a crime I had already solved.

Still, the overarching whodunit is fascinating. "Murdered" is set in Salem, Massachusetts, so you know it's connected to the notorious witch trials of the 1690s. I was sure I had the Bell Killer's identity nailed about halfway through, but the final reveal is more clever — and disturbing — than I had expected. Fans of mysteries and ghost stories alike will be satisfied. Two-and-a-half stars out of four.

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and TV shows and gives Kindle owners a library of books they can borrow once a month.

But the service has far fewer songs than services like Spotify or Rhapsody, and no deal with top-ranked Universal Music Group. Wedbush analyst Michael Pachter said the service is not likely to make a big impact on Prime membership. He said Prime members are likely to already use other streaming services so there is not much of a reason to switch to Amazon's service.

"Very few people are going to use it, like Prime Instant Video, very few people even know that exists," he said. "We are Prime members because we want free shipping."

Steve Boom, Amazon's vice president of digital music, said the service will pay for itself and isn't part of the reason why the company raised the price of Prime from \$79 in March — a move Amazon said would cover higher shipping costs. Instead, the company will benefit because Prime members tend to buy more from Amazon and remain loyal customers.

"If they come to Amazon for their music needs, they become better and longer-term Amazon customers, and we think that's a good thing," Boom said. The deal comes on the heels of Apple Inc.'s announcement that it is purchasing headphone and music-streaming company Beats for \$3 billion and is a further acknowledgement of the rise in popularity of streaming and the decline of digital downloads. U.S. sales of downloaded songs slipped 1 percent last year to \$2.8 billion while streaming music revenue surged 39 percent to \$1.4 billion, according to the Recording Industry Association of America.

Early results this year showed a further decline in music download sales, Boom said. "Music consumption habits are changing, which is why we started this," he said. "We saw the change happening."

Seattle-based Amazon reached licensing deals with most of the top independent labels and major recording companies Sony and Warner Music, but failed to reach a deal with top-ranked Universal Music Group. That means that while

the service will feature artists like Justin Timberlake, Bruno Mars, Bruce Springsteen, Pink and Madonna — it will lack music by Universal stars such as Katy Perry, Taylor Swift and Jay-Z.

The service also won't have many new releases — and for major artists that could mean music that has been released within the last six months.

Universal didn't reach a deal with Amazon because it disagreed with the value of the lump sum royalty payment on offer for the albums in question, according to two people familiar with the matter.

One person said the royalty amounted to about \$40 million to \$50 million for the entire music industry over two years.

Labels other than Universal concluded the amount would be equal to or better than a per-play streaming royalty, given how often the songs were played on other digital services, the person said. Both people were not authorized to speak publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Amazon will recommend songs to customers who have bought music from it in the past with offers to complete albums if they're available on the service. It has also hired experts to compile hundreds of playlists that are 20 to 50 songs in length based on genre or mood that are easy to download before getting on the subway or on a plane, Boom said.

Amazon's strategy has long been to plow the money it generates back into its business, focusing on growth. The tactic results in thin margins, but investors largely give Amazon a pass for forgoing a strong profit for growth.

The company boosted its Prime two-day shipping membership program annual fee from \$79 to \$99 in March to offset higher shipping costs. Since then, it has been adding services to Prime membership to attract new customers and encourage existing customers to spend more.

It started a service that lets Twitter users add Amazon.com products to their carts without leaving the social media site. In April, it launched Prime Pantry, a grocery delivery service for Prime members. The same month, it introduced Amazon Fire, its first set-top video streaming box.

announcing that former THQ president Jason Rubin had joined Oculus VR as the head of worldwide studios Tuesday was the shocker that "Alien: Isolation," the upcoming survival game based on the original "Alien" film, would also be playable with the Oculus Rift virtual reality headset.

Other jolts this week included the procedurally generated indie game "No Man's Sky" bringing some gamers to tears at Sony's briefing, Ubisoft announcing plans to resurrect "Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six" and Electronic Arts launching the multiplayer beta test for the cops-and-robbers game "Battlefield Hardline."

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"Uncharted" would be teased, while the prospect of a new "LittleBigPlanet" was a long shot. That made the revelation of "LBP 3" coming to PlayStation 4 later this year with playable sidekicks a bombshell. ■ "Splatoon": Nintendo unveiling "Skylanders" like figures or a "Legend of Zelda" installment for the Wii U on Tuesday didn't catch gamers off-guard, but no one guessed that the "Mario Bros." maker was working on a zany online multiplayer shooter featuring an original crew of shape-shifting squids battling each other with paint guns.

■ "Alien: Isolation": Buried in a press release

New Instagram tools

■ **BEFORE:** Instagram has long offered basic editing tools such as cropping and rotating photos. It also offers 19 filters — such as the deeply hued "Lo-Fi" or the washed out "Hele" — to enhance photos with one tap. In addition, the "lux" control lets you quickly adjust exposure and contrast, though one slider controls both.

■ **THE ADDITIONS:** The new version lets you make a variety of adjustments, from brightness to saturation, with a 100-point slider. It's no longer all or nothing with the "lux" slider. You can control each aspect individually.

■ **IN USE:** My first attempt to use the new tools came after I took a picture of a gorgeous rose bush climbing up a brownstone staircase on my Brooklyn street. Ordinarily, I would just take the picture, use the "Lux" button and add a filter.

This time, I clicked on the wrench icon to bring up the new editing tools. Using a slider for each tool, I quickly adjusted the picture with the exact saturation, warmth and contrast that make the image pop.

Even though I'm a novice photographer and I don't really understand the technical details behind what those things are, I don't need to. I can focus on how the image looks as I swipe the slider back and forth. When the roses glowed pink and the surrounding greenery shimmered, I posted the photo and let the "likes" roll in.

I noticed an uptick in "likes" in my next few shots: a sunset in Manhattan reflecting on tenement buildings and a street scene on Vanderbilt Avenue in Brooklyn with an impossibly blue sky. That's catnip to Instagrammers, and I'll definitely be using the tools more in the future.

AVAILABILITY: Instagram is owned by Facebook but has its own, free app for iOS, Android and Windows Phone devices. However, the new tools are available for iOS and Android devices only. They are in version 6.0 of the app, which requires at least iOS 6.0 or the Ice Cream Sandwich version of Android.

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Associated Press

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Dr. Russell Toler anchors Dental Solution's Midland office



Longtime area dentist Dr. Russell Toler is now at Dental Solution's Midland office Monday through Wednesday, and on Saturday from 9-1. Call 432-697-4200 for an appointment.

Being a dentist is more than fixing teeth, although Dr. Russell Toler has done a great job of that in the Basin for almost 30 years. It also involves being part of the community, which he and his family have been for three decades. He continues to do that in the Dental Solution Midland office.

"I get great satisfaction from helping people improve their smiles," he says, referring to cosmetic dentistry, including crowns on front teeth, whitening trays and others, which give people new confidence in their appearance.

He is also glad to help patients who have painful abscesses or other problems that need immediate attention. And he is ready to advise patients on how to maintain their dental health between office visits.

Dr. Toler sees patients in the Dental Solution office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. He is also there on Saturdays from 9-1. "Saturday is one of our biggest days," he says. "because so many people are too busy to take time off from work to come in. People really appreciate this service."

Cosmetic dentistry is actually about much more than just a pretty smile. A mouth that involves missing or broken teeth can't chew food properly, especially when there is pain involved, and that affects a person's overall health. Studies have shown that people with good dental health tend to live longer.

To better help patients who need dentures, Dental Solution has recently added a computer-aided procedure that gets them permanently-installed dentures in just two appointments. This procedure is available

in both the Midland and Odessa offices.

First, a CAD scan 3-D image is taken of your mouth (without you needing to bite down on) to get all the hidden details about your mouth, jaw and bone structure.

This allows the dentist to virtually design your new teeth and see on the screen exactly where to place the titanium posts that will hold your teeth in place. Then at the second visit he will install your new permanent dentures and you're ready to enjoy delicious food you may have missed for years!

No matter your age, this procedure will help you enjoy the years you have left, letting you eat foods

you may have missed for years, and improving your overall digestive health.

Whether you need a crown, a filling or a whole mouthful of new teeth, Dr. Toler looks forward to helping you with your dental health. He does take walk-ins when time is available, but an appointment is recommended.

To schedule an appointment, call Dental Solution at 432-697-4200. The Midland office is at 2101 North Midland Drive, Suite 7. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Their website is www.westtexasdentalimplants.com.

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My name is Michael Melson, with Melson and Associates and we want to thank you for your support and trust during the last 15 years! We help people qualify for the Medicaid nursing home benefits program while preserving most or all of their assets. We have been asked many questions over the years, and we would like to share some of those questions and our answers with you:



Michael Melson
Melson and Associates

1. How did you become interested in this type of planning?

My mother was ill and could not qualify for a long term care policy. I did not think it was fair that healthy people could qualify for a long term care policy and protect their life savings, while the unhealthy could not. Thank goodness, the government provides ways to protect assets.

2. Are these plans legal?

Absolutely! The government has guidelines to follow. The difficulty is interpreting them and the state caseworkers are not allowed to advise you.

At Melson and Associates, we work under the direction of an attorney and we CAN interpret these guidelines.

3. What are some of the basic guidelines?

The basics include: Utilizing a Miller Trust, Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, Spousal Impoverishment Act and the

Terms of the Estate Recovery Act (these are outlined in our brochure).

4. Who are some of the people you have helped?

We've helped individuals from every walk of life, attorneys, doctors, CPAs, ministers, financial planners, bankers, college professors, engineers, and so on. Good news travels fast and their referrals are my greatest source of new business! That's why we don't advertise more often.

5. What is your biggest obstacle?

Some families have been misled and think that Medicaid planning cannot be done. For example, The Spousal Act has been in effect since 1989 — more than 24 years! If the government did not want you to have a way to protect your assets, they would have eliminated these helpful guidelines.

6. Who should complete the Medicaid application?

At no charge, we will assist you in completing the application! If we see that you could benefit from Medicaid planning, we will have that discussion with you.

7. If a person has been denied for nursing home Medicaid benefits, is there any chance that you could still help them qualify? Definitely!! We have gotten cases approved that have been denied two and three times, before we became involved.

8. How successful have you been with your planning methods?

We have been VERY successful in our planning methods. If the individual will follow the plan that has been recommended, they should qualify for Medicaid benefits in the nursing home.

9. How do we get started?

The first step is to call our office to set up your free consultation. When we do our planning, we take no shortcuts! We will help you and your family protect the maximum assets (life savings) and home using the Medicaid guidelines

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Spurs beat Heat in Game 5 to win NBA title

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — From their low moment in the NBA Finals, back to the top of the league.

The San Antonio Spurs turned the rematch with the Miami Heat into no match at all.

The Spurs finished off a dominant run to their fifth NBA championship Sunday night, ending the Heat's two-year title reign with a 104-87 victory that wrapped up the series in five games.

A year after their heartbreaking seven-game defeat, their only loss in six finals appearances, the Spurs won four routs to deny Miami's quest for a third straight championship.

"Hard to believe, isn't it?" Manu Ginobili said. "We played at a really high level." Kawhi Leonard, named the

Spurs 104
Heat 87

finals MVP, had 22 points and 10 rebounds for the Spurs. San Antonio added this title to the ones the Spurs won in 1999, 2003, '05 and '07. They nearly had another last year but couldn't hold off the Heat.

San Antonio rebounded from an early 16-point deficit by outscoring the Heat 37-13 from the start of the second quarter to midway in the third.

The celebration the Heat canceled last season was on by the early second half Sunday.

LeBron James had 17 first-quarter points to help the Heat get off to a fast start. But it wasn't enough. He finished with 31 points and 10 rebounds for the Heat, who lost their spot atop the NBA to the team that had it so long.

The Spurs won four titles

in nine years but hadn't been back on top since 2007, making Foreigner's "Feels Like the First Time" an appropriate song choice after the final buzzer.

Tim Duncan and coach Gregg Popovich have been here for all of them, and it was the fourth for Tony Parker and Ginobili, who with Duncan are once again the reigning the Big Three in the NBA.

"Just a great team, and we do it together," Parker said.

Bosh finished with 13 points and Wade just 11 on 4-of-12 shooting for the Heat, providing James nowhere near the help he needed.

The painful conclusion to last year served as the fuel for this one, powering the Spurs to a 62-win season that topped the NBA and led to a rematch with Miami, the NBA's first in the finals since Chicago beat Utah in 1997-98.



San Antonio Spurs players, from left, Danny Green, Manu Ginobili, Tiago Splitter, Boris Diaw, Patty Mills and Kawhi Leonard celebrate in the final moments at Game 5 of the NBA finals on Sunday in San Antonio. San Antonio won the NBA championship 104-87.

Raiders off to rough start



Associated Press

TCU's Cody Jones (1) scores the go-ahead run against Texas Tech on a single by Boomer White in the eighth inning of a College World Series game in Omaha, Neb., on Sunday. At left is Texas Tech catcher Hunter Redman, a Midland Christian grad.

TCU spoils Texas Tech's CWS debut

By Eric Olson
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — TCU showed again that it knows how to win close games.

The Horned Frogs beat Big 12 rival Texas Tech 3-2 in the College World Series on Sunday for their fifth win in six one-run games in the NCAA tournament.

This time Boomer White drove in the go-ahead run against Tech closer Jonny Drozd in the bottom of the eighth inning after TCU had fallen behind in the top half.

"That's the kind of baseball we've played all year," TCU coach Jim Schlossnagle said. "I'm not telling you I'm comfortable with it, but these guys are. They don't panic a bit. It's just, hey, let's put together some good at-bats and see what happens. I just try to stay out of

Horned Frogs 3
Red Raiders 2

the way."

TCU (48-16), the No. 7 national seed, advanced to a game Tuesday against the winner between Virginia and Mississippi on Sunday night. Texas Tech (45-20), in the CWS for the first time, will play the Virginia-Ole Miss loser in the afternoon.

"It's a tough, tough way to lose your first game up here," Red Raiders coach Tim Tadlock said. "At the same time, we won't look back, and we'll get ready to go on Tuesday."

Big 12 pitcher of the year Preston Morrison made TCU's 1-0 lead hold up until the eighth inning, striking out a career-high 10 and allowing five singles. Schlossnagle called on closer Riley Ferrell (3-1) after Morrison gave up a sharply hit single to Stephen Smith. An-

thon Lyons followed with a pinch-hit single, and Tyler Neslony tripled to the right-field wall for a 2-1 lead.

"I knew once we got a couple runs... I mean, we have the utmost confidence ever in Jonny," Neslony said. "So it gave us a little momentum, but that's about it."

Drozd took over for starter Chris Sadberry to start the eighth. Keaton Jones scored from second when second baseman Alec Humphreys, who had just entered the game, overthrew first after stopping Cody Jones' grounder up the middle. Jones went to second on the play and came home on White's two-out base hit to left.

"I knew if I could get it out of the infield, Cody was going to score," White said. "He threw it up there, and I stayed

Please see CWS/4C

RockHounds roll past Frisco, gain momentum

RockHounds 8
RoughRiders 3

By Oscar LeRoy
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If the Midland RockHounds want to get some momentum heading into the second half of Texas League play, they sure got a performance on Sunday to get them on the right path.

Led by Dusty Coleman's two doubles and four RBI, the RockHounds had 11 hits and rolled past the Frisco RoughRiders, 8-3, on Sunday night at Security Bank Ballpark.

Considering that Frisco had clinched the first half Texas League South Division title on Friday, it still felt good for the second-place RockHounds to put a game like this together.

"It's unfortunate that we're out of it for this half, but we're always looking to continue to work and get better for the second half and get that playoff berth," Coleman said. "We've got a good team, so we've got a good chance."

Coleman had the biggest hit for the RockHounds in the fifth inning. After a three-run double by Frisco's Teodoro Martinez cut Midland's lead to 4-3, the RockHounds and Coleman answered in the bottom half of the frame when the shortstop hit a three-run double down the third-base line to extend the lead to 7-3.

"That was nice to see, especially with two outs, when a team kind of recaptures the momentum of the game and we can grab it right back," Midland manager Aaron Nieckula said.

Coleman added another RBI double in the seventh inning to give the RockHounds an 8-3 advantage. Coleman appeared to hit the ball hard to right field, but the stiff wind knocked the ball down and he settled for the double. Either way, the Texas League All-Star had a nice day at the plate by going 2-for-4.

"I saw the ball well and battled in a couple of tough counts, and fortunately the ones I hit fell and I got some RBI," said Coleman of his game.

Nieckula said he's liking the way Coleman has been swinging the bat lately.

Please see ROCKHOUNDS/2C

Kaymer closes out wire-to-wire US Open win, ranks among best

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

PINEHURST, N.C. — Martin Kaymer returned to the elite in golf with a U.S. Open victory that ranks among the best.

A forgotten star for two years while building a complete game, Kaymer turned the toughest test of golf into a runaway at Pinehurst No. 2 on Sunday to become only the seventh wire-to-wire winner in 114 years of the U.S. Open.

Kaymer closed with a 1-under 69 — the only player from the last eight groups to break par — for an eight-shot victory over Rickie Fowler and Erik Compton, the two-time heart transplant recipient and the only player who even remotely chal-

lenged the 29-year-old German. So dominant was Kaymer that no one got closer than four shots over the final 48 holes.

Only a late bogey kept Kaymer from joining Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy as the only players to finish a U.S. Open in double digits under par. He made a 15-foot par putt on the 18th hole, dropping his putter as the ball fell into the center of the cup, just like so many other putts this week.

"No one was catching Kaymer this week," Compton said, who closed with a 72 to earn earned a trip to the Masters next April. "I was playing for second. I think we all were playing for second."

This U.S. Open really ended on Friday. Kaymer set the U.S. Open

record with back-to-back rounds of 65 to set the pace at 10-under 130. He began Sunday with a five-shot lead, and after a 10-foot par save on the second hole, Kaymer belted a driver on the 313-yard third hole. The ball landed on the front of the green and rolled to the back, setting up a two-putt birdie.

"He kind of killed the event in the first two days," Henrik Stenson said. "He went out and shot two 65s and left everyone in the dust."

Fowler, in the final group of a major for the first time, fell back quickly on the fourth hole. He sent his third shot from a sandy path over the green and into some pine trees and had to



Associated Press

Martin Kaymer holds up the trophy after winning the U.S. Open golf tournament in Pinehurst, N.C., on Sunday.

Please see KAYMER/5C

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

'HOUNDS WATCH



SUNDAY'S SCORE Midland 8, Frisco 3

TODAY'S GAME Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m. Security Bank Ballpark

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League DETROIT TIGERS - Options RHP Corey Knebel to Toledo (L); Recalled LHP Blaine Hardy from Toledo (L)



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Thomas Roark of COM Aquatics dives in at the start of the Boys 9-12 400 Freestyle event during the 69th annual Frost Bank Invitational on Thursday at Doug Russell Pool.

COM meet tests swimmers' endurance

By Chris Hummer chummer@mrt.com

By 11:45 a.m. Sunday, the final day of the four-day Frost Bank West Texas Invitational at Doug Russell Pool, the event seemed to have taken its toll.

Tents began coming down before the final individual medley events had been raced, swimmers scrambled to find towels and gear before their team vans left and many racers sat in the cool-down pool with a look of satisfied exhaustion.

The long-course event is a test of logistics and endurance, and despite the oft-sunburned faces, almost everyone left the Doug Russell Pool gates with a smile.

"I thought it was a really great meet," said COM Aquatics assistant swimming coach Jenna Purkey. The weather was great, the kids had a blast and the wind wasn't too bad. It's really fun while we're in the midst of it, but we're worn out."

The event, featuring 300 athletes and 74 events, finished with the same amount of participant vigor from the 11 teams that it did at the start Thursday. Personal bests were broken, and the same inspired cheers from day one could still be heard on each side of the pool deck.

COM Aquatics had the most athletes in its hometown event and had a significant advantage on the team scoreboard, finishing more than 200 points ahead of second place Las Cruces Aquatic Team.

Bob Kizer, head coach of COM Aquatics, was happy with the team win, but said the experience gained for his swimmers is the most important prize to take away from the event.

"The overall team results are not what we're focused on," Kizer said. "I'm worried about how we're performing in the pool, because this is just one part of the season."

Kizer said he's pleased with the strides he saw his younger swimmers take, many cutting seconds off their personal best times. Perhaps more importantly, he said long outdoor events such as the Frost Bank Invitational prepare his team for the grueling nature of championship meets.

"We want them to be practicing when they're really, really tired," Kizer said. "Because when we have these championship meets, they're usually five, six or seven days."

Kizer saw plenty of positives from his team's performance, but knows the group needs to make significant cuts in their times with only one event remaining before the summer championship.

"The kids will have to take another really big step forward to be ready for the championship meet," Kizer said. "We really want to be really outstanding coming into late July and early August."

For now though, he's happy to let the kids enjoy their individual success and team victory. The participants can also reflect on a bit of history stemming from the meet, as this is the last time Doug Russell Pool will host the Frost Bank Invitational.

Next year, the event will move into COM Aquatics' new indoor swimming center. It's a switch that will give the event new life, an indoor future away from the Texas summer heat.

Kizer said Doug Russell Pool has hosted the event for at least 20 years of its 69-year existence and was thankful for the city's help in making the event successful at Doug Russell Pool. But both he and Purkey were quick to admit they're excited for a change of venue.

"No, I won't miss (Doug Russell Pool)," Purkey said. "It's a lot of work to come out here in the heat, and the kids swim faster inside."

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69th Annual Frost Bank West Texas Invitational Thursday-Sunday

Doug Russell Pool Sunday's Results Note: Only Winners Listed

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WEST ALEX-HEWY Water stained 74-82 degrees 16-54 low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters, minnows, cranks, and soft plastics. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows and jigs around shallow cover. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers

RockHounds

From IC

"I think what helps him is when he recognizes the offspeed out of the zone and gets himself in a hitter's count," Niekula said. "He's got a good enough swing to do some damage, and he did a nice job tonight."

In addition to Coleman, Beau Taylor, Chad Oberacker and Anthony Aliotti also had two hits for Midland, with Oberacker driving in two runs.

On the mound, Nate Long (7-2) gave the RockHounds six solid innings despite not having his best stuff, according to Niekula.

"He made pitches when he needed to and got the job done," Niekula said of his right-hander. "He's got great composure on the mound, great cadence, doesn't let adversity affect him and he's steady as a rock. After that three-run inning, he put up a zero the next inning, so that says a lot how he responded and kept us in the game."

Ryan Doolittle and Frank Gailey also came out of the bullpen and combined for three shutout innings.

'HOUND BITES: The Texas League will play the final games of the first half tonight as second half play begins on Tuesday.

... RHP Zach Neal has been promoted to Triple-A Sacramento. The former Howard College standout was 3-0 with a 0.58 ERA. This will be his second stint in Triple-A this season. ... Midland manager Aaron Niekula added that outfielders Josh Whitaker and Kent Matthes will be placed on the seven-day disabled list, while the team will be adding RHP Sean Murphy up from Single-A Stockton and SS Addison Russell, who has been out since early in the

TL standings

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Sunday's Scores

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Mariners stop slide with victory over Rangers

By Josh Liebeskind
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Kyle Seager had four hits and three RBIs, and the Seattle Mariners stopped a five-game losing streak with a 5-1 win over the Texas Rangers on Sunday.

Hiroshi Iwakuma pitched eight sharp innings for Seattle, allowing one run on Brad Snyder's first career homer in the second and six hits. Charlie Furbush then got three outs to complete the six-hitter.

Iwakuma improved to 2-1 with a 1.61 ERA in three starts this month. The right-hander struck out six and walked one in his fourth start this season of eight innings.

Seager drove in Endy Chavez and Robinson Cano with a two-out double in the fifth inning, lifting Seattle to a 2-1 lead. The Mariners left a runner in scoring position in each of the first four innings.

Rangers starter Nick Martinez (1-4) allowed nine hits and walked one, but held the Mariners to two runs in six innings. The right-hander is 0-3 with a 9.45 ERA in his last three starts.

Seager added an RBI double in

Mariners..... 5
Rangers..... 1

Seattle's three-run eighth. Dustin Ackley and Brad Miller also drove in a run in the eighth for the Mariners, who avoided being passed in the standings by the Rangers.

Seager has played well against the Rangers in his career, hitting .338 with 34 extra-base hits and 38 RBIs. Seager is hitting .396 (19 for 48) this season against Texas with three home runs and 12 RBIs.

NOTES: Mariners 1B Justin Smoak (strained quad), OF Corey Hart (strained hamstring) and OF Michael Saunders (shoulder inflammation) are close to being sent out on rehab assignments as they work their way back from stints on the disabled list, manager Lloyd McClendon said. The Seattle skipper said all three could begin a rehab assignment by week's end. ... Texas OF Leonys Martin occupied the top spot in the lineup for the second time in as many days on Sunday as the Rangers try to find a consistent leadoff hitter. Manager Ron Washington said that doesn't necessarily mean he has secured that role, though.



Texas Rangers relief pitcher Ben Rowen throws to first on a grounder from the Seattle Mariners in a baseball game Sunday in Seattle.

Price strikes out 10; Rays top creative Astros 4-3

Rays..... 4
Astros..... 3

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

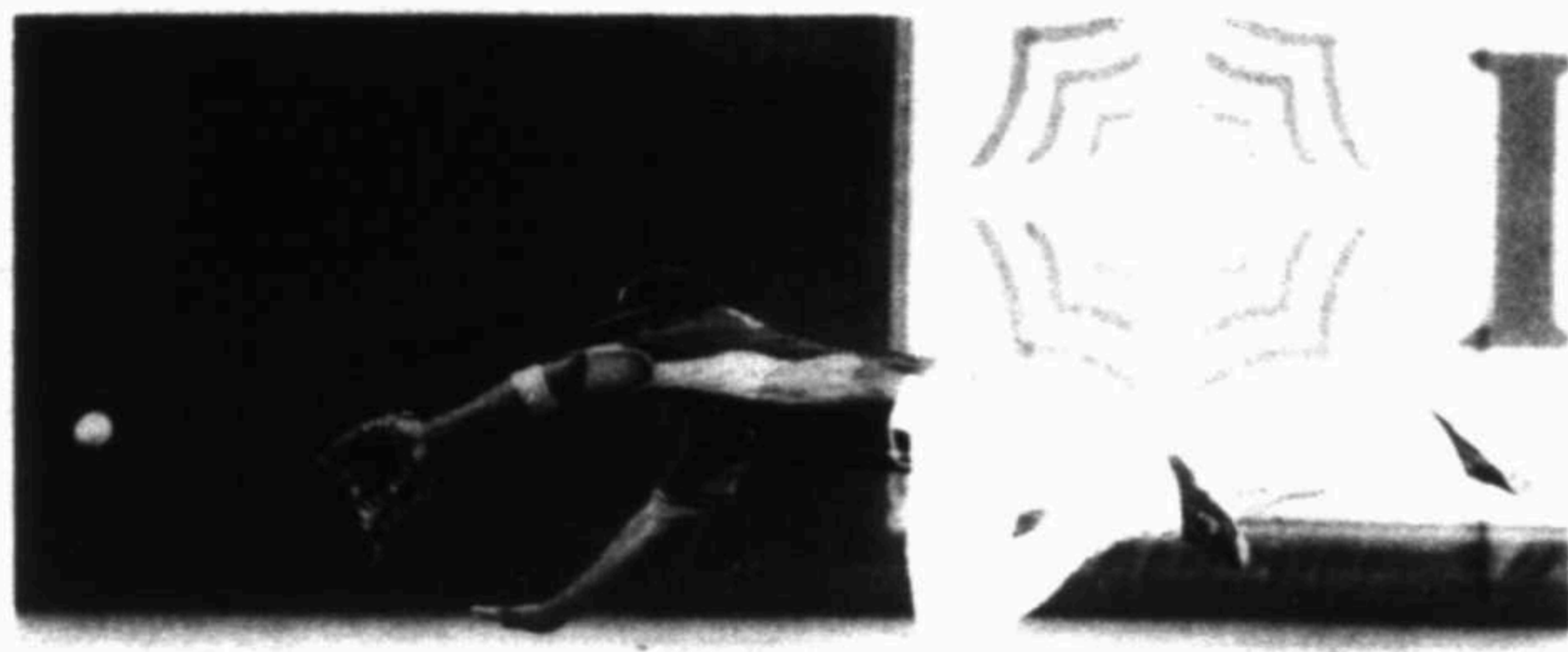
HOUSTON — It had been so long since Tampa Bay ace David Price got a win that it was almost 20 minutes after Sunday's game when he remembered exactly when it was.

Price shook off a tough start to strike out 10, pinch-hitter Jerry Sands broke three bats while singling home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning and the Rays beat the creative Houston Astros 4-3.

Price (5-6) allowed homers to Dexter Fowler and Matt Dominguez in the first inning. He left after the eighth and got his first win since May 13.

He had gone five starts without a win, which was one shy of a career high.

"I didn't remember my last win until about five minutes ago," Price said. "I think that was



Houston Astros center fielder Dexter Fowler can't come up with the ball hit by the Tampa Bay Rays' Yunel Escobar during the fourth inning Sunday in Houston.

three road trips ago. It's been rough. That was big. Hopefully it can get us going in the right direction."

It was the 20th career double-digit strikeout game for Price, setting a Tampa Bay record.

"It's cool," he said. "I didn't know that. I didn't know I was one away."

It is the sixth time he has

fanned at least 10 this season, which is the most in the majors and ties his career high set in 2011.

For the second time in a week, Astros manager Bo Porter moved reliever Tony Sipp to left field, then brought him back to pitch. There was a brief delay as the umpires huddled after Porter's strategy.

"We felt like at that juncture of the game, it was the best move to give us an opportunity to win the game," Porter said of the maneuver. "It gave us an opportunity to mount a comeback against a one-run lead rather than a bigger deficit."

Tampa Bay, which has the worst record in the majors at 27-43, won a series for the first time since a three-game sweep at Boston on May 23-25.

"It's great to do that," manager Joe Maddon said. "We need to start winning series."

Matt Joyce singled to start the eighth and Jerome Williams (1-3) plunked Yunel Escobar. Sands then broke two bats on foul balls before shredding a third one on his hit to left field.

Sands was asked if all of the bats he used were his or if he had to borrow one.

"Yes (but) we had to dig deep," he said. "It was pretty crazy. I don't think I've ever broken two in an at-bat, but three on three consecutive swings was pretty

crazy."

Jake McGee pitched a scoreless ninth for his first save.

Escobar had two hits and two RBIs for the Rays.

Price gave up a leadoff homer for the first time in his career when Fowler sent his 79 mph curveball into the Crawford Boxes in left field. That ball crashed off an LED video ad board, breaking it for the rest of the game.

The Astros connected again three batters later on Dominguez's two-out shot to left-center.

James Loney and Ben Zobrist singled to start the second before David DeJesus walked. Brad Peacock walked Escobar with one out, making it 2-1.

Fowler doubled in the third inning and scored on a two-out single by Jesus Guzman to extend the lead to 3-1.

DeJesus walked with no outs in the fourth inning, advanced to second on a wild pitch and scored on a double by Escobar to cut the lead to 3-2.

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ATHLETICS 10 YANKEES 5

OAKLAND, Calif. — Derek Norris and Coco Crisp hit early three-run homers to back a strong start by Jesse Chavez, and the Oakland Athletics beat the New York Yankees 10-5 on Sunday.

Carlos Beltran hit his first home run for the Yankees since coming off the disabled list. But the All-Star veteran also was called out on a strange play in the eighth inning when he seemed to lose track of the outs and wandered away from first base.

TIGERS 4 TWINS 3

DETROIT — Victor Martinez thought he had just beaten the Minnesota Twins Sunday.

He didn't mind settling for a supporting role.

With one out in the bottom of the ninth and Torii Hunter on first base, Martinez launched a ball to deep right field that he and everyone in the park was going to be a walk-off homer. Martinez lingered near the plate, watching the ball sail toward the bleachers, then realized he better start running.

The ball came down inches

short of the top of the wall, where Oswaldo Arcia dropped it for his second huge defensive mistake of the game — both on flyballs by Martinez.

Instead of a home-run trot, Martinez scrambled to first, while Hunter ended up at third.

INDIANS 3 RED SOX 2, 11 INNINGS

BOSTON — Nick Swisher finally has something to savor in a tough season — a game-winning homer.

He had spent 16 days on the disabled list before being activated Thursday. He was batting just .203 when he came to bat in the 11th inning on Sunday.

BLUE JAYS 5 ORIOLES 2

BALTIMORE — The Toronto Blue Jays were delighted to get out of Camden Yards with the same lead over the Baltimore Orioles as when they arrived.

J.A. Happ pitched effectively into the seventh inning and Dioner Navarro had three hits and two RBIs as Toronto won 5-2 Sunday to earn a split of the four-game series.

The victory enabled the AL East leaders to maintain their 4 1/2-game advantage over

the Orioles, who were seeking to deal the Blue Jays their third straight series loss.

"It means a lot," Navarro said.

ROYALS 6 WHITE SOX 3

CHICAGO — The Royals are complementing their solid defense and pitching with a potent offense.

Salvador Perez hit a three-run homer and Kansas City completed a three-game sweep of the Chicago White Sox with a 6-3 win Sunday.

James Shields (8-3) won his fifth straight decision and the Royals extended their season-high win streak to seven games.

National League

MARLINS 3 PIRATES 2

MIAMI — Casey McGehee completed his sacrifice-fly trot near first base, then started to throw the Miami Marlins dugout and was met by the sight of the entire team gleefully sprinting toward him.

McGehee, who has delivered plenty of clutch hits this season, started a celebration Sunday with an out. He tied the game in the

eighth inning with a two-out, two-run double, then drove home the winning run with a sacrifice fly in the 10th, and the Marlins averted a series sweep by beating the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-2 Sunday.

METS 3 PADRES 1

NEW YORK — Mets manager Terry Collins walked to the mound with two outs in the first inning knowing his pitching plan was already scrapped.

Still, he had one request for an ailing Daisuke Matsuzaka. "I went out there and asked him if he could finish the inning," Collins said. "He said 'I have no strength but I can finish the inning.' We had to get him out of there."

CUBS 3 PHILLIES 0

PHILADELPHIA — Phillies manager Ryne Sandberg kept waiting for his hitters to solve Travis Wood.

He never did. Philadelphia managed just three hits while being shut out for the ninth time this year, losing to the Chicago Cubs 3-0 on Sunday.

Travis Wood (7-5) didn't allow a hit until Ben Revere's one-out single in the sixth. He

gave up three hits in eight innings while striking out six and walking three.

REDS 13 BREWERS 4

MILWAUKEE — The Miller Park roof was open and the wind was blowing out to center. With a home-prone pitcher on the mound for the Milwaukee Brewers, the conditions were ripe for the Cincinnati Reds to have a big day at the plate.

Billy Hamilton got the slug-ging started by leading the game off with a home run, and the Reds finished Sunday afternoon with eight runs over the final two innings to send Milwaukee fans to the exits early in a 13-4 victory.

CARDINALS 5 NATIONALS 2

ST. LOUIS — Matt Adams might want to have his father's visit last longer.

Adams homered for the third straight game — all with his father in attendance — and Matt Holliday also went deep, helping the St. Louis Cardinals to a 5-2 victory and series sweep Sunday over the Washington Nationals.

Adams gave St. Louis a 2-0 lead in the second inning with

a two-run shot on an 0-2 pitch, his sixth homer of the season. Adams' father, Jamie, has been visiting from Pennsylvania on Father's Day weekend.

DIAMONDBACKS 6 DODGERS 3

LOS ANGELES — Paul Goldschmidt and Miguel Montero homered to help Bronson Arroyo win his third straight start and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 6-3 Sunday, preventing a three-game sweep.

Arroyo (7-4) allowed a run and five hits in five innings. Neither first baseman Adrian Gonzalez nor Beckett covered the bag.

ROCKIES 8 GIANTS 7

SAN FRANCISCO — Justin Morneau hit a two-run double in the eighth inning as the Colorado Rockies beat the San Francisco Giants 8-7 Sunday to complete a three-game sweep with another comeback victory.

Morneau's pinch-hit highlighted a four-run rally for the Rockies, who scored in the ninth in each of the first two games of the series for the win.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

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World Cup continues



Associated Press

United States head coach Jurgen Klinsmann does push-ups before an official training session the day before the Group G World Cup soccer match between Ghana and the United States at the Arena das Dunas in Natal, Brazil, on Sunday.

Klinsmann seems more confident near opener

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NATAL, Brazil — Jurgen Klinsmann speaks with pragmatism. He books his airline tickets with hope.

The U.S. coach caused a stir in the lead-up to soccer's championship when he said that "I think for us now, talking about winning a World Cup is just not realistic."

But on the eve of the Americans' opener against Ghana, he revealed this: "I booked my flight after the final."

The U.S. has never advanced after starting with a loss, and it is grouped with the 37th-ranked Black Stars along with No. 2 Germany and No. 4 Portugal.

A two-day downpour has flooded some streets in this northeastern Brazilian beach town. While the skies started to clear a bit Sunday, the forecast was unsettled for tonight's game, when the Americans try to avenge losses to Ghana that knocked them out of the past two World Cups.

Klinsmann sounded just like the U.S. Postal Service.

"It's raining. If it's snowing. If it's what else? — thunder or lightning. Field wet, field dry, heat, humidity,

whatever," he said Sunday. "We're not worried about that stuff at all."

A total of 3.11 inches of rain fell Friday and 2.95 more Saturday, according to AccuWeather's Anthony Sagliani, and by late Saturday night cars had to navigate at least 18 inches of standing water. Natal's City Hall declared a flood alert and evacuated dozens of residents as a precaution in the Mac Luiza neighborhood in the city's west.

Still, the field appeared firm during workouts Sunday at the new Arena das Dunas, whose wavy, asymmetrical exterior was designed to resemble the nearby sand dunes of a city nearly as close to west Africa (1,800 miles) as to the American base camp in Sao Paulo (1,400 miles).

The forecast calls for a temperature of about 80 degrees, high humidity — Natal is 400 miles south of the equator — and a slight chance of showers.

"The weather is what it is, and as players that's not something we can control," midfielder Michael Bradley said. "You get to this point, you're not worried about little details, about whether the wind is blowing, whether the sun is out."

Thousands of U.S. fans are expected. The American Outlaws sup-

porters group chartered two Boeing 767s from Houston that brought 530 fans to Brazil, and the U.S. Soccer Federation said it sold its official allotment of about 2,000 tickets.

Ghana beat the Americans by identical 2-1 scores in the final group-stage game at Germany in 2006 and in the second round at South Africa four years ago. The U.S., appearing at its seventh straight World Cup and 10th overall, has never lost to a team three straight times in the tournament.

"It's going to be like they're coming for revenge," said Ghana captain Asamoah Gyan, whose overtime goal was the difference in the 2010 match.

Teams that won their openers have advanced 85 percent of the time since the 32-nation format began in 1998. Just 9 percent of nations starting with a loss advanced, and 58 percent of those beginning with draws reached the knockout rounds.

"This is just an awesome moment, because that's the biggest stage you can have, where you kind of want to show that you improved, and nothing better than against the team that beat you the last two World Cups," Klinsmann said. "So this, as we mentioned before, is like start the whole World Cup with a final."

WORLD CUP ROUNDUP

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ARGENTINA 2 BOSNIA 1

RIO DE JANEIRO — Lionel Messi scored a stunning second-half goal to push Argentina to a 2-1 victory over World Cup debutant Bosnia at the Maracana stadium on Sunday in the Group F opener for both teams.

Messi lifted Argentina in the 65th minute, moving in from the right and striking a low left-footed shot off the inside of the post behind Bosnian keeper Asmir Begovic. It was just the second World Cup goal for Messi, adding to one he scored eight years ago in Germany.

Vedad Ibisevic scored a close-in goal in the 85th to give Bosnia hope.

Bosnia got the worst possible start to its first World Cup when Sead Kolasinovic scored an own goal after just three minutes.

FRANCE 3 HONDURAS 0

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil — Karim Benzema scored twice and created a third that was confirmed by goal-line technology as France eased into its World Cup campaign with a 3-0 victory over Honduras on Sunday.

The convincing victory — albeit against a 10-man team for more than 45 minutes — was in stark contrast to the



Associated Press

France's Karim Benzema applauds as he leaves the field at the end of the Group E World Cup soccer match between France and Honduras at the Estadio Beira-Rio in Porto Alegre, Brazil, on Sunday. France won the match 3-0.

team's performances in South Africa four years ago, when the highly paid squad failed to win a single match and was sent home in a disgrace after going on a training strike.

It now tops Group E and, with Switzerland and Ecuador left to play, stands a good chance of staying there.

"Winning 3-0 at a World Cup isn't easy," France coach Didier Deschamps said. "(The players should) savor the moment, there's nothing

more wonderful. We're going recover and then go again in five days' time."

Benzema's first goal came from the penalty spot just before halftime after Wilson Palacios was sent off with his second yellow card for charging into the back of Paul Pogba. The Real Madrid striker calmly slotted the ball to the left of Noel Valladares to give the French a deserved lead going into the break.

"It's my first World Cup and I

think we're all satisfied with the result," Benzema said. "It was important to win this match."

With Honduras down to 10 men, France didn't take long to double the score, thanks again to the Real Madrid striker and the first decisive use of goal line technology in a World Cup.

SWITZERLAND 2 ECUADOR 1

BRASILIA, Brazil — Switzerland grabbed a winner with virtually the final kick to earn a 2-1 victory over Ecuador in the World Cup on Sunday, extending a run of come-from-behind wins that are becoming a theme of the tournament.

With just seconds left in the third and final minute of stoppage time, substitute Haris Seferovic finished off a length-of-the-field move by slamming home a close-range shot.

After wild Swiss celebrations, Ecuador's shell-shocked players barely had time to restart before the final whistle was blown.

It was the fifth time in the first nine matches in Brazil that a team had come from a goal down to win — but this was the most dramatic of all the comebacks.

"It was a dream to be able to win this match in the very last minute like this," Switzerland coach Ottmar Hitzfeld said through a translator.

Virginia beats Ole Miss 2-1 in CWS on hit in 9th

Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Mike Papi's RBI double into right-center with two out in the bottom of the ninth inning gave Virginia a 2-1 victory over Mississippi in the College World Series on Sunday night.

The Cavaliers' win came after Nathan Kirby and Artie Lewicki combined for the first one-hitter at the CWS since 1983.

The Rebels elected to pitch to Virginia's top hitter and RBI leader even though first base was unoc-

cupied. Aaron Greenwood (3-2) ran the count full before Papi drilled the ball into the gap, allowing Nate Irving to score from second.

Virginia (50-14) plays TCU in a winners game on Tuesday night. Ole Miss (46-20) meets Texas Tech in an elimination game in the afternoon.

Lewicki (2-0) earned the win in relief after Kirby gave up one hit and one run over seven innings. Ole Miss converted two walks and a groundout to tie it in the eighth.

CWS

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on it just enough to get a good piece of it."

The Red Raiders threatened in the ninth on Tim Proudfoot's infield single and an error that allowed Hunter Redman to reach with two out. The game ended when Todd Ritchie grounded out.

TCU beat Texas Tech for the third time in five meetings this season and improved to 9-4 in one-run games. Six of them have come since May 30.

The Frogs opened regionals with a 2-1, 11-inning win over Siena and then needed 22 innings to beat Sam Houston State 3-2. All three of their super-regional games against Pepperdine were decided by a single run.

TCU scored on White's

sacrifice fly in the first inning against the Red Raiders, and then the duel was on between Morrison and Sadberry. Sadberry gave up three hits, walked two and struck out five before giving way to Drodz.

The Frogs came in with the nation's best ERA (2.19), and their bullpen came into the game having allowed two runs in 28 1-3 innings.

Schlossnagle was asked if he believed prevailing in all these close games means his team could be one of destiny.

"That's hard to say," he said. "Teams with really good starting pitching and a good closer can win baseball games. If that's destiny, I'll take it. If you get hot and you play the best, then you can be the national champion."

CWS GLANCE

At TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, Neb. Double Elimination x-if necessary	Thursday
June 14	Game 10 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 7 p.m.
June 15	Friday
UC Irvine 3, Texas 1	Game 11 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2 p.m.
Vanderbilt 5, Louisville 3	Game 12 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7 p.m.
TCU 3, Texas Tech 2	Saturday
Virginia 2, Mississippi 2	x-Game 13 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, 2 p.m.
Today	x-Game 14 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7 p.m.
Game 5 — Texas (43-20) vs. Louisville (50-16), 2 p.m.	If only one game is necessary, it will start at 7:30 p.m.
Game 6 — UC Irvine (41-23) vs. Vanderbilt (47-19), 7 p.m.	Championship Series (Best-of-3)
Tuesday	Monday, June 23, Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.
Game 7 — Texas Tech (45-20) vs. Game 4 loser, 2 p.m.	Tuesday, June 24, Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.
Game 8 — TCU (48-16) vs. Game 4 winner, 7 p.m.	x-Wednesday, June 25, Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.
Wednesday	
Game 9 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 6	

Audi wins 13th title at Le Mans

Associated Press

LE MANS, France — Marcel Fassler, Andre Lotterer and Benoit Treliuyer overcame turbocharger problems to drive Audi to its 13th title at the 24 Hours of Le Mans on Sunday.

It was the trio's third victory in the world's most famous endurance race. Their Audi No. 2 finished three laps ahead of Audi No. 1 driven by Lucas di Grassi, Marc Gene and defending champion Tom Kristensen.

Audi has now won 10 of the last 11 races at Le Mans, including the last five.

"We did like in 2011," Treliuyer told Eurosport. "We stayed calm and attacked when we needed to. Andre (Lotterer) really put the pressure on Porsche at the right time."

Sebastien Buemi, Anthony Davidson and Nicolas Lapierre took third place at the wheel of Toyota No. 8, five laps off the pace. Pole-sitter Kazuki Nakajima's Toyota No. 7 retired in the 15th hour while leading because of an electrical problem.

"It is heartbreaking," Nakajima told the Toyota Racing website. "Somehow I thought maybe we could make it this time and then this happens. That's Le Mans and that's why we come here to take on the challenge. We will try again."

In its return to Le Mans after a 16-year absence in the top category, Porsche fell out of contention in the 22nd hour.

Audi did not impress in qualifying with slower times than Toyota and Porsche, but it proved more reliable in a race defined by the teams' ability to solve mechanical

problems.

Lotterer's Audi No. 2 took the lead in the 22nd hour when Timo Bernhard's Porsche No. 20 got stuck in the pits until the end of the race because of a drivetrain problem.

"It's very sad because we were fighting hard at the end, in fact, also for the victory," Bernhard said. "For sure, it would have been a podium. It's hard to take because the guys did a great job."

In the penultimate hour, Neel Jani's Porsche No. 14 went back to the garage while in fifth place to fix a gearbox issue. It managed to get back on the track in the final minutes, but the return proved meaningless as both Porsche No. 14 and No. 20 were not classified.

Despite its disappointing performance, Porsche still remains the most successful manufacturer at Le Mans with 16 titles.

Porsche and Audi swapped the lead in the second half of the race.

Treliuyer's Audi No. 2 took the lead from Nakajima in the 15th hour. Gene's Audi No. 1 then hit the front in the 17th hour when the Audi No. 2 headed back to the garage to change a turbocharger.

Kristensen's Audi No. 1 was also hit by a turbocharger problem in the 21st hour and surrendered the top spot to Bernhard's Porsche No. 20 in the 21st hour.

Chasing its first win at Le Mans, Toyota was in contention in the first half of the race, swapping the lead with Porsche from the third to the fifth hour until an unscheduled pit stop by Brendon Hartley's Porsche No. 20 allowed Stephane Sarrazin's Toyota No. 7 to pull away.

WORLD CUP GLANCE

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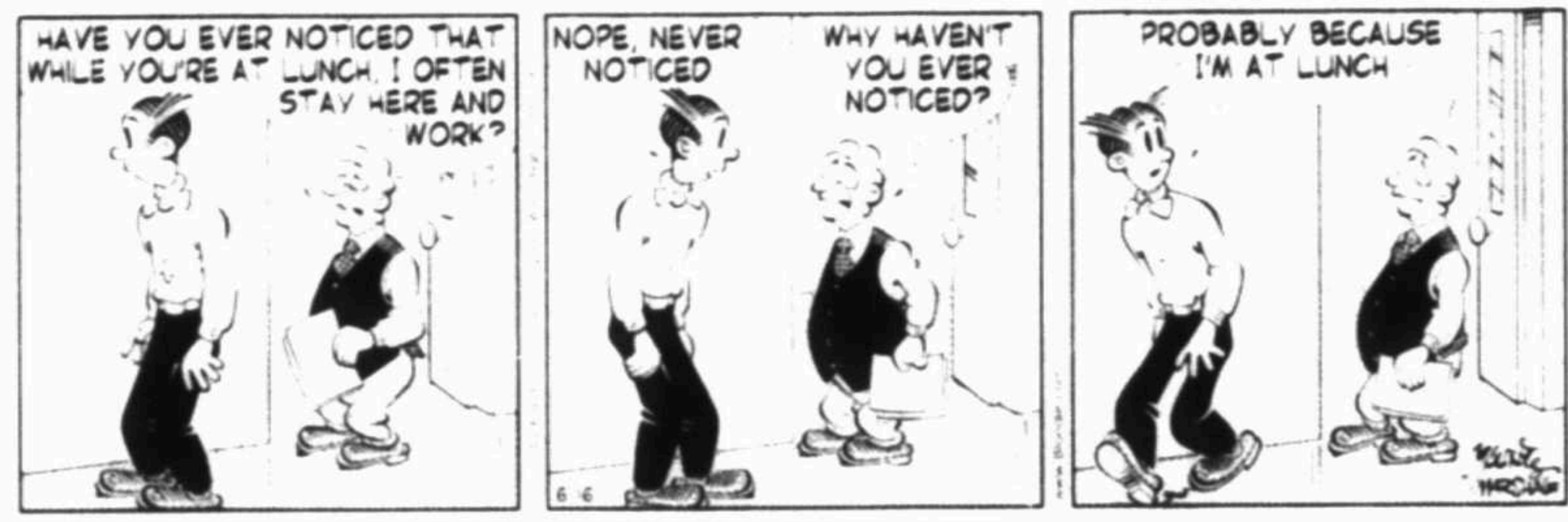
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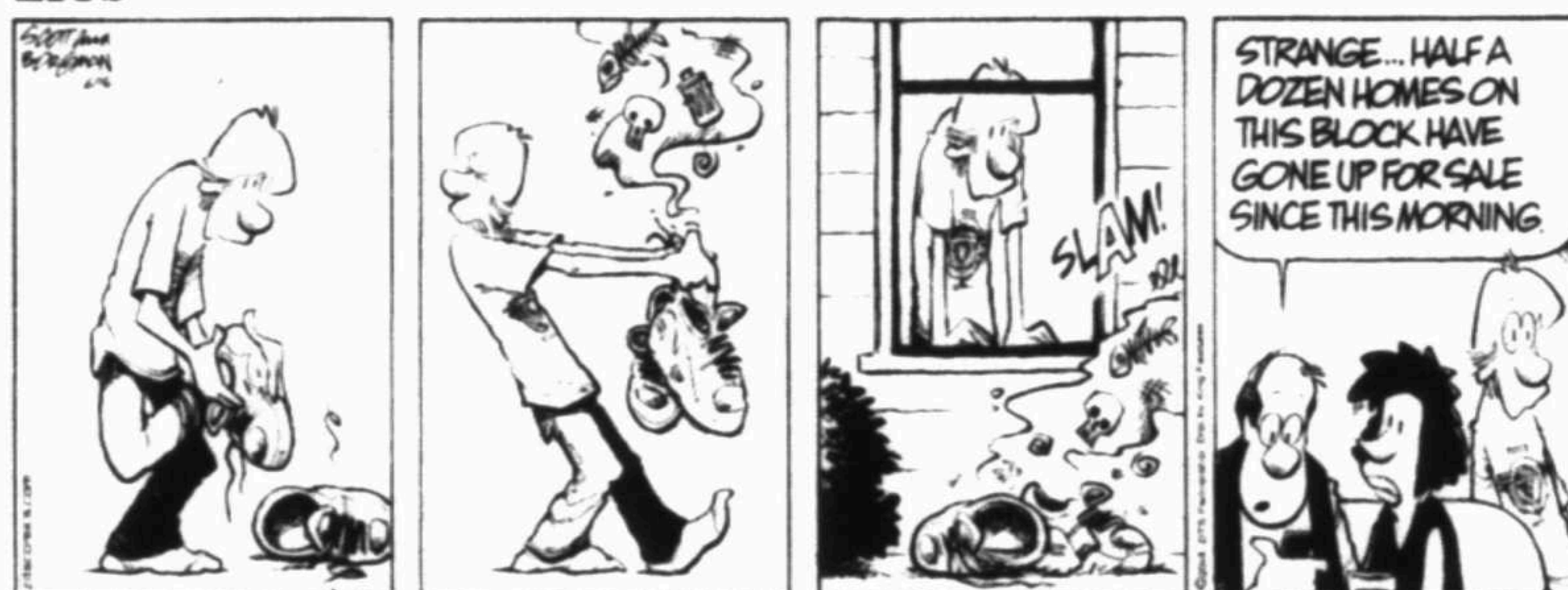
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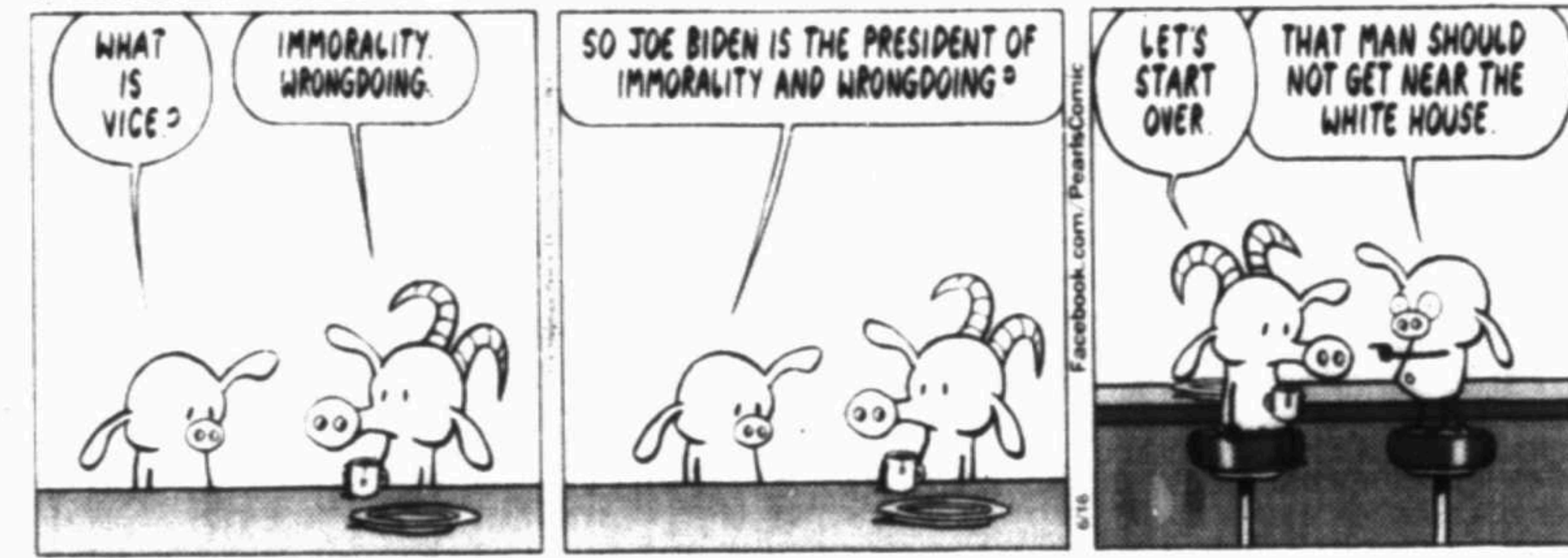
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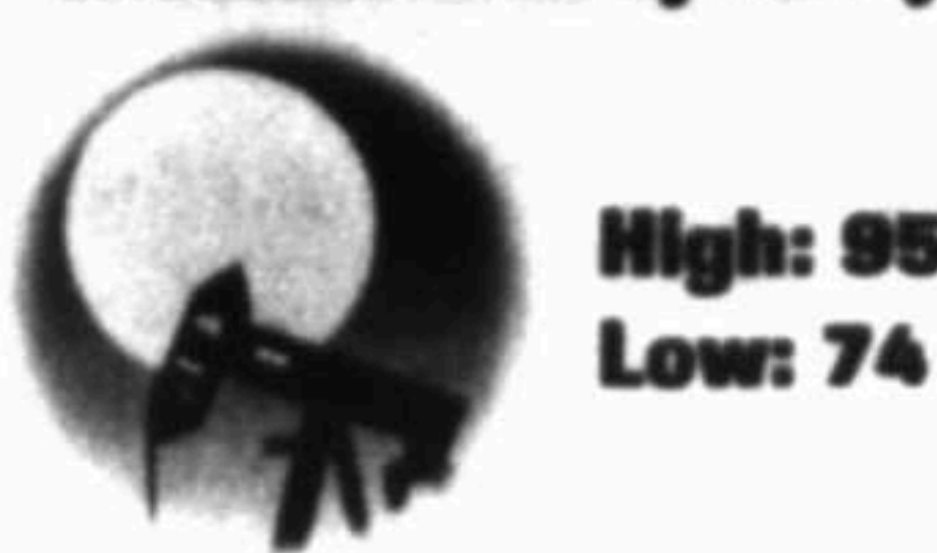
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Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 95 and south winds between 15 and 20 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low around 73. There is a 20 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms during the day and a 10 percent chance at night.

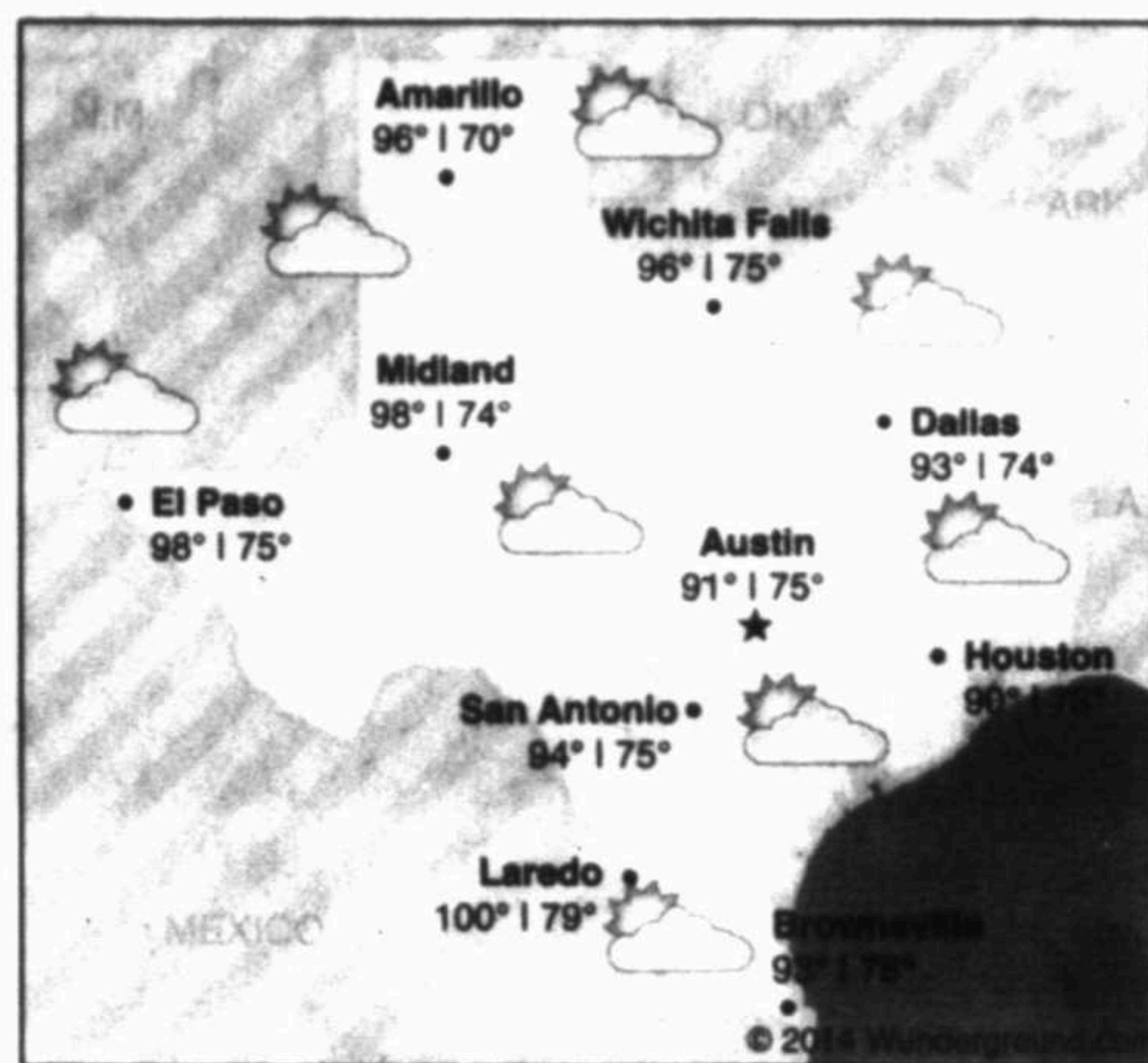
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Wednesday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, with a high around 94 and a low around 73. There is a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

The high on Sunday reached 104, while the low dropped to 75. The record high for June 15 is 107 set in 2011. The record low is 56 set in 1940 and 1989.

National forecast

A storm will cross the northern Plains, sparking thunderstorms today. Some of the storms can turn severe across southern Minnesota and Iowa.



Precipitation

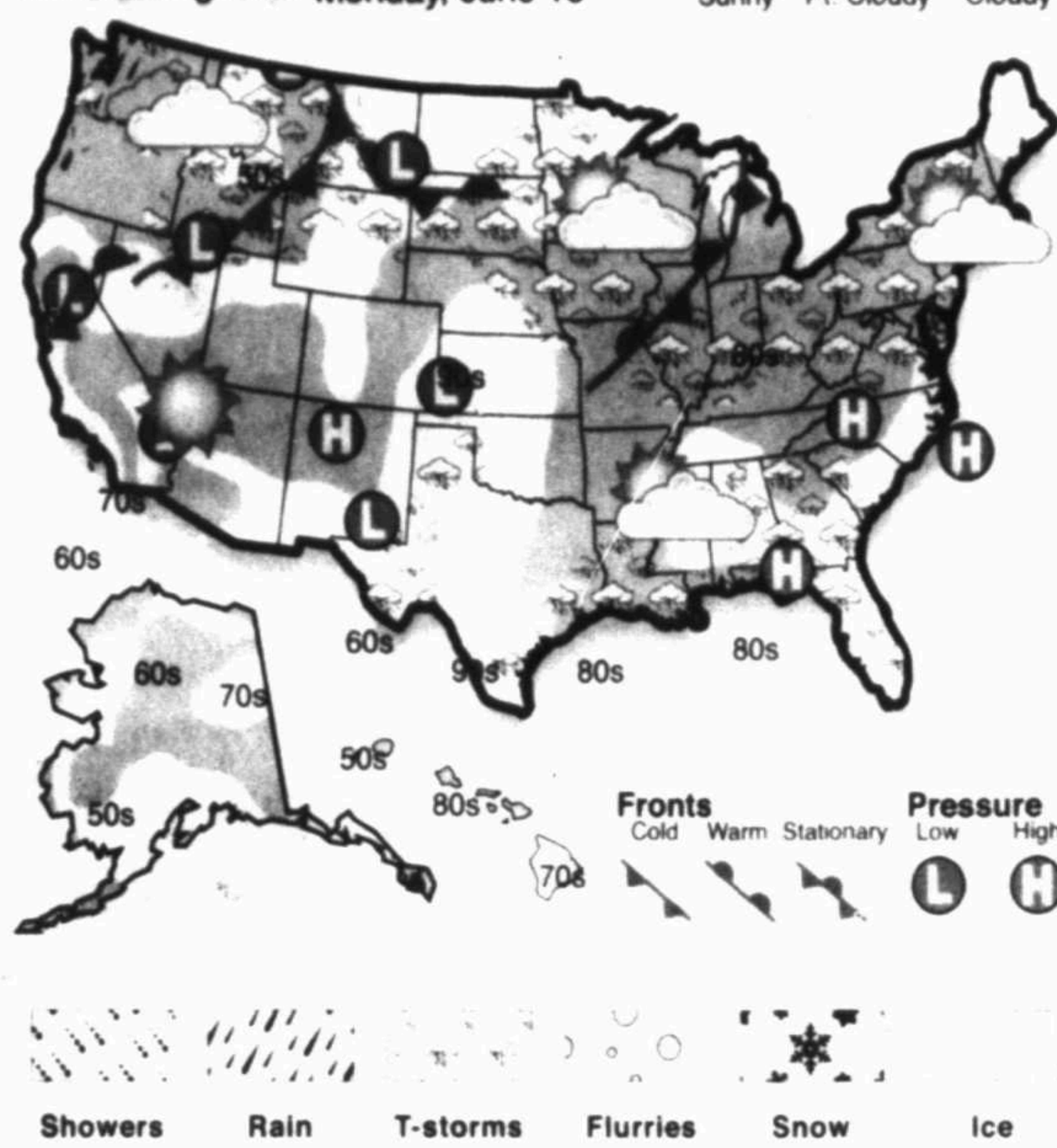
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Sunday's temperatures

High 104. Low 75. Normal high 94. Normal low 68. Sunrise 6:42 a.m. Sunset 8:56 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, June 16



Having a baby won't fix fighting couple's problems

DEAR ABBY: Lately I have been having problems with my live-in boyfriend, "Ethan." We fight about everything, and he refuses to admit when he's wrong. Ethan has been sleeping on the couch for a week waiting for me to take the first step and reconcile.

He isn't working and I am, and that is probably what has him so mad. I pay all the bills, and he thinks I feel superior because I'm bringing in money and he's not.

We argue day and night, swear and scream at each other, and he does not appreciate everything I'm doing so we can survive. I have two daughters, he has one, and I'm supporting all of us.

Do you think it's a good idea for us to have a baby? Ethan is desperate for a child with me — even though we can't get along or communicate. — MARY JANE IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR MARY JANE: Not only do I think it's not a good idea, but I think it's a terrible idea. Babies are expensive, and you're already carrying a heavy load. I suspect that Ethan thinks a baby will fix what's wrong in your relationship, but he's wrong. Don't do it! It would be a huge mistake.

DEAR ABBY: In the summer of 1995, I was a 12-year-old girl living in a motel in a suburb of Cleveland with my mother, older brother and younger sister. We were poor

and very hungry. My mother led my younger sister and me to a doughnut shop for our only meal of the day. After waiting for everyone to leave, my mother approached the young woman behind the counter and asked to buy some doughnuts with our foreign coins. It was the only money we had.

Instead of turning us away, she told my mother: "We're allowed to give away a certain number of free doughnuts every day. Just tell me what you want." (I don't know if this was true.) It was because of her kindness that my family ate that day.

If that kind woman is reading this, I want to say: "Thank you. You made the hunger go away for just a little bit, so a mother and her children could go a day without pain. You remain forever in a little girl's heart." — URSALA IN MESSINA, ITALY

DEAR URSALA: I, too, hope your benefactor sees your letter. Her generosity that day provided nourishment not only for your bodies, but also for your faith in the humanity of others — and I am sure you

have emulated her example in the years that have followed. After all, isn't that what acts of kindness are all about?

DEAR ABBY: Once a year I invite my mother, who lives in Arizona, to visit me in California. This year, Mom has decided to bring one of my sisters along because "she really needs a vacation." My sisters live in the same city as Mom and can visit her anytime they please. I see Mom once a year at most, and I do not want to share my limited time with her. How do I let my sisters know they're not welcome without causing a family rift? — WANTS QUALITY TIME WITH MOM

DEAR WANTS: You shouldn't have to tell your sisters. The person you need to tell is your mother, who should not have invited anyone without clearing it with you first. Because you're having trouble with what to say to her, read her the second paragraph of your letter to me. She may have been well-meaning, but she was misguided.

DEAR ABBY

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠Q 10 7 5 ♠K ♠Q ♠Q 9 7 5 4 ♣A 7 4

The bidding: WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH Pass Pass 1♥ ?

What call would you make? A — Pass. Quickly. Do not even think about overcalling. A two-level minor suit overall should be a six-card suit or a good five-card suit in a good hand. Double is better than an overcall, but we prefer pass.

Q 2 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠A Q J 7 6 5 ♠6 5 ♠Q 2 ♣J 8 4

The bidding: NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST 1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass INT Pass ?

What call would you make? A — A three-spade bid would be invitational, showing 11-12 points, and this hand technically qualifies. The lack of intermediate cards and the two isolated queens, however, would cause us

to downgrade this hand. We like two spades.

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠K 2 ♠Q 3 ♠Q 8 6 ♣A K Q 10 4 2

As dealer, what call would you make? A — There are modern-day bridge cowboys who open these hands with one no-trump. We don't object to the six-card minor, but the two major-suit doubletons are a worry. Should partner be 5-5 in the majors, he will drive to the four-level expecting you to have three cards in at least one of them. Bid one club.

Q 4 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold: ♠A ♠A 10 9 6 ♠K 8 7 3 ♠9 8 7 3

Right-hand opponent opens one spade. What call would you make? A — Were the spade ace located in the club suit instead, this would be a routine take-out double. The short-suit ace is a flaw, but the distribution is perfect. Double.

DAILY CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes 'ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE' and 'xwordeditor@aol.com 06/16/14'.

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, June 16, 2014:

This year you often find that you are faced with creative challenges, which you love. Sometimes a low-level fatigue or depression slows you down. Keep yourself busy when you feel off. Taking good care of your health is a must, as it will help you stay focused. If you are single, screen a potential sweetie with care, as you are in a period when you are likely to attract an emotionally unavailable person. If you are attached, you will enjoy the times you are with your significant other even more. Remember to plan more dates! AQUARIUS can be quite offbeat.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You have opinions and ideas that you might choose to express in a meeting. There seems to be an element of the unexpected that continues to keep your life exciting. You could feel irritated as you deal with someone who is fairly close to you. Tonight: Indulge a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Pressure builds from afar. You might be feeling as if you have a lot of ground to cover. A partner or loved one could be unusually irritating, in the sense that he or she doesn't seem to understand your concerns and issues. Use your charm. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance or to someone whose opinion you respect in order to get feedback on a creative twist to an existing plan. The unexpected will play a role in opening a door. Someone you meet might be emotionally unavailable. Tonight: Your choice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Stay on top of a problem that keeps emerging. You'll need to handle this matter before it becomes even more of a problem. Do not underestimate your ability to persuade someone to think as you do. Tonight: Listen to what a family member has to share.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Someone close to you could be testy. Think carefully before chiming in about this person's irritation. Communication is likely to open up, but a friend or loved one might be too abrupt at first. Let him or her be for now. Tonight: Go along with someone else's request.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Use caution with your finances, as you easily could go overboard in some way. Communication with a

person you care about could be difficult. Focus on what you must do, and let time work its wonders. Someone is likely to change his or her tune. Tonight: Get a lot done.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything you have to do, but once you get started, you'll achieve a lot. You are likely to withdraw if someone mentions anything about money. You have good reason to assume that stance. Keep an eye on your budget. Tonight: Add more fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Pressure builds, and you might feel irritated or frustrated with someone. Don't push a personal situation, and don't demand that someone else think like you. You probably are overly serious and difficult without even realizing it. Tonight: Happily head home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Initiate a conversation, but don't expect to have control over what others say. In fact, you could be shocked by the twists and turns of a conversation and where the talk finally lands. Recognize that you don't have control over anyone but yourself. Tonight: Hang with a friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Be aware of your finances and your commitments. You generally are, but right now there seems to be an element of the unexpected running through your day that has you feeling off-kilter. A friend could be difficult; know that you can't change this person. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Despite a difficult boss, you'll be on cruise control. You simply have to bypass this person and not allow him or her to get to you. A surprise that will encourage you to try something different is likely to occur. You won't be able to resist the offer. Tonight: As you like it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Keep your own counsel, as it might be too difficult to see the big picture with a certain situation right now. You will gather a lot of information in a conversation with someone who might be viewing the same situation differently. Tonight: Gain a new perspective.

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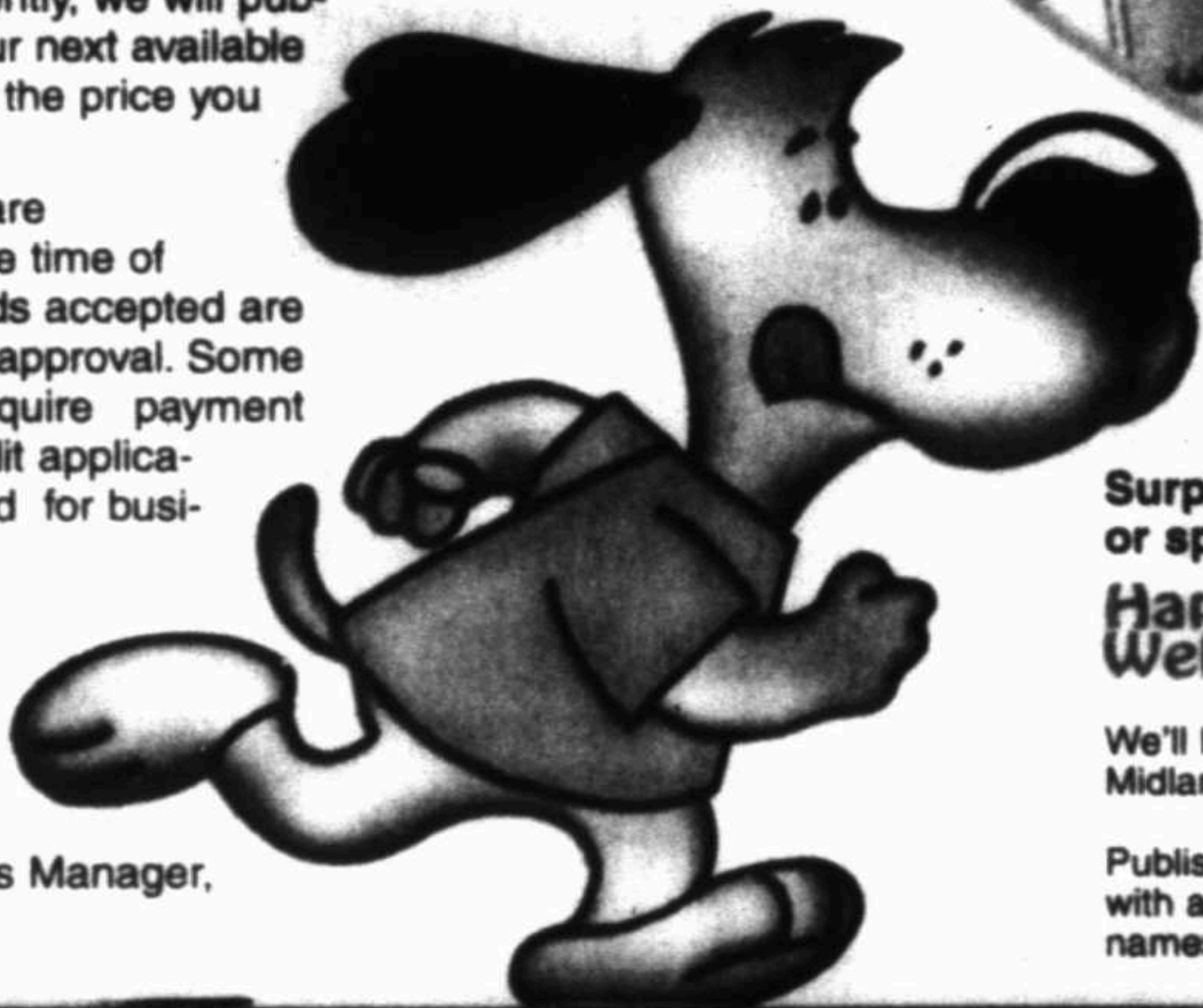
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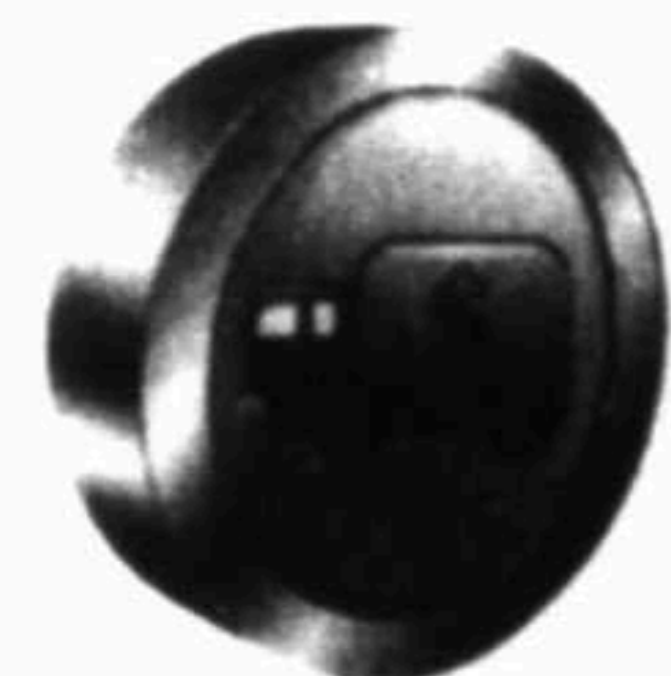
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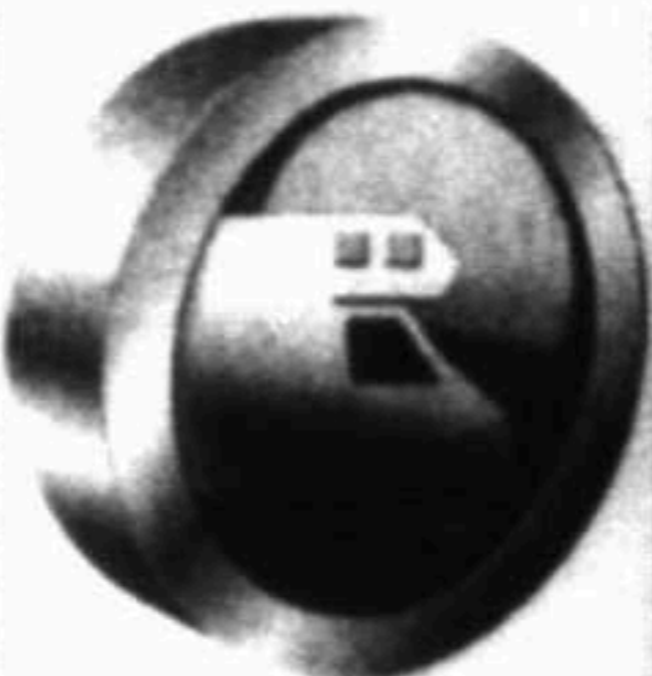
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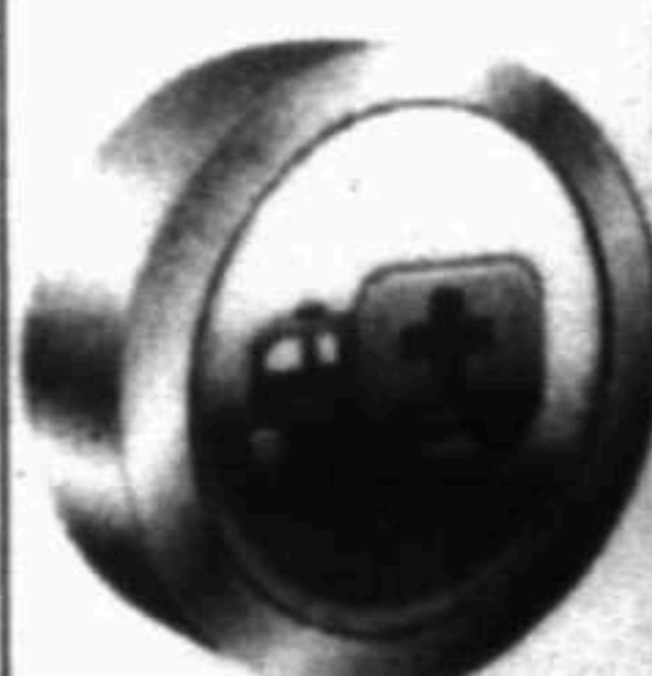
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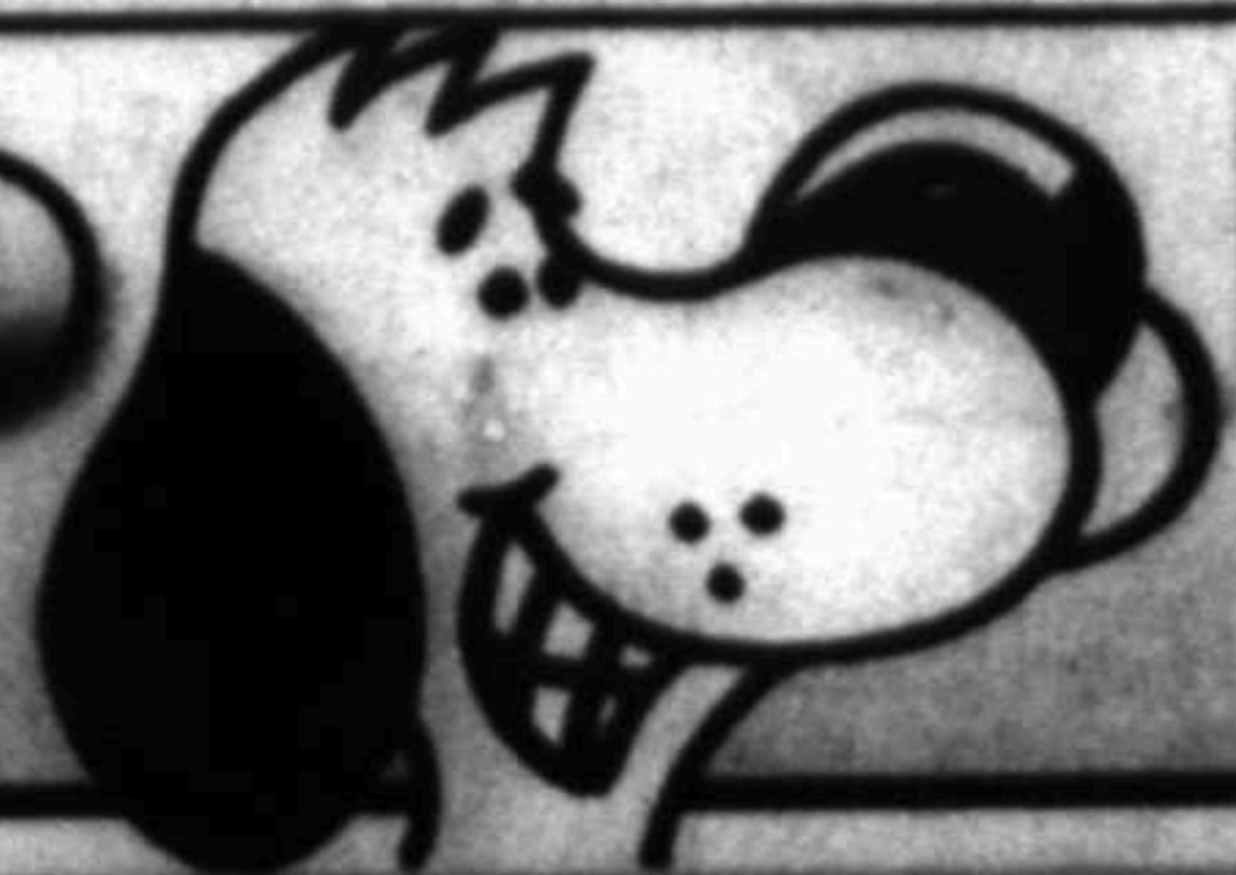
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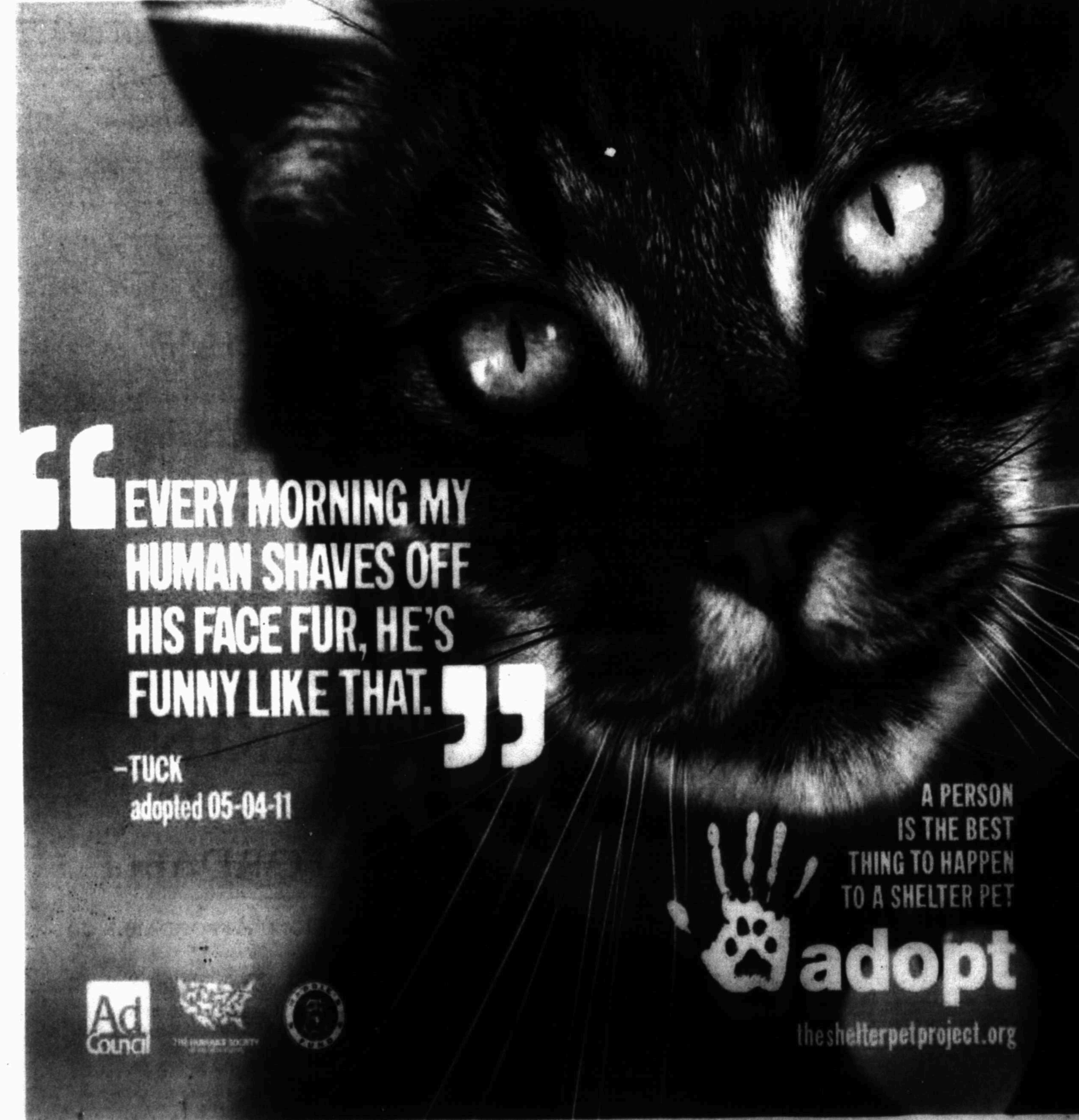
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