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Official: Market gives owners free reign
Apartment association, Seliger see no attempts to regulate Midland rent

By Cale Ottens
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Most Midlanders have undoubtedly been reminded in recent months and years that with economic prosperity and growth, oil booms can also bring greater costs of living.

But until a recent conversation with the Reporter-Telegram, the Permian Basin Apartment Association has typically shied away from publicly addressing the fact that

it's no longer a surprise to see companies ask for more than \$1,000 a month to rent a one-bedroom apartment built more than three decades ago.

Apartment rent is typically based on supply and demand, association president Gloria Oliver said during an interview after the group's monthly meeting Wednesday. But at the end of the day, the apartment industry is in the private sector, meaning proprietary information — such as true statistics that would indicate supply and demand — is not

required to be disclosed to the public.

"They don't have to tell you anything," Oliver said, adding that no one holds the industry accountable.

With hesitation and eyes welling up with tears, Oliver reluctantly admitted that apartment owners and managers are not always honest about their occupancy rate — their supply — in market surveys.

"Everybody lies," she said. "I hate to say that about the industry."

Market surveys are conducted by third-

party firms to provide an economic snapshot of a given industry, often noting supply and demand. There are no consequences for a company that may fabricate proprietary information because, again, it doesn't have to share anything.

"It's free enterprise," Oliver said. State Sen. Kel Seliger, the guest speaker of Wednesday's apartment association meeting, addressed concerns of potential

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Big Oil comes up short in shale

Pioneer CEO: Company's Permian fields will produce 2.5 million barrels of oil in 2033, up from 1.1 million barrels this year

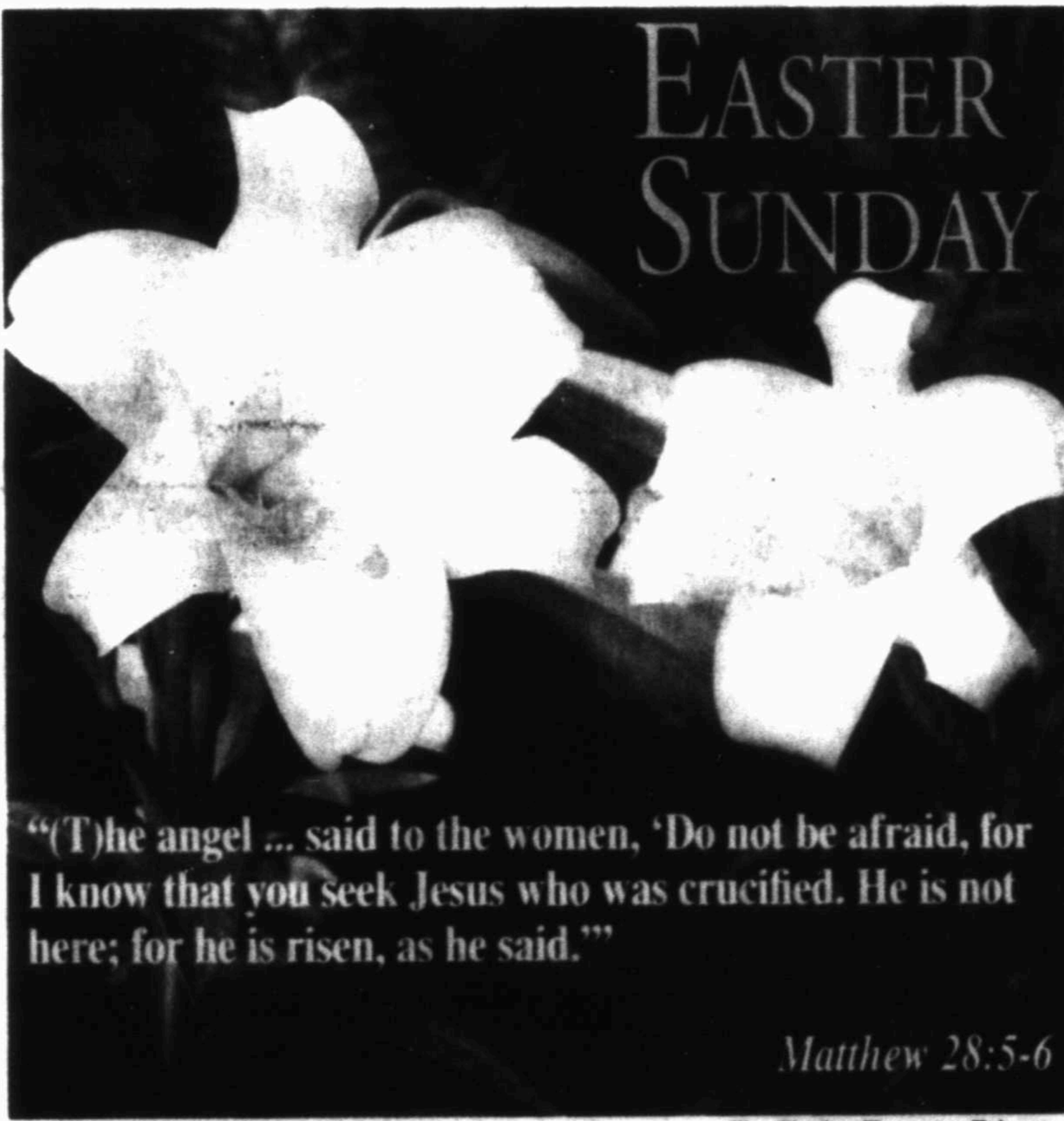
By Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Eons before the first wildcatters smelled oil in West Texas, massive slabs of eroded sediment had fused and folded into thick bands underground, trapping the primordial sludge in layers of earth too deep to reach until modern-day engineers discovered a way.

The technological breakthroughs of the past half-decade have made the plains near Odessa and Midland — long considered past their prime — some of the most coveted land in the nation. Pioneer Natural Resources, an Irving-based independent producer that has been active in the region for decades, estimated that two key Permian Basin plays hold 75 billion barrels of oil in stacked stone wedges.

"We have six Bakken sitting on top of each other," Pioneer CEO Scott Sheffield said recently, referring to North Dakota's prolific Bakken Shale.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Easter facts

The white lily, known as the Easter Lily, has long stood as a symbol of purity, hope, innocence and peace. Also called the Bermuda lily, the Trumpet lily and Jacob's Tears, the Easter lily is a biblical flower commonly associated with the resurrection of Christ. In Christian tradition, the Easter lily signifies rebirth and a new beginning. It is said that white lilies sprang up in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus wept in the last hours before he was betrayed by Judas.

Source: www.albertsflorist.com

TODAY IS EASTER

On Easter Sunday, Chris-

tians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is typically the most well-attended Sunday service of the year for Christian churches.

Christians believe, according to Scripture, that Jesus came back to life, or was raised from the dead, three days after his death on the cross. As part of the Easter season, the death of Jesus Christ by crucifixion is commemorated on Good Friday, always the Friday just before Easter. Through his death, burial and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for sin, thus purchasing for all who believe in him, eternal life in Christ Jesus.

Source: www.christianity.about.com

EASTER EGG HUNTS TODAY

- Family Easter Egg Hunt and Butterfly Release, 9:45 a.m. between 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services at Christ Church Anglican, ccanglican.com
Worship service and egg hunt, 9:45 a.m., North Church at Greathouse Elementary, mynorthchurch.com
Worship service and egg hunt, 11 a.m., Second Baptist Church, 694-9856
Rock & Roll Easter Fun and Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m., St. Paul United Methodist Church, stpaulumcmidland-texas.org

Craddick's request threatens CAF museum

By Rachael Gleason
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The latest round between state Rep. Tom Craddick and the Commemorative Air Force puts the fate of the American Airpower Heritage Museum up in the air.

Craddick fought for more than \$710,000 in state funds for Midland's military aviation history museum during the last legislature. But in a letter last week to Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, he questioned the legality of the appropriation and asked her to keep the museum's second-year funds in the state treasury.

"There is a great responsibility that comes with receiving taxpayer dollars and the CAF must demonstrate they are using state dollars in accordance with the law," he states in the letter.

Midland College, which disburses state allocated money to the museum each year during the biennium, withheld first-year funds totaling \$335,325 for more than six months as it determined the legality of releasing it.

That's because the state education code prevents a community college district from disbursing state funds outside of its taxing jurisdiction. And with the CAF planning to relocate its administrative headquarters to a larger metropolitan area — while keeping the museum back in Midland — MC President Steve Thomas said the college wanted to cover its bases.

"We wanted to make sure we weren't comprising the college in any way," Thomas said last Tuesday. "That's why we're being so careful."

The MC board of trustees ultimately voted to release the funds in a 5-4 split decision. But in a meeting before the decision, CAF President Stephen Brown warned what would happen if state funds dried up.

"The only way to close the museum is

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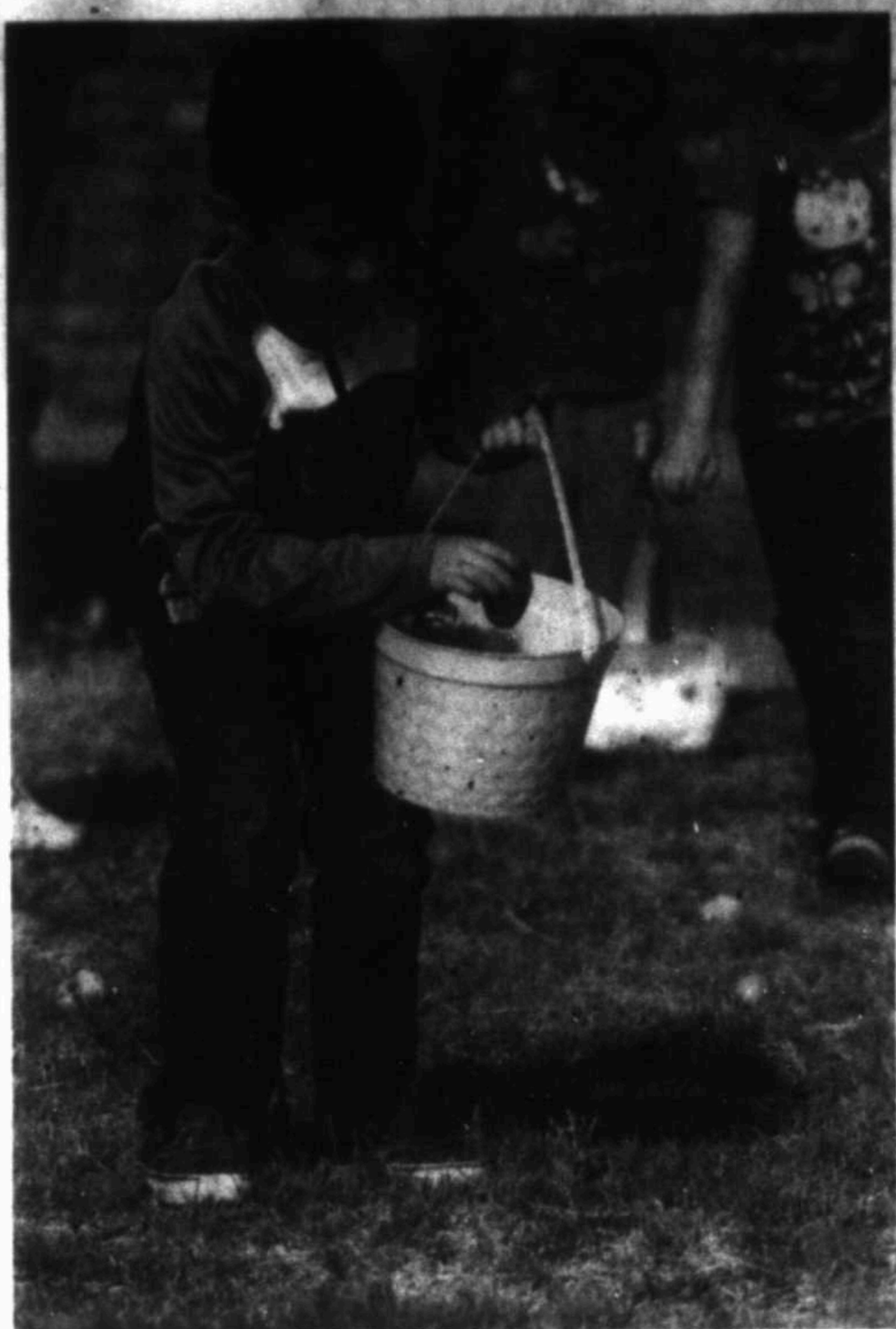
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Tucker White goes after eggs as he and other Bynum preschool and elementary students have an Easter egg hunt Thursday morning.



Jula Rakotohavana checks one of the eggs she found.



Savannah Struble opens one of the eggs she found.

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Student fights bureaucrats for Holocaust justice

By Toby Sterling
Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — Charlotte van den Berg was a 20-year-old college student working part-time in Amsterdam's city archives when she and other interns came across a shocking find: letters from Jewish Holocaust survivors complaining that the city was forcing them to pay back taxes and late payment fines on property seized after they were deported to Nazi death camps.

How, the survivors asked, could they be on the hook for taxes due while Hitler's regime was trying to exterminate them? A typical response was: "The base fees and the fines for late payment must be satisfied, regardless of whether a third party, legally empowered or not, has for some time held the title to the building."

Following her discovery in 2011, Van den Berg waged a lonely fight against Amsterdam's modern bureaucracy to have the travesty publicly recognized. Now, largely due to her efforts, Amsterdam officials are considering compensating Holocaust survivors for the taxes and possibly other obligations, including gas bills, they were forced to pay for homes that were occupied by Nazis or collaborators while the rightful owners were in hiding or awaiting death in the camps.

"I didn't expect any of this to happen, though I'm happy it finally did," Van den Berg told The Associated Press in an interview. "I never dreamed that compensation could be the result."

An unpublished review of those files by the Netherlands' Institute of War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies — or NIOD — found 217 cases in which the city demanded that returning Jews pay the taxes and penalty fees for getting behind in their payments.

Two Dutch newspapers, Het Parool and De Telegraaf, have received leaked copies of the report and published its conclusions. The report found that the city's top lawyer advised politicians of the time not to enforce the fines, but the recommendation was rejected. Politicians worried granting one claim might lead to more.

"The city made a conscious decision to reject this advice, which cannot be described otherwise than as a totally needless callousness toward (Jews) who had their property taken during the war," De Telegraaf quoted the report as saying.

Amsterdam's official ruling of Sept. 12, 1947, a public document viewed by The Associated Press, was that "the city has the right to full payment of fees and fines" and that most excuses — including that property had been seized by the Nazis — were invalid.

Ronny Nafthaniel — a leader of the Dutch Jewish community who sat on a vetting panel for the NIOD report and has reviewed a copy — said the papers' reporting is accurate. Spokespeople for the NIOD and the city declined to comment on the findings ahead of a statement planned next week.

Nafthaniel said many of the homes were sold to Dutch collaborators who left the bills unpaid and fled at the end of the war. "Another thing that hap-



Peter Dejong/AP

Charlotte van den Berg poses for a portrait April 16 outside the NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust and Genocide Studies in Amsterdam. Van den Berg was a 20-year-old college student working part-time in Amsterdam's city archives when she and other interns came across a shocking find: letters from Jewish Holocaust survivors complaining that the city was forcing them to pay back taxes and late payment fines on property seized after they were deported to Nazi death camps.

pened, and this is almost too sad to relate, is that Jews got back from Auschwitz — and then got an invoice for the gas that had been used in their homes," Nafthaniel said.

The Netherlands deported a relatively high percentage of its Jews during the Nazi occupation of 1940-45 compared to other European countries, in part because of its efficient bureaucracy. An estimated 110,000 Dutch Jews died in the Holocaust, including teenage diarist Anne Frank. Around 30,000 survived the war, many later emigrating to Israel.

The Institute report recommends that the city now pay survivors or their families \$6.7 million for the fines and the back tax payments on homes they were unable to use while in hiding or incarcerated at German camps.

However, these are only

for one type of housing tax, specifically fees for long-term leases when the city owns the ground a house is built on. Nafthaniel said there were numerous other categories of unfair charges — such as the retroactive gas bills — but remaining records may be too spotty to do anything about those. There is also a major unanswered question about whether Jews who paid the back taxes and fees without filing a formal complaint should also be reimbursed.

In one of the letters Van den Berg found, a Jewish man asked for an extension in paying the back taxes because his home had been seized by an organization created by the Nazis in 1941 to despoil Jews of their property. Before deportation, the man was also forced to surrender his assets to the Lippmann, Rosenthal & Co. bank in Amsterdam, which trans-

ferred them to the Third Reich — leaving him with neither the house nor funds to pay for taxes on it.

"In conclusion," the man wrote, "I'm asking you in handling this matter to be led by moral considerations."

No response was found in the archives, Van den Berg said.

None of Van den Berg's

colleagues or superiors had the time or inclination to take the matter further. So she took up the challenge.

"My feeling was, they were too important to just let them lie there," she said. "This was an injustice that was done, not something you could just put aside and forget about."

She did further research and found there were public

records on the postwar tax charges in city archives, eventually leading to 342 case files in all.

Van den Berg notified city officials about the documents and received assurances they would be fully investigated. Now and then she checked in, only to learn that nothing had been done. In March 2013, Van der Berg heard that the documents were "one signature away" from being destroyed, as other documents from the era had been. She was told that didn't matter because they had been digitized, but she felt it was important to preserve the physical evidence.

She hoped the letters would one day go on public display.

In desperation, she turned her findings over to Amsterdam newspaper Het Parool in March 2013.

The publication caused an outcry, and the city quickly commissioned a more thorough study by the NIOD to examine the documents and place them in a wider context of the city's postwar treatment of Jews. The study, partly leaked by the newspapers, is due to be officially released this month.

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 ■ After school Earth Day celebration and storytime "Arthur Turns Green" at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.
 ■ Earth Day Birthday, 6:30-8 p.m., Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. www.petroleummuseum.org.
- Thursday**
 ■ Brown Bag Lunch & Lecture Series with retired Col. Charles Buck Hamilton, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. www.petroleummuseum.org
 ■ Taste of Home Cooking Show at Midland Center. www.themidlandcenter.com.
- Thursday through Saturday**
 ■ "Les Miserables" with MCT and MOSC. April 24-26 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. www.wagnernoel.com.
- Thursday through Sunday**
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- Friday and Saturday**
 Best of the Basin BBQ Championship with Pat Green and Brian Milson. April 25-26 at CAF Benefitting Bynum School. www.bynumschool.org/bob

Meetings this week

- Midland-Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR)**
 5 p.m. Monday
 Wright Office Complex, Suite 1
 9601 Wright Drive
- City Council**
 10 a.m. Tuesday
 Council Chambers in City Hall
 300 N. Loraine St.
- Midland Coalition**
 11:30 a.m. Wednesday
 Palmer Drug Abuse Program
 building
 1208 W. Wall St.
 Note: Anyone concerned about underage drinking and substance abuse is encouraged to attend.
- Midland Development Corp.**
 8:30 a.m. Friday
 City Hall basement
 300 N. Loraine St.

Menu Madness

- Second Round**
Last week's results
 Garlic Press def. Carambas
 The Bar def. Bob's Better Burger
 Basin Burger House def. Chick-fil-A
- Luigi's def. Carino's**
Saltgrass Steakhouse def. Firehouse Subs
 Murray's Deli def. Dona Anita's
 Abuelos def. Harvest Cattle
 Wall Street Bar def. Osaka
- This week's matchups**
Monday
 Manny's Italian Village vs. Shogun
 Steakhouse
- Graham's Pharmacy vs. King and I**
Tuesday
 Jorge's vs. Gerardos
 Dos Compadres vs. KD's
- Barbecue**
Wednesday
 La Bodega vs. Cancun Grill
 Cattlebarons vs. Rosa's
- Thursday**
 Burgers, Fries and Cherry Pies
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- Midland Odessa Chapter of the United Ostomy Association, 2:30 p.m., Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus.
 ■ Overeaters Anonymous, 4:30 p.m., B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D, 553-1031.
 ■ Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club, 5 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 687-2588.
 ■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.
 ■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926

Construction this week

- Jones Brothers Dirt and Paving is scheduled to resurface the intersections around Midkiff Road and Interstate 20 in Midland County starting Monday.
 The work could take several days to complete.
 While work is being done, the intersections will remain open. There may be times when certain turning movements are prohibited.

Source: TxDOT

Lottery

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 Pick 3 day: 5-3-0
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 Pick 3 night: 5-0-5
 Daily 4 morning: 1-3-1-3
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Today in History

- Today is Easter Sunday, April 20, the 110th day of 2014. There are 255 days left in the year.
 On this date:
 In 1861, Col. Robert E. Lee resigned his commission in the United States Army. Lee went on to command the Army of Northern Virginia, and eventually became general-in-chief of the Confederate forces.

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From 1A

government regulations on the industry via rent control. He assured the audience, filled mostly with apartment managers, that they have no immediate threat of new regulations implemented by the state.

During an interview after his speech, he also brought up the "free market." He believes the economic principle of supply and demand will eventually take care of the issue of high rental rates.

"While rents are going up, if you take a look around, new apartments are also going up," Seliger said. A report published by Apartment FINDER in October estimated that nearly 1,300 units will be added to Midland's market before the end of this year.

"When the new apartments come on the market, it will be interesting to see what will happen to the 30-year-old properties," Oliver said, adding that she

could not predict whether or not the additional supply will bring down prices.

Seliger added that it's the government's role to create laws and policies, as well as maintain and build new roads and schools when needed, for example. Regulating private industries, like apartments, is not the government's responsibility, he said. But at the same time, private businesses shouldn't expect government subsidies, he added.

"They're on their own, too," Seliger said. Rent control is more common in larger urban communities, like New York City, he said.

"It's going to be a lot longer before (rent control) is in Midland or Odessa," Seliger said.

So far now, property owners are in full control of setting the monthly rent for apartments in the Permian Basin.

"The owner investor has the right to expect a fair return on his investment,"

Oliver said. "This is the American way."

But as the current apartment association president reached for a napkin to wipe the tears falling from her eyes, it became clear that the free market can sometimes hurt.

Oliver was one of multiple former Orion Residential employees who were laid off when Related Cos. purchased the 20 apartment complexes in Midland and Odessa last month that Orion had previously managed.

"We have to work for a living, and we have to do what the owner wants," she said with a sorrowful expression that spoke louder than her words.

Oliver said she is only recently able to speak candidly about the apartment industry because virtually every apartment owner and investor asks employees to avoid speaking to the media about controversial topics, like rent control or increasing rates. She admitted that

her comments may make it more difficult to get another job in the industry, but she still was compelled to share her experience.

Most recently, Oliver managed the Forty Four Hundred Apartments near Andrews Highway and Midland Drive. Before that, she managed two other complexes in Midland for about five years total. Rents were not nearly as high five years ago than they are today, she said. And on countless occasions throughout her tenure in the industry, Oliver was the person tasked with informing residents that their rents were going up — again.

"You can't blame the residents for being upset," she said. "How can you look someone in the face and tell them their rent is going up \$100 or \$200 a month?"

Knowing that not every Midlander works in the oil industry with high wages, Oliver said it was heart-wrenching to tell a mother,

for instance, that her expenses would now be even higher than before.

"It's your home; it's where your babies are," she said, again, with teary eyes. "When mama bear loses her cave, she's going to fight for it."

But Oliver said there shouldn't be a fight and the facts are clear: Not everyone can afford the inflated apartment rates.

While few would argue that the oil industry is not the backbone of Midland's economy, the local apartment association president said it's imperative to remember that there are other members of the community — like nurses, retail store clerks, fast-food workers and teachers, for example.

"It takes more than the oil field to make a town," she said. "Without everybody, we no longer have a town. Everybody deserves to be able to afford a home. That's been forgotten."

CAF

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to withdraw state funds," Brown said. "You will cause us to cease operations within months to the detriment of the community."

Craddick's letter puts the other half of the museum's money in jeopardy.

The CAF, which rents the city property near Midland International Airport for \$1 a year, planned on using the state funds for mobile exhibits and hands-on displays, according to a CAF press release from last year.

High Sky Wing leader Gena Lineberger said the money would make the museum stronger. The local wing, one of 60 CAF units nationwide, now operates out of the CAF's Main Hanger.

"More tourism to the community benefits everybody," she said at Tues-

day's MC board of trustees meeting.

Brown, who is also CEO of the museum, promised to use the state funds only for museum functions.

"None of the state funding has or will be used for the benefit of the CAF," he said, noting the CAF also contributes to museum operations.

But Craddick wasn't buying it. The elected official said in Wednesday's letter that he planned on requesting an audit from the state.

The letter also states Craddick welcomed an audit from Midland College. But MC President Thomas said the college first had to determine whether it had the authority to perform one.

As for the future of funding, Craddick withdrew financial support of the museum and in the

letter asked Comptroller Combs to keep the museum's second-year funds.

"They won't be in my district, so I certainly won't be fighting for money for them," he said Tuesday.

Craddick sparked his first round of debate with Brown last year by saying the move could endanger state funding and calling into question the organization's ability to keep commitments.

The former speaker of the Texas House said the CAF broke agreement with the city after moving the permanent location of the world's only flying B-29 Superfortress, "FiFi," to Cavanaugh Air Museum in Addison, a Dallas suburb.

"CAF made a commitment to Midland. They took money from different associations and foundations to stay in Midland,"

he said last year. "I'm concerned about the money, and I'm concerned about them backing away from commitments they made."

But Brown said the World War II aircraft, which tours the country as part of a flying exhibit, met requirements for financial support by keeping the "FiFi" in Midland longer than any other location.

"To impact the most Americans possible, it only makes sense with historical artifacts such as flying airplanes that they go on 'tour' around the country," he said last year. "Having a 'home' or base of operations does not mean that it must reside in that place forever, as this would be a disservice to the American people."

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This Nov. 6, 2013, photo shows a Whiting Petroleum Co. pump jack pulls crude oil from the Bakken region of the Northern Plains near Bainville, Mont.

got better acreage," said Kenneth Medlock, senior director of Rice University's Center for Energy Studies.

Cutting back

In the same West Texas plains, Royal Dutch Shell is clinging to what it calls its best results yet in the North American shale.

Thirty of its wells flow 1,000 barrels per day in the Permian. But after losing \$900 million on its North and South American upstream business last year, the company announced last month it plans to cut spending on it by 20 percent this year and sell off its stake in the Eagle Ford Shale and other liquids-rich zones.

"Drilling results there were mixed, and this acreage does not have enough materiality for a company of our size," Shell Oil Co. President Marvin Odum said in an investor presentation March 13. "We are talking to several potential buyers for those assets."

Shell Oil Co. is the Houston-based U.S. arm of Royal Dutch Shell. The same month, BP announced a plan to split its U.S. onshore oil and gas segment into a separate business by next year, reasoning that a more focused, nimble unit will be able to take on the smaller companies. A new management team will oversee its 7.6 billion barrels of oil and gas resources in the Eagle Ford and elsewhere.

Two years ago, BP wrote down \$1.1 billion on its shale gas assets because the value of their reserves

dropped along with as natural gas prices. And from 2011 to 2013, BP's net share of production in the U.S. fell 15 percent.

Exxon Mobil's 7 percent return on capital for its U.S. upstream business last year was dwarfed by the 24 percent return it collected on its international energy production business, according to regulatory documents.

This raises questions about how long the integrated oil companies, which have much more at stake in expensive deep-water projects across the globe, will remain a part of the U.S. energy surge. If Big Oil abandons its shale ambitions, however, the fragile economics of the new oil boom may rise to the surface.

Many analysts believe slowing growth in emerging economies and other factors may drive oil prices down. The U.S. Energy Department projected last week that benchmark U.S. crude will average \$95.60 per barrel this year and \$89.75 in 2015.

"People are ignoring the major downside for exploration and production companies," said Stewart Glickman, an analyst with S&P Capital. Falling crude prices could send investors to major oil stocks in search of higher dividends.

Wrong assumptions

In recent years, the success of U.S. independent oil companies in the shale drew the larger players, which thought they could use their financial heft to deal with the uncertainty

and high development costs, said Michelle Foss, chief energy economist for the Bureau of Economic Geology's Center for Energy Economics at the University of Texas.

"But it's much easier for bigger, more expensive companies to play in a game where wells produce 3,000 barrels per day, not 300," Foss said. "Returns on a good deep-water Gulf of Mexico project with wells that flow, say, 3,000 barrels per day are as good as, if not better, than onshore projects that flow 300 barrels per day. Chances are, those Gulf of Mexico wells have bigger flows and flatter decline curves."

Larger companies aren't all thumbs in the shale. BHP Billiton, which snapped up the Eagle Ford producer Petrohawk Energy in 2011, saw its shale liquids output grow 75 percent last year. Like BP's new initiative, the Australian mining giant has run a separate U.S. shale business from Houston since last year.

"You've got to have a relentless focus on productivity in shale," said Rod Skaufel, president of BHP Billiton's North American shale business.

Two former majors, Houston-based Marathon Oil Corp. and ConocoPhillips, split off their refining operations into new companies and have expanded their oil production in North American shale plays.

ConocoPhillips said it plans to spend \$3 billion in the Eagle Ford and \$3 billion in the Bakken over the next three years. Like Pioneer, it bunched wells close together and hiked its tight-oil proven reserves by 700,000 barrels per day last year.

In 2011, Marathon paid \$3.5 billion to buy 141,000 net acres in the Eagle Ford, where it plans to send the largest chunk of its \$3.6 billion in 2014 North American oilfield investment.

Much of the independent operators' advantage stems from the oil majors' decision to divest from mature North America fields in the 1980s and turn toward the frontier — deep water, heavy oil and Arctic

drilling. They sought larger reserves to replace their falling stockpiles, said Lysel Brinker, a director with IHS Energy equity research.

Following the leaders

With smaller positions in the U.S., Brinker said, the majors were not equipped to expand rapidly across the shale plays, as the smaller operators did. Instead, they followed behind and paid higher land prices for acreage rich in shale gas, now abundant and cheap.

Brian Youngberg, an analyst at Edward Jones, said the majors will have to keep restructuring their shale businesses to become more nimble, but if investors don't see positive results soon, they may begin to demand spinoffs and asset sales.

Matthew Steele, president and CEO of Houston-based Ursula Resources Group, said without the ability to make nimble turns, his company could not have put together speedy mineral rights and acreage deals.

"I can move 50 land men into a courthouse in a day," Steele said. In 2010, Ursula Resources assembled 50,000 acres in the Bakken in just three months and another 50,000 later that year.

Steele, who worked for Shell earlier in his career, said any drilling or land acquisition decision must go through several hoops at a major oil company, and it may take months.

Pioneer's Sheffield estimates the company's Permian fields will produce 2.5 million barrels of oil in 2033, up from 1.1 million barrels this year.

But horizontal drilling rigs, which make up 38 percent of the units in the Permian, still have a ways to go in West Texas, as operators are just learning to pack wells close together, to match with the underground stacks of earth that hold billions of barrels of oil, said Mike Oestmann, CEO of Talk City Exploration.

"We're just in the infancy," Oestmann said.

NASA's space station Robonaut to finally gets its legs

By Marficia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Robonaut, the first out-of-this-world humanoid, is finally getting its space legs.

For three years, Robonaut has had to manage from the waist up. This new pair of legs means the experimental robot — now stuck on a pedestal — is going mobile at the International Space Station.

"Legs are going to really kind of open up the robot's horizons," said Robert Ambrose from NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

It's the next big step in NASA's quest to develop robotic helpers for astronauts. With legs, the 8-foot Robonaut will be able to climb throughout the 260-mile-high outpost, performing mundane cleaning chores and fetching things for the human crew.

The robot's gangly, contortionist-bending legs are packed aboard a SpaceX supply ship that launched Friday, more than a month late. It was the private company's fourth shipment to the space station for NASA and is due to arrive Easter Sunday morning.

Robonaut 2 — R2 for short — has been counting down the days.

"Legs are on the way!" read a message Friday on its Twitter account. @AstroRobonaut. (OK, so it's actually a Johnson Space Center spokesman who's doing the tweeting.)

Space Exploration Technologies Corp.'s unmanned capsule, Dragon, holds about 2 tons of space station supplies and experiments. Robonaut's legs included.

Until a battery backpack arrives on another supply ship later this year, the multimillion-dollar robot will need a power extension cord to stretch its legs, limiting its testing area to the U.S. side of the space station. Testing should start in a few months.

Each leg — 4 feet, 8



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This Nov. 13, 2013, photo made available by NASA shows the Robonaut with legs at a lab in Houston. Each leg, 4 feet, 8 inches long when straight, has seven joints. Instead of feet, there are grippers. Each gripper, or foot, has a light, camera and sensor for building 3-D maps.

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"Imagine monkey feet with eyes in the palm of each foot," Ambrose said.

NASA engineers based the design on the tether attachments used by

spacewalking astronauts. The legs cost \$6 million to develop and another \$8 million to build and certify for flight. The torso with head and arms delivered by space shuttle Discovery in 2011 on its final flight cost \$2.5 million, not counting the untold millions of dollars spent on development

More about SpaceX shipment

SpaceX makes Easter delivery of station supplies.

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and testing. Ambrose acknowledges the legs are "a little creepy" when they move because of the number of joints and the range of motion.

"I hope my knee never bends that many degrees, but Robonaut has no problems at all," said Ambrose, chief of software, robotics and simulation division at Johnson.

The grippers will latch onto handrails inside the space station, keeping Robonaut's hands free for working and carrying things. Expect slow going: just inches a second. If Robonaut bumps into something, it will pause. A good shove will shut it down.

"The robot's not going

to have as much fun as the astronauts," Ambrose said. "No jumping, no somersaults, no flying."

Robonaut already has demonstrated it can measure the flow on air filters. "a really crummy job for humans," Ambrose said. Once mobile, it can take over that job around the station.

How about cleaning the space station toilets? "I have a feeling that's in Robonaut's future," Ambrose said.

This robot will stay indoors as it learns how to climb. The next-generation model, currently in development and targeted for a 2017 launch, will venture outside on spacewalks. That's where the real pay off lies.

A robot doesn't need oxygen tanks and fancy spacesuits. A robot never tires or gets bored. Why, a robot could stay out in the vacuum of space for days, weeks or even months, clinging to the station. Human spacewalkers are

limited to eight or nine hours.

Now imagine base camps on the moon. Man or beyond staffed by a team of robotic caretakers. Future Robonauts could be deployed in advance and get everything running before the humans arrive and stay behind when they leave.

And if there's a chore too risky for humans, we could let the machine go out and sacrifice itself," Ambrose said — and that's OK. It's not human. We can build another one. We'll build one even better.

NASA's space station program manager, Mike Suffredini, cautioned Friday that there's still "quite a ways to go" before future Robonauts make spacewalk repairs like the computer replacement job coming up Wednesday for the two U.S. station astronauts. Software is the biggest challenge, he said, but "these are great first steps."

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FERRY FRUSTRATIONS

Confusion, anger set in as relatives wait

By Gillian Wong
Associated Press

JINDO, South Korea — The informal briefing by a South Korean coast guard rescuer started calmly enough. He stood on a stage in front of relatives of those missing from a sunken ferry, explaining how divers trying to find their loved ones are hampered by poor visibility and can venture only so deep.

Less than an hour later, Saturday's meeting had unraveled. A few dozen relatives rose from the gymnasium floor and surged toward the stage, hurling rapid-fire questions — and a thick, rolled-up wad of paper — at the officials, who stood mostly silently, their heads bowed. One man tried to choke a coast guard lieutenant and punch a maritime policeman, but missed.

The exchange illustrated how relatives of about 270 people missing have grown increasingly exasperated and distrusting of South Korean authorities, in part because of confusion, early missteps and perceived toot-dragging. For days, they have dealt with shock, fear and bewilderment. They have briefly been buoyed by new ideas about how to find survivors, changes in death counts and the number of missing — even rumors of contact with trapped relatives — only to be let down later.

The mood in the gymnasium on Jindo island where hundreds of relatives are waiting for word about their loved ones is generally a somber calm. People murmur to each other or sit silently, staring at the screens that show pixellated footage of ships, rescue rafts and yellow bobbing buoys. Some walk around looking dazed or weep in a friend's embrace.

They're getting help for many needs. Volunteers set up charging stations for cellphones and distribute food and drinks. First aid officers take care of those who have collapsed from exhaustion and grief, hook-

ing them up to glucose intravenous drips. Police have set up a tent where some relatives have given DNA samples, in case they help identify bodies later.

But the seeds of distrust were planted Wednesday, the day the ferry sank with 476 people aboard, 323 of them from a single high school in Ansan. Thirty-three bodies have been found, and 174 people survived the disaster.

The high school initially sent parents text messages saying all of the students had been rescued.

Lee Byung-soo, whose son was aboard the ferry, was relieved by the text. He called the maritime police to ask whether there were enough life jackets for all of the students, and whether the water was very cold. The answer, he said, added to his confusion.

"They said all the students were wearing life jackets. When I asked more, they told me to get information from a briefing later," said Lee, a truck driver.

It was only when he arrived at the gymnasium that he realized his son, 15-year-old Lee Seok-joon, had not been saved. "I had to check every picture of the face of the rescued students before I realized that my son was not there," he said.

"The students were killed because the crew members and teachers and adults told them to crawl in the cabin and stay," Lee said, weeping as he spoke in the gymnasium.

The ferry's captain — who was arrested Saturday along with two crew members — has drawn criticism for waiting about 30 min-

utes to order an evacuation, by which time the boat had listed so steeply many could not escape. Relatives also are angry over the government's response.

"I know this has been a very difficult situation," said Lee Jong-eui, a businessman whose 17-year-old nephew, Nam Hyun-chul, is among the missing. "But aren't people supposed to have faith in the government? The government should have hurried up and have done something, but they just wasted four days, which led to this point. I think this is more like a man-made disaster."

Saturday's briefing began with a family member presenting video footage shot by a diver using a head-mounted camera the night before. The only sounds that could be heard in the gym were the diver's breathing as he gripped a rope with gloved hands and used a flashlight to illuminate the murky water. The diver could be seen pulling the rope as he advanced toward the sunken ship. Dust and sediment washed around in various directions, testifying to the rapid changes in sea current. Glimpses of the ferry could be seen — metal railings and a small window.

Shin Won-sup, special rescue forces lieutenant of the coast guard's south regional headquarters, had barely started explaining the operation when a man in a blue jacket interrupted him.

"Wait, what we want to know is the inside of the ferry. Why weren't you able to film that?" the man asked.

"We weren't able to go



Lee Jong-eui, 48, shows a photo of his nephew Nam Hyun-chul, 17, one of missing passengers aboard the ferry Sewol sank off South Korea, during an interview at a gymnasium in Jindo, South Korea, on Saturday. Relatives of about 270 people missing have grown increasingly exasperated and distrusting of South Korean authorities, in part because of confusion, early missteps and perceived toot-dragging.

in," Shin replied. When he repeated that none of the divers had been able to get inside, the silence exuded

dissatisfaction. The questions and accusations quickly mounted: "You guys just filmed

this video to show off to President Park (Geun-hye). To make excuses for yourself."



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NEW YORK — Who says America has lost its muscle?

Growing, unapologetic performance is the theme of this year's New York International Auto Show, which opened to the public Friday. Sure, there's something called the EV Pavilion, where visitors can ride around in a plug-in hybrid. But automakers didn't introduce any hybrids or electrics at the show.

The focus is on power. Dodge unveiled the 2015 Challenger, which will offer a 6.4-liter, 485-horsepower V8. Swedish supercar maker Koenigsegg debuted its \$1.6 million Agera R supercar, which gets 1.140 horsepower (that's not a typo) and has a top speed of 273 miles per hour. There was a new Corvette convertible and an Alfa Romeo sports car. Ford kicked off the show by putting a bright yellow 2015 Mustang on the 86th floor of the Empire State Building.

Dodge chief Tim Kuniskis said internal surveys of car buyers consistently show that around a quarter of America's 16 million car buyers are most interested in performance.

"Muscle cars are really not niche cars," he said. "There are 4.5 million people looking for cars like this — very emotional cars that they can connect with."

Dodge buyers are overwhelmingly male and young, Kuniskis said. The average buyer of the brawny, four-door Dodge Charger is 46, which is 17 years younger than the average for the full-size car segment. The Challenger, too, attracts younger buyers, despite its retro styling. Both cars go on sale later this year.

There are other factors behind this enduring love of muscle. Gas prices have stabilized, so many customers aren't as concerned about fuel economy. U.S. gas prices averaged \$3.51 per gallon last year and are expected to average \$3.45 this year, according to government statistics.

"People aren't as averse to performance vehicles and vehicles that don't get

What's new

SUBARU OUTBACK: The newly redesigned 2015 Outback is the fifth generation of the popular crossover, which debuted 20 years ago at the New York show. The new Outback has a sharper, more premium design and more interior room. Fuel economy is improved by 3 mpg to 33 mpg on the highway with the 2.5-liter four-cylinder engine, which gets 175 horsepower. Pricing wasn't announced, but Subaru said it will be similar to the outgoing model, which starts at \$23,495.

ALFA ROMEO 4C: After a nearly 20-year absence, Italian car maker Alfa Romeo is returning to the U.S. market. The elegant, rounded 4C sports car will go on sale in limited numbers starting in June. The 4C two-door, rear-wheel-drive coupe, which is on display in New York, will start at around \$54,000. Five hundred limited edition models will start at \$70,000. The 4C has a 1.7-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine with 240 horsepower and a six-speed, dual-clutch automatic transmission. It gets an estimated 28 mpg in combined city and highway driving.

HONDA FIT AND HR-V: Honda confirmed that its HR-V subcompact SUV, which is based on the tiny Fit, will go on sale this winter. The vehicle isn't on display in New York, however. The new 2015 Fit is. It's shorter and wider and has five additional cubic feet of passenger room. New features include a rearview camera and Honda's LaneWatch system, which automatically shows a view of the passenger side lane when the driver uses the turn signal. Honda has upgraded the 1.5-liter, four-cylinder engine and a new transmission, helping boost the car's fuel economy by 7 mpg to 41 mpg on the highway. The Fit goes on sale this month starting at \$15,525, up \$100 over the outgoing model.

as much fuel economy," said Eric Lyman, vice president of editorial at Automotive Lease Guide, which forecasts used car values.

At the same time, manufacturers are making all of their cars more efficient. The Charger offers two engine choices, one of which gets 31 miles per gallon, while the sporty Alfa Romeo 4C gets 28 miles per gallon in combined city and highway driving. The new Mustang, which goes on sale at the end of this year, will offer Ford's EcoBoost engine, which gives a smaller four-cylinder the

power of a larger engine.

It's a different kind of show than a few years ago. After gas prices spiked, automakers took notice and released a flurry of hybrids, plug-in hybrids and electric cars. But they haven't lived up to expected sales, Lyman said.

Sales of hybrids and electrics totaled 594,729 last year, or 3.8 percent of the market, according to Ward's AutoInfoBank. That was up 23 percent from the prior year. But Challenger and Charger sales were also up 19 percent each.



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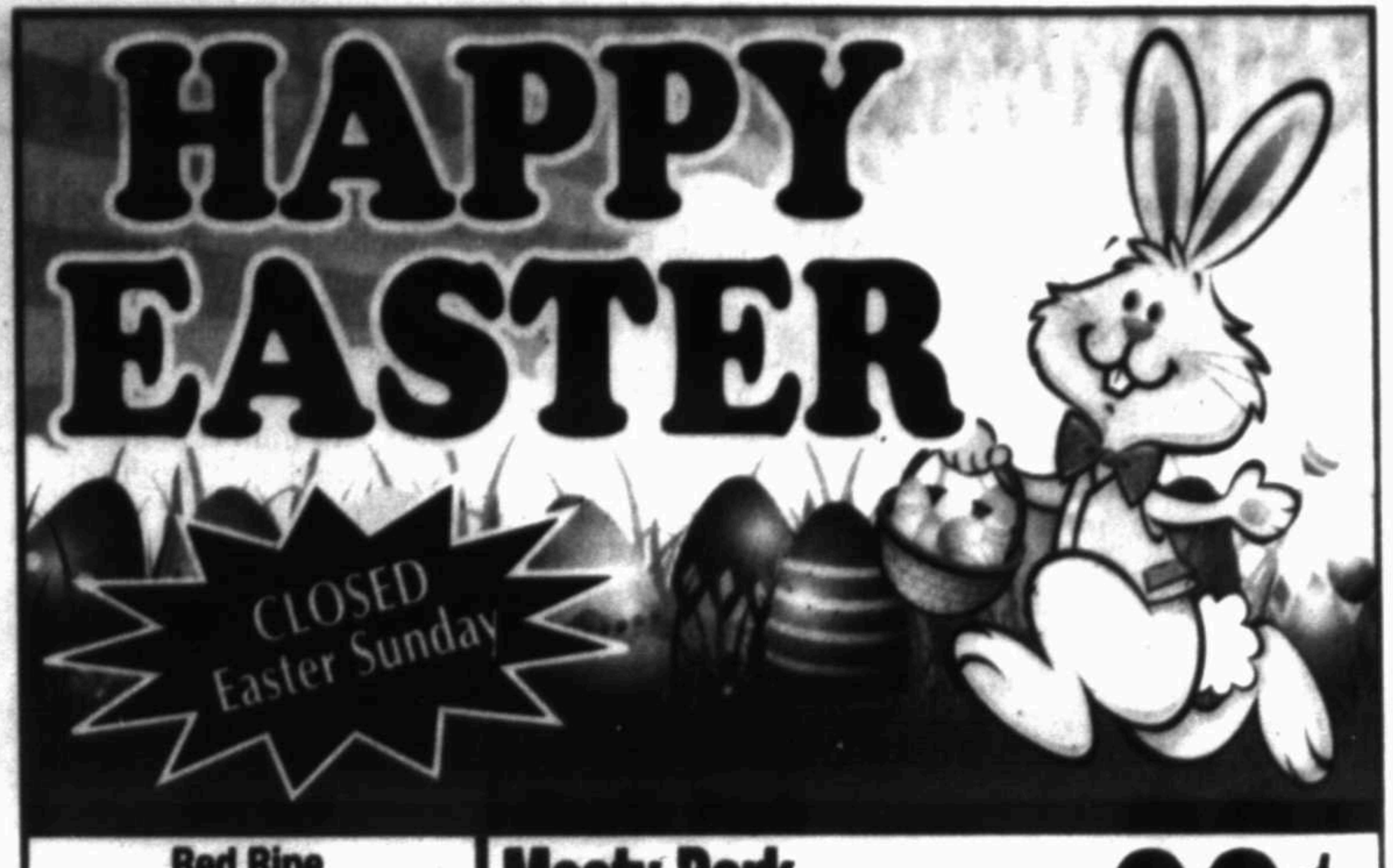


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Oil refiners reap reward of production bonanza

By Jennifer Dlouhy
Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — U.S. refiners are sending a "tidal wave" of gasoline, diesel and other refined products onto the world market, taking advantage of the explosion in domestic oil development that has helped drive Gulf crude stockpiles to record levels, analysts said Thursday.

The surge in domestic oil supplies, along with "healthy margins" at the nation's refineries, mean the U.S. is on track to become a net exporter of gasoline — producing more than it needs — next year, said Wakefield, Mass.-based ESAI Energy in an analysis released Thursday.

Refiners already boosted their output by 130,000 barrels in 2013, over the previous year — a trend that is likely to continue with predicted production gains of 135,000 barrels per day in 2014 and another 110,000 in 2015, the energy research firm said. Much of that will be flowing from the Gulf Coast, where refiners are expanding capacity and benefiting from climbing crude supplies.

Ultimately, ESAI predicts the average U.S. output of nearly 8.9 million barrels per day of gasoline in 2015 will be more than enough to supply U.S. motorists, even as domestic gasoline demand rebounds along with the nation's economy.

"The outlook for gasoline production in the United States is decidedly robust," the group said.

It's a remarkable new paradigm for an industry that saw four dozen refineries shut down in the 1990s. The domestic drilling boom — and the surge in oil flowing from North Dakota, south Texas and other regions — has already allowed the United States to claim "net gasoline exporter" status at brief times in recent years. But when the balance

tipped on total oil product exports in 2011, it was the first time the U.S. produced more than it needed in 50 years.

Although there have been quarters when the United States has been a net gasoline exporter nationwide, "going forward, these periods should be longer and more common," ESAI said.

There are caveats. The United States will continue exporting and importing gasoline simultaneously, with the Gulf Coast generally sending refined products overseas even as

the East Coast buys foreign supplies to satisfy regional demand that is not met because of strained pipeline capacity.

And the U.S. will probably still import more gasoline than it produces to satisfy domestic consumers during the peak summer demand season, noted ESAI analyst John Galante. But gasoline surpluses are likely to show up in the first and fourth quarter, when demand is relatively low.

There will be "a lot more gasoline being produced and exported from the Gulf

Coast, and some gasoline imports being backed out from the East Coast," Galante said.

Nationwide, refineries are running harder and faster to take advantage of discounts on domestic crude — a dynamic that ensures gasoline producers are enjoying more generous margins as a result.

"Broadly speaking, utilization is pretty good," said Bill Day, a spokesman for Valero Energy Corp.

At Valero, the steady supply of light sweet crude from U.S. sources means the company has been able to halt imports of that high-quality oil at its Gulf Coast refineries.

But much of the United

States' refining capacity is geared toward heavy crudes from Venezuela, Canada and other countries. The mismatch between the light, sweet U.S. supply and refineries' capacity for that higher-grade crude has contributed to current record-setting stockpiles of oil on the Gulf Coast.



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Associated

WASHINGTON — Some low-paid workers won't benefit from a long-shot Democratic proposal to raise the minimum wage law.

More than a dozen categories of jobs from the minimum wage are currently \$7.25 an hour, excluding, for example, law history, restaurant workers with crews on fishing boats and casual baby sitters.

Legislation introduced by Sen. Tom Harkin would gradually raise the minimum to \$9.50 by 2016. The Congressional Budget Office would mean hourly wages for 16.5 million workers — but also 500,000 others.

Harkin's measure wouldn't eliminate jobs, including companions for staffs of state elected officials at summer casual amusements.

The federal Labor Statistics Bureau says 1.8 million hours were paid below the minimum last year — about the 76 million hours of minimum wage work.

An additional 70 percent of the 76 million hours earned exactly the minimum. Some earnings are lower than the minimum amount are categorized as tipped employment, waiters can be paid \$2.13 hourly, their pay reduced by all federal minimum wage tips are included.

Harkin's measure would gradually raise the minimum for tipped workers to 70 percent of the minimum for most workers.

Asked whether eliminating the minimum wage would hurt the economy, Harkin said he was having a hard time getting voters to understand the minimum wage.

According to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the minimum wage was nearly 1.1 percent of the food services industry's total sales in 2012.

The Bureau of Labor Department says they had no data on many workers who are paid less than the minimum wage.

Though higher-paid workers help the economy, spending means point to that an increase in the minimum wage would lead to some losses to businesses to the of low-paid workers.

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Some exempted from minimum wage, increased or not

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some low-paid workers won't benefit even if a long-shot Democratic proposal to raise the federal minimum wage becomes law.

More than a dozen categories of jobs are exempt from the minimum, currently \$7.25 an hour. Those exclusions, rooted in labor law history, run from some workers with disabilities to crews on fishing ships to casual baby sitters.

Legislation sponsored by Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, would gradually raise the minimum to \$10.10 by 2016. The Congressional Budget Office estimates it would mean higher earnings for 16.5 million workers — but also would cost 500,000 others their jobs.

Harkin's measure wouldn't eliminate exemptions, including for live-in companions for the elderly, staffs of state and local elected officials and jobs at summer camps and seasonal amusement parks.

The federal Bureau of Labor Statistics said nearly 1.8 million hourly workers were paid below \$7.25 last year — about 2 percent of the 76 million Americans earning hourly wages. An additional 1.5 million earned exactly \$7.25.

Some earning under that amount are covered by lower requirements. In one major category, wages for tipped employees such as waiters can be as low as \$2.13 hourly, as long as their pay reaches the overall federal minimum when tips are included.

Harkin's measure would gradually raise the minimum for tipped workers to 70 percent of the minimum for most workers.

Asked why he wasn't eliminating more exemptions, Harkin said, "I'm having a hard enough time getting votes for the minimum wage" by itself.

According to the statistics bureau, most people earning under \$7.25 — nearly 1.1 million — work in food services and drinking establishments.

The bureau and the Labor Department's Wage and Hour Division said they had no figures on how many workers were illegally paid less than \$7.25.

Though Democrats said higher-paid workers would help the economy by spending more, Republicans point to projections that an increase in the minimum wage could cost some workers their jobs. That negative prediction is based on the idea that higher wages would bring higher prices and therefore hurt the economy and employment — and also on an assumption that a minimum wage increase would lead some businesses to trim the number of low-paid workers.

Harkin, whose bill is slated for Senate debate this month, said there has been "no push" from most exempted groups for minimum wage coverage. Of the excluded groups, the loudest objections have probably come from those



Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee Chairman Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, right, accompanied by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nev., left, and others, urge approval for raising the minimum wage, during a news conference April 2 on Capitol Hill.

representing the disabled.

Employers receiving government certification can employ disabled people at below the minimum wage, paying whatever they determine reflects a worker's productivity.

Most of these employees are mentally impaired and work in special workshops run by organizations such as Goodwill and Easter Seals.

The Labor Department's Wage and Hour Division said 229,000 workers were certified for such wages last year. Groups representing disabled people said the figure is over 400,000.

Either way, they are a small portion of the roughly 15 million disabled working-age Americans.

Advocates for the disabled said the system, originally meant to encourage employers to hire such workers, is being abused by some organizations that underpay and inadequately train them.

"This is a system that lives on the perception that these people cannot be productive," said Anil Lewis, a top official with the National Federation of the Blind, which wants to repeal the special wages.

But ending that program would mean many disabled workers "would not have the dignity, purpose and pride of a paycheck," said Terry Farmer, CEO of ACCSES, the trade group representing Goodwill and other groups employing disabled people.

A longtime advocate for the disabled, Harkin said he is trying separate legislation to require employers who pay disabled workers below the minimum wage to provide better training for higher-salaried jobs.

The federal minimum wage was created by the Fair Labor Standards Act in 1938. That New Deal measure also limited the work week — to 44 hours initially — and curbed child labor.

When President Franklin Roosevelt signed the bill into law, the minimum was set at 25 cents an hour, mainly covering industrial jobs. To win crucial votes from Southern Democrats in Congress, Roosevelt agreed to exclude occupations such as farm laborers and domestic workers, who were largely black.

Also exempted were some other low-paying jobs that employed many

women, including retail and many clerical workers. Many at-home jobs were also excluded. People who make evergreen wreaths at home are exempted to this day.

"The farther from the factory model of employment and the closer to some family thing, the likelier you were to get some kind of exception" to coverage, said Nelson Lichtenstein, a professor at the University of California at Santa Barbara who has studied labor history.

Gradually, Congress has broadened the law's coverage, adding public school, construction industry and

many retail and farm workers in the 1960s. Government and domestic workers were included in the 1970s. Overall, the minimum wage has expanded from initially covering about a third of workers to what the Congressional Budget Office said is now two-thirds.

Under Harkin's bill,

lower minimum wages for some workers would grow because they are linked to the full minimum wage. That includes many full-time students, who must get at least 85 percent of the full minimum.

Unchanged would be the \$4.25 hourly minimum for teenagers' first 90 days of

work. Others still exempted from minimum wage coverage would include workers at some small-circulation newspapers and small farms, and people who deliver newspapers. And some businesses with annual sales below \$500,000 are exempt

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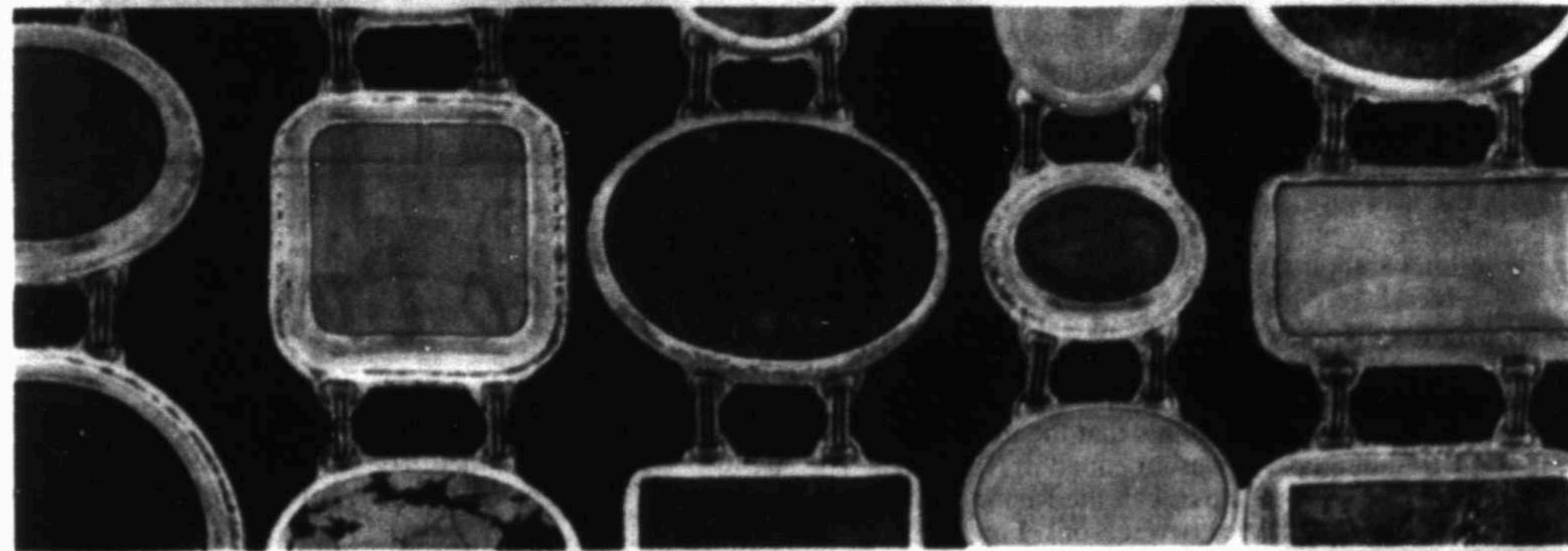
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Advice to Democrats: Don't say 'recovery'

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Election-year memo to Democratic candidates: Don't talk about the economic recovery. It's a political loser.

So say Democratic strategists in a blunt declaration that such talk skips over "how much trouble people are in, and doesn't convince them that policymakers really understand or are even focusing on the problems they continue to face."

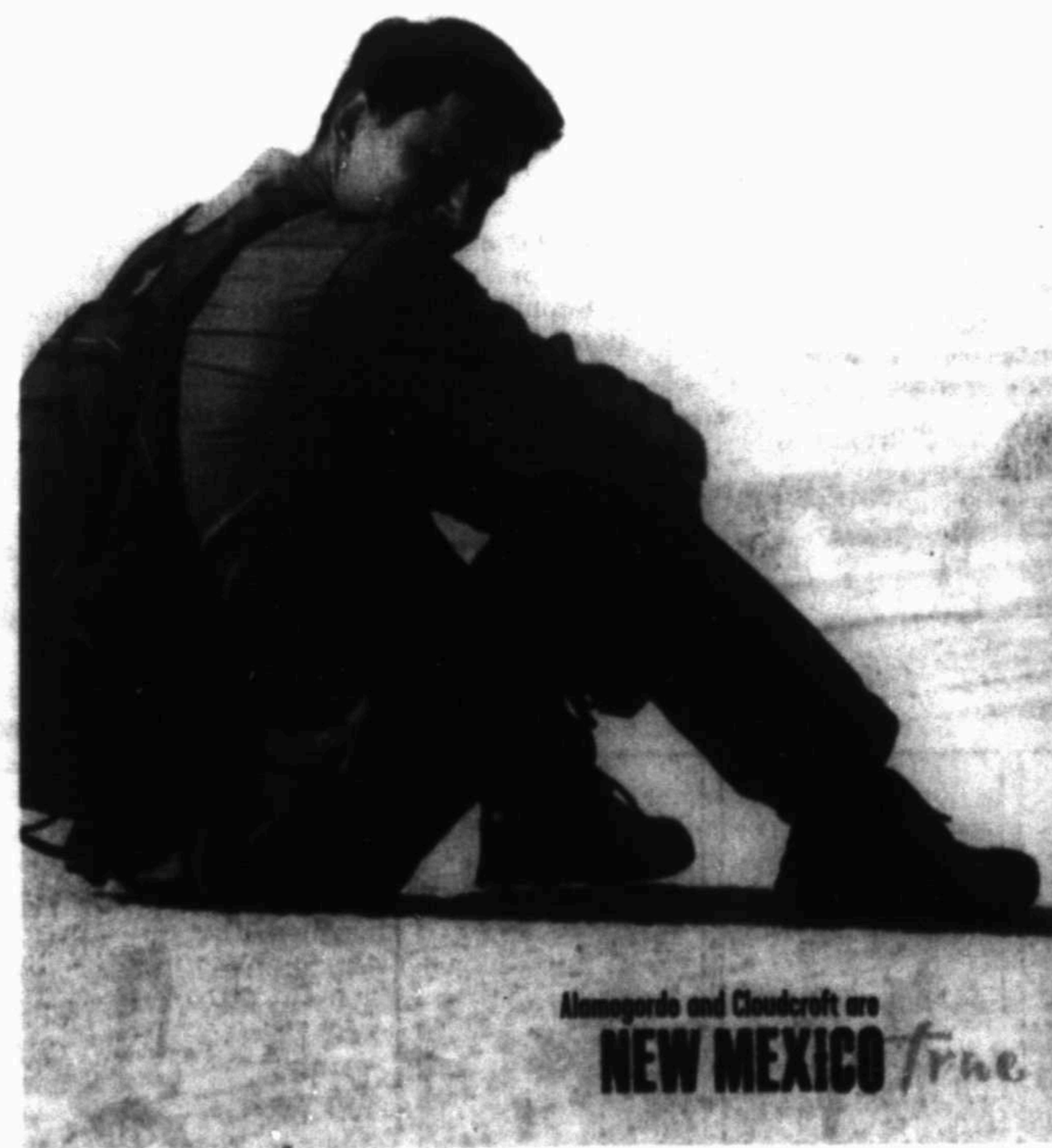
In addition, Stan Greenberg, James Carville and others wrote that in head-to-head polling tests the mere mention of the word "recovery" is trumped by a Republican assertion that the Obama administration has had six years to get the economy moving and its policies haven't worked. Coincidentally or not,

Democrats have largely shelved the "R" word.

President Barack Obama's only utterance of it in recent weeks was April 8, and it was in the context of accusing Republicans of blocking progress on issues that "would help with the economic recovery and help us grow faster."

Additionally, at a news conference March 26 where they announced a campaign-season agenda, neither Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., nor most of the other five lawmakers present uttered the word "recovery."

The strategic advice comes at a time Democrats are working to maximize turnout, particularly among women, for the fall elections, when they face a determined challenge from Republicans vying to add control of the Senate to their seemingly secure House majority.



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Tea partiers should remember Goldwater lesson

■ Having nostalgia for disaster is not a long-term strategy for GOP

The 50th anniversary of passage of the Civil Rights Act is also the 50th anniversary of the presumptive Republican nominee for president, Barry Goldwater, voting against the Civil Rights Act.

Goldwater, his defenders effectively argue, was not a racist, only an ideologue. True enough. He had been a founding member of the Arizona NAACP. He helped integrate the Phoenix public schools. His problems with the Civil Rights Act were theoretical and libertarian — an objection to the extension of federal power over private enterprise.

But some political choices are symbolic, and more than symbolic. Following Goldwater's vote, a young Colin Powell went out to his car and affixed a Lyndon Johnson bumper sticker. "While not himself a racist," concluded Martin Luther King Jr., "Mr. Goldwater articulates a philosophy which gives aid and comfort to the racists." Jackie Robinson, after attending the GOP convention in 1964, helped launch Republicans for Johnson.

In the 1960 election, Richard Nixon had won 32 percent of the African-American vote. Goldwater got 6 percent in 1964. No Republican presidential candidate since has broken 15 percent.

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post
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There is much to be written on the dangers and diminishing utility of a Republican electoral strategy based on maximizing the turnout of white voters. My concern here is with the tone and approach of the Goldwater movement. The candidate and his supporters regarded his vote against the Civil Rights Act not primarily as a political maneuver but as the evidence of ideological courage in the cause of liberty.

Announcing his candidacy, Goldwater had pledged: "I will not change my beliefs to win votes. I will offer a choice, not an echo." The choice was generally libertarian and Jeffersonian (in its resistance to federal power). The echo consisted of Republicans who had accommodated federal power on the welfare state, civil rights and much else. The energy of Goldwater's movement was directed against compromised members of the GOP — the RINOs of their time. According to Goldwater, President Dwight Eisenhower had embraced "the siren song of socialism."

Goldwaterites accused the Republican establishment of "me-tooism" and advocating a "dime store New Deal."

That establishment sometimes comically embraced its cliché. "What in God's name has happened to the Republican Party!" exclaimed Henry Cabot Lodge. "I hardly know any of these people!" But Goldwater also fully inhabited his stereotype. Brown v. Board of Education and associated decisions were "abuses of power by the court." The Tennessee Valley Authority should be sold "for a dollar" (which did not help much with Goldwater's electoral appeal in Tennessee or Kentucky). "We ought to forget the big cities," Goldwater told the Georgia GOP convention. "We can't out-promise the Democrats."

When Goldwater eventually, inevitably and massively lost, it is instructive where he placed the blame. "This year, obviously," Goldwater reflected, "millions of Republicans decided socialism and central-decided socialized government is all right."

Obviously it had nothing to do with a candidate who declared intraparty war, advocated "extremism in the defense of liberty" and opposed the landmark civil rights achievement of the 20th century.

The political events of half a century ago have current echoes. The spirit of Goldwaterism is abroad among tea party activists. Their ideological ideal is often libertarian and Jeffersonian. A few —

Rand Paul, R-Ky., briefly during his Senate campaign; Rep. Ted Yoho, R-Fla., at a recent town hall — balk at accepting the constitutionality of the Civil Rights Act. More generally, they believe that the GOP's political recovery must begin with the defeat of compromised GOP elites. Never mind that those elites, by any historical standard, are conservative. So the movement targets Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., who has a 90 percent lifetime rating from the American Conservative Union — revealing a revolution that can't even locate the Bastille.

The problem comes in viewing Goldwater as an example rather than a warning. Conservatives sometimes describe his defeat as a necessary, preliminary step — a clarifying and purifying struggle — in the Reagan revolution. In fact, it was an electoral catastrophe that awarded Lyndon Johnson a powerful legislative majority, increased the liberal ambitions of the Great Society and caused massive distrust for the GOP among poor and ethnic voters. The party has never quite recovered. Ronald Reagan was, in part, elected president by undoing Goldwater's impression of radicalism. And all of Reagan's domestic achievements involved cleaning up just a small portion of the excesses that Goldwater's epic loss enabled to occur.

The Republican Party needs internal debate and populist energy. But it is not helped by nostalgia for a disaster.

OUR VIEW

City needs to be more transparent on Energy Tower dealings

We had hoped last year's resident revolt concerning Energy Tower at City Center would have provided City Hall a lesson about disclosure and communication about the landmark project.

We are sorry to say it didn't. Last September, the City Council approved a term sheet between developer Energy Related Properties and the city. According to that document, the city was responsible for demolishing the former Midland County Courthouse and Chamber of Commerce building.

We expected the process to be unchanged until a developer's agreement was put forth.

So when news broke last week that ERP was responsible for the demolition, we thought that would be an interesting change in the yet-to-be produced developer's agreement. However, when Mayor Jerry Morales said that ERP already was responsible for that demolition according to the term sheet, we thought something wasn't right. And we were correct.

The city failed to tell residents that the term sheet approved by the council in September was amended in November. The city did not send out a press release or call the Reporter-Telegram.

We scratch our heads for two reasons. First, you would think that ERP being financially responsible for the courthouse demolition is news the city would be glad to announce. That is potentially a burden taken off the taxpayer.

Second, you would have thought past bumbling of the Energy Tower process would have led the current mayor to call for City Hall to be more open about the process moving forward. There were Midland residents who believed the process lacked a certain transparency and was rushed despite considerable opposition.

As reported in this newspaper when the term sheet was approved in September, the document provided City Manager Courtney Sharp the ability to negotiate with Energy Tower from that point forward. That is how the term sheet was amended without going before the council and, therefore, staying out of the public eye.

One troubling thing about last week's events is there might have been some people at City Hall and on the council who didn't know of the amendment until we brought up the subject last week.

We stated so before, but now we must insist that the city of Midland go above and beyond when it comes to transparency on the Energy Tower project.

We don't have a problem with Energy Related Properties officials. ERP's William Meyer was right on when asked about details of who's responsible for the demolition of the courthouse. He said the "agreement with the City is very transparent." Well, he was half right. The information in the amendment is very transparent. However, until Thursday, the agreement wasn't. And that doesn't fall on ERP.

The disclosure — nearly six months after the fact — of an amendment concerning arguably the most significant city project in recent times falls on the city of Midland.

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Jeb Bush has tough fight ahead

■ View on illegal immigrants a reason why some Republicans want end the political career of the former Florida governor

For Jeb Bush, the immigration debate has left him caught between love and hate.

The former Florida governor and possible 2016 Republican presidential candidate recently said that, for those illegal immigrants who come to the United States to feed their families, the undertaking is best described as an "act of love."

But many of his fellow Republicans hate that he said it. Some contend that Bush's prospects for the White House have gone down the drain, while others insist that his comments are a good indicator that he's not planning to run.

The reaction is sad but predictable. On immigration, the GOP is still stuck on stupid. No wonder Republicans in Congress won't take up an immigration bill. Whenever that subject comes up, the GOP fluctuates between the repugnant and the ridiculous.

For a taste of both, let's take a closer look at how Bush got in hot water with the coldhearted in his party. We finally know exactly what it takes for a Republican who talks about immigration to get voted off the island.

■ Claiming that illegal immigrants bring "Third World diseases" such as "tuberculosis, malaria, polio and leprosy," as radio talk show host and Texas lieutenant gubernatorial candidate Dan Patrick has said? Nope.

■ Insisting that ranchers be allowed to shoot anyone illegally crossing the border on to their land, as The Dallas Morning News claims it was told by Senate candidate Chris Mapp during an endorsement interview a few months ago? Not even close.

■ Casually using the racial slur "wetbacks," as Rep. Don Young of Alaska did in 2013 to refer nostalgically to the illegal immigrants who, many summers ago, picked tomatoes on his father's farm? Sorry.

Republicans tend to ignore or excuse those eruptions. In the process, they enable the knuckleheads who have damaged the party's brand.

The truth is that what really makes Republicans uncomfortable is when someone forces them to tone down their language and think critically about a controversial issue, as Bush did.

During a recent visit to the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library, Jeb Bush told Fox News that the country needs to "get beyond the harsh

political rhetoric" associated with the immigration debate. Then, about illegal immigrants, Bush said this: "Yes, they broke the law, but it's not a felony. It's an act of love. It's an act of commitment to your family."

He's right. Nevertheless, with those few words, Bush did something radical. He ascribed to the illegal immigrants whom some in the GOP have spent decades dehumanizing, demonizing and denigrating a set of qualities that make them appear human. We might even call some of them admirable. In a country where so many parents are content to let other people provide for their children, either through charity or government assistance, illegal immigrants take risks and put themselves in danger to provide for their families. Imagine.

Yet Bush also left out an important piece of the puzzle. Coming into the United States without proper documents may be an act of love, but it is also an act of disrespect toward this country, its people and its laws. Those who want to reform our immigration system and provide legal status to the undocumented must accept this reality.

What was Bush thinking? Actually, unlike many of his fellow Republicans, Bush seems to think quite deeply about issues such as immigration. If you've ever been in the room, as I have, when he is speaking about immigrants and the contributions they make to our society, no matter how they got here, you'll see that he understands that our country is getting the better end of the bargain. It was true 100 years ago, and it is true now.

Many in the GOP don't agree with this assessment, even if they're not willing to say it out loud. Either Bush is wrong about illegal immigrants, or other Republicans are. And so those who disagree with him have no choice but to attack him and declare an end to his political career. That's premature.

Stubbornness is in the DNA of the GOP. Just as there will always be Democrats who won't admit that illegal immigrants did a bad thing, there will also always be Republicans who won't accept that they're not all bad people.

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George W. Bush steps out on ledge with paintings

■ Former president again shows he's willing face the critics by showing his artwork

Concepts some folks have trouble getting their brain around: Mack Brown as an ex-coach, Rick Perry as a presidential candidate, George W. Bush as a painter.

"Hey, Van Gogh, how's the ear?" I was prepared to tell Bush if I got in wisecrack range during last week's Civil Rights Summit.

I didn't, perhaps saving myself a Secret Service throw-down. But a few days earlier I did get to see Bush's portraits of world leaders at his presidential library at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. I'm no art expert (and I'm not even sure I know what I like when I see it), but I was impressed with Bush's skills.

I can imagine some folks, especially folks who didn't think the Bush presidency was any good, won't think the portraits are any good. But I can't imagine anyone thinking they're not interesting.

We were puzzled when we first heard of Bush's new hobby. The feedback may run along political lines, but I'm impressed by his willingness to try something new and hold it up for public scrutiny. "I fully understand the signature is worth more than the painting," Bush said on a video that plays at the exhibit.

People magazine asked Bill Arning, director of the Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, to critique Bush's portraits. He said they "definitely have something that makes them kind of memorable." Read that as you will.

Arning called them Chaim "Soutine-like portraits." Soutine, as you know if you read Wikipedia, "developed an individual style more concerned with shape, color and texture over representation." Darn if that isn't exactly what I thought of Bush's work, though I can't imagine him telling his instructor, "I see myself doing something in the Soutine oeuvre."

Arning said the portraits are "thickly painted in what I would call 'high-amateur' mode." The "high" in "high amateur" probably refers to ranking, not inhaling. And Arning said he can imagine a young college graduate viewing Bush's artwork as "an interesting take on portraiture in 2014." That's faint praise right up there with "something that makes them kind of memorable."

The expert said Bush's portrait of Vladimir Putin is "Freddy Krueger-like" but called the one of Bush's dad "psychologically the deepest one."

"You could literally build cities in the flesh folds of (the elder Bush's) face," Arning told People.

Arning's bottom line is that "It's interesting to see who cannot look at these because of who the author is. If you are so bent out of shape because of your history (with Bush), it's an interesting moment of self-analysis to ask, 'Can I look at these as paintings?'"

Can you?
Three other Bush-related items of note:
At the Civil Rights Summit at the LBJ Library last week Bush said, "Former presidents compare their libraries the way other men compare their — well, I wonder how LBJ would have handled that."

Kind of daring for a mixed audience, but well-delivered and well-received (though I have no intel on whether Laura Bush had any ex post facto criticism for her husband).

The second Bush Library-related note is last week's announcement that it had delivered the bullhorn Bush used for his Ground Zero remarks to the National September 11 Memorial and Museum in New York, which opens May 21, for display through mid-July.

Odd, isn't it, that a president's most famous speech was an impromptu one delivered through a bullhorn?

And in the destructively politically polarized times in which we live, I smiled last week when ex-President George H.W. Bush showed up at the airport to welcome President Barack Obama to Houston, where he spoke at a Democratic fundraiser.

Why in the world would a Republican show up to welcome a Democrat in town to raise political money to defeat Republicans?

"I just wanted to say hello to the president and the first lady," the elder Bush explained. "When the president comes to your hometown, you show up and welcome him."

Older, wiser, kinder, gentler.



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State Sen. Dan Patrick and San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro each held his own

Houston Chronicle

It's highly unlikely — unless both decide simultaneously that they're presidential timber — but we would pay money to see Ted Cruz and Dan Patrick go head to head in a debate. Patrick, the veteran radio talk-show host and current candidate for lieutenant governor, is just as adept as the state's junior U.S. senator at staying on the offensive, playing to the crowd and arraying himself in vainglory. San Antonio Mayor Julián Castro and a statewide Web audience made that discovery Tuesday night in an hourlong Castro-Patrick debate about immigration and related issues.

To be sure, the mayor was more than capable in his encounter with Patrick, taped before a live audience at Univision's San Antonio studios. He was particularly effective in the early going when he seemed to surprise the Houston state senator with his combativeness. "On Twitter, in front of the Alamo, in your campaign, you've been huffing and puffing like the Big Bad Wolf and now you're dancing around like Little Red Riding Hood. That is not leadership," Castro said.

Patrick repeatedly told Castro, "Don't patronize me." The mayor tried to keep the senator on the defensive, but as the hour wound down Castro was reduced to repeating his applause lines.

The Houston lawmaker sought to offer up a kinder, gentler Republican candidate who actually does feel

compassion for the undocumented and does support immigration reform, even though he opposes in-state tuition rates for the so-called Dreamers and opposes any path to citizenship for those in this country illegally. "I'm not anti-immigrant," he insisted.

Patrick also expressed concern, strangely enough, about those notorious "anchor babies" we used to hear so much about at tea party gatherings and in anti-immigrant propaganda. At one point he tried to press Castro into the role of a UT-Austin admissions officer having to choose between an anchor baby applicant and a U.S. citizen applicant. The mayor wouldn't take the bait. (It got us to wondering what the choice would be if that anchor baby had grown during his 18 years in this country into a 250-pound All-State linebacker who ran the 40 in 4.3 seconds.)

It's fun, but ultimately irrelevant, to score the debate — irrelevant, in part, because the two men aren't running against each other, but also because Patrick, however clever he is as a debater, is defending the indefensible. As Castro reminded him, an altogether defensible immigration reform bill approved by the U.S. Senate months ago has languished in the Republican-controlled House, held captive by a minority of hard-right Republicans — abetted by a craven speaker — who don't support any kind of citizenship opportunities for the undocumented

among us. Never mind that this nation has been complicit over the years in the presence of some 11 million who, overwhelmingly, have come here for expanded opportunities for themselves and their families. We have, over the years, either encouraged them to come or have turned a blind eye to their presence, now they're an integral part of our communities and our economy. We are not going to deport 11 million people, as even Patrick concedes, but as long as House Republicans hold the political leverage we're not going to do anything to resolve their immigration-status limbo.

As Castro also reminded Patrick, the pathway to citizenship for those who choose is long and arduous and in no way rewards those who ignored immigration regulations. The legislation also spends huge amounts of money on border security (Patrick's professed chief concern), sets up a workable guest-worker program, smooths out legal immigration procedures and resolves the tenuous immigration situation of the Dreamers.

The polls show strong nationwide support for comprehensive immigration reform, and a majority of Congress supports it, as well. It's going nowhere, though, as long as politicians of Patrick's ilk demagogue about the issue. On that, there's no debate.

Old idea of gutting property taxes sounds terrific but would create new problems

Waco Tribune-Herald

One lesson immediately suggests itself in the ongoing dust-up between Republican and Democratic candidates for state comptroller: You should exercise care about rhetoric geared to gain applause or approval from a select group of voters; it may come back to haunt you. That situation has been dogging Republican state comptroller candidate Glenn Hegar ever since he told a tea party audience that he favors elimination of property taxes and simply hiking the sales tax.

Result: Democratic opponent Mike Collier has been getting unexpected traction by demonstrating that, to replace the nearly \$45 billion raised for cities, counties and schools through property taxes, you'd have

to raise the common state and local sales tax of 8.25 percent (which produces about \$28 billion statewide) to somewhere between 20 and 25 percent. That means if you buy a \$100 suit, you could pay \$25 in taxes. Ouch!

This proposal also has the potential of usurping the once-cherished concept of local control, since property taxes are set and collected locally. Even if structured to retain local control, a small town out in dusty West Texas likely would not raise enough in sales taxes to sufficiently pay for law enforcement or to fix roads or to run the community college. And how would a hefty sales tax impact consumerism, a delicate component in this anemic economy?

We understand why Hegar raised the idea. Besides the fact such rhetoric is a surefire crowd-pleaser for politicians, most of us hate property taxes. Even when cities, counties and school districts keep tax rates steady, we can still pay more because a property's value may increase if, say, you live in a particularly coveted neighborhood (or even if you don't). And the idea of a sales tax is appealing because most of us assume we can control the amount we pay by controlling our spending.

Then again, given the complications that phasing out property taxes would create for local governmental entities, the solution might be worse than the problem. Considering that state lawmakers have been

unable to come up with an adequate way to fund public schools, one wonders if they'd really be foolish enough to further complicate matters for city councils, school and community college boards, commissioners' courts and themselves.

Yes, talk of gutting property taxes and hiking sales taxes offers a good applause line (and Hegar is hardly the only candidate to raise this musty idea). But at this point, Texans should content themselves with the fact they pay no state income tax and instead press local government to cut spending when possible. Meanwhile, state officials should butt out of local government's business. Leave that pickle to the local voters.

Technology sometimes does more to keep us disconnected

■ Having trouble remembering an important birthday or phone number? blame those electronic toys

I missed my brother's anniversary last week. But I have a very 21st-century excuse: I lost it in the cloud.

I discovered this the next day when my sister-in-law mentioned they had been out to dinner to celebrate their 15th.

I thumbed to April 11 in my phone's calendar, where I'm certain I had entered the occasion years ago. Nothing. I went to July and checked both of their birthdays. Gone. My 13-year-old nephew's birthday had vanished but, oddly, my 10-year-old nephew's birthday remained.

For years, I had been diligent about recording special occasions in my electronic calendars and sending out greetings to friends and family. I don't know exactly how, but at some point in the last year it all went haywire.

I sent birthday wishes to my friend Mark last year on May 8. "I truly appreciate the sentiments," he replied. "My birthday was April 7."

Other friends' birthdays suddenly were listed on two subsequent days, as if they were 48-hour celebrations. Then there was my friend Steve. His birthday in my calendar is listed as March 18, and also

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March 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31.

Poor Steve is aging twice as fast as my dog.

The cause of this may well be user error. Somehow, in merging my PalmPilot and BlackBerry calendars with Lotus Notes, Gmail, Outlook and my various iPhones and iOS versions, one device must have overridden all the others, omitting crucial dates. I'd ask The Washington Post's IT department to help, but it has enough to do keeping the newspaper publishing without retrieving my brother's anniversary.

While my calendar entries disappear, somebody or something — Apple? Google? Microsoft? — is putting unwanted dates in my calendar. Does Outlook suppose I wouldn't know April 15 is tax day, or that New Year's Day falls on Jan. 1?

This is, of course, just one of many

ways in which the very technology that is supposed to connect us leaves us more disconnected. Facebook lets us keep track of friends' birthdays, but because I got some bad advice when I joined Facebook years ago (before Facebook had "followers"), I accepted thousands of "friend" requests from people I don't actually know. Now I have thousands of "friends" I couldn't pick out of a lineup, making it messy to keep track of real ones.

For me, the bigger problem may be that I rely on technology so much that it lets me forget the most basic things. Why should I make space in my brain for my brother's anniversary if my phone does it for me? I remember few phone numbers — not even my own. My home number starts with 244, I'm pretty sure, but for the rest I have to look myself up in my contacts.

My iPhone calculator has replaced arithmetic for me, and Microsoft Word now catches me making not just spelling errors but mistakes in syntax. I've been second-guessing my directional sense with Google Maps — even to confirm whether I've found the most efficient route to my daughter's school.

The good news for human brains: Google's directions are often dumb compared to my own. None of its algorithms or live traffic data can tell you how

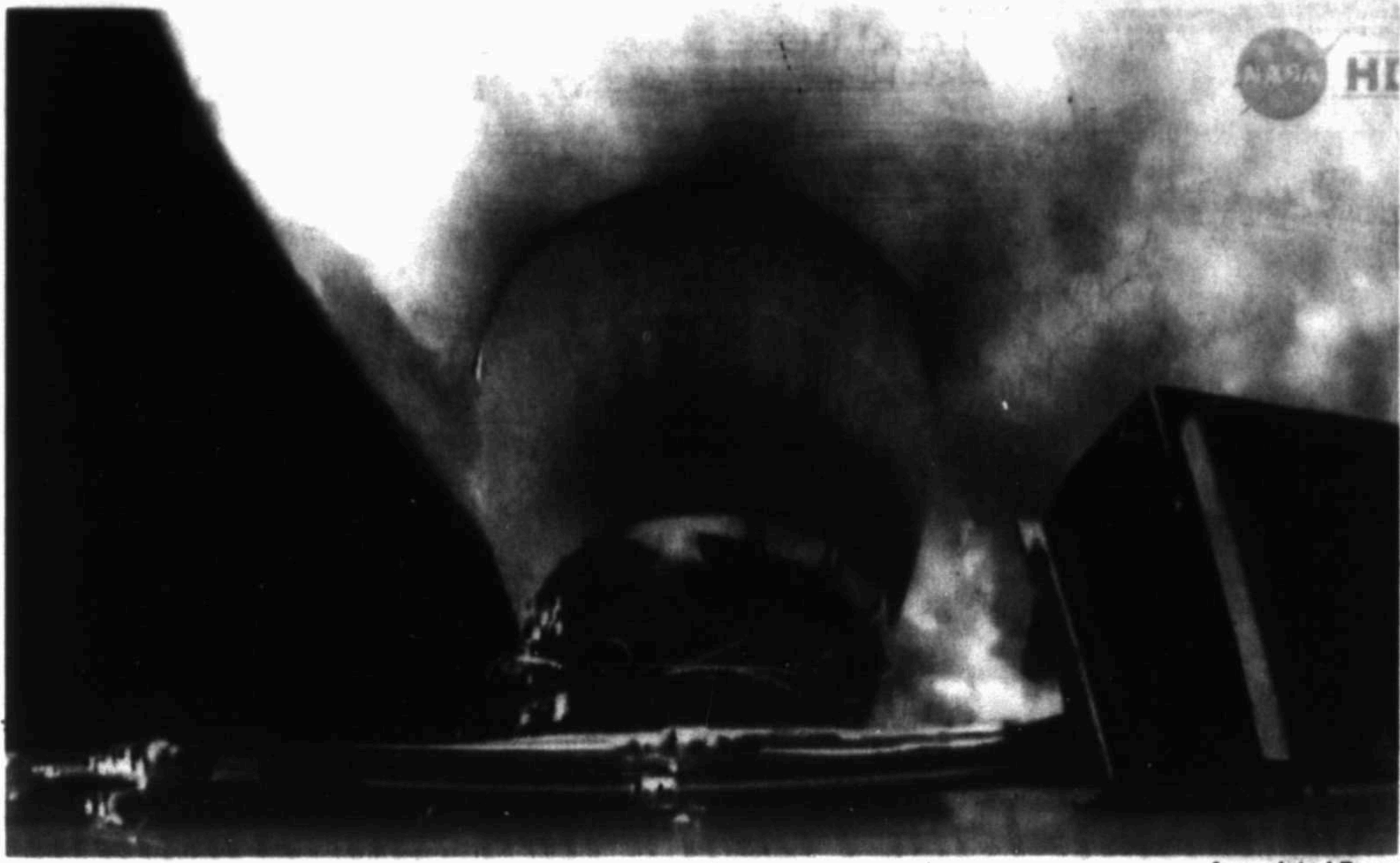
bad an idea it is to take southbound 36th Street NW to Connecticut Avenue during morning rush hour, as Google wants me to do. It'll be lunchtime before you get through that intersection, and that's if the cop doesn't get you for rolling through the stop sign.

Perhaps I should apply a similar human touch to the lost birthday problem. Even if my electronic calendar accurately prompts me to dash off a one-line email, I haven't had any meaningful contact with the birthday celebrant.

My friend Mark, whose birthday I observed a month and a day late, probably didn't much care. He and I and other friends take turns hosting an annual reunion. We hug, eat and drink, take walks and have long and intimate conversations about our lives. These gatherings are some of the happiest days of the year, and Facebook and other technologies will never duplicate them.

My brother and his family are visiting me for Passover, the Jewish festival celebrating spring and renewal. These days together are far more important than the anniversary email.

Still, if anybody has a working e-calendar, would you remind me next April 11 that it's my brother's anniversary? Just call me at my home number, 244-... oh, never mind.



This image made from video shows the engine of the second stage of the rocket carrying the SpaceX Dragon capsule Friday. The Dragon cargo ship is scheduled to reach the orbiting lab today.

SpaceX makes Easter delivery of station supplies

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A SpaceX supply ship rocketed toward the International Space Station on Friday, setting the stage for an Easter morning delivery and urgent spacewalking repairs later in the week.

Following its midday launch through cloudy skies, the Dragon cargo carrier was shown drifting away in the blackness of space, against the blue backdrop of Earth.

It's transporting 2 1/2 tons of goods, including a new spacesuit, spacesuit replacement parts, much-needed food, legs for NASA's humanoid, Robonaut, a bevy of mating flies, and germs gathered from sports arenas and historic sites across the U.S.

Neither NASA nor SpaceX packed any Easter goodies, but the families of the six astronauts sent private care packages.

"It will be a surprise for all of us when they open the hatch," said NASA's human exploration chief, Bill Gerstenmaier.

The Dragon will reach the orbiting lab today. That pushes urgent spacewalking repairs to Wednesday.

NASA wants a bad backup computer replaced before something else breaks.

It was the second launch attempt last week for SpaceX after a month's delay.

On Monday, NASA's commercial supplier was foiled by a leaky rocket valve. The valve was replaced, and the company aimed for a Friday liftoff despite a dismal forecast. Storms cleared out of Cape Canaveral just in time.

SpaceX's billionaire chief executive officer, Elon Musk, was delighted with the successful launch for NASA, the customer. "This was a happy day," he told reporters from company headquarters in Hawthorne, Calif.

Last Friday, a critical backup computer failed outside the space station, and NASA considered postponing the SpaceX flight. The primary computer is working fine, but numerous systems would be seriously compromised if it broke, too. A double failure also would hinder visits by the Dragon and other vessels.

"It's imperative that we maintain" backups for these external command-routing computer boxes, also called multiplexer-demultiplexers, or MDMs, said flight director Brian Smith said Friday. "Right now, we

don't have that."

NASA decided late last week to use the gasket-like material already on board the space station for the repair, instead of waiting for the Dragon and the new, precision-cut material that NASA rushed on board for the computer swap. Astronauts trimmed their own thermal material Friday to fit the bottom of the replacement computer, and inserted a fresh circuit card.

The space station's crew watched the launch via a live TV hookup; the outpost was soaring 260 miles above Turkey at the time of ignition. Video beamed down from Dragon showed the solar wings unfurling.

The shipment is close to five weeks late. Initially set for mid-March, the launch was delayed by extra prepping, then damage to an Air Force radar and, finally on Monday, the rocket leak.

Earlier, as the countdown entered its final few hours, NASA's space station program manager Mike Suffredini said an investigation continues into the reason for last summer's spacesuit failure. The helmet worn by an Italian astronaut filled with water from the suit's cooling system, and he nearly drowned during a spacewalk.

Study: Snack might help avoid fight with spouse

Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A quick candy bar may stave off more than hunger. It could prevent major fights between husbands and wives, at least if a new study that used voodoo dolls is right.

That's because low blood sugar can make spouses touchy, researchers propose.

In fact, it can make them "hangry," a combination of hungry and angry, said Ohio State University psychology researcher Brad Bushman.

"We need glucose for self-control," said Bushman, lead author of the study, which was released Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. "Anger is the emotion that most people have difficulty controlling."

The researchers studied 107 married couples for three weeks. Each night, they measured their levels of the blood sugar glucose and asked each participant to stick pins in a voodoo doll representing his or her spouse. That indicated levels of aggressive feelings.

The researchers found that the lower the blood sugar levels, the more pins were pushed into the doll.

In fact, people with the lowest scores pushed in twice as many pins as those with the highest blood sugar levels, the researchers said.

The study also found that the spouses were generally not angry at each other. About 70 percent of the time, people didn't put any pins in the doll, said study co-author Richard Pond Jr. at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. The average for the whole study was a bit more than one pin a night per person.

Three people put all 51 pins in at one time — and

one person did that twice — Pond said.

Bushman said there's a good physical reason to link eating to emotion: The brain, which is only 2 percent of the body weight, consumes 20 percent of our calories.

The researchers said eating a candy bar might be a good idea if spouses are about to discuss something touchy, but that fruits and vegetables are a better long-term strategy for keeping blood sugar levels up.

Outside experts gave the study, funded by the National Science Foundation, mixed reviews.

Chris Beedie, who teaches psychology at the Aberystwyth University in the United Kingdom, said he thought the study's method was flawed and that his own work disagrees with Bushman's conclusions.

The better way to test Bushman's concept is to give people high glucose on some occasions and low glucose on others, and see if that makes a difference in actual acts of aggression, he said.

But Julie Schumacher, who studies psychology and domestic violence at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, called the study well-designed and said it is reasonable to conclude, as the study did, that "low glucose levels might be one factor that contributes to intimate partner violence."

Still, she and Beedie said it might be a big leap to interpret the results with voodoo dolls as indicating risk for actual physical aggression against a spouse.

The study procedure also raised another problem. Bushman had to handle a call from his credit card company, which wanted to make sure it was really he who had spent \$5,000 to buy more than 200 voodoo dolls.

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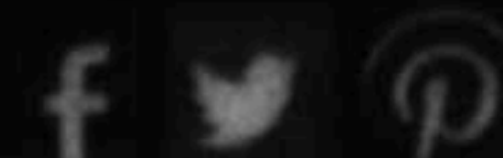


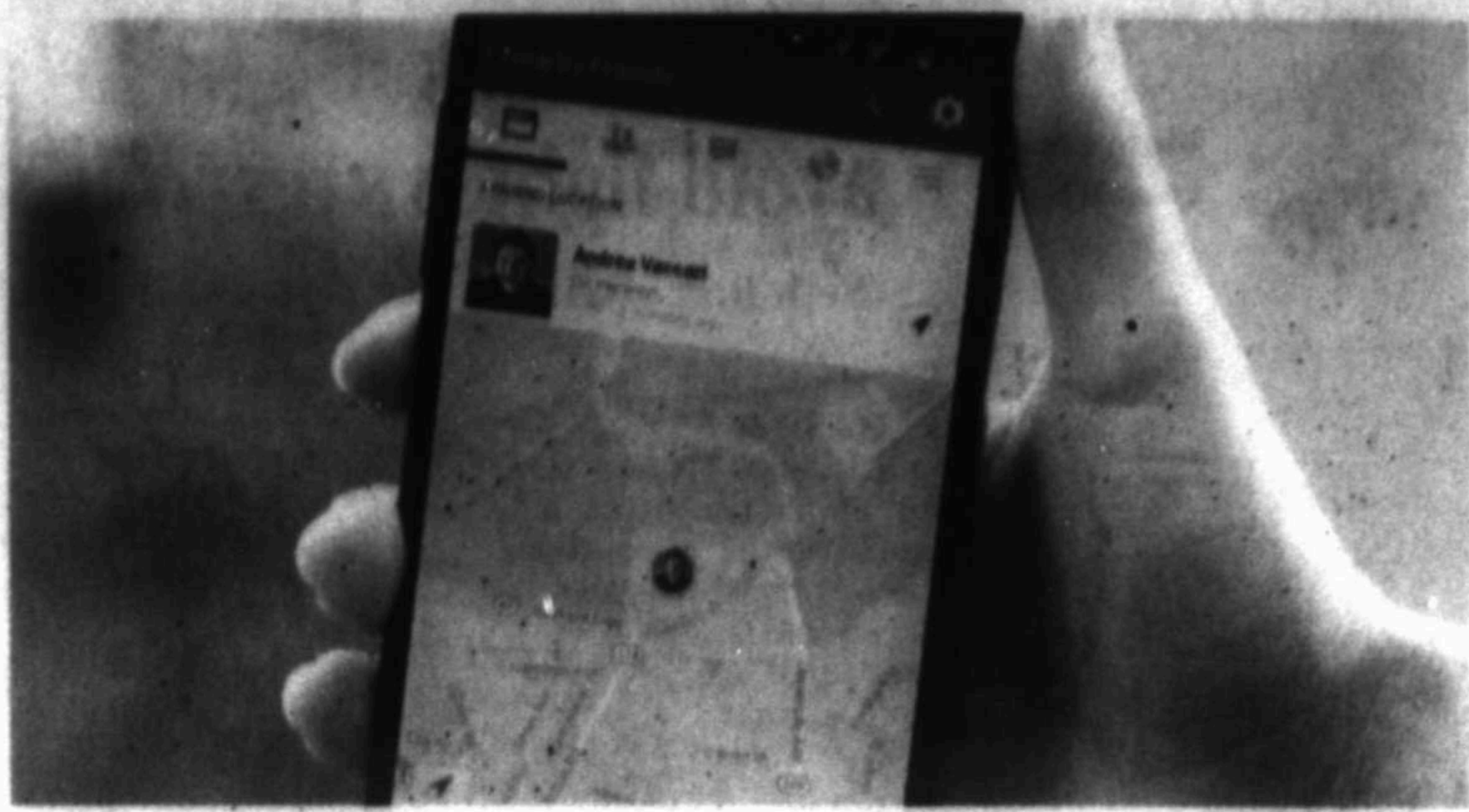
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This product image provided by Facebook shows the "Nearby Friends" tool. Using your smartphone's GPS system, it will tell your Facebook friends — provided they have the feature turned on — that you are nearby. Rather than share your exact location, though, it will only show that you are in close proximity, say within half a mile. Then, if you want, you can manually share your exact location with a friend you'd like to meet up with so they can see where you are located in a particular park, airport or city block.

Facebook rolls out location-sharing feature

By Barbara Ortutay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Facebook users in the U.S. will soon be able to see which of their friends are nearby using a new feature the company launched on Thursday.

The "Nearby Friends" feature must be turned on by the user, so people shouldn't expect to broadcast their location unknowingly. It will use your smartphone's GPS system to tell your Facebook friends you are nearby — provided they have the feature turned on as well. Rather than share your exact location, it will show only that you are nearby, say, within half a mile.

If you like, you can manually share a more precise location with a specific friend you'd like to meet up with. Friends can see where you're located in a particular park, airport or city block. By default, your exact location will be shared for only an hour, although you can change this.

Nearby Friends launches amid the growing popularity of location-based mobile dating apps such as Tinder and Hinge. But unlike those apps, Facebook's feature will let you meet

up only with people who are already your friends.

Facebook, whose motto has long been "move fast and break things," built a lot of precautions in this new tool as it tries to avoid privacy fiascos that often bubble up when it makes changes to its service.

The new motto, "ship love," is evident in the cautious rollout of Nearby Friends, said Jules Polonetsky, director of the Future of Privacy Forum, an industry-backed think tank in Washington. He has advised Facebook on privacy issues, including the latest feature.

He believes Facebook is showing "a deeper appreciation that with a billion users, any change needs to be implemented in a way that doesn't surprise the audience." That's especially so when it comes to privacy, especially when it comes to location sharing.

"Once you start bringing this to a mass audience, you need to be cautious," Polonetsky said, "so inadvertent oversharing is not possible."

Nearby Friends also won't be available to users under 18, said Andrea Vaccari, a product manager at Facebook. He said the tool "makes it easy to join your friends in the real world."

Unlike with other features, Facebook isn't forcing people to use Nearby Friends. Therefore, there is a possibility it won't catch on widely.

Vaccari is optimistic that it will.

Vaccari joined Facebook in 2012, when the company acquired Gancee, his startup service for meeting nearby people who have friends and interests in common. He has been working on the new feature since then.

Facebook employees have been testing Nearby Friends, and Vaccari cites ways it has helped people get together:

■ When two people landed at the airport at the same time from different flights, they saw that they did through Nearby Friends and shared a ride home together.

■ When two people were out shopping alone in San Francisco, they joined forces after seeing each other nearby.

Nearby Friends, Vaccari said, isn't for the five to 10 close friends whom you feel comfortable texting or calling up to hang out. Rather, he said, it's for the broader group of friends you enjoy spending time with but wouldn't necessarily call.

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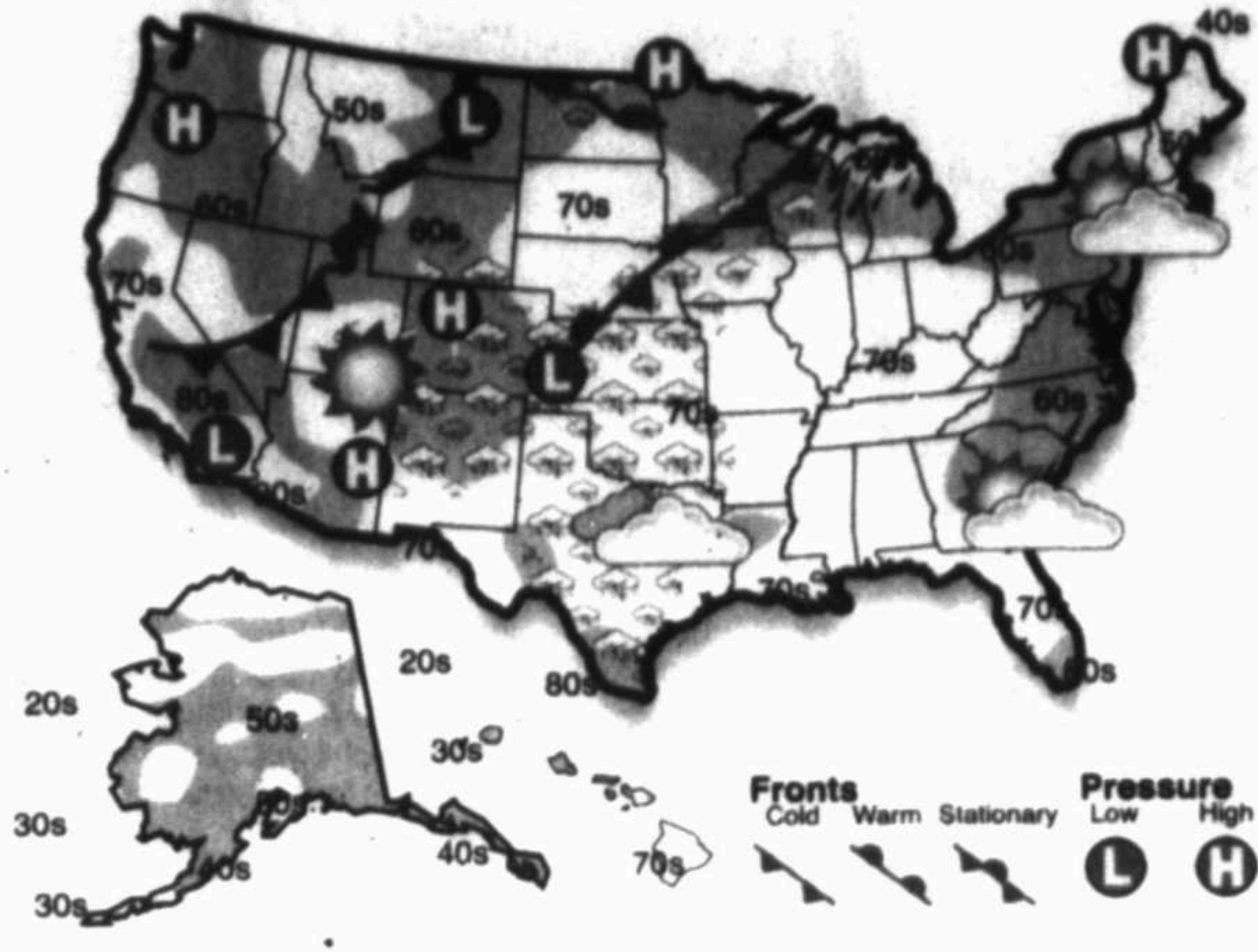
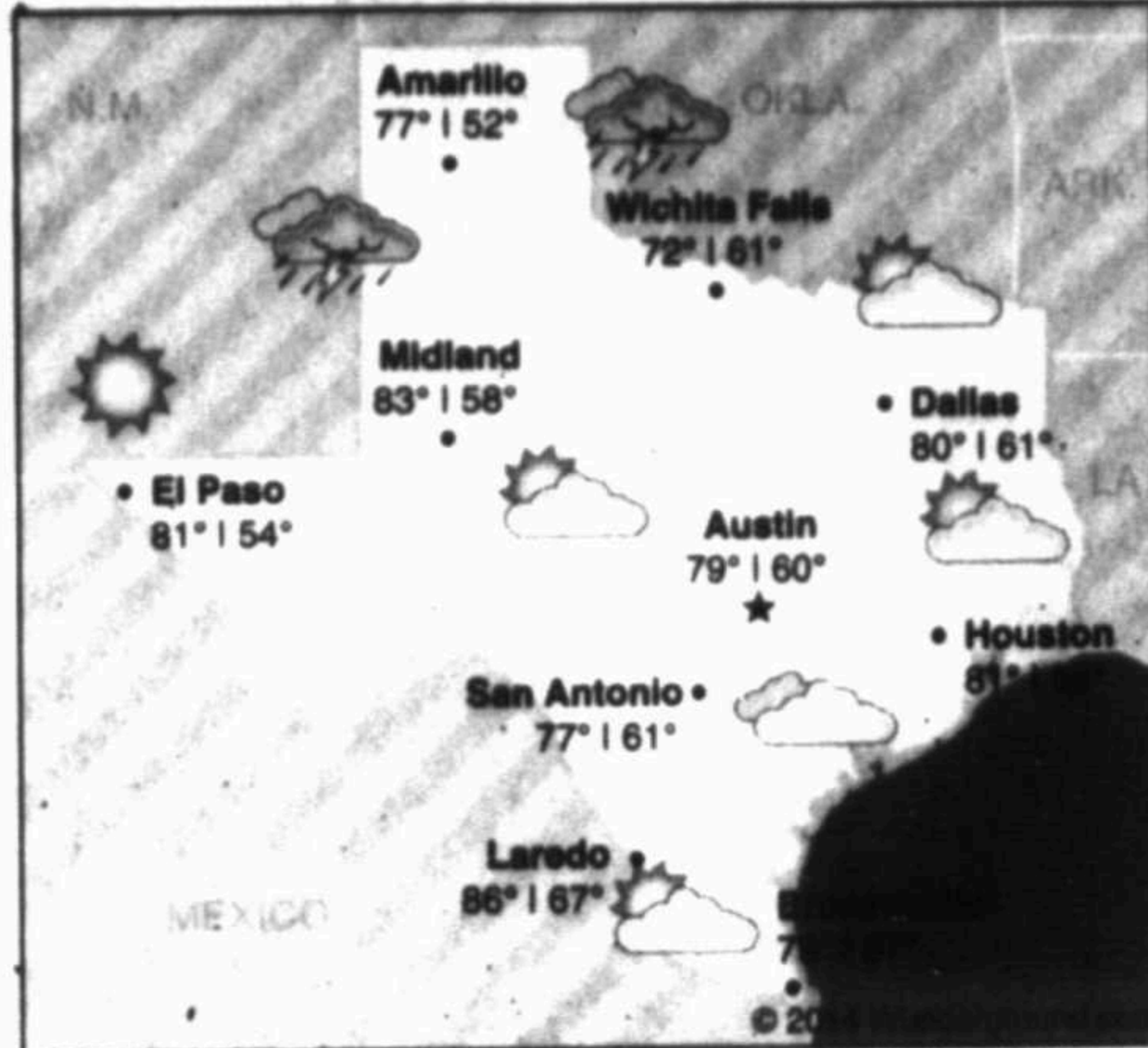
Local forecast

Expect scattered showers and thunderstorms today with a high around 79 and southeast winds around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. Tonight's forecast calls for a 30 percent chance of showers with a low around 61 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 85 and a low around 58. Tuesday, look for sunny skies with a high around 83 and a low around 62.

The high on Saturday reached 77 while the low dropped to 57. The record high for April 19 is 94 set in 2000, 1964 and 1954. The record low is 32 set in 2013.

Precipitation	Saturday's temps
Friday 0.00 in.	High..... 77
Saturday trace	Low..... 57
Month total..... trace	Normal high..... 80
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MISD hopes to fill open principal spots soon

By Tessa Duvall
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One high school and three elementary schools will each have a new principal next school year.

Midland ISD is currently searching for new principals at Midland High, Lamar Elementary, Bush Elementary and Bonham Elementary schools.

The vacancies at MHS and Lamar arose after their respective principals moved into

central administration. It was announced on April 4 that MHS Principal Jeff Horner will act as executive director of secondary education, and Lamar Principal Diane Lopez will be the executive director of elementary education.

Lopez was selected to be the principal to open the new Bunche Elementary before her move to central administration. Warren said the search will begin for the new Bunche principal after the other searches have concluded.

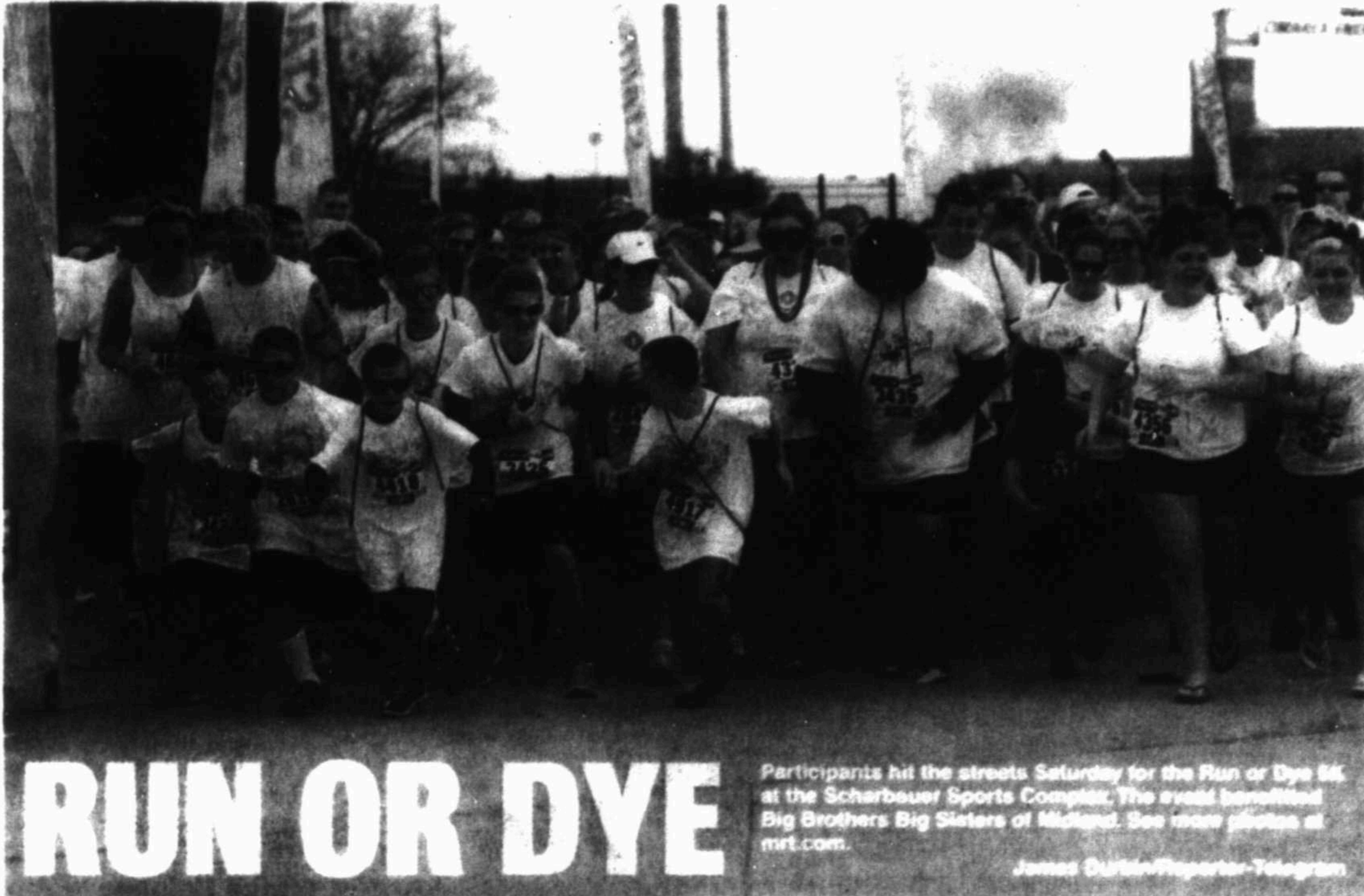
Bush Principal Bonnie Smith is pursuing a job outside of the district, and Bonham Principal Ludi Navarro is moving away from Midland. Superintendent Ryder Warren said.

Warren said the search process is underway and that he hopes to have the positions filled soon.

"I would love to be able to introduce to the staff who their next leader will be before they leave for the summer," he said. "But, we're not going to rush."

Warren said the faculty at each campus will create personal and professional profiles of the characteristics they want in a leader. The profiles will be submitted to MISD's human resources department and after there are enough applications and the position has been posted for at least 10 days, a committee will narrow down applicants to go through a committee interview. The committee then recommends

Please see MISD/6B



RUN OR DYE

Participants hit the streets Saturday for the Run or Dye 5K at the Scharbauer Sports Complex. The event benefited Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland. See more photos at mrt.com.

James Duffin/Reporter-Telegram



TERRY
WILLIAMSON
Real life columnist



This Easter, here's to having hope in your life

I HOPE all is well with you this morning.

That word "hope" is an interesting concept. I've been around long enough now to know that the whole world is looking for some kind of hope in their lives.

We cling to hope in just about everything we do. We hope our baseball team will win the World Series. We hope our kids graduate from college and become solid citizens. And we hope we will get a refund check from our income taxes.

After all, you gotta have hope. Without hope, life is meaningless. As one long forgotten author put it, "Without hope life is meaning less and less." We all have hopes and dreams. In fact, it's absolutely essential to life as we know it. If we didn't possess some kind of hope, we would only be hounded by despair. That doesn't sound like a very good alternative to me.

Writer Robert Brault probably put it best when he once wrote, "If you knew that hope and despair were paths to the same destination, which would you choose?" The choice is pretty easy, isn't it?

Whether you have thought about it or not, you have hope in at least some part of your life. Hope walks with us daily. It keeps us sane and looking forward.

Tom Bodett, another author, wrote, "They say a person needs just three things to be truly happy in this world: someone to love, something to do, and something to hope for." You really can't function in this world without hope in your life.

Please see WILLIAMSON/3B

Easter eggs for the kids should be easier

I am a shopper of least resistance. I will not clip coupons and go from store to store looking for good deals on meat and toilet paper. I need to get in and get out, and my child-free shopping time is way more valuable than the \$2 I might have saved on paper towels and frozen peas. If they don't carry it at Target, Walgreens or Albertsons, I don't need it. I would rather take a beating than go to Wal-Mart or H-E-B. Those places are just too busy for me. Amazon Prime? Godsend.

I thought I was doing pretty well getting ready for Easter festivities this week. Bodacious and Little Son had two egg hunts and parties to prepare for, and I had two baskets to decorate. I was two days ahead of schedule and thought I could pick everything up on the weekly grocery run. Though as I stood staring forlornly at what was left of the goodies at Albertsons, I knew I was actually a little on the late side. I had somehow managed to forget that 20,000 more people have moved here.

HOPPIN' DOWN THE BUNNY TRAIL

For three years I hunted down tattoos and stickers and pretzel bags and fruit snacks. I searched for the perfect colors of crinkly paper shred and plastic eggs of various shapes, themes and sizes. I would spend an evening cracking said eggs and stuffing them with treats and snacks I felt slightly more OK with. Then I discovered the pre-stuffed eggs at Walgreens last year. Holy moly! Why have I ever bothered?

So as I cruised up and down the aisle

MELANIE
NICHOLAS
MRT columnist



looking for those eggs-over-easy, it dawned on me that Easter goodies were almost gone! And when I finally found the M&M eggs, I was just too cheap to buy them. They were \$1 each. Last year, I swear I bought two for \$1.

I just stood there in disbelief, doing the math in my head. Do you realize what else I could buy for \$24? A pair of shoes at Target! Six gallons of organic milk. A complete meal for our family at a place where I didn't have to do the dishes. Six lovely, warm, white chocolate mochas.

So I settled for eight 3-pack boxes of Cadbury caramel eggs. They were individually wrapped and everything, two boxes for \$3. I was totally willing to pay \$12 for candy that required no effort on my part.

I carried out the groceries and loaded them into the car. I unloaded them and put them away at home, cleaned the countertops and fridge, carried out the trash. As I packed the eggs into their baskets, I realized I was a box short. Rats! And it was time to go get the kids.

By the time I remembered I needed more eggs it was 10 p.m. and you know I am not going to the store that late. Tivo takes priority.

So I decided to hunt through the drawers and closets in search of three lost eggs from last year. Instead, I found three small bottles of bubbles and 10 boxes of green Peeps that were hard as rocks.

EGG ON MY FACE?

You should have seen the look on the teacher's face when I showed up with nine caramel eggs and three bottles of bubbles instead of the requested dozen stuffed plastic eggs. Priceless.

"You know what, we'll make it work," she said. I said great and hopped off to go pick up the nugget trays for their class parties. And I meant it! I was riding high. Both my kids were clean and looked cute, they had eaten breakfast and there had been no tears that morning. So regardless of their eggs, I wasn't cracking up.

Outside I ran into another mom. She had been to three stores — three — in her hunt to get the right eggs for her 2-year-old. She ended up buying the expensive plastic pre-stuffed ones, emptying them, and then re-stuffing them with fruit snacks. "They told me no chocolate," she said.

"Well," I said, "they probably told me no chocolate, too, but as my kids chant at home, you get what you get, and you don't throw a fit. Easter eggs should not be this hard!"

Later that night, my friend Stephanie was short some eggs, as well.

"So I'm supposed to send a dozen eggs to school tomorrow for my 3-year-old's Easter party. Turns out I have eight

Please see NICHOLAS/3B

'Treaty Oak' offspring moved to new courthouse

By Cale Ottens
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Midland County employees this week dug up and moved two oak trees with historical value that were originally planted on the former county courthouse lot downtown.

Before selling the courthouse at 200 W. Wall St. to the city last year, Midland County officials asked to preserve the two trees because they have "long-term significance." Precinct 4 Commissioner Randy Prude said.

One tree was replanted by the current county courthouse on Lorraine Street and the other now sits near the Wadley Barron Park's duck pond. Prude said.

The tree that can now be found at the current courthouse is an offspring of the "Treaty Oak," which Prude said is the most famous tree in Texas.

It was under the shade of the original Treaty Oak in Austin that people believe Stephen F. Austin first signed a treaty between the Anglos and Indians in 1824, giving the tree its name, according to the University of Texas at Austin.

The famous Texas politician and soldier Sam Houston is believed to have also

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MPD: Officers break table while restraining man

From staff reports

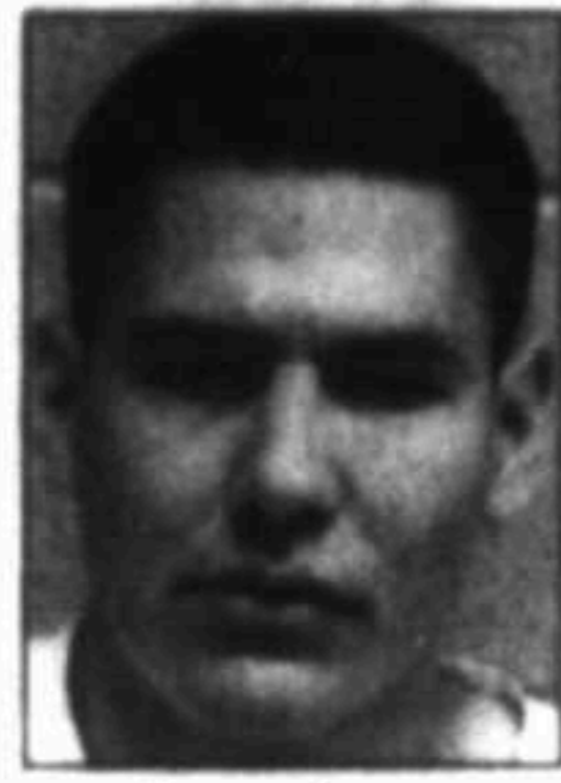
A Midland man is suspected of forcing two Midland Police Department officers to fall on a coffee table while trying to restrain him, causing the table to break.

Juan Carlos Lucatero, 23, was arrested Tuesday after a man called police, saying Lucatero was "going crazy" and had a gun, according to an arrest affidavit.

Lucatero, in an aggressive manner, walked out of a back bedroom in an apartment near Illinois Avenue and Midland Drive and told an officer to arrest him, but only after he could get his shoes, the document said.

Police searched Lucatero for any weapons, which led to Lucatero becoming very upset because the officer wouldn't let him get his shoes, the record said.

Lucatero later kicked another man inside the apartment in the groin, causing the man to "take several steps back in (an) attempt



Lucatero

to recover from the kick," the affidavit said.

The two officers in the apartment then tried to take Lu-

catero to the ground, which caused him and the two officers to land on a coffee table, forcing it to break.

Eventually, the officers handcuffed Lucatero, who then yelled threats to the other man as he was escorted out of the apartment and into a patrol car.

Police charged him with retaliation, a third-degree felony.

As of Friday night, Lucatero was still being held on a \$50,000 bond for the felony charge, plus another \$25,000 bond for a separate misdemeanor charge he acquired during the incident.

If convicted of the felony retaliation charge, Lucatero could face up to 10 years in prison.

MPD: Man pulls gun out in west Midland bar

From staff reports

A Midland man is suspected of pointing a gun at another man inside Fast Freddy's, a bar near Midland Drive and Illinois Avenue.

Adolfo P. Garcia, 38, was arrested Wednesday on suspicion of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a second-degree felony; manufacturing or delivering a controlled substance, a first-degree felony; and unlawfully carrying a weapon while on alcohol premises, a third-degree felony.

The Midland Police Department spoke to witnesses inside the bar who said Garcia pointed a gun at another man as he walked out of the bar, according to an arrest affidavit.

The affidavit does not specify if shots were fired.

Police, however, never found a gun. A woman told an MPD officer that Garcia had taken a handgun out of



Garcia

her purse while they were both inside the car, the affidavit said.

Additionally, another officer

found two bags of cocaine inside a Dodge Durango registered to Garcia. The cocaine weighed nearly 9 grams, and Garcia later told police that he had used drug earlier that night, the document said.

As of Friday night, Garcia was still being held on three separate bonds, totaling \$275,000.

If convicted, the man could face between five and 99 years in prison for the first-degree felony charge. He could also face up to 20 additional years for the second-degree felony charge, plus up to another 10 years for the third-degree felony.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Karey A. Carr, 34, of Snyder was charged Friday with hindering the apprehension or prosecution of a felon.

Brianna Y. Hernandez, 20, of Midland was charged Friday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Christopher F. Hernandez, 27, of Midland was charged Friday with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Timothy D. Hunter, 42, of Midland was charged Friday with theft.

Larry L. McCallister, 41, of

Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance between 1 and 4 grams.

Eric Payen, 22, of Midland was charged Friday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Hector Valenzuela III, 33, of Midland was charged Friday with abandoning or endangering a child with intent to return.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON Thousands skip school on make-up day

Thousands of Houston students and teachers stayed home on Good Friday instead of reporting to class to make up for a school day canceled by bad weather.

Teachers in Houston ISD who did show up reported having as few as one student in their classrooms. District spokeswoman Sheleah Reed told the Houston Chronicle that officials didn't foresee the widespread absences.

A January winter storm forced the largest school district in Texas to cancel classes and designate Good Friday as a make-up day.

Schools receive about \$35 a student for daily attendance. That means so many absences could normally cost districts millions of dollars in state funding.

But Good Friday is one of the few days that schools can preserve fund-

ing for students who cite religious reasons for missing class.

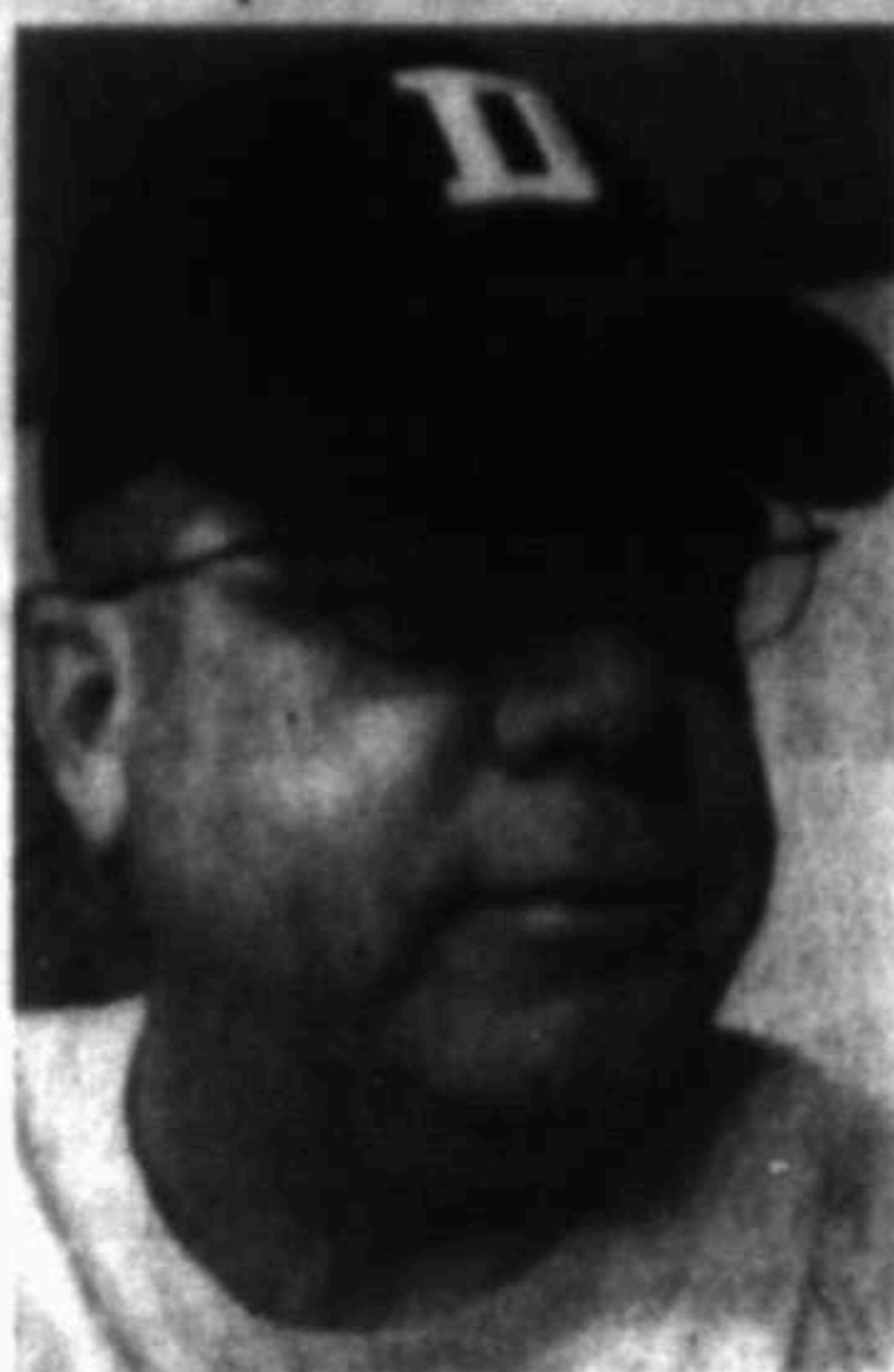
HOUSTON 4 dead, 3 injured in Pasadena-area crash early Saturday

Four people were killed and three others critically injured in an early-morning crash in Pasadena.

A driver of a Mazda Miata lost control of the vehicle at about 1:30 a.m. turning from Kirby Boulevard and East NASA Parkway, veering into oncoming traffic and hitting a minivan taxi cab that was carrying four people, according to Pasadena Police Department spokesman Vance Mitchell.

The man and woman in the Miata, registered in the New Boston area, died at the scene. Two men in the back seat of the cab also died at the scene. Mitchell said that it doesn't appear the men, Dallas-area residents headed to a cruise out of Galveston, were wearing seat belts.

Obituaries



Dennis Lane Adams

In Our Heavenly Kingdom and in the Loving Arms of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is to be found my Beloved Husband, Son, Father, Grandfather, Brother & Dear Friend, Dennis Lane Adams.

Mr. Adams 53, of Odessa, passed away at his residence on Thursday April 17, 2014. He was born November 24, 1960 in PlainView, Texas to Thomas Clayton Adams & Velinda Faye Dixon. In 2011 in Odessa, Dennis united in marriage to his Soul Mate and the love of his life Leslie Lyn Price. He was a Christian Man whom loved the Lord. After being retired he enjoyed piddling around outside enjoying a cold glass of ice tea in hand, in his past time he enjoyed watching his sports like the Texas Rangers Baseball. The Dallas Cowboys Football Team, he also enjoyed listening to his Rock -N- Roll Music. His life long dream was moving to Ruidoso, N.M. and growing old along side his Dear and Beloved Wife.

He is preceded in death by Father, Thomas Clayton Adams; and Step-Father, Narvel Bayne. He is survived by the love of his life: Leslie Lyn Price Adams of Odessa; Mother, Velinda Bayne of Midland, Texas; Sister, Tonya Womack of Midland; Brothers, Rick Adams of Midland, Troy Perry of Houston; Daughter, Bethany Burton of Cleburne; Step-Daughter, Stephanie Price-Goins of Odessa; Step-Sons, Mathew Price, Jeremy Price, both of Odessa; 2 Grandchildren of Cleburne, Tx., and Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and Many Friends.

We the Family would like to take this time and express our utmost sincere gratitude to each and everyone of you for all your prayers, floral,

food offerings and especially your presence with us during this most difficult time. May God Bless You all Abundantly.

Visitation will be held Monday April 21, 2014 from 9am to 9pm with a Family Gathering with Friends from 6pm to 8pm at Odessa Funeral Home. Graveside Services will be held at 10:00 am Tuesday April 22, 2014 at Resthaven Memorial Park & Cemetery in the Garden of Tranquility, in Midland Texas with Dr. Jimmy Braswell officiating. Services by Odessa Funeral Home.



Jess Phillips

Jess Phillips, 80, of Gainesville, passed away at home April 13, 2014. He was born January 12, 1934 in Coalgate, Oklahoma to Burt Franklin Phillips and Lillie Mae Phillips.

Mr. Phillips grew up in Coalgate and moved to Odessa in the 50's for work with Ruthco, Inc., Pumping Unit Services. While he was working in the oil field there, he met Pat Whatley. They were married in Lovington, New Mexico on December 20, 1955.

The Phillips moved to North Texas in 1974 so Jess could assume the position of area manager for Ruthco, Inc. He retired in 1984.

In retirement, he enjoyed the outdoors and hunting. Jess had a memorable sense of humor. He said he made a lot of good deals in his life time, but he sure went in the hole on this one. Above all, he cherished the time he spent with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include, wife, Pat Phillips of Gainesville; daughter, Marianne Phillips Furlong and husband, Ken of Hewitt; son, Joe Phillips of Bryan; son, James Jones and wife, Heike of New Boston; son, Quintin McKinney and wife, Sharon of Callisburg; eight grandchildren, and 14

great-grandchildren. Mr. Phillips was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; one sister; and daughter, Tammy Lynn Nelson.

At his request, no services are planned.

You may sign the online register at www.geojcarroll.com.



Lisa Marie Bell

Lisa Marie Bell, 44, of Omaha, NE, formerly of Midland, Texas passed away April 16, 2014.

Lisa Marie Bell worked at Taco Bell as a team trainer at the time of illness. She attended Wright Career College and received an Office, Business Administration Diploma.

Lisa is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rickey Brown of Midland, TX; her daughter, Shynira Bell of Omaha, NE; son, Britton Cook (LaMesha) of Omaha, NE; brothers, Anthony W. Bell of Midland, TX; Brandon William (Brittany) of Greensboro, NC; sisters, Monique R. Allen of San Antonio, TX; granddaughters, Skyline Bell, Amari Athins, and Miajae Bell; grandson, Britton Cook Jr.; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives, and friends who were all special.

Lisa was preceded in death by her daughter, Brittany Rose Sadler.

Memorial services will be 2:00PM, Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Faith Tabernacle AFG Church 310 S. Fairground Road, Midland, TX 79701.

Death Notices

Beverly Diane Barina
Beverly Diane Barina, 41, of Odessa, passed away on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. Beverly is survived by her

husband, Dwain Lee Barina; three daughters, Ashley King, Allison Barina and Krystal Little; step father who raised her, Eddie Freeman; two brothers; a sister; six grandchildren; and by other family members.

Graveside services will be 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 22, 2014 at Peaceful Garden of Ector County Cemetery.

Howard L. White

Howard L. White, 80, of Odessa, passed away on Friday, April 18, 2014, at the Madison Medical Resort in Odessa.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church with Reverend Jimmy Braswell officiating.

Howard was born on March 16, 1934 in Dorrance, Kansas. He was a retired Navy Veteran, and a Christian.

Survivors include his sons, Jay White of Edgerton, Kansas, David White of Odessa, and Jimmy White of Midland; two daughters, Michele James of Midland, and Nicole Steele of Gardendale; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

James H.

"Cowboy" Condit

James H. "Cowboy" Condit, 82, of Odessa, passed away on Monday, April 14, 2014.

Friends and family will gather at Acres West Funeral Chapel on Monday, April 21, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm. Memorial services to honor his memory will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at Acres West Funeral Chapel, 8115 W. University Blvd. Odessa, Texas.

Interment will be privately held at the Texas State Veteran's Cemetery at Abilene, Texas.

Jose Dolores

Dominguez-Adame

Jose Dolores Dominguez-Adame, 50, of Odessa, passed from this life on Wednesday, April 16, 2014.

He is survived by two daughters, Olivia and Anahi Dominguez; a brother and three sisters; and by other family members.

Funeral services will be in a later date in Ojinaga, Mexico.

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

OTHER DEATH

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK Cheo Feliciano, debonair salsa singer, dies at 78

Cheo Feliciano, a leading salsa singer renowned for both his love songs and his upbeat improvisations, died in an automobile accident Thursday in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He was 78.

He was killed when the car in which he was driving alone ran into a light post, the police told The Associated Press. He was not wearing a seatbelt, they said.

A handsome and debonair baritone, Feliciano overcame drug addiction and became a celebrity in Puerto Rico and in the larger community of Latin music. He was equally impressive as a sonero — a singer who can improvise rhymes and melodies over Afro-Caribbean dance rhythms — and a romantic crooner, delivering suave, smoldering boleros.

During the 1970s he became a major star of salsa (the name was used by American marketers as a catchall for various Latin rhythms) when he recorded for the New York label Fania. His first solo album, "Cheo," included songs that became his signatures: "Anacaona" and "Mi Triste Problema."

"He was an icon, beloved by the females," Joe Conzo Sr., a music historian and a longtime friend of Feliciano, said in an interview Thursday. "His boleros, they had the women swooning."

Feliciano spent several years in the late '50s and early '60s singing, in both Spanish and English, with the Joe Cuba Sextet, a popular ensemble that helped introduce Latin music to a mainstream American

audience. He also recorded with top Latin bandleaders including Eddie Palmieri and Tito Puente, and he was a longtime member of the Fania All-Stars, the group organized by Fania Records that included virtually all the major figures of salsa's '70s heyday.

In 1973, Feliciano was with the Fania All-Stars when they performed at Yankee Stadium. A 1975 album of that concert, "Live at Yankee Stadium," was inducted into the Library of Congress' national registry of recordings that are "culturally, historically or aesthetically important."

In 2008, at the Latin Grammy Awards, Feliciano was honored for lifetime achievement. The same year, he celebrated

50 years in music with a concert at Madison Square Garden, a performance reviewed by Jon Pareles, the chief pop music critic for The New York Times.

"Mr. Feliciano, who turns 73 on July 3, is still a formidable singer at any speed," Pareles wrote. "His baritone voice sounds richly assured, even when he sings, as he often does, about the pains of love. Backed with the rumbas and guaguancos of salsa dura (hard salsa), he is a sonero who volleys percussive syllables and improvised rhymes over the beat. Easing the tempo back to bolero, he is an equally skillful romantic crooner steeped in Latin ballads, with a touch of Sinatra, who's suave yet

still rhythmically unpredictable. Guests joined Mr. Feliciano for duets, some improvising their own rhymes of praise for him. None outsang him."

Cheo Feliciano was born José Luis Feliciano Vega in Ponce, Puerto Rico, on July 3, 1935. His father was a carpenter, and the family was poor but musical.

Young Cheo (a common nickname for José), who received some rudimentary musical education in a government-sponsored school, was initially a percussionist and established his first group before he was 10, calling it El Combo Las Latas — the Can Combo — because they made their instruments out of tin cans.



"Padrinos" or God Parents to many couples striving to have a relationship in the eyes of the Lord. Gracie was a faithful wife, inspirational mother and unconditionally loved grandmother.

Though her soul has passed, her dignity, charisma and poise can never be forgotten. Gracie Rayos had her life taken eleven years ago today, but her legacy can never be severed.

Gracie Rayos is a woman who will remain vivid in the hearts of many forever.

Eleven years ago, on Easter Sunday, an incredible soul was reunited with the Lord. Gracie V. Rayos, also known as "Queen of the Airwaves", was an unbelievable woman who was successful in every aspect of life. Gracie dedicated much of her life to pioneering a way for the Hispanic community to be heard. She worked 33 years with KJBC radio and KMID TV, which showcased Mexican talents and personality.

Gracie's voice and charisma radiated and touched many lives. Her success against powerful odds not only inspired the Hispanic community, but Hispanic women especially. Though she is missed by many, the love from her family can never be surpassed.

Gracie was the wife of Rene Rayos, Sr., with whom she worked to lend a constant helping hand in the Catholic Community. Together, they were

Texting-and-driving ban may still fail after Perry

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Repeated efforts to implement a statewide ban on texting while driving in Texas may continue to fail even after Gov. Rick Perry leaves office next year. Texas is one of only seven states without a law prohibiting all drivers from texting while driving. Many major cities in Texas have passed local ordinances, but a statewide ban has been a nonstarter under Perry, who in 2011 called the idea misguided and vetoed a texting bill. Lawmakers in favor of a ban may not have any better luck under his successor. Republican Attorney General Greg Ab-

bott, the favorite to replace Perry, is also opposed to Texas putting a statewide ban on the books. The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported Saturday. The Democratic candidate for governor, Wendy Davis, co-wrote one of the bills that would have banned texting while driving during her time in the Texas Senate. "Sen. Davis believes that it is imperative that we take the proper and necessary steps to limit distracted driving to ensure the safety of our citizens both on and off the road," Davis spokeswoman Rebecca Acuna said. Abbott spokesman Matt Hirsch said the longtime attorney general is against more

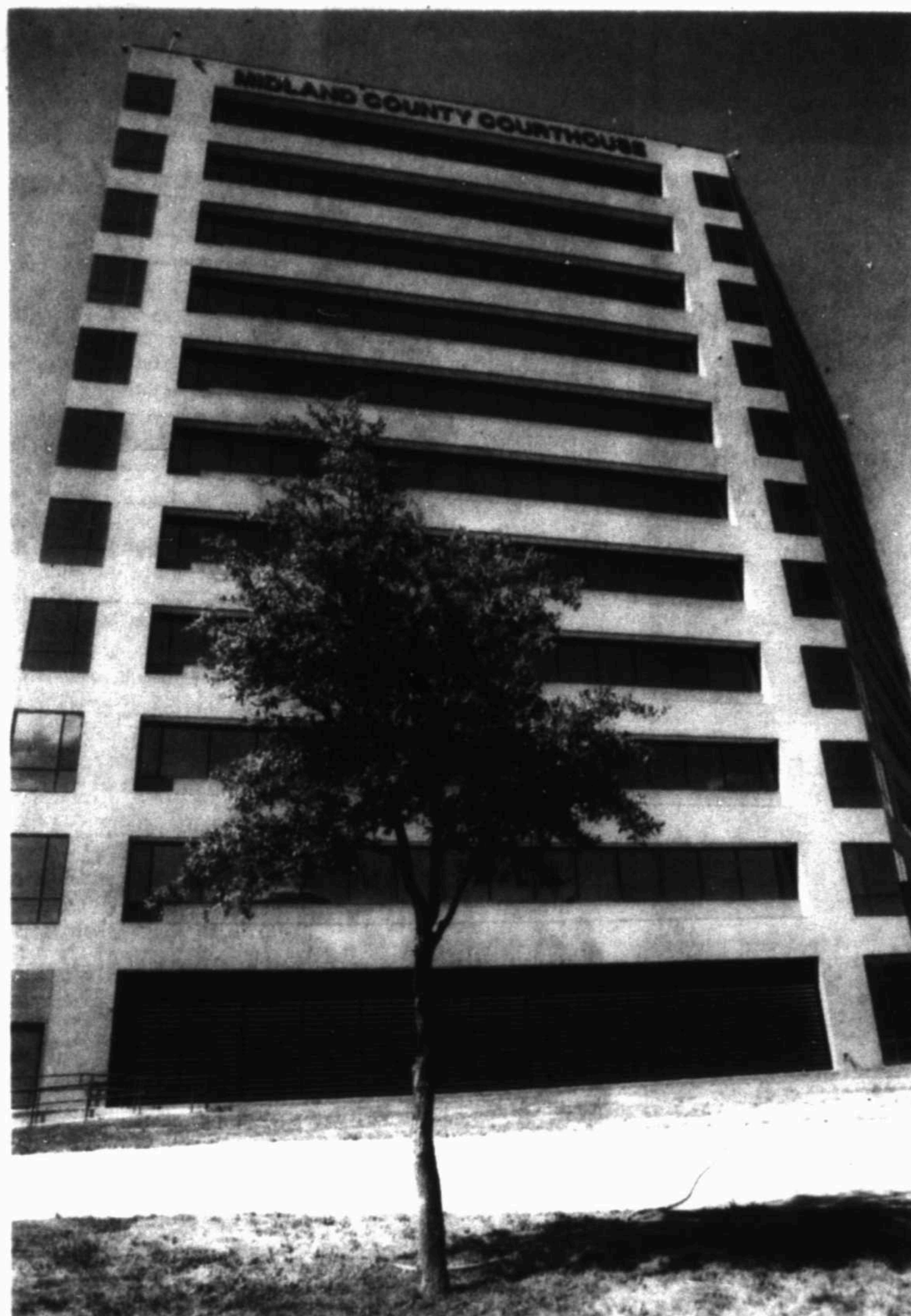
government mandates that "micromanage adult driving behavior." Perry used similar language to defend his 2011 veto. Hirsch said Abbott would promote safe driving, despite his opposition to a statewide ban. "Greg Abbott will remain active in public awareness campaigns to inform all drivers about safe driving practices, including the dangers of texting while driving," Hirsch said. A safety nonprofit has designated April as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. One in five traffic crashes in Texas is caused by a distracted driver, and last year 459 people were killed in such acci-

dents, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. Distracted driving crashes — which can also involve grooming, reading, and adjusting the radio — were up 4 percent in Texas last year from 2012, according to state transportation officials. Former Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick has tried pushing bans through the Legislature and still wants the state act. "The patchwork of city ordinances on this issue underscores the need for a uniform statewide ban so drivers know, regardless of where they are in the state, that it is illegal to text and drive on Texas roadways," Craddick said.

OAK

From 1B

rested under the tree while in Austin, Prude added. Midland's small oak tree that's now in front of the county's newer courthouse grew from an acorn produced by the original Treaty Oak, Prude said, adding that there aren't many others in the country. The second tree that was replanted on Tuesday is best known as the "Victim Oak." Now planted near the duck pond, the Victim Oak is dedicated to the Midland Victims Coalition, Prude said. He estimated that the tree is at least 20 years old. Prude said the county used its own employees and equipment to move both trees. The trees were removed so they would not be destroyed during the anticipated demolition of the former county courthouse on Wall Street. Mayor Jerry Morales said during an interview last week. The mayor also said he would like to see demolition begin on the courthouse sometime shortly after July 27, when the annual Tall City Blues Fest is over. No timeline for demolition has been set. The city did, however, receive a proposed demolition agreement Wednesday from Energy Related Properties, the firm responsible for removing the courthouse and developer of the potential 53-story Energy Tower. Morales said the agreement requires City Council approval, but it is unknown at this time when the council will vote on it.



A historic tree relocated from the old courthouse sits outside the Midland County Courthouse on Thursday. James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Crime of the week

Midland Crime Stoppers and the Midland County Sheriff's Office need help solving a burglary. Sometime between April 5 and April 6, someone entered the Midland County Exhibit building, 2445 East Interstate 20, by prying open the front door. This person or persons cut off the locks from all of the storage areas inside the building. Some items were taken and others were left outside the storage containers. If you are the first person to call with information leading to the arrest of these scaredy cat thieves, it will be worth a \$1,000 cash reward. You will remain anonymous and no caller ID is EVER used.

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Perry's passed-over pick for Texas A&M president resigns

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — A Texas A&M University executive who Gov. Rick Perry wanted promoted to school president quietly resigned after not getting the job. Guy Diedrich left his \$300,000-a-year post as vice chancellor for strategic initiatives in March, the Bryan-College Station Eagle reported Saturday. His departure comes after Perry lobbied regents in December to name Diedrich interim president at the 53,000-student flagship campus. Perry's public endorsement rankled faculty who accused the governor of trying to impose his political will on his alma mater. Regents instead chose Mark Hussey, a longtime dean at Texas A&M who's highly respected in academic circles at the school. Diedrich, who came from the private sector, thanked Perry in a resignation letter obtained by the newspaper.

"Your leadership has placed this institution on a new trajectory of excellence, and your support of me personally and the initiatives we took on together made my time at Texas A&M truly special," Diedrich wrote. Diedrich is the latest in an exodus of Perry associates from top A&M jobs. Terry Fossum, former A&M University System vice chancellor for global and corporate partnerships, abruptly retired in December. Fossum, a well-known Perry acquaintance, had worked for Texas A&M since 1987 but retired only a few months after her job that paid \$370,000 annually was created. She announced her resignation less than a week after regents unanimously voted to name Hussey interim president. And Joe Weber, Texas A&M's vice president of student affairs and a longtime friend of Perry, left this month to lead the Texas Department of Transportation.

NICHOLAS

From 1B

plastic eggs and 10 things to fill them with. I do, however, have one dozen confetti eggs. Is that wrong?" she asked. No, my sweet, precious friend. That is so right. So rise up, moms and dads! Rise up and claim it this Easter — we might not be perfect, but we are pretty darned great a lot of the time. And I think it's time we allowed ourselves to feel that way. You can see some of our Easter pictures online at www.thebathwaterblogs.com. Melanie Nicholas lives, loves, works and raises babies in Midland. She and her husband have two amazing kids, Parksolot, 5, and Bodacious, 3. Her column appears every other week in the Reporter-Telegram. The self-proclaimed Queen of Midland Media, you can find her here, on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and her parenting blog, www.thebathwaterblogs.com.

WILLIAMSON

From 1B

That's basically why everyone is searching for hope. When you grasp hope to your heart and take it as truth, hope becomes faith. It's faith that makes today so special in the hearts of all Christians. Easter Sunday is all about hope. Jesus' resurrection is seen as the hope of mankind. It's no wonder that so many around the world stop to worship the name of Jesus on this special day of recognition. Certainly our churches around the city will be full of worshippers on this Easter morning as our hope is once again shown to us. This amazing show of hope will once again renew our faith and once again send us forward in our journey in this world as our hope remains in our next world. Living on hope alone is not an easy way to travel, however. Despair is still a factor in our lives, but hope can help us cope when de-

spair reaches our doorstep. It was once written that "hope is putting faith to work when doubting would be easier." With Easter in mind, it is my HOPE that you never give in to hopelessness and never give up on people who appear to be hopeless. Charles L. Allen, a prominent United Methodist minister, wrote, "When you say a situation or a person is hopeless, you're slamming the door in the face of God." Wouldn't it be nice if you could figure out on this day of all days what it is that you truly hope for in your life? That would be an amazing discovery and something to embrace. It seems to me that would be the least you could do in this lifetime. Thought for the week: "The mystery of human existence lies not in just staying alive, but in finding something to live for." —Fyodor Mikhailovich Dostoyevski, "The Brothers Karamazov"

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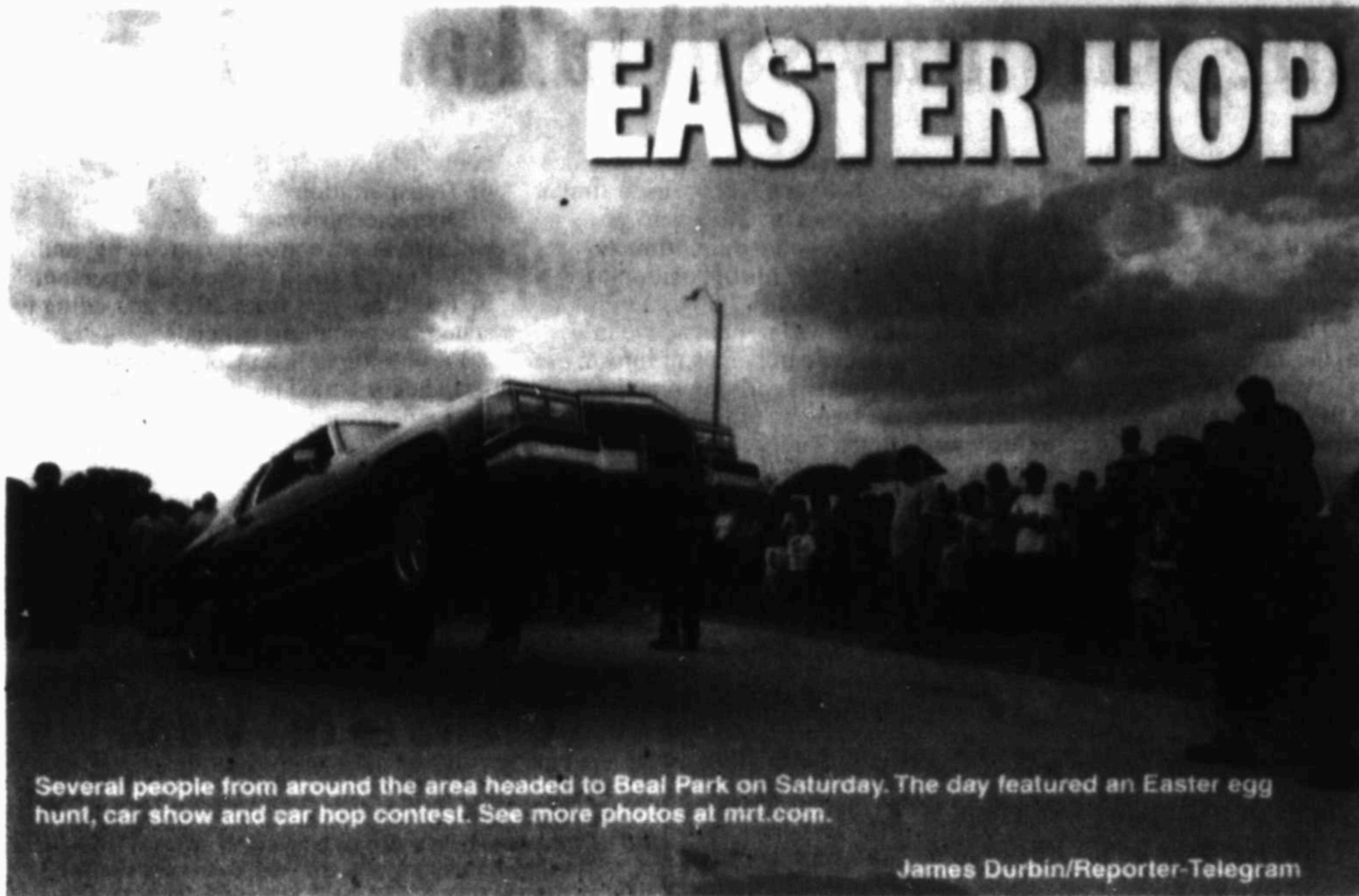
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Misc.	1 family	\$ 193.30
TOTAL		\$27,972.76

Today marks Easter Sunday, that special day each year where Christians celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. And while it is a joyful day for us, we always remember those dark days that led up to His death. It was a resurrection that did not come easily. Despised by those who at one time followed him and deserted by his friends, excommunicated by his church, and left bleeding, beaten, and alone, he had sunk about as low as a human could get before he was crucified. But then the resurrection.... While many people think of the resurrection as an event that happened only to Jesus Christ, it is an event that we see every day at Helping Hands. Take for example, Norma. Norma was a happy woman in her early 50's who had a good job in the health care profession, and had been in a solid relationship with a man for several years. Life was good. In the spring of 2013 she was diagnosed with breast cancer. When the treatment she received didn't work she had to have a mastectomy. The man with whom she had been living was unable to handle the trauma of her illness and he left her. Down to one income, Norma realized that the bills would not wait for her recovery, and so she continued to work, even though post-surgical chemotherapy and radiation was required. She was sick, she was alone, yet she had to work to continue to pay her bills. Despite her illness she took on a second job to make ends meet, all the while mourning the loss of the man she loved so much. She carried such a heavy cross! Finally, her treatment was finished. She came to us for the first time in her life. She had managed to pay all of her bills through the devastation of her cancer, however, now that her treatment was over her Medicaid ended and she needed to pay for her medicines out of pocket. She asked only for help with a small electric bill so that she could use her money for her medicines. We helped her not only with the electric bill, but also with a few months of her rent. Norma needs time to heal, and to build up a small reserve of income so that she can pay for her medicines. She did not ask for the additional help but the relief on her face when we told her what we were going to do for her was, to us, a clear sign of her resurrection experience. She was given that extra boost to get her over that final hurdle. She was finally able to smile. To breathe. What a joy it is for us at Helping Hands to be able to be a part of helping someone rise above adversities and share in that person's resurrection. By the fact that you supply us with the means to help those who come to us, you also share in their resurrection experiences. May God bless you abundantly for all that you do to help these people. Thank you very, very much. May you have a blessed Easter!

EASTER HOP



Several people from around the area headed to Beal Park on Saturday. The day featured an Easter egg hunt, car show and car hop contest. See more photos at mrt.com.

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Misa Panamericana a tradition at Houston church

By Alan Turner
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — It's the final Mass on Palm Sunday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, and although the rows of hard oak pews already are packed, an insistent throng pushes through the door. Each worshipper receives a palm frond, then genuflects to God before moving into the holy interior that smells faintly of candle wax.

The scene is comfortably familiar; an annual ritual at the 112-year-old church in Houston's near-downtown Sixth Ward. But then, above the murmured conversations and babies' cries comes the low voice of the acoustic guitarron, pulsing with authority, and a violin's shrill response.

Heads turn to face the sound. Mariachi Norteño — for more than half a century a standby at Houston weddings, funerals and coming of age parties — is in the house. The time for the Mariachi Mass has arrived.

Led by 70-year-old Jesse Escareno, a Pasadena-area house framer, and his longtime friend Guadalupe Vasquez, 69, Mariachi Norteño has played this Mass, Sunday after Sunday, for 45 years.

Band members believe the long run at St. Joseph may constitute a record for continuous performance of the Mass in the United States.

"The music," said Vasquez, a trumpeter who this Sunday has traded his horn for a violin by way



Nelson Ulloa performs with others members of Mariachi Norteño on April 13 during the mariachi Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Houston.

of observing Lent, "has to come out of your heart. You put into it whatever you can."

Once a heavily German parish, then largely Hispanic, St. Joseph is rapidly becoming home to young professionals. Many of the church's Latino members now live outside the Sixth Ward, and are drawn to the church by its Spanish-language service.

On this day, the congregation lustily sings along with the musicians. But, said parish priest Francis Macatangay, not all worshippers appreciate the folk informality of the Mass.

"Music speaks to the heart," he tells the Houston Chronicle, "and thus any discussion of music is always an emotional one."

Some, he said, "respond to the mariachi music at

Mass because of a memory the style evokes or simply because they like the music. Those in charge of providing music for the liturgy, of course, are responsible for much more than this — ensuring the theological, liturgical and catechetical formation of both the faithful and the musicians."

An outgrowth of Vatican II reforms in the 1960s, Misa Panamericana, the Mariachi Mass, was authored by a Canadian priest and first performed in Mexico. Vatican II reforms also brought translation of Latin liturgy into vernacular languages and an acceptance and celebration of popular arts within the church, said Houston folklorist Pat Jasper, who has studied mariachi traditions.

The reforms resonated with a generation of culturally aware Mexican-Amer-

ican priests, and it was one of them — the Rev. Patrick Flores at St. Joseph — who is credited with bringing the Mass to the U.S. Flores, who later became the Ro-

man Catholic Church's first Mexican-American bishop, invited Escareno, Vasquez and other members of the group to study the music in Mexico.

"We listened to the music, then got an album," Vasquez said. "We listened to them and listened to it. That's how we learned it, little by little."

Jasper, Houston Arts Alliance's folklife and traditional arts director, said the Mariachi Mass found popular acceptance in Latino communities throughout the U.S. Escareno, who founded Mariachi Norteño in 1959, was reared in an intensely religious household headed by his grand mother, Jasper said, and in some ways was primed for religious performance.

At the church, Escareno explains his artistry on the guitarron, a six-string bass instrument resembling an

oversized guitar that traces its history to 16th century Spain. "I taught myself to play," he said, then glancing heavenward and added "Maybe he helped me."

The roots of mariachi music, said ethnomusicologist Estavan Azcona, can be traced to central Mexico in the 18th century. Among early reports, he said, are those from Catholic churches in which clerics complain of musicians playing in the streets.

Azcona, music director at Multicultural Education and Counseling Through the Arts and himself a guitar player, says modern mariachi developed in the 1920s as the iconic music of Mexico. It was about that time that the musicians — most of peasant background — adopted the flamboyant attire of the Mexican horseman.

Some schools wary of new medication law

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A new law taking effect July 1 requiring New Mexico schools stockpile medicine to treat students for severe allergic reactions or asthma attacks has officials concerned, the Albuquerque Journal reported.

Some school districts are hesitant because they can be sued if something goes wrong.

Gov. Susana Martinez signed Senate Bill 75 into law last month, saying it would save children's lives. The law permits school nurses to administer the medication even to students who don't have a prescription.

But a clause in the bill shielding schools from civil lawsuits was removed.

Dick Minzner, an attorney who studied the law, said schools could be sued if medicine is incorrectly

administered or stored. "I expect there could be a lawsuit in either case, not that it would necessarily prevail," Minzner said.

State Sen. Mark Moores, a Republican from Albuquerque, sponsored the legislation and ceded the legal-immunity provision

to get the bill passed. The request was made by the New Mexico Trial Lawyers Association and Foundation. President Kris Bogardus said lawsuit fears will ensure schools will do a good job when devising how to issue the medicine and store it.

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finalists who will interview with Warren, who will then present a nominee to the school board.

"The principalships are the most important leadership positions in the district," Warren said. "Compared to mine, compared to any others, the principals are the most important leaders because they affect more children in their leadership roles than any other administrator that we have."

The new principal at MHS will be especially important as reforms from House Bill 5 go into effect next school year, including new graduation requirements.

"They've got to demonstrate that they understand HB5, that they've studied it, that they understand the new graduation rules, that they understand the endorsements, that we're going to be able to provide for the kids and that they have a vision on how to get as many of those endorsements underneath the career paths," Warren said.

Horner said it is "imperative" for the new MHS principal to understand HB5 as they work on the master course schedule and staffing needs. Without the right teachers on staff, offering the right classes for the new graduation endorsements moving forward would be a challenge.

The district added eight new career and technology teachers at the high school level for the upcoming school year, Horner said. These hires will allow the schools to offer classes that had previously not been available to students.

Keeping Horner in the district with his new role supervising secondary education is important for a smooth transition with House Bill 5, Warren said.

"We have some very big plans, especially as it applies to our junior highs and creating more academic choices for our kids and our parents that will naturally flow right into the high school, House Bill 5 career paths," Warren said. "(Horner) will be instrumental in analyzing what we have right now, making plans for how we get to where we want to go, and then following and implementing that plan, and actually infusing those programs, those classes, getting the right certified teachers. He will be an integral part of doing that."

Horner, who was principal at Alamo Junior High School before moving to MHS, said this summer the district will begin looking at exploratory program options to help eighth grade students identify what endorsement that want to pursue once they reach high school.

What's happening in Midland next weekend? Find out by reading **WEEKENDER**. Look for it inside Thursday's edition of the Reporter-Telegram

New owner shows off historic New Mexico hotel

By Andy Stiny
Albuquerque Journal

LAS VEGAS, N.M. — It has stood forlorn and mostly empty alongside the railroad tracks in Las Vegas for decades — a throwback to when train travel opened up Southwest tourism and visitors needed places to rejuvenate mind and body, and fill their stomachs.

The Castaneda Hotel, done in Mission Revival style as the first gem of the Harvey House chain, is ready for a makeover and there's a new sheriff in town aiming to do just that.

Allan Affeldt propped the hotel door open with a case of bottled water on April 8, the day after his deal to buy the Castaneda closed. The curious popped their heads in to see what many had never seen before and to wish him well.

"Oh, look at this space, it's beautiful," Affeldt said, standing in the massive dining room with its pressed tin ceiling. "It's not like one of those cookie-cutter things."

"This building is unique to New Mexico and Las Vegas, N.M., and it's beautiful."

"Welcome to Las Vegas," local Terry Mossman told Affeldt as they shook hands. Likely speaking for many in Las Vegas, Mossman added: "I hope all your plans come true."

Joel Scheinberg wandered across Railroad Avenue for a look and called Affeldt's plans to redo the old hotel "the best thing to happen to Las Vegas."

Affeldt had been feted that same day by the local Rotary Club for his purchase of the horseshoe-shaped hotel built in 1898. He will try to repeat in Las Vegas what he did in the 1990s when he and his wife helped save the then-decrepit La Posada hotel in Winslow, Ariz. That was another of the Harvey House gems that dotted New Mexico, Arizona and California to serve train travelers. In New Mexico, in addition to La Castane-



The Castaneda Hotel in Las Vegas, N.M., is a historic Fred Harvey House hotel built in 1898 to serve as food-and-rest stop along the Santa Fe Railway. In April, the hotel was purchased by Allan Affeldt, who has also restored another Harvey House hotel in Winslow, Ariz.

da, they included La Fonda in Santa Fe and the no longer existing Alvarado in Albuquerque.

What motivates Affeldt to take on such a project? "I'm not a normal developer," he said.

The Rotary event apparently was a hot ticket. "They had a much bigger turnout than usual because everybody's curious," said Affeldt.

"I think the community sees this as maybe a tipping point event or a catalyst. It's not that big a project — the building is 25,000 square feet and it's going to cost a couple of million dollars — but psychologically it's really important."

Many locals thought the Castaneda would go the way of other derelict buildings along Railroad Avenue. Affeldt said, "From what I understand, people are thinking differently — instead of the glass being half empty, it's half full now."

In Winslow, Affeldt and his artist wife Tina Mion created an art-filled hotel and the highly praised Turquoise Room restaurant. Mion will be joining her husband soon on the Las Vegas project — arriving by train, of course.

Affeldt knows the challenges that lie ahead in acquiring approvals from governmental entities that regulate historic properties. He's trying to make the deal work by also acquiring Las Vegas' other historic hotel, the Plaza, with

more to restore an old building as it does to build a new one, especially a complicated building," he said as he stood framed beneath one of ten arches on the Castaneda's veranda.

"Nobody" — except Affeldt, apparently — "would spend a couple of million dollars to build a 20-room hotel in Las Vegas."

"Just to take those boards off the building will be so satisfying," Affeldt said, gesturing to plywood that has long covered broken windows and blocked sunlight from once-splendid rooms.

"Let's just hope they employ local people instead of outsiders. We have good craftsmen in town," said Gutierrez outside the welding shop.

commensurate tax credits.

If Affeldt can couple the two hotels, he can use federal tax credits from the Plaza, which is in a complicated bankruptcy, to

help finance the Castaneda project. "If you don't have that money (tax credits), it's just too expensive to do this," said Affeldt.

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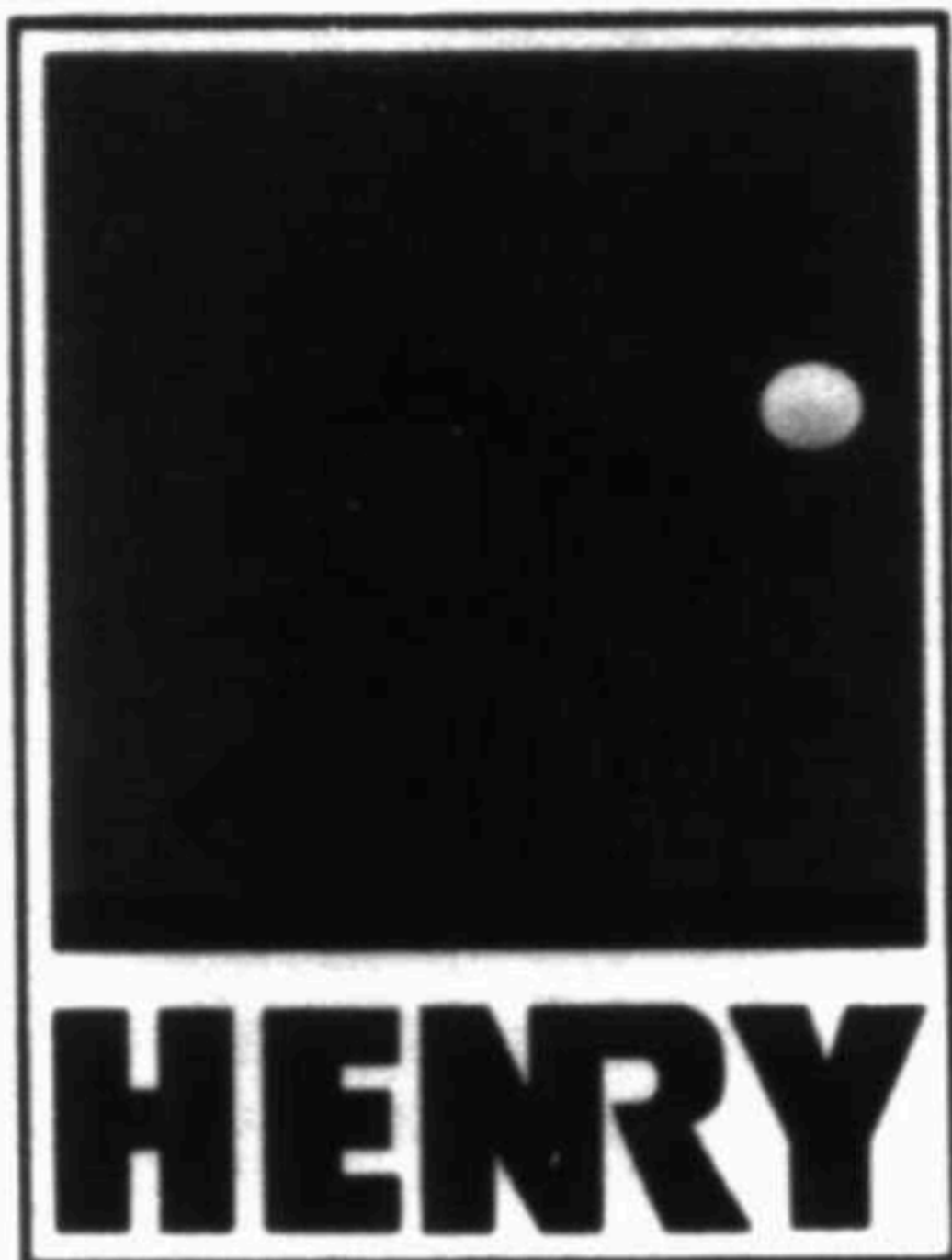
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State not finished with El Paso cheating scandal

Associated Press

EL PASO — Texas education officials want to repeal the state certifications of 11 administrators linked to an El Paso classroom cheating scandal.

The El Paso Times reported Saturday that it marks the first time the state has tried to hold individual employees accountable for rampant cheating in the El Paso district from 2007 to 2010. School officials were accused of holding students back or coercing them into dropping out

to improve standardized test scores.

Most of those named in the Texas Education Agency petition are no longer district employees. The petition accuses them of helping falsify federal accountability reports or knowing of the scheme but doing nothing to stop it.

The fallout led to former district superintendent Lorenzo Garcia pleading guilty to fraud. He is serving a three-year prison term.

Former state Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, who first brought the cheating allegations to

the education agency, said he had some reservations about the petition.

"That TEA has acted to hold people accountable is great news," he said. "However, many more people helped Garcia commit these crimes."

Those named in the petition must respond and then will have a hearing with an administrative law judge, who will make a recommendation to the State Board of Educator Certification. The board will make a final ruling on possible sanctions. Under Garcia, district officials encour-

aged low-performing students to drop out or be held back in the 9th grade so they would not take the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills tests in the 10th grade.

Garcia was hired in 2006 and served as superintendent until his arrest in 2012.

An audit that took about 2 1/2 years to complete said that while most of the cheating took place in Bowie High School — a school with a large number of underprivileged students — there was also wrongdoing at Coronado High School, located in a wealthier part of El Paso.

Group sues over decision not to list prairie dogs

Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — An environmental group filed a lawsuit this month over the federal government's decision not to extend protections for a prairie dog found in four Southwestern states.

Threats to the Gunnison's prairie dog won't cause the animal to become extinct soon or in the foreseeable future, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said. Those threats include agriculture, grazing, urbanization and invasive species.

WildEarth Guardians, which sued Fish and Wildlife in U.S. District Court in Arizona, said the agency is ignoring dramatic declines in the range and population of the animals, and it is discounting widespread threats.

The agency has a policy not to comment on pending litigation.

The prairie dogs make their homes in grasslands and intermountain valleys of northern Arizona, southwestern and south-central Colorado, northwestern New Mexico and southeastern Utah.

While outbreaks of plague have nearly decimated some colonies,

federal officials say the populations are quick to rebound and are stable. Recreational shooting also has reduced populations, but officials say those impacts aren't widespread in the prairie dogs' 36,000-square-mile range.

WildEarth Guardians and dozens of other organizations and individuals petitioned Fish and Wildlife in 2004 to list the prairie dogs as endangered or threatened. The agency determined the listing wasn't warranted, but a smaller group that included WildEarth Guardians challenged the finding.

Fish and Wildlife later found that populations in parts of Colorado and New Mexico that are wetter and higher in elevations than prairie land were eligible for protection, primarily because of the effects of sylvatic plague, a flea-borne bacterial disease. The U.S. District Court in Arizona said the agency could not divide the species and ordered a new review.

Arizona, New Mexico and Utah consider the prairie dogs a species of greatest conservation need, but that designation doesn't provide any regulatory protection. The Fish

and Wildlife Service said states actively are managing prairie-dog populations through agreements and strategies.

Final or draft resource-management plans covering U.S. Bureau of Land Management land in Utah and New Mexico include conservation measures to minimize the impacts of oil and gas activities on the prairie dogs, but those in Colorado and Arizona don't specifically mention the animals.

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ALBUQUERQUE Marshals' suspect has prior arrests

A fugitive accused of pulling a gun on a U.S. marshal in Albuquerque has a history of arrests.

The U.S. Marshals Service in Albuquerque is searching for Rufus Phelps a day after he allegedly threatened a marshal who was serving a bench warrant.

James Badway, a spokesman for the Marshals Service, said law enforcement found his car Saturday morning.

A grand jury indicted Phelps in September 2013 on several drug-related charges, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and aggravated assault against a household member.

Badway said a federal warrant for assault on a

federal officer is now being processed.

Authorities said Phelps, who has gang ties, is dangerous.

SANTA FE Bicyclist fatally struck by train

Police in Santa Fe say a woman riding her bicycle has died after being hit by a train.

Police spokeswoman Celina Westervelt said the unidentified bicyclist was riding at the intersection of Zia Road and Saint Francis Drive just before 11 a.m. when she was fatally struck by the Rail Runner.

Westervelt said passengers were aboard the train but did not say if any of them or the driver was hurt.

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Replica of Michelangelo's 'Pieta' draws Easter visitors

Associated Press

PHOENIX — The spirit of Michelangelo's "Pieta" sculpture is being felt this Easter weekend thousands of miles away from Vatican City — outside a Phoenix charity's dining hall.

St. Vincent de Paul executive director Steve Zabalski said he expects more people than usual to sit before a replica of one of the Italian artist's most famous works.

About 20 people gathered at one point on Good Friday in the 50-seat chapel, Zabalski said.

"What makes this so special is it's not in a great big cathedral or an art museum but it's at a place where the homeless, the downtrodden and the working poor frequent," Zabalski said.

The statue has been a fixture at St. Vincent de Paul in downtown Phoenix since January 2013.

Zabalski said the sculpture depicting Mary holding the body of Christ moves visitors. People often go up to kiss or touch the statue as well as leave prayer books, flowers or coins on it. Zabalski recalled taking a tour group into the chapel and explaining the sculpture's presence.

"One of the people (seated) turned to me and said, 'Shhh,'" Zabalski said, laughing. "He was absolutely right."

Jana Black, a 54-year-old woman who is trying to save enough money to get to Flagstaff, recognized the statue from seeing the original on TV. While many people at St. Vincent de Paul might never have heard of it, that doesn't diminish their ability to appreciate it, Black said.

"It brings God's creativity to Phoenix straight from the Vatican," she said.

For Dalton Puckett, a 22-year-old welder from Orange, it is a reminder to have hope. Puckett has



Associated Press

A couple embraces next to a replica of Michelangelo's "Pieta" on Friday at the St. Vincent de Paul chapel inside the church's homeless food bank in Phoenix. The church's executive director, Steve Zabalski, said many people stop and pray or meditate before the statue every day and he expected more people to linger around it this Easter weekend.

been living at a nearby homeless shelter for two days. On Good Friday, he kissed the hand of Jesus' sculpture and then touched Jesus' foot.

The statue stands for "hopes and dreams and that everything is possible. There is no bottom of the barrel you can't make it out of ... because he (Jesus) gave his life for us," Puckett said.

Husband and wife David Newren and Claudia Hecht distribute the replicas through their company, Arte Divine. They have overseen the construction of a dozen replicas licensed by the Vatican Observatory Foundation.

According to Newren, each one is cast from a mold of the original.

The sculptures have typically been placed in church-

es or cathedrals. There is one in the Italian embassy in Washington, D.C. Newren said Fulton Brock, his friend and a former Maricopa County supervisor, suggested St. Vincent de Paul receive one. A replica was made and transported with the costs offset by private donations.

It was even blessed by Phoenix Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted, Newren said.

Newren said he's happy that people are enjoying the statue in a way they couldn't at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

In 1972, the original sculpture was severely damaged by a hammer-wielding man who shouted he was Jesus Christ. Since then, millions of tourists have had to look at it through bulletproof glass.

Crews gain control of wildfire

Associated Press

SIERRA VISTA, Ariz. — Firefighters have gotten a stronger hold on a wildfire burning near Sierra Vista in southeastern Arizona, allowing some crews to be released from duty.

Fire managers report that the 240-acre Brown Fire in the Huachuca Mountains now is 75 percent contained.

The blaze began April 13 and is burning in brush and timber in steep and rugged terrain, mostly on the Fort Huachuca

Army base and in the Coronado National Forest.

No structures currently are threatened. Crews are spending Saturday doing preventive measures outside the fire area in case a direct attack doesn't work.

The Cochise County Sheriff's Office said Ramsey Canyon Preserve has reopened but only the canyon bottom is accessible.

Authorities said of the 400 personnel assigned, four Hotshot crews have already been released.

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SPORTS

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Hawks use timely hitting to sweep Lady Chaparrals

By Oscar LeRoy
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It was the same story for the Midland College softball team against Howard College on a cloudy Saturday afternoon at the MC softball field.

The Lady Chaparrals could not come up with the key hits and key outs when they needed them the most, and it cost them as the Hawks swept the doubleheader with 5-3 and 3-2 victories.

"Somebody's got to step up and make a play for us," said MC coach Tommy Ramos, whose team fell to 25-22, 12-12 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

Thanks to their twinbill sweep on Saturday, Howard (40-10, 20-3)

Hawks 5-3
Lady Chaparrals 3-2

won all four games in the series and the Hawks showed they could win close games as three of the four were decided by one run.

"There was a lot of character shown from our team, I thought," Howard coach Kelly Raines said.

The Hawks had to really earn this sweep. After winning two games on Friday at their place by one run in eight innings each time, Howard had to hold off a late MC rally to win the first game. Then when they trailed for most of the second game, the Hawks had a rally of their own with the big hit coming from Lani Munoz, with a two-run single in the seventh inning to plate both Olga Yakovleva,

who had a leadoff walk, and Tatiana Sorokina, for the 3-2 lead.

"We got off to a slow start," Raines said. "Corrina Liscano got us started off with a solo home run (in the fifth inning) and (what the Hawks did) was big in the seventh inning. Lani Munoz, she came through (Friday) with the big hit, and she came through again today. I thought the girls showed a lot of fight. I was proud of them."

Up until that seventh inning, MC pitcher Dominique Lozano Alcocer had a good game and was holding on to the slim lead. But in the seventh, a leadoff walk to Yakovleva and then a throwing error by catcher Kyla Larson on a bunt single by Sorokina

Please see LADY CHAPS/3C



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland College's Gaby Muniz puts the ball in play on a bunt during the second game of a doubleheader against Howard College on Saturday.

For love of the race



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Friends Steve Berrones, Kyle Beran and Kevin Fox will be traveling to Boston to run the Boston Marathon this year.

Trio of Midlanders headed to Boston Marathon

By Oscar LeRoy
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Steve Berrones was in Boston on April 15, 2013, to cheer on some friends running in the Boston Marathon.

Because the 46-year-old chief financial officer for AggieTech Energy Services had gotten away from running at the time, he chose not to run in the race for the first time in five years. On the day of the race, he, his wife and some friends decided to walk to the finish line of the marathon,

but they had decided to go to the hotel where Berrones was staying at, to pick up some things. When he got to his room, he started to receive messages on his phone telling him about the bombing.

"It happened when we were coming somewhat parallel to Boylston (Street). We didn't even actually hear it," Berrones said. "We went downstairs of the hotel and the TVs were turned on to CNN. It was very surreal."

Through a Facebook group page Berrones is in, friends were posting and asking if people involved in the race were OK and if they were safe.

"All of a sudden this camaraderie happened and everybody was checking on where everybody was. It just really brought back a lot of emotion," said Berrones as he was trying to hold back his own emotions of that day.

Despite the tragedy that claimed the lives of three spectators and injured more than 260 others, Berrones said there was no hesitation about running in Monday's 118th Boston Marathon.

"To me, it was almost just a no-brainer, and it's a chance to see people that we

Please see MARATHON/4C

Spurs, Mavs set to start playoff series

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press

While the San Antonio Spurs steamrolled toward their fourth 60-win season in 11 years, coach Gregg Popovich was asked if there is a secret formula for the franchise's almost untouchable run of excellence.

"Yes there is," said Popovich, in a typical deadpan fashion. "Get the No. 1 pick in the draft every 10 years and make sure that it's a franchise player. That's the formula. That's how lucky you have to be. You've got David

(Robinson) for a decade and then Timmy (Duncan) comes. Well, I think most anybody could build around that."

Of course, Popovich is oversimplifying. What the Spurs have created is a program unlike any other in the league, one built on the willingness of three stars to take less money, band together and establish a culture and a pecking order under their no-nonsense coach.

"Everybody knows their secrets," Minnesota Timberwolves coach Rick Adelman said. "It doesn't do you any good, though."

The Spurs finished with an NBA-best 62-20 record, wiping out last season's heart-breaking loss in the NBA Finals in emphatic fashion. Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili are back for another run, and standing in their way is another one of the league's most enduring forces.

In his 16th season, Dirk Nowitzki has enjoyed a renaissance, averaging 21.7 points, 6.2 rebounds and shooting

NBA Playoffs

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Please see PLAYOFFS/6C

Strong era begins at Texas with shaky QB play

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Charlie Strong era began at Texas with a shaky performance at quarterback and few questions answered about just how quickly the Longhorns can rebound in the Big 12 under their new coach.

With next season's presumed starter David Ash not playing because of a foot injury, Tyrone Swoopes took all the snaps with the first-team offense in the Longhorns' annual spring scrimmage. Swoopes rallied from a poor start to finish with 229 yards and three touchdowns against

the second-team defense. But he likely did little to establish himself as the potential top-flight quarterback the Longhorns have lacked for several seasons if Ash's injury problems persist.

Ash missed most of last season with concussion symptoms but had been cleared to return in the spring. His injury left Swoopes as the only scholarship quarterback available for the scrimmage.

Strong had planned to play the starters against each other, but instead opted to pit the first-team offense against the second-team defense to help give Swoopes a confidence boost. But Swoopes threw

an interception on his first attempt and was just 7 of 17 passing until a desperation heave at the end of the first half turned into a touchdown catch by Daje Johnson.

Swoopes was better in the second half, throwing touchdowns to Malcolm Brown and Jaxon Shipley. Strong said he liked that Swoopes rebounded from the poor start, but acknowledged he hasn't gotten the play he wanted at quarterback this spring.

"We're going to have to get better there, whether it's David or Swoopes or someone else," Strong said.

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Texas quarterback Tyrone Swoopes (18) runs the ball during the first half of the Orange and White spring game Saturday in Austin.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Georgia at Florida, 11 a.m., ESPN

Vanderbilt at Arkansas, Noon, ESPN

Kansas at Oklahoma St., 1 p.m., Fox Sports 1

GOLF
European PGA Tour, Malaysian Open, final round (same-day tape), 5:30 a.m., TGC

PGA Tour, The Heritage, final round, Noon, TGO

PGA Tour, The Heritage, final round, 2 p.m., CBS

Champions Tour, Greater Gwinnett Championship, final round, 2 p.m., TGC

MLB
Regional coverage, N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay or St. Louis at Washington, 12:30 p.m., MLB Network

Chicago at Texas, 2 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest

Baltimore at Boston, 6 p.m., ESPN

NBA
Playoffs, first round, game 1, Dallas at San Antonio, Noon, TNT

Playoffs, first round, game

1, Charlotte at Miami, 2:30 p.m., ABC

Playoffs, first round, game 1, Washington at Chicago, 6 p.m., TNT

Playoffs, first round, game 1, Portland at Houston, 8:30 p.m., TNT

NHL
Playoffs, conference quarterfinals, game 2, Philadelphia at NY Rangers, 11 a.m., NBC

Playoffs, conference quarterfinals, game 2, Detroit at Boston, 2 p.m., NBC

Playoffs, conference quarterfinals, game 3, Tampa Bay at Montreal, 6 p.m., NBC Sports Network

Playoffs, conference quarterfinals, game 2, Los Angeles at San Jose, 9 p.m., NBC Sports Network

SOCCER
Premier League, Liverpool at Norwich, 5:55 a.m., NBC Sports Network

Premier League, Arsenal at Hull City, 8 a.m., NBC Sports Network

Premier League, Manchester United at Everton, 10:05 a.m., NBC Sports Network

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY TEXAS LEAGUE
San Antonio at RockHounds, 2 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS

ROCKHOUNDS RAINED OUT

Saturday's game between the Midland RockHounds and San Antonio Missions at Security Bank Ballpark was postponed because of rain.

The teams started the game, and San Antonio led through four innings before the game was stopped.

The game was not official and it will be made up as part of a doubleheader consisting of seven-inning games on May 10, beginning at 5 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark.

Midland and San Antonio are scheduled to play at 2 p.m. today at Security Bank Ballpark weather permitting.

Texas League

First Half				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	6	7	.458	—
Tulsa	7	8	.458	—
Arkansas	9	8	.523	—
NW Arkansas	4	12	.250	4 1/2

South Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	11	4	.733	—
Corpus Christi	8	8	.500	3
San Antonio	7	7	.500	3

Friday's Scores

Springfield 6, Arkansas 1

San Antonio at Midland, p.p.d., rain

Friday 6, Corpus Christi 0

Tulsa 9, Northwest Arkansas 3

Today's Games

San Antonio at Midland, 2 p.m.

Corpus Christi at Frisco, 2:05 p.m.

Arkansas at Springfield, 4:10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Sent Of Shane Victorino to Pawtucket (IL) for rehab assignment

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed RHP Felipe Paulino on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Andry Rajo from Charlotte (IL). Assigned RHP Donnie Veal outright to Charlotte

MINNESOTA TWINS — Options INF Eduardo Nunez to Rochester (IL)

NEW YORK YANKEES — Designated LHP Cesar Cabral for assignment. Selected the contract of RHP Matt Daley from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL)

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Options RHP Brad Boberger to Durham (IL). Recalled LHP C.J. Retherhaus from Durham

TEXAS RANGERS — Placed OF Jim Addon on the 15-day DL. Recalled INF Luis Sardinas from Frisco (IL)

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Transferred 2B Maicer Izturis to the 60-day DL. Placed 1B Adam Lind on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Wednesday

Options INF Munenori Kawasaki to Buffalo (IL). Reinstated SS Jose Reyes from the 15-day DL. Selected the contract of 1B Juan Francisco from Buffalo

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Options RHP Curtis Mitch to Louisville (IL). Reinstated RHP Sean Marshall from the 15-day DL

NEW YORK METS — Reinstated OF Chris Young from the 15-day DL

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Options RHP Jonathan Pettitte to Lehigh Valley (IL)

Selected the contract of RHP Shawn Camp from Lehigh Valley

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Options C Tony Sanchez from Indianapolis (IL). Reinstated C Chris Stewart from the 15-day DL. Designated 1B Travis Ishikawa for assignment

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Reinstated OF Denard Span from the 7-day DL. Options Of Steven Souza Jr. to Syracuse (IL)

Frontier League

RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed RHP Dane Stone

ROCKFORD AVIATORS — Signed RHP Joey Wagner

WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Placed RHP Charlie Hallberg on the retired list

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL — Fined Boston F Milan Lucic \$5,000 for spearing Detroit D Danny DeKeyser during Friday's game

WALLAS STARS — Signed G Philippe Desrosiers to a three-year, entry-level contract

FLORIDA PANTHERS — Reassigned D Josh McFadden from San Antonio (AHL) to Cincinnati (ECHL)

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Signed D Jake Dolchin to an entry-level contract

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Traded the rights to O Jannik Heising to Nashville for a 2014 seventh-round draft pick

COLLEGE

SMU — Announced men's basketball F Jordan Tolbert is transferring from Texas Tech

MLS GLANCE

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Columbus	3	1	21	9	6
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D.C.	2	2	2	8	7
New England	2	3	2	8	9
Philadelphia	2	5	5	9	10
Houston	2	3	1	7	8
New York	1	2	4	7	11
Chicago	0	1	6	8	10
Montreal	0	4	3	3	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE					
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
FC Dallas	5	1	16	17	10
Colorado	3	1	21	8	5
Seattle	3	2	10	12	10
Real Salt Lake	2	0	4	10	8
Vancouver	2	2	3	9	10
Los Angeles	2	1	2	8	7
Chivas USA	1	2	3	8	11
Portland	0	2	4	8	11
San Jose	0	2	3	3	7

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie

Saturday's Scores

Philadelphia 0, Houston 0, tie

Chicago 1, New England 1, tie

Colorado 0, San Jose 0, tie

Vancouver 2, Los Angeles 2, tie

Columbus 1, D.C. United 1, tie

FC Dallas 2, Toronto FC 1

Sporting Kansas City 4, Montreal 0

Portland at Real Salt Lake, late

Seattle FC at Chivas USA, late

Wednesday, April 23

Houston at New York, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 26

Colorado at Seattle FC, 3 p.m.

Philadelphia at Montreal, 3 p.m.

FC Dallas at D.C. United, 6 p.m.

New York at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.

Sporting Kansas City at New England, 6:30 p.m.

Vancouver at Real Salt Lake, 8:30 p.m.

Chivas USA at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

April 23

At Osaka, Japan, Shinsuke Yamamoto vs. Stephanie Janjoc, 12, for Yamamoto's WBC bantamweight title; Kyo Martinez vs. Hozumi Hasegawa, 12, for Martinez's IBF junior featherweight title

April 24

At Agua Caliente Casino, Rancho Mirage, Calif. (ESPN), Josselin Lopez vs. Aaron Martinez, 10, light welterweights; Thomas Williams Jr. vs. Enrique Onofre, 10, light heavyweights.

April 25

At Moscow, Russia, Richard Abril vs. Eduard Toyenov, 12, for Abril's WBA World lightweight title; Denis Ledober vs. Guillermo Jones, 12, for Ledober's WBA World cruiserweight title.

April 26

At Oberhausen, Germany, Wladimir Klitschko vs. Alex Leoni, 12, for Klitschko's IBF-WBO-IBO-WBA Super World heavyweight title; Joseph Parker vs. Sherman Williams, 10, heavyweights.

At Sonoma, Mexico, Juan Francisco Estrada vs. Nichie Slogarum, 12, for Estrada's WBA Super World-WBO heavyweight title.

At Shushi-Center, Carson, Calif. (SHOW), Keith Thurman vs. Julio Diaz, 12, for Thurman's interim WBA World welterweight title; Omar Figueroa Jr. vs. Jerry Belmontes, 12, for Figueroa's WBC lightweight title; Lucas Matthysse vs. John Molina, 12, junior welterweights.

Antonio Octavo vs. Martin Hernandez, 10, junior welterweights.

April 26

At Bayamon, Puerto Rico (FSI), Michael Perez vs. Jorge Rosendo, 10, junior welterweights.

McJoe Arroyo vs. Elmer Aguino, 12, IBF junior bantamweight eliminator

May 1

At Helsinki (FIA) Park Race Track (ESPN), Robert Garcia vs. Victor Cayo, 10, welterweights.

May 2

At the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas (FS1), Ernie Lane vs. Ihe Smith, 12, for Lane's WBA World light middleweight title; Mickey Bay Jr. vs. Alan Herrera, 10, lightweights; Jesus Cuevas vs. Rico Ramos, 12, for Cuevas's interim WBA World bantamweight title.

May 3

At Cebu City, Philippines, Jhonny Calimero vs. Mauricio Fuentes, 12, for Calimero's IBF junior flyweight title; Harmonio Dale Torno vs. Gaden Tubigon, 12, super featherweights.

At the MGM Grand Garden Arena, Las Vegas (SHOW), Floyd Mayweather Jr. vs. Marcos Maidana, 12, for Mayweather's WBC-WBA Super World welterweight title; Amir Khan vs. Luis Collazo, 12, welterweights; Adrien Broner vs. Carlos Molina, 10, junior welterweights; J'Leon Love vs. Marco Antonio Parthen, 10, super middleweights.

May 7

At Osaka, Japan, Arnold Ruenzorg vs. Kazuo Ioka, 12, for Ruenzorg's IBF flyweight title; Katsunori Takayama vs. Shin Ono, 12, for Takayama's IBF superlightweight title.

May 10

At La Guasima, Venezuela, Jhonny Perez vs. Fernando Montiel de Oca, 12, for Perez's interim WBA World light welterweight title.

At USC Galen Center, Los Angeles (ESPN), Bernard St Pierre vs. Chris Anzole, rematch, 12, for the vacant WBC heavyweight title.

Sunday Morning Line

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HAYWARD

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This and that as we see the busy spring sports season winding down:

Attending the annual ASCO Scholarship Luncheon for the ASCO Midland Football Madness can always reveal a few surprises. This year, though, I knew that Lee and Midland High would face different teams, but the timing of Lee's game was surprising.

I had heard the Rebels were looking to play the first game of that week against Keller on Thursday afternoon, and now that it's confirmed, I'm still trying to figure that one out. But since this was Midland High's year to play on Friday night, and the other option was the 11 a.m. game on Saturday, I could see the point. Let's hope there's plenty of water for fans.

The best part, though, for both squads is that they got a pair of quality opponents from other parts of the state to come here for two years. Midland High will take on San Antonio power Smithson Valley, and Lee will take on Keller. There are monetary incentives for them to come here, but for them

to consider it is something that hopefully they can continue in future years.

Both teams have seen some criticism about scheduling tougher non-district opponents, and over the past few years both squads have upgraded their non-district schedules.

Speaking of Smithson Valley, they have some West Texas connections on their coaching staff. Longtime head coach Larry Hill actually interviewed for the Lee job when it came open in 2004 when John Parchman left, and he also went to Sul Ross State. But the better connection is that he student taught for current Midland Christian assistant Ronnie Reeger.

Plus, I did hear that former Lee and Abilene Cooper coach Randy Quisenberry is back on Hill's staff at Smithson

Valley and could make his return to Grande this August.

It's Web.com Tour week at Midland Country Club this week.

The annual stop for the PGA Tour's rising stars, and a few older ones chasing their card, will head to MCC this week and what kind of weather conditions it could be greeted with will be interesting.

It's well known that for the MCC course to have any defense against the pros, there has to be some wind. No, not the 50 mph, blowing dust kind of wind, but enough of a breeze to make the players think about which club to use and shot to make.

It's also good to see the tour back in town, and if you get a chance Thursday through Sunday, go on out and watch some of these guys play.

Seeing the girls' por-

tion of the Region I-5A soccer tournament moved to the Metroplex has me wondering if the tournament returning to Midland after this past realignment might be in question. Yes, there are three Class 6A districts, beginning next year, but after two years of having to make other arrangements, the University Interscholastic League may open it up for bids.

There were plenty of people that worked hard to bring that tournament here, but I didn't know whether the event made money for the teams or for those putting it on. I understand the travel aspect of it for teams from out here and in El Paso, but it might meet a similar fate as the Class 5A regional basketball tournament. The only time that tournament had large crowds is when Lee or MHS was playing.

How the UIL looks at that will be interesting.

And finally, don't worry Texas Rangers fans, Prince Fielder will find his home run stroke.

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Bulldogs can't clinch outright district title

From staff reports

AMARILLO — The Midland High baseball team was held to three hits by Amarillo Tascosa pitcher Jason Conway in a 2-1 loss in eight innings to the Rebels on Saturday.

Conway also had eight strikeouts in his complete-game victory.

"Their guy pitched pretty well and you've got to tip your hat to him," MHS coach Barry Russell said. "We helped him out quite a bit, but they had to have it to stay in the playoff chase."

Rebels.....2
Bulldogs.....1

With the win, Tascosa (17-8, 8-6 in District 2-5A) stayed tied with Lubbock Coronado for fourth place in the district standings. Coronado defeated Lee, 2-0, on Saturday.

The loss for MHS (19-8, 13-2) kept the Bulldogs from clinching the outright district title as San Angelo Central remained two games back with two games to go after the Bobcats run-ruled Odessa High, 14-4, on Saturday.

Lancaster pitched a good game for the Bulldogs, but they couldn't give him any run support.

MHS won't play again until 4:30 p.m. Friday when it travels to play Abilene High as the Bulldogs close out their regular season.

District 2-5A Standings				
Team	W	L	GB	CL
Midland High	19	8	—	1
San Angelo Central	11	3	8	7
Abilene High	10	4	14	9
Amarillo Tascosa	8	8	17	8
Lubbock Coronado	6	9	14	10
Abilene Cooper	5	9	9	13
Odessa High	3	11	9	18
Lee	3	11	18	18
Odessa Permian	3	11	4	21

Mustangs stay in playoff hunt with shutout of Lee

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — Lubbock Coronado stayed in a tie for fourth place in District 2-5A after shutting out Lee, 2-0, Saturday at O'Banion

Mustangs.....2
Rebels.....0

Field.

The Rebels (9-16, 3-11) were held to three hits by Coronado starter Reagan Lucia.

Evan Mata took the loss as he held the Mustangs to the two runs on three hits in his seven innings of work.

Lee next hosts Abilene Cooper at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Lubbock Coronado 2, Lee 0				
Lee	0	0	0	0-0 3 3
Coronado	101	000	0	2-2 3 2

Even Mata and Jon Schwalbach. Reagan Lucia and Nick Baker. W - Lucia, L - Mata.

Records: Lee 9-16, 3-11 in District 2-5A. Lubbock Coronado 14-10, 8-6.

Next: Abilene Cooper at Lee, 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 25. San Angelo Central at Lubbock Coronado, 6 p.m. Friday, April 25.

COLLEGE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

TEXAS TECH SWEEPS PRAIRIE VIEW LUBBOCK

LUBBOCK — No. 24 Texas Tech earned a series sweep over Prairie View A&M with a 13-0 win in a seven-inning run-rule victory on Saturday afternoon at Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park.

Texas Tech (32-11) held Prairie View A&M (15-21) scoreless for the final 18 innings of the series, while posting back-to-back shutouts. The Red Raider pitching staff allowed just two hits on Saturday.

Junior left-handed pitcher Chris Sadberry pitched four perfect innings with four strikeouts while retiring all 12 batters he faced in order.

Freshman left-handed pitcher Ty Dameron (2-0) was credited with the win pitching the fifth and sixth innings allowing two hits and two walks with three strikeouts.

Sophomore right-handed pitcher Dalton Brown pitched a scoreless seventh inning with a strikeout to complete the combined two-hit shutout.

Panthers starting pitcher Chadd Flick (1-4) took the loss allowing five runs (3 earned) on six hits with three walks in three innings.

Every Texas Tech starting position player finished with a base hit while sophomore first baseman Eric Gutierrez (2-for-4, 2 RBI) and junior second baseman and

Midland Christian grad Bryant Burleson (2-for-4, 3 runs) led the way.

TCU SWEEPS TEXAS AUSTIN

The TCU baseball team rallied with three late runs to win, 3-1, and complete the sweep of No. 4 Texas at UFCU Disch-Falk Field.

Riley Ferrell collected his third save of the weekend and Dylan Fitzgerald drove in two runs to lead the Horned Frogs (27-13, 10-5 in Big 12).

Tyler Alexander was touched for a first inning run but settled in to pitch five innings in the no-decision. He allowed six hits and struck out one. Trey Teakell (2) threw 2 1/3 scoreless frames, giving

up one hit, walking one and striking out two.

Texas (30-11, 9-6) made it interesting in the ninth as it loaded the bases on a walk and two hits. After issuing the leadoff walk, Ferrell struck out C.J. Hinojosa for the first out. Back-to-back singles followed loading the bases. The sophomore right-hander dug deep and got Andy McGuire to bounce into a game-ending 4-6-3 double play to collect his ninth save of the season.

The Frogs will wrap up the road swing Tuesday night with a non-conference tilt against Texas Tech in Abilene on the Abilene Christian campus. Game time against the Red Raiders is set for 6 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL SCORES

SOUTHWEST				
Lamar 6, Sam Houston St. 5				
New Mexico 11, San Jose St. 6				
St. Edwards 2, Oklahoma Panhandle 0				
Texas-Pan American 5, CS Bakersfield 1				

SOUTH				
Alabama 7, Tennessee 6				
Ashbury 14, Kentucky St. 13				
Bethel (Tenn.) 6, Belhaven 3, 13 innings				
Boston College 7, NC State 5				
Centers 3-1, Berry 2-6				
Clemson 3, Pittsburg 0				
Covenant 19-6, Maryville (Tenn.) 9-7				
Duke 13, Virginia Tech 3				

SOUTHWEST				
Kentucky 8, SIU-Edwardsville 3				
Arkansas 6-6, Little Rock 0-1				
Florida St. 4, Wake Forest 3, 13 innings				
Franklin 13-2, Transylvania 7-5				
Georgetown (Ky.) 15-6, Campbellville 6-5				
Hampden-Sydney 5, Emory & Henry 4				
Kentucky Wesleyan 9-5, Oakland City 1-3				
King (Tenn.) 7, Barton 5				
Lenoir-Rhyne 11, Pfeiffer 2				
Loyola (Mo.) at Brewton-Parler, 2, cont.				
Maryland 4, Alcorn St. 1				
Memphis 6, Alcorn St. 4				
Mercer 10-8, N. Kentucky 3-2				
Miami 3, Notre Dame 2				

MIDWEST				
Morehead St. 6, UT-Martin 4				
Radford 5, Campbell 4, 13 innings				
Rhodes 7, Birmingham-Southern 1				
St. Catherine 5-2, Cumberlands 4-7				
Samford 7, Georgia Southern 2				
Sewanee 4-4, Hendrix 0-6				
Southern Poly 4-7, Spring Hill 3-2				
Tennessee Tech 11, Jacksonville St. 3				
Tenn. Wesleyan 8-3, Tusculum-McConnell 0-1				
Tulare at Clarkville, cont.				
Union (Ky.) 10, Bryan 7				
Virginia St. North Carolina 1				
West Georgia 9, Christian Brothers 1				
W. Kentucky 7, South Alabama 2				
William Woods 17-7, Mid-Continent 3-2				

MIDWEST				
Ohio 3, Toledo 2, 10 innings				
St. Scholastica 6-7, Bethany Lutheran 2-1				

Texas Tech F Tolbert transferring to SMU

Associated Press

DALLAS — Forward Jordan Tolbert is transferring from Texas Tech to SMU, with the Mustangs hoping he will be eligible to play next season.

Tolbert averaged 10.7 points and 5.7 rebounds in three seasons as a starter. He was the second-leading scorer and rebounder for the Red Raiders this past season. He led Texas Tech at 11.5 points and 5.7 rebounds per game

as a freshman.

Texas Tech coach Tubby Smith released Tolbert from his scholarship, and SMU is seeking a waiver that would make him eligible next season. Otherwise, Tolbert will have to sit out until 2015-16.

The Mustangs were surprisingly left out of the NCAA tournament and reached the championship of the NIT, losing to Minnesota in Hall of Fame coach Larry Brown's second season.

Chaps pick up another big series win

From staff reports

CLARENDON — The Midland College baseball team not only got a key doubleheader sweep but a key series victory against Clarendon College on Saturday.

The Chaparrals run-ruled the Bulldogs twice, winning, 14-1, in five innings of the first game, before winning, 9-1, in seven innings in the second game.

Midland College (25-22, 11-17 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference) took three out of four games from the Bulldogs (17-20, 11-17) this weekend and is now two games back of El Paso Community College for the fourth and final playoff spot with eight games remaining. EPCC split its series against New Mexico Junior College this weekend.

The Chaps belted out 13 hits in the first game as Caleb Koedyker went 4-for-4 with a double, home run, two RBI and two runs scored. Blaine Prescott was 2-for-2 with a triple, three RBI, three runs scored and a walk; and Josh Narvaiz had a triple with two runs scored and two RBI.

Lee grad Michael Brosig (4-2) picked up the win as he went five innings and allowed one run on three hits with four strikeouts. MC had 16 hits in the second game as Bryndan

Chaparrals.....14-9
Bulldogs.....1-1

Arredondo led the way by going 4-for-5 with two doubles, a home run, three RBI and two runs scored. Koedyker was 3-for-5 with two doubles, three RBI and two runs scored; Tony Reyes was 3-for-5 with a double and two RBI; and Josh Narvaiz was 2-for-4 with a double RBI and a run scored.



Koedyker



Arredondo

Sebastian Palacios (2-0) got the win in relief of Jayden O'Dell as he went 4 2/3 scoreless innings and allowed four hits with two walks and four strikeouts. The Chaps will next host Howard College at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in a non-conference contest, before hosting Luna Community College in a four-game series next weekend.

First Game
MIDLAND COLLEGE 14
CLARENDON 1, 9 INNINGS
Midland.....21 17-14 13 0
Clarendon.....00 01-1 3 1

Second Game
MIDLAND COLLEGE 9
CLARENDON COLLEGE 1, 7 INNINGS
Midland.....09 0000-1 9 0
Clarendon.....01 0000-1 9 0

Records: Midland College 25-21, 11-17 in WJCAAC; Clarendon 17-20, 11-17 in WJCAAC. Clarendon at Midland College, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

Lewis gets 1st win in 2 years as Texas beats White Sox

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Colby Lewis pitched into the sixth inning for his first win in nearly two years. Prince Fielder homered and the Texas Rangers beat the Chicago White Sox 6-3 on Saturday night.

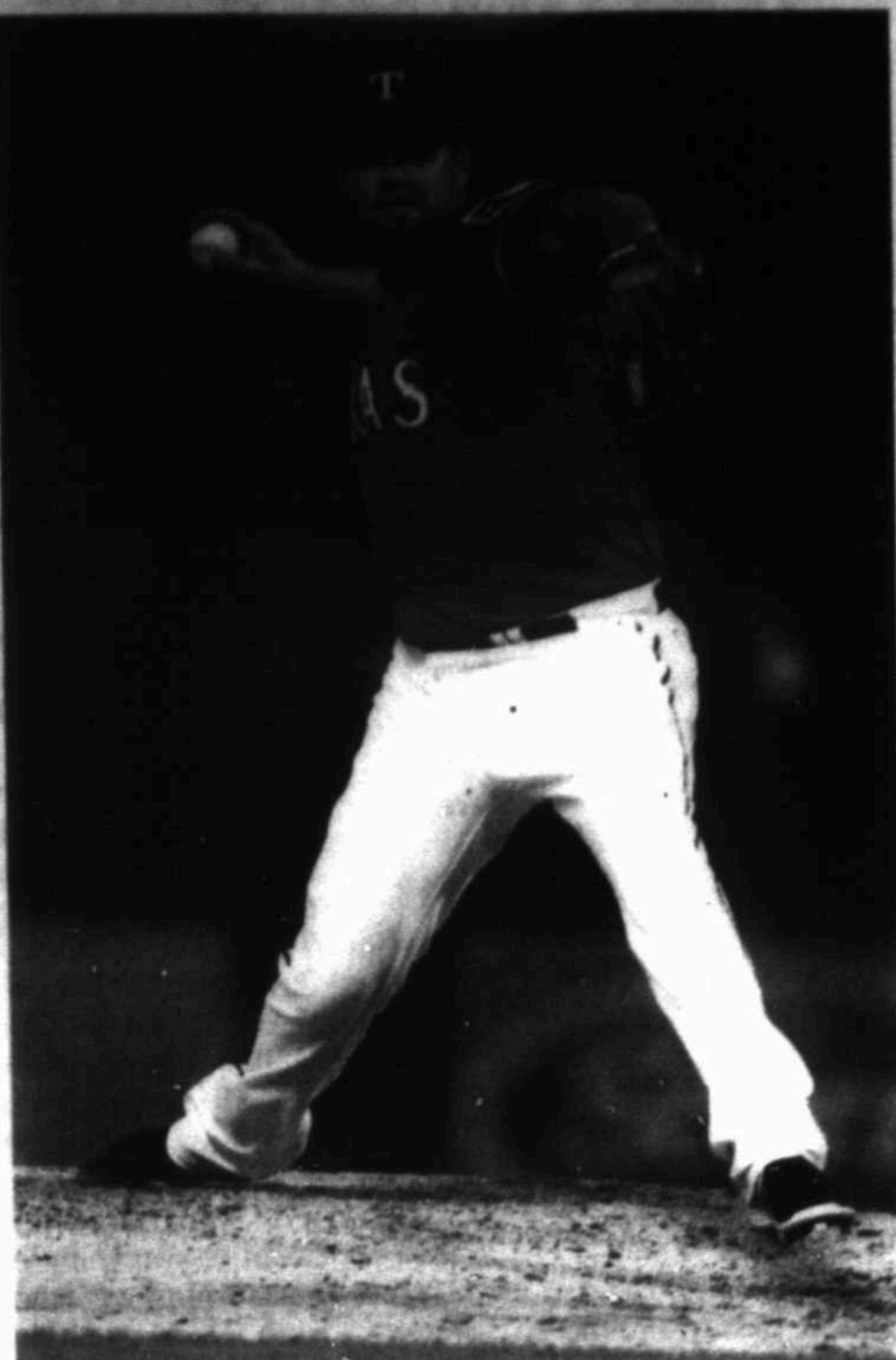
Lewis (1-1) struck out four while allowing only one run over five 1-3 innings. The right-hander, the first known major league pitcher to return from a unique hip procedure, won for the first time since June 17, 2012.

Shin-Soo Choo and Alex Rios each had three hits for the Rangers, who won their fifth consecutive game. Kevin Kouzmanoff homered leading off the eighth, giving him a 10-game hitting streak to start his Rangers career.

Texas went ahead to stay on Fielder's high-arching blast to right leading off the fourth for a 2-1 lead. It was only his second homer in his 18 games with Texas.

Jose Quintana (1-1) allowed five runs and nine hits over five innings, and the White Sox lost their fourth straight.

Before his season debut Monday night, a home loss to Seattle, Lewis hadn't made a major league start since July 18, 2012. The 34-year-old right-hander had surgery to repair a



Matt Strasson/AP

Texas pitcher Colby Lewis (48) throws in the third inning of Saturday's game against the Chicago White Sox in Arlington.

torn flexor tendon in his right elbow, and was still rehabbing from that last August when he had right hip resurfacing surgery, a procedure to remove bone spurs without a full hip replacement.

Joachim Soria, the fifth Texas reliever, worked a perfect ninth for his third save in four chances.

Dayan Viciedo's two-run single in the eighth got the White Sox within 5-3

Rangers.....6
White Sox.....3

before Alexei Ramirez, who entered the game with an AL-leading .379 batting average, grounded into an inning-ending double play.

Ramirez finished 0 for 4 to snap his 21-game hitting streak, the longest hitting streak by a White Sox player since Carlos Lee's franchise-record 28 in a row 10 years ago, and drop his average to .357.

Josh Wilson had a two-run single in the fourth for Texas before Choo's RBI-double made it 5-1.

Chicago opened the second inning with three consecutive singles — equaling its season-low hit total from the night before in a span of five pitches. Ramirez then grounded into a double play to send home a run that tied the game at 1.

Texas had three consecutive hits in the first, though No. 2 Elvis Andrus got tagged out in a rundown between first and second base after his single. Rios had an RBI double for a 1-0 lead and to stretch his hitting streak to six games.

After Andrus was tagged out diving back into first, Texas manager Ron Washington took one step out of the dugout like he might challenge the play. He instead returned to his seat, and TV replays showed that Andrus was indeed out.

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ATHLETICS 4
ASTROS 3
OAKLAND, Calif. — Josh Reddick hit an RBI single that capped a three-run rally in the ninth inning as Oakland handed Houston its sixth straight loss.

Jed Lowrie started the comeback with a leadoff home run against Chad Qualls (0-1).

BLUE JAYS 5
INDIANS 0
CLEVELAND — Mark Buehrle pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning and remained unbeaten this season, leading the Toronto Blue Jays over the Cleveland Indians 5-0 on Saturday.

Jose Reyes hit an RBI single in his first game since opening day, when he strained his left hamstring in his first at-bat of the season and went on the disabled list.

TIGERS 5
ANGELS 2
DETROIT — Max Scherzer struck out nine in seven innings and Detroit finally managed to beat Los Angeles. Detroit had lost 10 straight to the Angels and hadn't beaten them since Aug. 26.

2012. The Tigers snapped that skid behind a sharp outing by Scherzer and home runs from Nick Castellanos and Victor Martinez.

RED SOX 4
ORIOLES 2
BOSTON — Brock Holt hit a tiebreaking triple in the seventh inning and scored on Jonathan Herrera's suicide squeeze, lifting Boston over Baltimore.

ROYALS 5
TWINS 4
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Bruce Chen labored through five innings before the Kansas City bullpen took over, shutting down Minnesota.

RAYS 16
YANKEES 1
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Ryan Hanigan homered twice and had six RBI, and Tampa Bay starter Chris Archer continued his dominance over the Yankees.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CARDINALS 4
NATIONALS 3
WASHINGTON — National star Bryce Harper was pulled

by first-year manager Matt Williams after failing to run out a grounder in Washington's 4-3 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday.

CUBS 8
REDS 4
CHICAGO — Darwin Barney and Wellington Castillo hit two-run homers, Mike Olt added a solo shot and the Chicago Cubs ended a five-game losing streak, beating the Cincinnati Reds.

PIRATES 7
PITTSBURGH — Ryan Braun hit two homers, including a two-run shot with two outs in the ninth inning that sent the Milwaukee Brewers over the Pittsburgh Pirates 8-7 Saturday night.

BRAVES 7
METS 5
NEW YORK — Jordan Walden got the final out with the bases loaded after Atlanta manager Fredi Gonzalez pulled star closer Craig Kimbrel, and the Braves held off the New York Mets 7-5 Saturday night.

ROCKIES 3
PHILLIES 1
DENVER — Jordan Lyles pitched effectively into the eighth inning and Colorado was aided by a reversed call that produced its first run in the Rockies' 3-1 win over the Philadelphia Phillies on Saturday night.

DODGERS 8
DIAMONDBACKS 6
LOS ANGELES — Andre Ethier hit a three-run homer and the Los Angeles Dodgers rallied from an early four-run deficit to beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 8-6 on Saturday.

PADRES 3
GIANTS 1
SAN DIEGO — Eric Stults and three relievers combined on a four-hitter and Everth Cabrera hit a go-ahead triple to lead the San Diego Padres to a 3-1 victory against the San Francisco Giants on Saturday night.

INTERLEAGUE
MARLINS 7
MARINERS 0
MIAMI — Henderson Alvarez won for the first time since his no-hitter to end the 2013 season, pitching a two-hitter to help the Miami Marlins beat the Seattle Mariners 7-0 Saturday.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

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LADY CHAPS

From 1C

got both runners in scoring position.

Ramos said Lozano Alcocer is on a pitch count and felt she probably got a little tired in the seventh.

"In hindsight, probably I should have pulled her before that inning and let (Shelby Weissenbach) come in and see if we could hold the lead," Ramos said. "I need her to be able to go a little deeper and she needs to get a little stronger. She knows that. She missed that pitch and that's a huge pitch to miss on when we're trying to keep the ball on our strong side."

The Lady Chaps had a chance in their half of the seventh when they loaded the bases against Howard starter Nicole Wilson, but Wilson got Piliiani Smith Keopuhiwa — who drove in the two runs for MC earlier in the game — to ground out to second to end the game.

Raines said both her pitchers Wilson and first-game winner Jessica Elder were solid on the afternoon.

"I can't ask for anything more out of those two," Raines said. "They come every day to play. Jessica Elder, the lefty, she did wonderful (on Friday) and she did a great job today. Then Wilson, I don't think she had her best stuff (Friday), but she came back today and was great. The pitching staff, I'm very happy with."

Elder kept MC handcuffed through the better part of five innings in the first game as her teammates gave her a 4-0 lead to work with.

MC cut it to 4-1 on a Kelcey Gomez RBI single in the sixth, but Howard added a run in the seventh behind one of three MC errors in the game.

Howard had an opportunity to score another in the seventh, but Liscano was thrown out at home after

a collision at home plate with MC catcher Amy Anderson. Anderson held on to the ball but paid the price as she had to leave the game with a knee injury, according to Ramos. The sophomore will have to be examined further to determine the extent of the injury.

That stop at home plate gave MC a chance in its last at-bat and made things very interesting when its bunts were getting people on base and moving runners over. Behind that small ball attack, MC cut the lead to 5-3 and had the bases loaded before Elder got Smith-Keopuhiwa to ground out to shortstop to end the game.

Ramos said despite the sweep there were some bright spots for his team, but stressed that his team needs to start executing in key situations.

"This is the first time we had this lineup this weekend and they played well," Ramos said. "I told them, 'Don't expect it to happen right away, we're going to have to come out and earn it.' Hopefully we just come together. We've got one more week, so it's got to come together by regionals."

The Lady Chaps will close out the regular season with a trip to Las Vegas, N.M., next weekend to play Luna Community College in a four-game series.

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FC Dallas beats Toronto FC

Associated Press

FRISCO — Second-half substitute Blas Perez scored in the 88th minute to lift Dallas Toronto: Perez entered in the 70th minute for David Texeira and scored his third goal of the season when the ball fell to his feet 3 yards from the goal line following a long ball in.

The Panamanian rifled the shot off Toronto goalkeeper Julio Cesar's right foot and into the net to give Dallas (5-1-1) an MLS-best 16 points.

Dallas set a franchise record with 16 corners in the game, scoring its first goal from one of the set pieces in the 36th minute when Matt Hedges headed in a Michel corner.

MARATHON

From 1C

didn't normally get to see," Berrones said.

Berrones, Kevin Fox and Kyle Beran are three Midlanders that will be among the 36,000 competitors that will be running a 26.2-mile course that runs through eight Massachusetts cities and towns.

Fox, a 33-year-old pastor at Westway Church of Christ, will be running in his fourth Boston Marathon. Beran, a 47-year-old Chemistry professor at UT-Permian Basin will be running in the race for the first time. Each man said there was no hesitation of running the race after the tragedy at last year's race.

"I love the race and I love the encouragement from the people of Boston," Fox said. "What happened last year adds another dimension to the strength and support the city gives to the race."

Added Beran, "What happened last year and the outpouring from the community in Boston, I'm kind of anxious to kind of celebrate with them for the lack of a better phrase, just freedom. Granted, the security is going to be a lot more strict but it's a unique opportunity to help Boston help celebrate their Patriots' Day."

Fox, who didn't run in last year's race because of family obligations, said he was a little disappointed he wasn't there.

"I was thankful I wasn't there, but then as it unfolded," he said, "I wish I was there just to help."

The Race and its community

For veteran Boston Marathon runners like Fox and Berrones, what makes the sometimes grueling race enjoyable is the people surrounding the event.

Both have made countless friends from not only around the country but from around the world. Being at the marathon gives them a chance to catch up and meet up with old acquaintances they don't normally get to see.

Then there's the people of Boston and the surrounding communities who come out to cheer the participants.

"There is never a moment in

Boston Marathon fast facts

When/where: Race begins at 9 a.m. (CDT) Monday in Hopkinton, Mass.

TV coverage: The race will be shown on Universal Sports Network, channel 402 on Dish Network, channel 825 on DirecTV

Online coverage: <http://watchlive.baa.org/>

Permian Basin runners: Runners from Midland and Odessa, who are participating in this year's event, according to the Boston Athletic Association website are Kevin Fox, Steve Berrones, Kyle Beran, Jon Morgan, Gabriel Reynoso, Jose Reynoso, Kelly Blau

Berrones' charity: Berrones will be running for the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism. To help him raise money go to www.2014dougjesteam.kintera.org.

Compiled by Oscar-Leroy

this race where there's somebody not saying, 'Go! Let's go!' It's just random people doing that," Fox said.

Fox said the day of the 2012 race was blazing hot, but there were people in their homes willing to provide their garden hoses for some relief from the heat. He added there were also kids handing out ice pops to the runners.

"It's just the encouragement of those people is what makes this race special," Fox said.

Added Berrones, "All this stuff is just constant, people live in the same houses, they come out with the same flags they wave, the same grills they're cooking on. It's really neat to see that."

The race starts off in a somewhat narrow street and for the first few miles it's down hill. But then when a runner gets to miles 16 to 21, there is a series of four hills, the last of which is Heartbreak Hill, which tends to drain most runners.

"A lot of people extend their energy running so fast downhill the first seven, eight miles they don't have the legs for Heartbreak Hill," Fox said. "That's why it's Heartbreak Hill."

After hearing these details, the first-timer Beran is not discouraged.

"It puts a little fear in me, but it's the fear of the unknown," Beran said. "Anytime you do a race for the first time and you haven't at least driven the course, it's a little intimidating listening to the stories and looking at the profile of the route. I ask these guys questions about what not to do."

Looking forward

This year, along with the 36,000 runners, the Boston Marathon is expected to attract about 1 million spectators to the event, which is double to what it normally attracts thanks to the Easter weekend falling ahead of the state holiday, Patriots' Day, this year.

While they would like to do well and finish, these Midlanders said they just want to enjoy their time in the race.

"I've always gone in there with a goal time in mind because you want to do your best," said Fox, who along with Beran, qualified for the race at The Woodlands Marathon last year. "But to me it's not about that this year. It's about showing support for the community, doing things that are healthy and there's just something encouraging about the Boston Marathon."

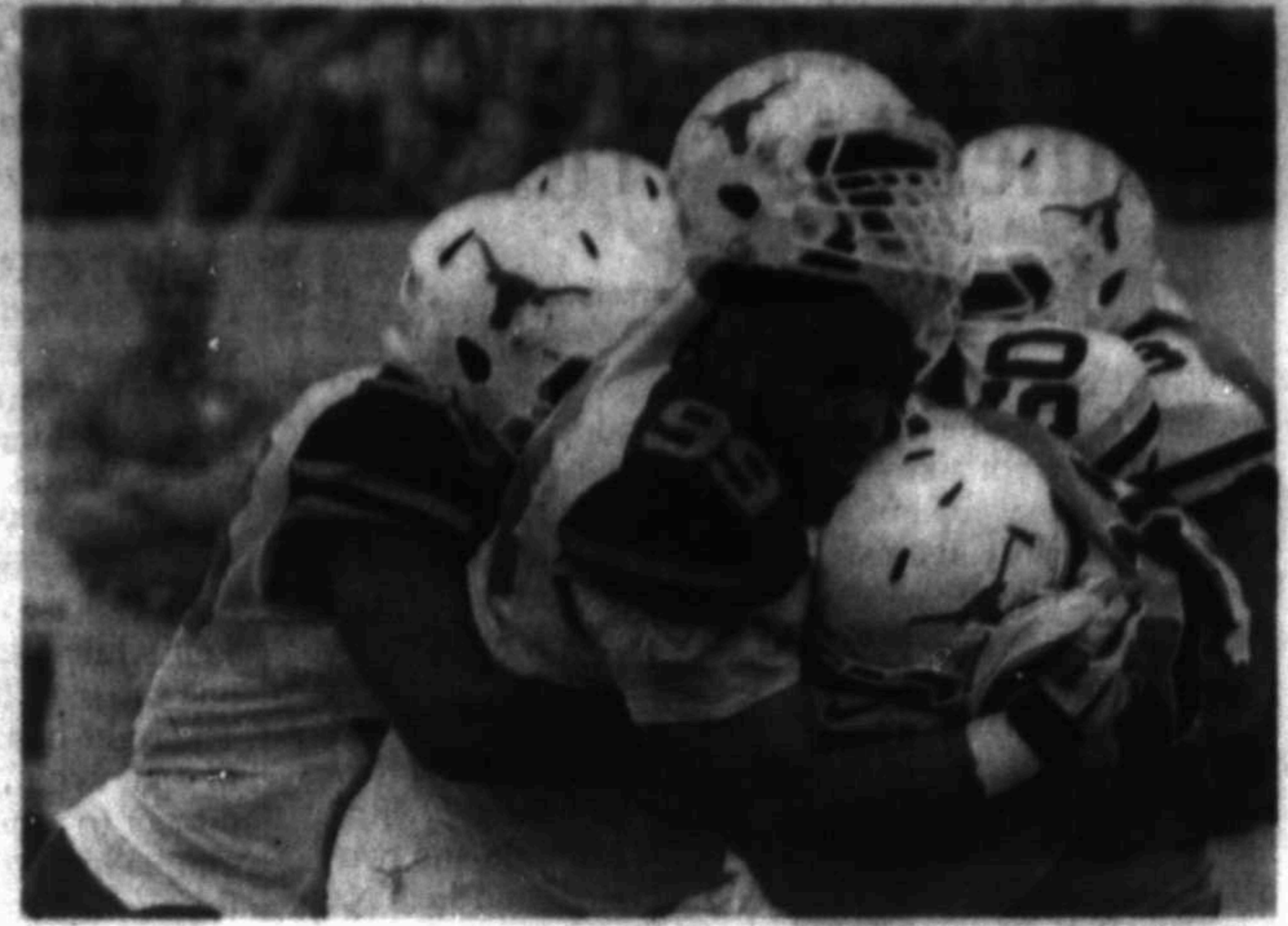
Added Beran, "This is a culmination of five years of work so it's kind of a unique situation. It's a way to connect West Texas runners to Boston."

Berrones enters the race as a charity participant and will be running for the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism. He will also be running for a runner friend in Dallas, who has twin 8-year-old autistic boys.

"As a charity runner, if you don't have a qualifying time you're in one of the last corals," Berrones said. "I won't even wear a watch. I'll just run for fun."

Monday's race certainly will be a time for remembrance for these men, but it will also be a time to celebrate the tradition of the marathon and its people, which makes the race special to thousands each year.

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Texas defensive lineman Desmond Jackson (99) tackles Eddie Aboussie with help from Steve Edmond (33) during the first half of the Orange and White spring game Saturday in Austin.

TEXAS

From 1C

The Longhorns signed one quarterback in their 2014 recruiting class, Jerrod Heard, who will arrive on campus in June. Texas is also courting USC transfer Max Wittek, who has yet to announce his destination.

Texas hasn't had consistent play there since Colt McCoy was injured in the 2010 national championship game against Alabama. Since then, the Longhorns haven't won more than nine games in a season or won the Big 12.

Strong was hired in January to replace Mack Brown and turn around that trend of mediocrity. After 15 days of spring practice, Strong said the team still has a lot of work to do.

"I don't know how good we can be," Strong said, adding, "I wish I had 15 more days of practice, but I don't."

Here are five things to take away from Texas' spring scrimmage:

QUARTERBACK: Still the great unknown. Swoopes' final numbers — 17-of-30 passing against the second-team defense — will look much better than the first half when the offense managed just 100 total yards on 37 plays until his heave to Johnson. Swoopes made a sparkling throw on a 44-yard touchdown pass to Shipley in the second half.

Strong insisted he wasn't looking for Swoopes to take over the position with one spring game.

RUNNING GAME:

Texas' running game remains the strength of the offense. Malcolm Brown rushed for 82 yards and scored two touchdowns. Jalen Overstreet, seldom used last season, gained 68 yards, most of it against the first-team defense. Johnathan Gray, who is still recovering from an Achilles tendon injury, didn't play.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Texas' revamped offensive line was spotty. The starters allowed four sacks to the second-team defense, including the first time Swoopes dropped back to pass. The rules made it easy for the defense, however, allowing a sack for simply touching the quarterback.

Texas has to replace four starters on the line next season.

"We weren't in sync," center Dominic Espinosa said.

KICKING GAME: Nick Rose showed a strong leg on a missed 55-yard field goal try in the first quarter that had plenty of distance but sailed wide right. He made a 40-yarder in the second quarter. Texas must replace Anthony Fera, who was 20 of 22 on field goals last season and was one of the top kickers in the country.

LINEBACKER: Demarco Cobbs had eight tackles and returned with a flourish after missing the 2013 season with a knee injury. A healthy and productive Cobbs would give Texas some much-needed depth at a position that was a weak spot in the defense last season.

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Stars home, ready for return of playoffs to Dallas

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — Tyler Seguin's week away from Dallas felt a little longer, probably because it included a pair of one-goal losses at Anaheim to start a first-round playoff series.

The Dallas Stars headed west last weekend celebrating their first postseason berth since 2008 before a meaningless regular-season finale in Phoenix.

They came home subdued but resolute, ready to see how fans who used to think playoff hockey was as regular as Easter on their calendar will react to 2,162 days without it. Game 3 is Monday night.

"Be interesting to see the atmosphere, especially with these fans not seeing playoff hockey in a while," said Seguin, the team's leading scorer in the regular season. "Pretty long trip. Feels like we haven't been home in a while."

Seguin has seen his share of the postseason, even though he's just 22. But about half the Dallas roster hasn't, including linemate Jamie Benn, who was second to Seguin in points during the regular season.

The inexperience showed in the playoff opener, when the Stars fell behind 3-0 in the first period of a 4-3 loss.

"Other than that I think once the guys got their feet wet everyone stepped up and did a pretty good job," said Seguin, who won the 2011 Stanley Cup with Boston and already has 44 career playoff games. "There's



Joe C. Hong/AP

Anaheim's Andrew Cogliano, right, scores against Dallas goalie Kari Lehtonen during the third period in Game 2 of a first-round playoff series Friday in Anaheim, Calif.

going be Game 7s and a lot of things you can't really teach. You've just got to be there. But we have a lot of experience in this locker room."

All those playoff newcomers still don't know what a win feels like either. Anaheim's Ryan Getzlaf led a 3-2 victory Friday, getting a goal and an assist playing with a mask after he took a slapshot to the jaw in the series opener.

Ryan Perry also had a goal for the Ducks, who are looking for their first playoff series win since 2009 a year after losing to Detroit in the first round as the No. 2 seed. Anaheim is the top seed in the West this season against the wild-card Stars.

"If you look at it, both goals were unassisted," Stars coach Lindy Ruff said. "So it wasn't like they had to make great plays. We handed both those players those opportunities."

And the Stars didn't take advantage of their own chances. They outshot the Ducks 36-19, but couldn't pull even after

Ryan Garbutt got them within a goal in the third period.

Dallas pulled goalie Kari Lehtonen on a power play for a 6-on-4 advantage in the last 3 minutes, creating plenty of havoc but never getting one past Anaheim rookie Frederik Andersen, who has outplayed Lehtonen by stopping 66 of 71 shots.

"We've got to find a way to get a little bit more traffic on him, make life tough for him," said Benn, who had a goal on five shots in his playoff debut but just one shot Friday. "He's been making some pretty big saves and we've got to find a way to bury our chances."

If the Stars are going to get back in the series, home ice is the likely place to do it. They were 23-11-7 during the regular season, including 8-1-1 in their last 10. The home finale was a dominating 3-0 win over St. Louis to clinch a playoff spot.

"It's pretty hard to go on the road," Seguin said. "It's an opportunity here at home to do the same thing they did to us."

NHL PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

BLUES 4 BLACKHAWKS 3, OT ST. LOUIS — Defenseman Barret Jackman scored on a drive through traffic, giving the St. Louis Blues their second straight 4-3 overtime victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Saturday for a 2-0 series lead against the defending Stanley Cup champions. St. Louis rallied after Chicago defenseman Brent Seabrook received a five-minute major and game misconduct penalty for a vicious elbow to the head on Blues captain David Backes,

who had to be helped off the ice, went straight to the locker room and did not return for overtime. Vladimir Tarasenko forced overtime with his second goal of the series, beating Corey Crawford with a wrist shot that banged off the right post and in with 6.4 seconds to go. Kevin Shattenkirk had a goal and two assists for the Blues.

BLUE JACKETS 4 PENGUINS 3, 2OT PITTSBURGH — Matt Calvert banged home a rebound

1:10 into the second overtime and the Columbus Blue Jackets earned the first playoff victory in franchise history with a 4-3 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Saturday night. Pittsburgh's Marc-Andre Fleury stuffed the initial shot by Cam Atkinson but Calvert stood alone at the left post and wristed a shot into the open net to even the Eastern Conference quarterfinals at one game each. Game 3 is Monday in Columbus.

NHL PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7) (5-4 necessary)	EASTERN CONFERENCE	WESTERN CONFERENCE
Detroit 1, Boston 0 Friday, April 18: Detroit 1, Boston 0 Today: Detroit at Boston, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 22: Boston at Detroit, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 24: Boston at Detroit, 7 p.m. x-Saturday, April 26: Boston at Detroit, 2 p.m. x-Monday, April 28: Boston at Detroit, TBO x-Wednesday, April 30: Detroit at Boston, TBO	Montreal 2, Tampa Bay 0 Wednesday, April 16: Montreal 5, Tampa Bay 4, OT Friday, April 18: Montreal 4, Tampa Bay 1 Today: Tampa Bay at Montreal, 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 22: Tampa Bay at Montreal 6 p.m. x-Thursday, April 24: Montreal at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m. x-Sunday, April 27: Tampa Bay at Montreal, TBO	Colorado 1, Minnesota 0 Thursday, April 17: Colorado 5, Minnesota 4, OT Saturday, Minnesota at Colorado, late Monday, April 21: Colorado at Minnesota, 6 p.m. Thursday, April 24: Colorado at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m. x-Saturday, April 26: Minnesota at Colorado, TBO x-Monday, April 28: Colorado at Minnesota, TBO x-Wednesday, April 30: Minnesota at Colorado, TBO
Pittsburgh 1, Columbus 1 Wednesday, April 16: Pittsburgh 4, Columbus 3 Saturday, Columbus 4, Pittsburgh 3, 2OT Monday, April 21: Pittsburgh at Columbus, 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 23: Pittsburgh at Columbus, 6 p.m. x-Saturday, April 26: Columbus at Pittsburgh, TBO	St. Louis 2, Chicago 0 Thursday, April 17: St. Louis 4, Chicago 3, 3OT Saturday, St. Louis 4, Chicago 3, OT Monday, April 21: St. Louis at Chicago, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23: St. Louis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. x-Friday, April 25: Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m. x-Sunday, April 27: St. Louis at Chicago, 2 p.m. x-Tuesday, April 29: Chicago at St. Louis, TBO	San Jose 1, Los Angeles 0 Thursday, April 17: San Jose 6, Los Angeles 3 Today: Los Angeles at San Jose, 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 22: San Jose at Los Angeles, 9 p.m. Thursday, April 24: San Jose at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m. x-Saturday, April 26: Los Angeles at San Jose, TBO x-Monday, April 28: San Jose at Los Angeles, TBO x-Wednesday, April 30: Los Angeles at San Jose, TBO

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Rockets host Portland in first round of playoffs

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets were happy simply to return to the playoffs last season. A year later and with the addition of Dwight Howard, the Rockets are back in the postseason and looking to make some noise. They play Game 1 of their first-round series against Portland on Sunday night.

"Just being here is not good enough," said Chandler Parsons, who made his playoff debut last year. "We want to win and we want to contend for a championship and we want to be the last team standing."

The Rockets returned to the playoffs last season for

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the first time since 2009 and battled back from a 3-0 deficit in the first round before being eliminated by Oklahoma City in Game 6.

James Harden, who is fifth in the NBA in scoring with 25.4 points a game, believes the experience of last year will help Houston this time around.

"I think last year that first-round playoff series gave us a little taste of what it feels like to be in the playoffs," he said. "So

hopefully we're familiar with the playoffs and what not and we go out there and just play basketball."

Howard's first season in Houston has been a good one. He bounced back from his one tough season in Los Angeles to average 18.3 points and 12.2 rebounds a game. This will be his seventh trip to the postseason and the 28-year-old is looking to help his less-seasoned teammates handle the pressure of the playoffs.

"I just try to lead these guys by example," he said. "Just give the guys some words of advice, but make sure they're also confident that we can win this series and win the whole thing."

The Trail Blazers haven't advanced to the playoffs since 2011.

NBA PLAYOFF ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NETS 94 RAPTORS 87

TORONTO — Deron Williams and Joe Johnson each scored 24 points, Paul Pierce scored nine of his 15 points in the final quarter and the Brooklyn Nets beat the Toronto Raptors 94-87 Saturday in Game 1 of their first round playoff series.

Shaun Livingston scored 10 points and Kevin Garnett had five as the Nets won despite making 4 of 24 3-pointers.

Kyle Lowry scored 22 points and Jonas Valanciunas had 17 points and 18 rebounds for the Raptors.

Valanciunas is the second Raptors player to have a double double in his postseason debut. Tracy McGrady had 25 points and 10 rebounds against New York in his first playoff game in 2000.

Valanciunas also set a Raptors record for playoff rebounds by surpassing Keon Clark, who had 16 against Detroit in 2002.

WARRIORS 109 CLIPPERS 105

LOS ANGELES — Klay Thompson scored 22 points, David Lee added 20 and the Golden State Warriors got Blake Griffin and Chris Paul in foul trouble to beat the Los Angeles Clippers 109-105 on Saturday in their playoff opener.

Stephen Curry added 14 points for the Warriors, who trailed by 11 points to start the game before rallying in the third when Griffin and Paul were on the bench together.

Paul led the Clippers with 28 points, and J.J. Redick added 22 points in 30 minutes. Griffin finished with 18 points, fouling out with 48 seconds left and the game tied at 105. DeAndre Jordan had 11 points and 14 rebounds.

HAWKS 101 PACERS 93

INDIANAPOLIS — Jeff Teague scored a playoff career-high 28 points and Paul

Millsap added 25 as eighth-seeded Atlanta rolled past top-seeded Indiana 101-93 on Saturday night, taking a 1-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

The Hawks ended an eight-game road losing streak in the playoffs, which dated to May 2011. Game 2 is Tuesday in Indianapolis.

Indiana, which spent the whole season working to get home-court advantage in the playoffs, wasted no time in giving it right back with a dismal third quarter. Paul George finished with 24 points and 10 rebounds.

Atlanta opened the third quarter on an 8-0 run, breaking a 50-50 tie, then pulled away when Teague scored nine points in a 14-0 run that made it 74-58 with 4:08 left in the quarter.

Indiana couldn't get closer than eight the rest of the way.

NBA PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE	GAME	TIME	TV
EASTERN CONFERENCE	Atlanta 1, Indiana 0	Saturday, April 19, 8 p.m.	TBD
	Tuesday, April 22, Atlanta at Indiana, 6 p.m.	Thursday, April 24, Indiana at Atlanta, 5 p.m.	Monday, April 28, Miami at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
	Wednesday, April 30, Charlotte at Miami, 7 p.m.	Friday, May 2, Miami at Charlotte, TBD	Sunday, May 4, Charlotte at Miami, TBD
	Brooklyn 1, Toronto 0	Saturday, April 19, Toronto 87	Tuesday, April 22, Brooklyn at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
	Friday, April 25, Toronto at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.	Sunday, April 27, Toronto at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.	Wednesday, April 30, Brooklyn at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
	Friday, May 2, Toronto at Brooklyn, TBD	Sunday, May 4, Brooklyn at Toronto, TBD	Tuesday, Washington at Chicago, 6 p.m.
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WESTERN CONFERENCE	San Antonio vs. Dallas	Today, Dallas at San Antonio, Noon	Wednesday, April 23, Dallas at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
	Saturday, April 26, San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.	Monday, April 28, San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.	Wednesday, April 30, Dallas at San Antonio, TBD
San Antonio at Dallas, TBD	Friday, May 2, San Antonio at Dallas, TBD	Sunday, May 4, Dallas at San Antonio, TBD	

PLAYOFFS

From 1C

49.7 percent from the field to lead the Dallas Mavericks back to the playoffs. That patented one-legged step-back jumper is as dangerous as ever. He's battled Duncan for 16 years now, and one more matchup should be a thriller.

"This is a treat for people that appreciate NBA basketball and the history of the game," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "And you've got two guys whose love and respect for the game is so high and their work ethic and standards are so high. They've kept it going in their mid-30s as well as anybody I've ever seen."

Here are five things to watch in the series, which begins today in San Antonio:

COACHING CLASH: The series features a matchup of two of the best coaches in the league in Popovich and Carlisle. The moves and counters from the opening tip of Game 1 will be fascinating to

watch, and the postgame interviews of two men completely comfortable in their own skin should be as entertaining.

"Those little adjustments with coach Pop and Carlisle, those in-between games, trying to adjust something," Nowitzki said. "It's just a fun time."

SPURS DOMINANCE: The Spurs have won nine straight games against their in-state rivals. Parker's penetration has given the Mavericks' porous perimeter defense fits and generated easy layups or wide-open 3-pointers for the Spurs offense. On defense, the Spurs have Boris Diaw, Tiago Splitter and even Kawhi Leonard to throw at Nowitzki.

"We've got to pick up our game," Carlisle said. "We haven't played well against these guys. It's pretty clear from the results and the stats. We've got to bring a better game."

RESTED VETERANS: As usual, Popovich did a masterful job of navigating

the grind of an 82-game season and limiting the wear and tear on his aging Big Three. The Spurs didn't have a single player average 30 minutes a game this season, meaning everyone should be rested and ready for another deep run.

LEONARD'S EMERGENCE: One could argue the Spurs no longer have a Big Three, but a Big Four. Leonard has delivered a career season and is the heir apparent to Duncan's throne. The Spurs are 54-14 when Leonard plays this season.

"He really made a big step forward in the last two months of the season and hopefully he keeps getting better for the playoffs," Ginobili said.

X-FACTOR: Monta Ellis. The mercurial guard has reinvented himself in Dallas as a slightly more efficient scorer. When he gets rolling, he's tough to stop and that may represent the Mavericks' only chance at an upset.

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Donald shoots 66, takes lead at RBC Heritage

By Pete Jacobelli Associated Press

LINDSEY HEATH, Hilton Head, S.C. — Luke Donald believes he's got the right game on the right course — and is ready to make up for so many near-misses at the RBC Heritage.



Stephen B. Morton/AP

Donald had an eagle and six birdies to shoot 66 on Saturday and take a two-stroke lead over John Huh after three rounds at Harbour Town Golf Links.

He fell in a playoff to Brandt Snedeker here in 2011, part of a run of four top-3 finishes since at the tricky, Pete Dye design. Now, he'll carry the lead into the final day and is ready to make it stand up on Sunday.

"If I can go out as relaxed and confident as I was today tomorrow," he said. "If I can control the trajectory (of shots) as well as I did today, then hopefully I'll be sitting here as the winner."

It has been a long time since Donald has been able to say that. Once the world's top-ranked golfer, Donald has changed coaches and the transition back to the top has not come as quickly as planned.

Donald's not the longest hitter on tour and said some layouts are dragons he can't slay. "But this one I feel like I can plot my way around with low wedges," he said.

Huh shot a 68 and was at 6 under. Major champions Char Schwartzel (68) and Jim Furyk (71), Nicholas Thompson (68) and Ben Martin (71) were tied for third at 5 under.

Matt Kuchar, ranked sixth in the world, shot 70 as part of a group of five golfers another shot back at 4 under. Donald's performance capped a long day at soggy Harbour Town, where 65 golfers had to finish the second round before the third could begin with K.J. Choi.

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Luke Donald chips onto the seventh green during the third round of the RBC Heritage tournament Saturday in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

on the closing, lighthouse hole nearly landed in the cup on the fly before bouncing to the edge and settling for par.

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"If you miss greens, you need to be pretty good at the short game. Certainly a course that favors my style of play."

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treated to slick greens easily accepting approach shots. At times, it looked more like a local club shootout than a PGA Tour stop.

Thompson, whose sister Lexi won her first LPGA Tour major at the Kraft Nabisco Championship earlier this month, got things going with five birdies on the front nine to lead at 7 under.

Schwartzel, the 2011 Masters champion, was among those with an early start and jumped into the chase with a third-round 68 to move to 5 under.

Furyk, the 2010 winner at Harbour Town, made birdie on his second hole to take the lead at 6 under. He failed to build on that hot start, but held on to stay in the hunt.

PGA European WESTWOOD'S LEAD AT MALAYSIAN OPEN DOWN TO 1 STROKE: Ai Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Lee Westwood saw his four-shot lead trimmed to just one on Saturday after a bogey at the final hole of the third round of the Malaysian Open. Westwood shot a 1-under 71 for a three-round total of 14-under 202 but is only one shot ahead of English compatriot Andy Sullivan, who had a 66 as he chases his first four titles. Frenchman Julienques is another three shots back in third place after a 69.

SATURDAY'S GOLF SCORES

PGA RBC Heritage Scores Saturday At Harbour Town Golf Links Hilton Head, S.C. Purses: \$5.8 million Yardage: 7,191; Par: 71 Third Round 8-scores amateur Luke Donald 70-69-66-205 ... Champions Greater Gwinnett Championship Scores Saturday At TPC Sugarloaf Duluth, Ga. Purses: \$1.8 million Yardage: 7,121; Par: 72 Second Round Champions Miquel Angel Jimenez 65-70-135 ...

LPGA WIE SHOOTS 67, WINS LPGA LOTTE CHAMPIONSHIP: At Kapolei, Hawaii, Michelle Wie rallied from four strokes back entering the day to shoot a 5-under 67 on Saturday and win the LPGA LOTTE Championship. The 24-year-old American finished at 14-under 274 after coming into the final round trailing third-round leader Angela Stanford by four shots after Friday's play. It was Wie's third career victory on the LPGA Tour, and first since taking the CN Canadian Women's Open in 2010.

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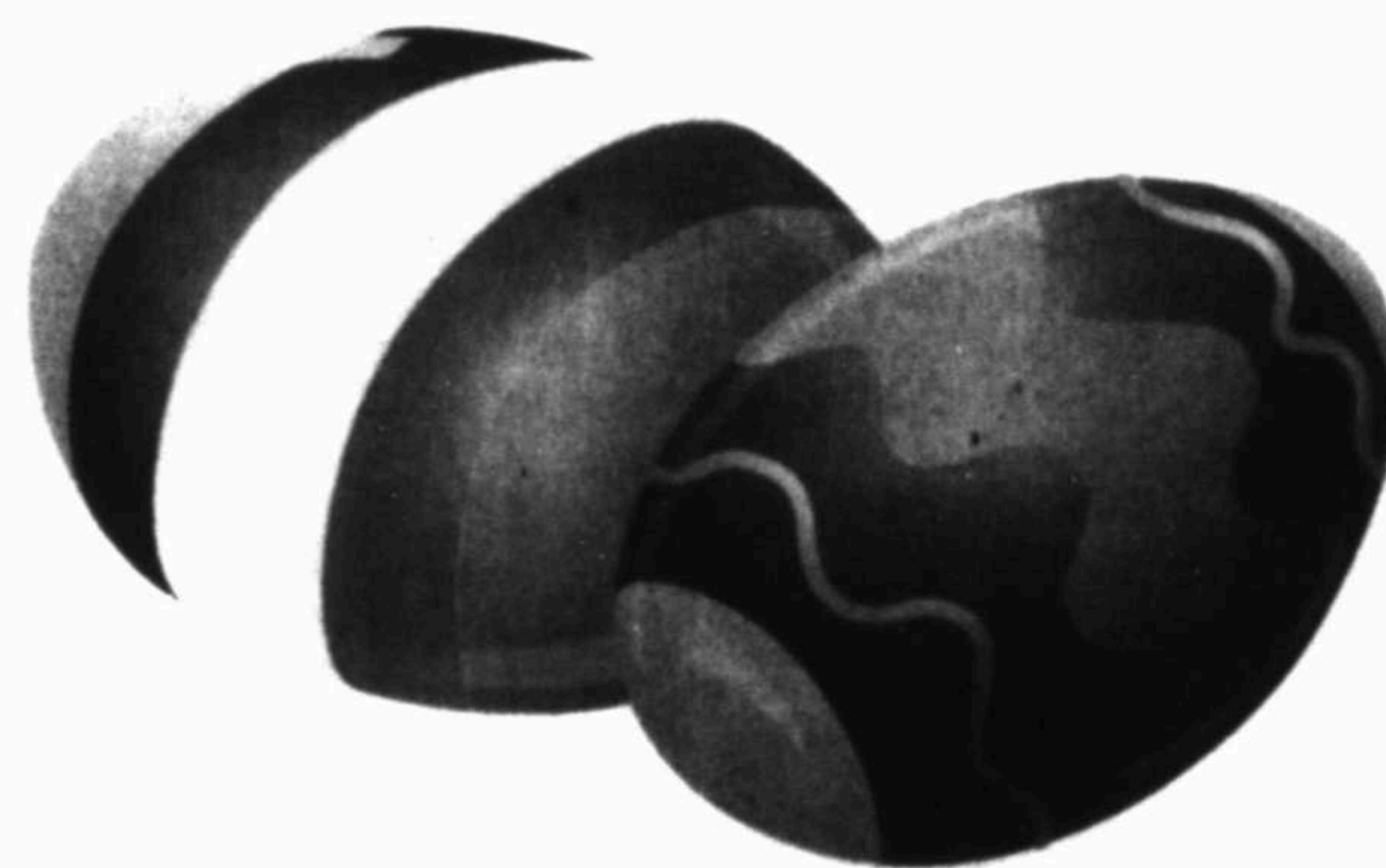
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TO RESPONDENT: Clarence Eugene Tatum

GREETING:
YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER WITH THE CLERK WHO ISSUED THIS CITATION AS SET OUT BELOW, SAID APPEARANCE AND ANSWER DATE BEING MAY 28, 2014 (WHICH IS THE RETURN DATE OF SUCH CITATION), BEFORE THE HONORABLE COURT, TO BE HELD AT THE MIDLAND COUNTY COURTHOUSE, THEN TO SHOW CAUSE WHY JUDGMENT SHOULD NOT BE RENDERED FOR THE PLAINTIFF, CHARLOTTE RENEE JOHNSON TATUM.

The Original Petition for Divorce of Charlotte Renee Johnson Tatum, Petitioner, was filed in the 318th Judicial District Court of Midland County, Texas on August 26, 2013, in Cause No. FM-56,407, against Respondent Clarence Eugene Tatum, and titled and styled "In the Matter of the Marriage of Charlotte Renee Johnson Tatum and Clarence Eugene Tatum".

The Original Petition requests that the court grant the relief requested in the petition, a divorce, to Charlotte Renee Johnson Tatum.

The attorney for the Plaintiff is as follows:
Harris E. Kerr
Kerr, McCulloch & McLaughlin, PLLC
2101 W. Wadley, Suite 10
Midland, TX 79705
Telephone: (432) 684-6389
Facsimile: (866) 310-1861

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in Midland, Midland County, Texas, this 11th day of April, 2014.

Ross Bush,
District Clerk of Midland County, Texas
Midland County Courthouse
500 N. Lorraine, Suite 300
Midland, TX 79701

By: Sheila Foody
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Midland College District is accepting competitive sealed proposals for various trade contractors for remodeling and repairs at Christensen Stadium. Proposal packets may be picked up Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., in the Purchasing Office, located at 3600 N Garfield, Midland, Texas. Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2014 in the Purchasing Office. The proposals will be opened and read aloud in the Administrative Conference Room # PAD 106. For proposal packet information contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432)686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids submitted.

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Thursday, April 24, 2014
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
MLK Community Center
2300 Butternut Lane, Midland, TX 79705

The proposed project would widen Fairgrounds Rd. from two lanes to five lanes, from Pecan Ave to Loop 250, a distance of approximately one mile. The proposed project would provide a continuous five-lane roadway from Business Interstate (BI) 20 to Loop 250.

The proposed project is needed to address existing traffic congestion and increasing traffic volumes due to commercial and residential development along Fairgrounds Road. The project will also address the lack of pedestrian access between neighborhoods and parks along the roadway.

The purpose of this project is to improve traffic circulation by providing a continuous five-lane operation between BI 20 and Loop 250, and to enhance pedestrian access by providing a pedestrian path along a portion of the roadway.

Maps and drawings reflecting the proposed build alternative will be displayed at the public meeting. This and other information about the proposed project will be available beginning April 17, 2014, for public inspection at the City of Midland, Engineering Office, 300 North Lorraine, Midland, TX 79701.

Verbal and written comments relative to the proposed build alternative may be presented at the meeting. All written comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., May 6, 2014, to Mr. Jose Ortiz, P.E., City of Midland, P.O. Box 1152, Midland, TX 79702, in order to be included in the public meeting record.

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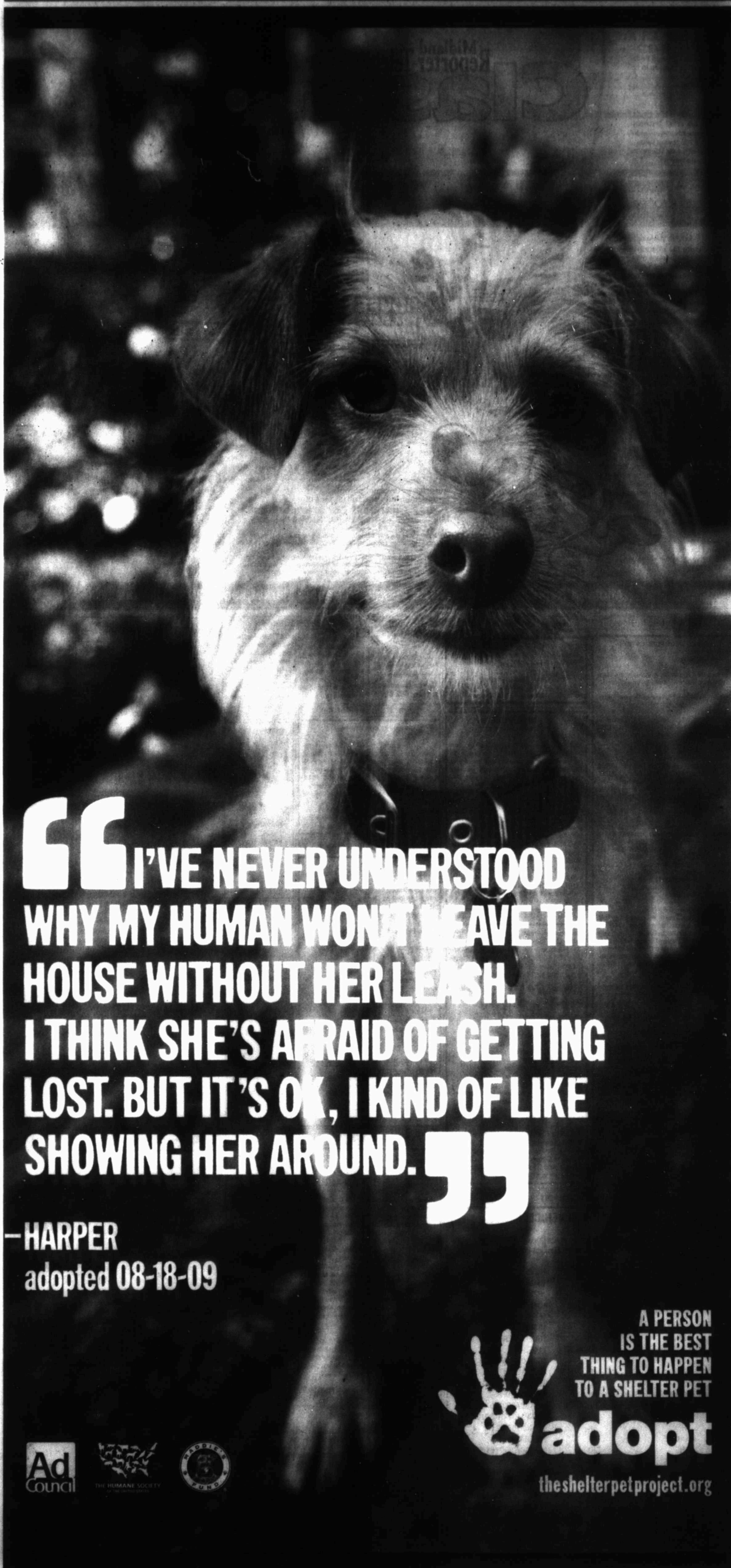
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By PATRICIA RIVERA
CTW Features

Your boss pops in to ask your opinion on a topic. You're unprepared and tempted to offer a tepid response, just to play it safe.

Don't do that, urges Bill McGowan, a New York communications guru and an Emmy-award winning correspondent.

Instead, take a position and support it, even if your boss might disagree.

"It's better to have a firm opinion and back it up than to have wishy-washy content conveyed through a hesitant delivery," says McGowan, who with Alisa Bowman is co-author of "Pitch Perfect: How to Say It Right the First Time, Every Time." (HarperCollins, 2014)

This is just one example of how important it is for employees of all levels to be able to communicate clearly and think on their feet. Knowing what to say and when to say it makes the difference when you're looking to advance in your career — or simply keep your job.

"The right language, both verbal and nonverbal, can make you seem self-assured, persuasive and certain," he adds.

McGowan says employees should be cognizant of how they would respond to all sorts of workplace situations. He says there are few speaking situations that you can't prepare for ahead of time, such as updating your boss on your progress, calling a potential client or responding to an employment review.

Always take time to think in advance what you might say in a variety of situations. When possible, make an outline of how you're going to make your point.

Besides preparation, McGowan offers the following tips for handling day-to-day communication at work (or anywhere):

- Avoid jargon, filler, showoff vocabulary and verbose sentence structure. Keep it simple, straightforward and clean.

- Start with your best material. Think of it like a headline that will prompt others to want more.

- Hold attention with visual images that illustrate a story. Always find stories or examples to support what you're saying.

- Slow down and know that anxiety forces everyone to speak faster. Maintain a moderate pace so you can think and progress in a more focused manner.

- Be concise. When in doubt, cut more out. If people want more, they'll ask for it.

- Convey certainty with words, eye contact, posture and tone of voice.

- Display genuine interest in the person that you are speaking with and in the topic. Always maintain an engaged facial expression.

- Stay on point and direct the conversation flow so that it plays to your strengths. If it strays elsewhere, redirect it to an area where you can shine.

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Percent of employers who hired full-time, permanent staff in the first quarter of 2014. Only 27 percent anticipated adding new workers.

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WORKLESS STRETCHES IN A RESUME CAN BE A MAJOR DETRIMENT TO LANDING A NEW JOB. HERE ARE SOME TIPS ON HOW TO EXPLAIN THE GAPS, AND HOW TO FILL THEM.

By CHRIS GELBACH
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According to research by the Economic Policy Institute, the share of the unemployed who have been without work for more than six months remains at near-record levels. In January 2014, the long-term jobless accounted for 35.8 percent of all unemployed Americans.

Career experts advise job seekers to remain current in their field as a way to enhance their prospects as they struggle to land their next role. Online training, professional LinkedIn groups and local professional associations can be good and inexpensive places to start.

According to Martin Yate, career expert and author of "Knock 'Em Dead 2014: The Ultimate Job Search Guide" (Adams Publishing, 2013), professional associations give people an opportunity to meet and be known by the best-connected local people in their profession. "They will be invaluable to you when it is time to find a job," Yate says. "And they will also keep you abreast of the skills you need to

develop."

When full-time professional opportunities are scarce, career experts say that job seekers shouldn't hesitate to take on temp assignments or work outside their field. In fact, such a move can actually help workers ultimately land a gig in their field because of the prejudices employers often show against the long-term unemployed.

For his recent working paper "The Jobless Trap," economist Rand Ghayad sent out resumes for 4,800 fictitious computer-generated resumes to potential employers. Those unemployed for six months or more got virtually no callbacks, even when they had better qualifications than other candidates. "Filling a gap with anything will help," says Ghayad. "Taking any temp job to give you something on your resume may help you from getting screened out."

According to Yate, job seekers should craft a short, succinct story about what they've learned from such a role that applies to the job they covet. Likewise, anyone who starts a home business between full-time jobs should choose a job

title that enhances their career narrative. "Make it applicable to the job you want," says Yate. "Putting CEO as your job title won't help you get a job as an accounts receivable specialist."

Should a resume reach human eyes, Carole Martin, interview coach and author of "What to Say in Every Job Interview" (McGraw-Hill, 2013), says that it will on average be reviewed for less than two minutes.

"Resume reading is boring reading, and people are looking to not work very hard," says Martin. For this reason, she believes a strong professional summary at the top of the resume is critical. "They won't scroll down if there's nothing worth looking at up top. You need to catch them right away."

Come interview time, Martin says that candidates should arrive with their feelings about their situation already settled in their head. "If you were laid off and you feel angry or ashamed, it's like bringing baggage to the interview. You should never apologize for yourself," she says.

Instead, Yate recommends that job seekers prepare for questions about being fired, leaving a

company or being out of work for a long time. He advises job seekers to create a believable answer to each question, translate it into between two and five bullet points and rehearse it until every point can be made confidently within 45 seconds.

No matter the situation, confidence is key. In his book "Flawed System/Flawed Self" (University of Chicago Press, 2013), MIT Assistant Professor Ofer Sharone notes that unemployed white-collar American job seekers, compared to their Israeli counterparts, are more likely to blame themselves and feel "flawed" and give up their job search. This, he says, is because of what he calls the "chemistry game" behind the American interview process.

For this reason, it is important for job seekers to strive not to take a dry period in a job search or an unsuccessful interview personally. "The biggest thing is to believe in yourself," says Martin. "You may have had some wrong turns or zigzags. And maybe you're starting over again. But if you don't believe in yourself, no one else will."

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JOB HUNTING

THE NEW COLLEGE TRY

It's what you know, not where you learned it, that's important. At least to employers evaluating job candidates.

A recent Gallup poll of 623 U.S. businesses conducted on behalf of the Lumina Foundation found that eighty-four percent of leaders from a cross-section of U.S. businesses rated "the amount of knowledge the candidate has in the field" as very important. Only nine percent ranked where the candidate received his or her degree as very important, and 28 percent thought a candidate's college major was a top factor. "This isn't entirely surprising," says Roxanne Reddick, direc-

tor of graduate student and career services for the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University. "Employers need candidates who are poised to hit the ground running."

The Indianapolis-based Lumina Foundation — which defines itself as "committed to enrolling and graduating more students from college" — doesn't interpret these results to mean a college degree isn't vital to career success.



"College degrees and other credentials are more important than ever," says Jamie Merisotis, Lumina Foundation president.

Indeed, the Lumina report stresses that skills needed by businesses are changing faster than ever, and continued, targeted learning is needed to advance

on the career ladder.

Given that firms look for certain skills, it's key for job seekers to convey all their current expertise.

"Create a list of the major skill sets you possess that are relevant to the job you are seeking," Reddick says. "Then, begin listing accomplishments in those areas. You can use this list to ensure that your online presence, your 30-second pitch, your resume and your interview answers all speak to what you can do and how that relates to the job at hand."

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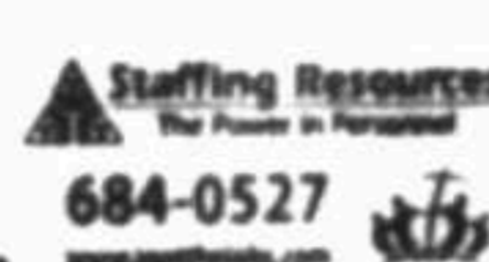
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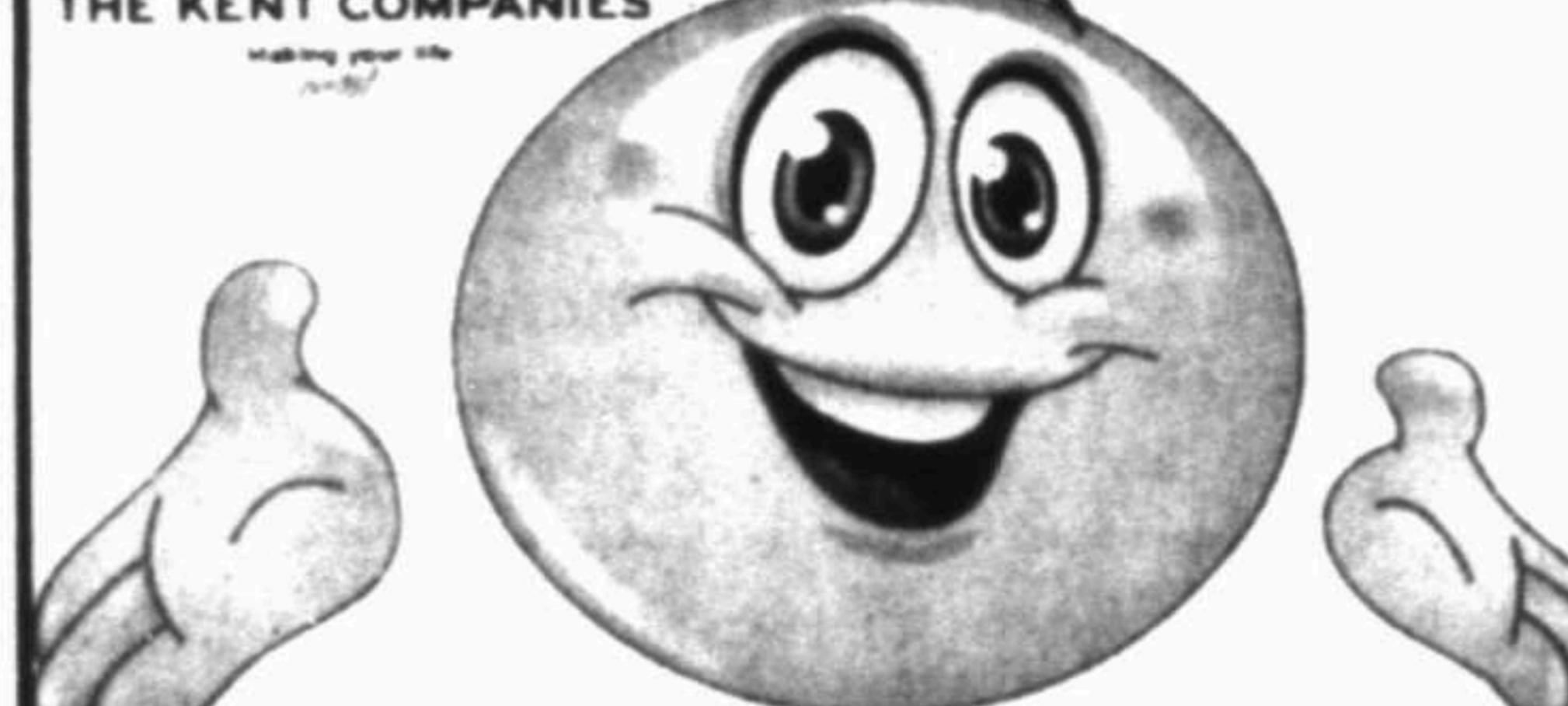
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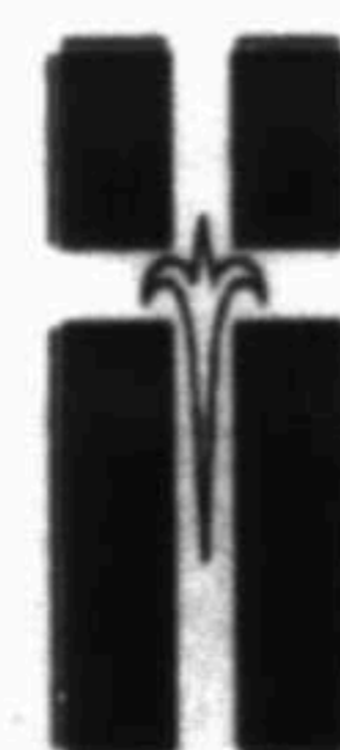
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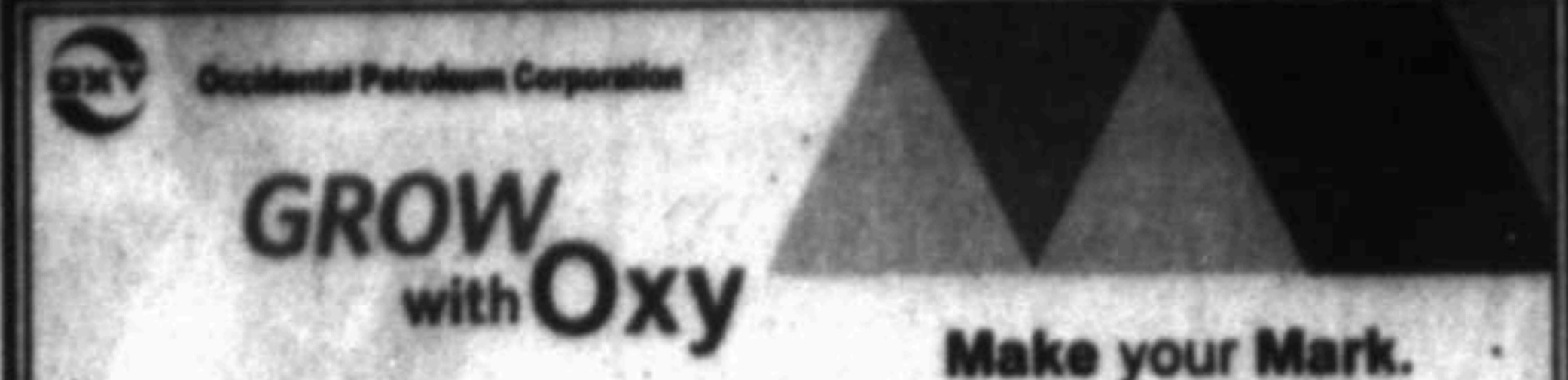
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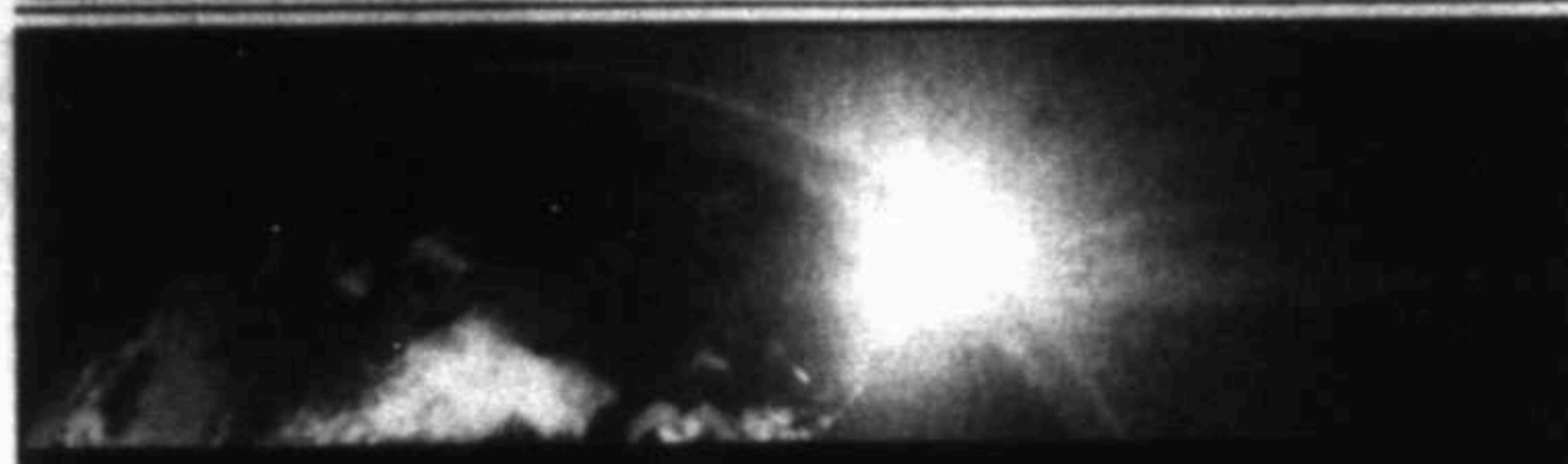


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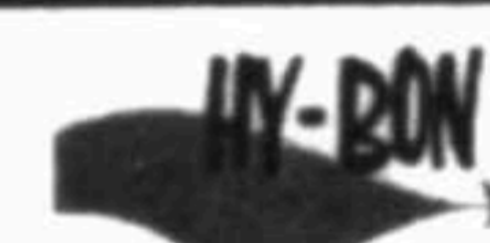
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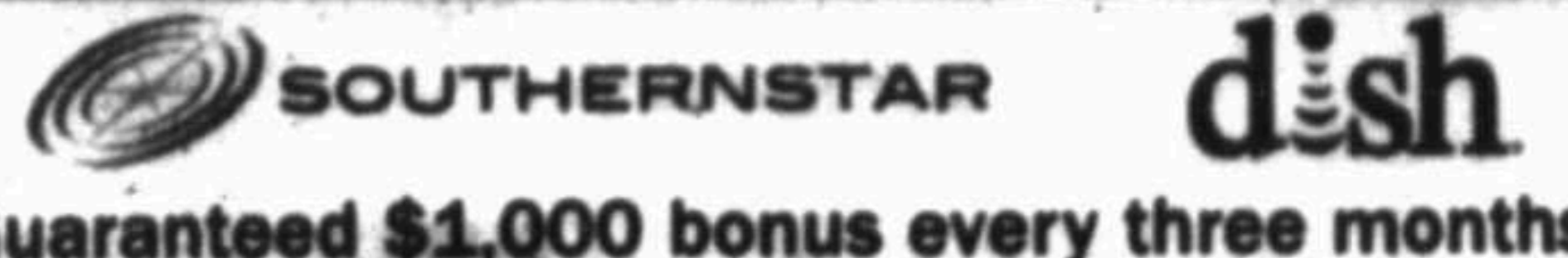
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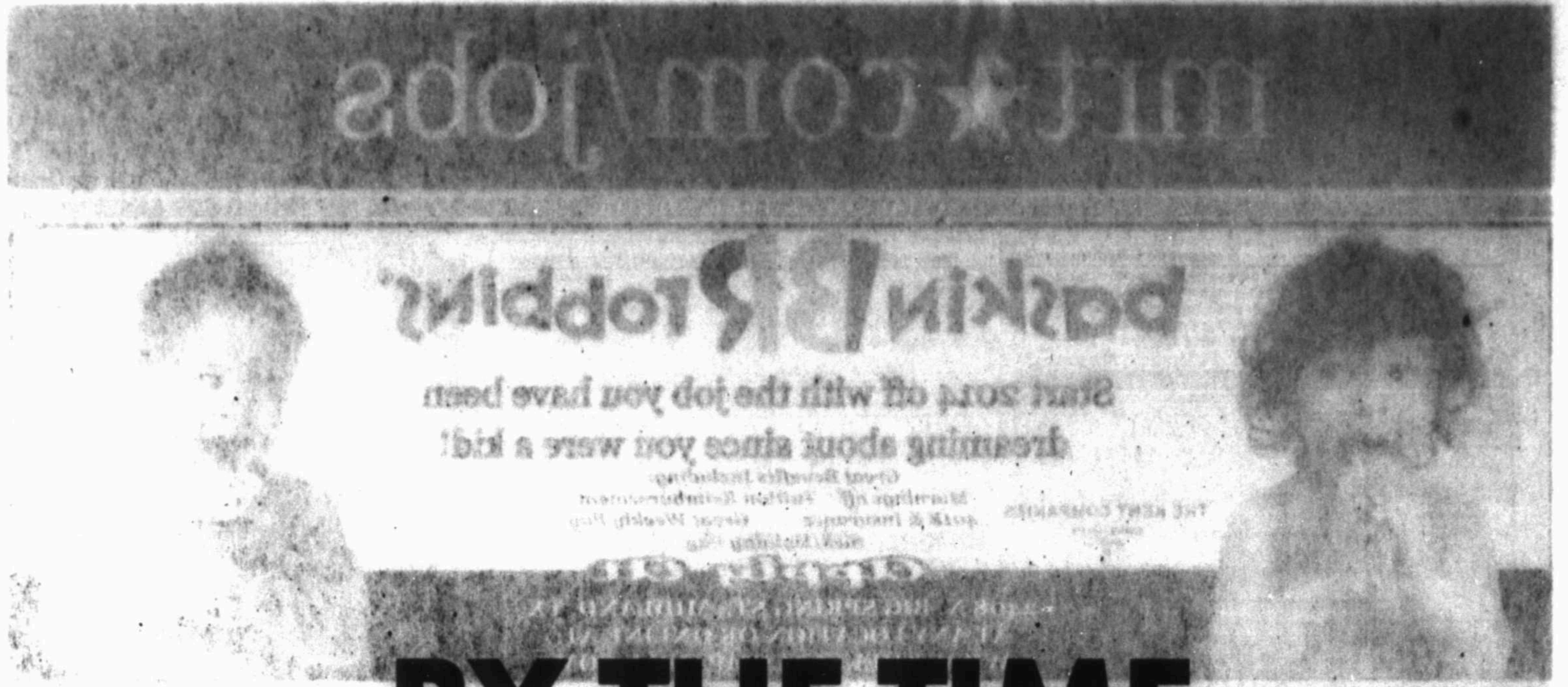


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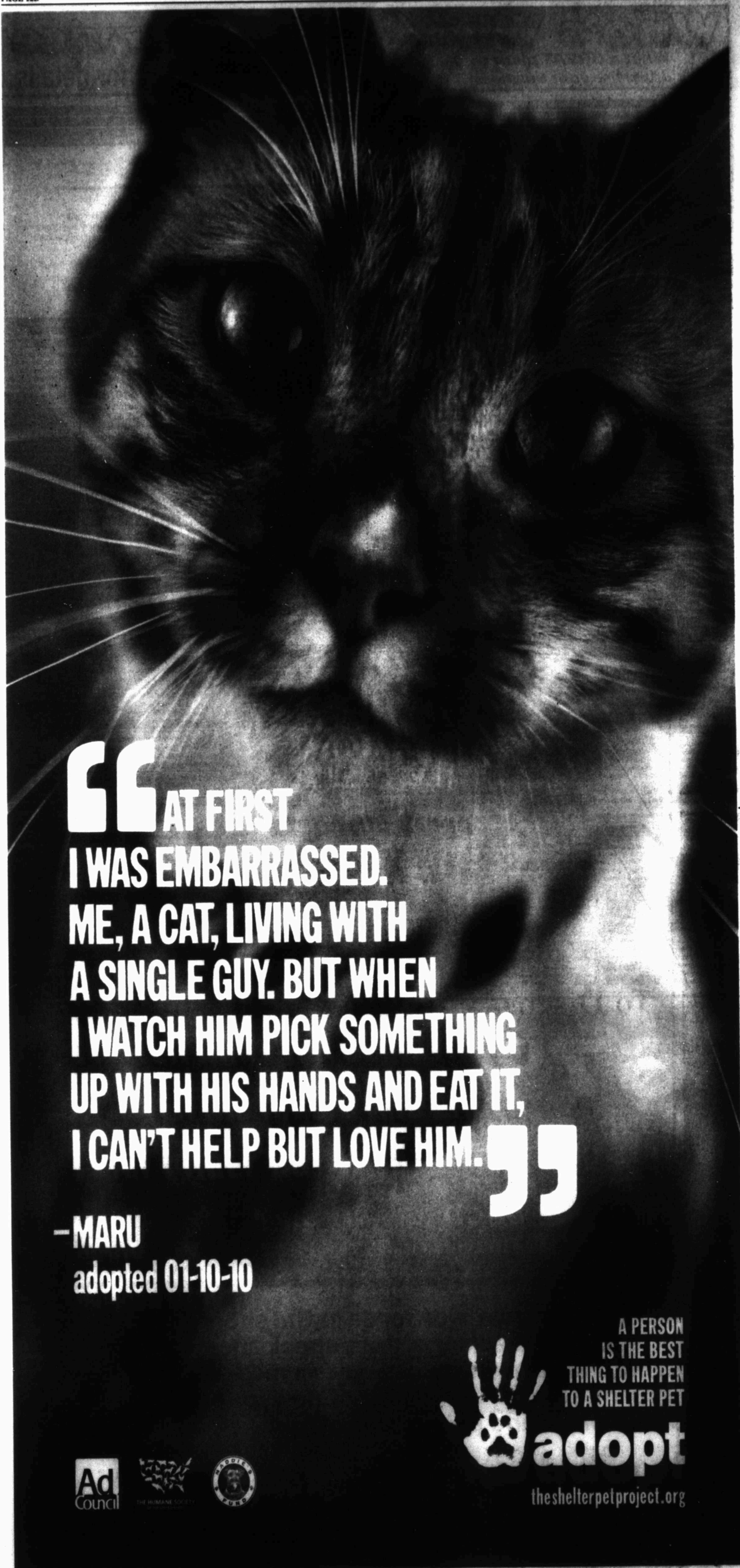
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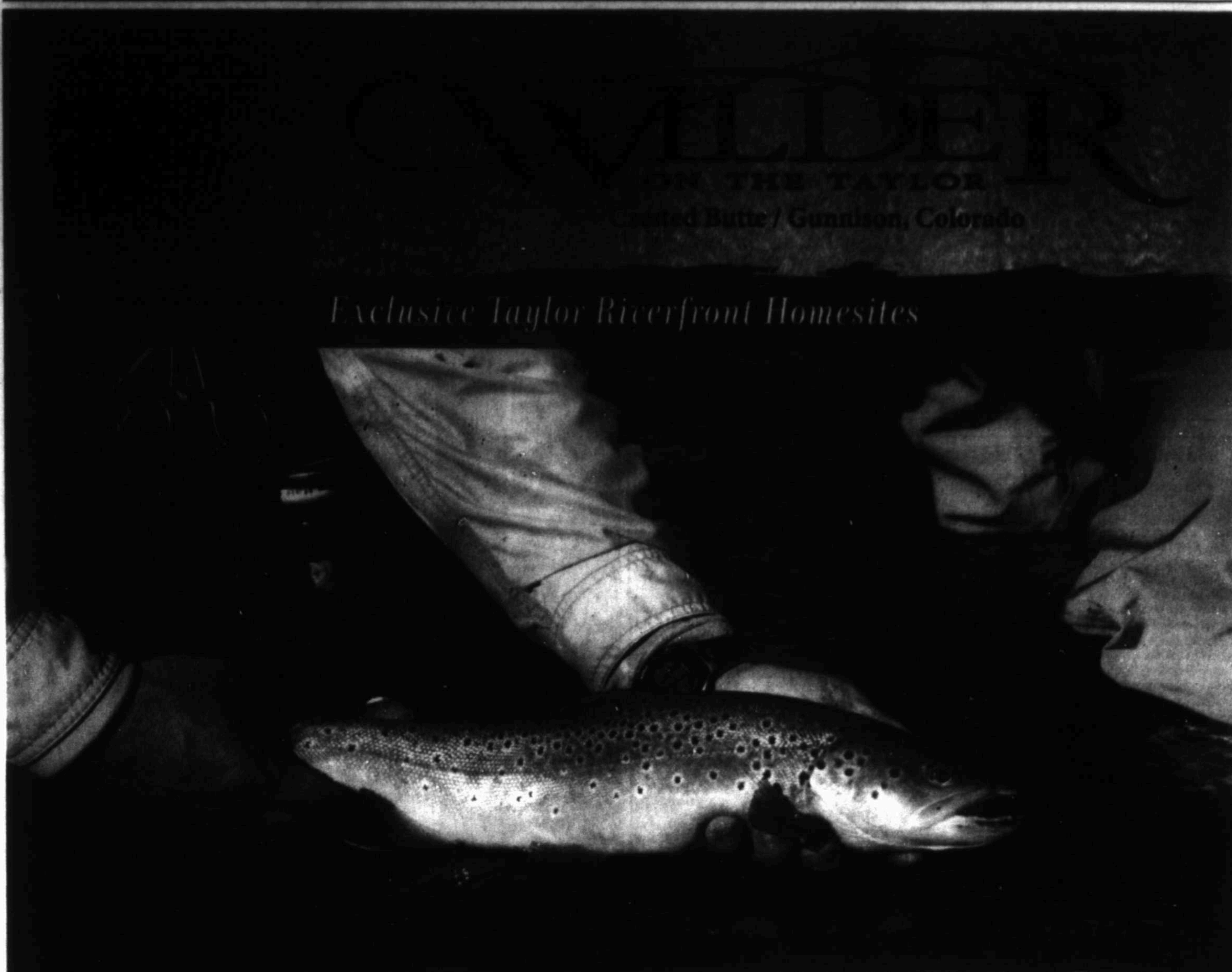
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notes that inventories are still low by historical standards. About 99 of the 146 markets that realtor.com tracks saw year-over-year gains in inventory levels. Sixty-three of those markets saw levels rise by 10 percent or more. *Source: Realtor.com*



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House Hunting? Pay Attention to Outdated Wiring

By John Voket

Spring is here and home buying is in full bloom. I want to gently remind you that while "curb appeal" may attract you, it's the "guts" that should play a key role in determining whether or not a home is a good buy.

According to Ed Ingalls of Newington Electric Company, most people have no idea how dangerous wiring problems may be in a potential new home, even if they hire a home inspector.

Ingalls notes that about 80 percent of homes he sees have some level of outdated wiring. Whether buying a new home or assessing an existing home, there are red flags that wiring should be updated such as:

- An electric meter located in the basement
- Old, outdated fuse system
- Frayed or deteriorated main electrical cable outside of the house
- Rusted electrical meter box on the outside of your house
- Lights that flicker on and off or go dim
- Rusted and corroded grounding wire attached to the water meter
- Two prong outlets vs. three pronged grounding type electrical outlets
- Blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers
- Other warning signs that a home's electrical system needs attention include:
 - Flickering lights, tripping circuit breakers or blowing fuses
 - You hear the sound of electricity, such as buzzing, sizzling or zapping
 - The circuit breaker panel or fuse panel in the basement is rusty
 - Water dripping from your electrical panel when it rains
 - Two prong outlets in the wall instead of three prong grounding type

- If you don't have GFI outlets (ground fault interrupters) in the kitchen or bathroom
- If you use extension cords to run your appliances or lights

Ingalls says all homes need to have at least a 100 amp service and may even need 200 or even 400 amp upgrades to accommodate wiring for today's appliances.

For instance, a modern household with normal everyday appliances would require a 100-amp service minimum, but a household that had a few additional items such as a hot tub and/or air conditioning would most likely need a minimum of 200 amps.

Ingalls further notes that most banks, lending institutions and insurance companies will require a homeowner to upgrade the electrical system before buying or selling a house. In doing so, it may also reduce one's homeowner's insurance.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Why home inspections aren't only for buyers

Most people associate inspections with buying a house, but sellers can benefit from them, too. Why? Because a home inspection identifies deficiencies with your property, some of which you may not be aware of.

Get there first

An inspection will give you a better understanding of conditions that may be discovered by the buyer's inspector. It gives you time to correct conditions before a buyer even has a chance to ask for a concession. Eliminating problems ahead of time, even minor ones, also lets potential buyers focus on what's right about the property instead of what needs repair.

Know exactly what to fix

Inspection reports explain the nature of needed repairs, often with photographs that show the problem. If you decide to correct a condition, the detail found in the report can be of great assistance whether you're fixing it yourself or explaining to the plumber what needs to be done.

"I have nothing to hide"

Providing potential buyers with a recent inspection of your home is a good-faith gesture that shows forthrightness. Such a gesture might make buyers more comfortable submitting an offer, knowing their own inspection won't likely discover hazards or major systems in need of immediate repair.

Inspectors are neutral

You can tell buyers that your home's in good shape, or you can show them a report from a licensed inspector that tells them your home's in good shape. Which source will they trust more?

Make sure the price is right

A thorough inspection and report regarding the condition of your home can help you and your REALTOR® arrive at a fair asking price—and defend it.

If you decide to get a seller's inspection ...

Here are some questions to ask before you hire an inspector:

- Are you licensed in Texas?
- What's your fee?
- What does your inspection include and exclude?
- How long will the inspection take, and can I attend it? (Be wary of an inspector who doesn't want you around.)
- What will your report look like?
- How do you inspect the roof?
- Do you have a list of references?
- If I make repairs based on your report, is there a fee to re-inspect the house?

Remember that an inspector's job is to find problems, not fix them. If the inspector finds a problem with your house's wiring, call an electrician. Watch out for any inspector who finds a plumbing problem and immediately tells you that he's a plumber.

Also, if you're made aware of a defect in your home, make sure you identify that problem on your seller's disclosure. Your REALTOR® can explain how the disclosure works as well as provide advice on inspections and selling your home.



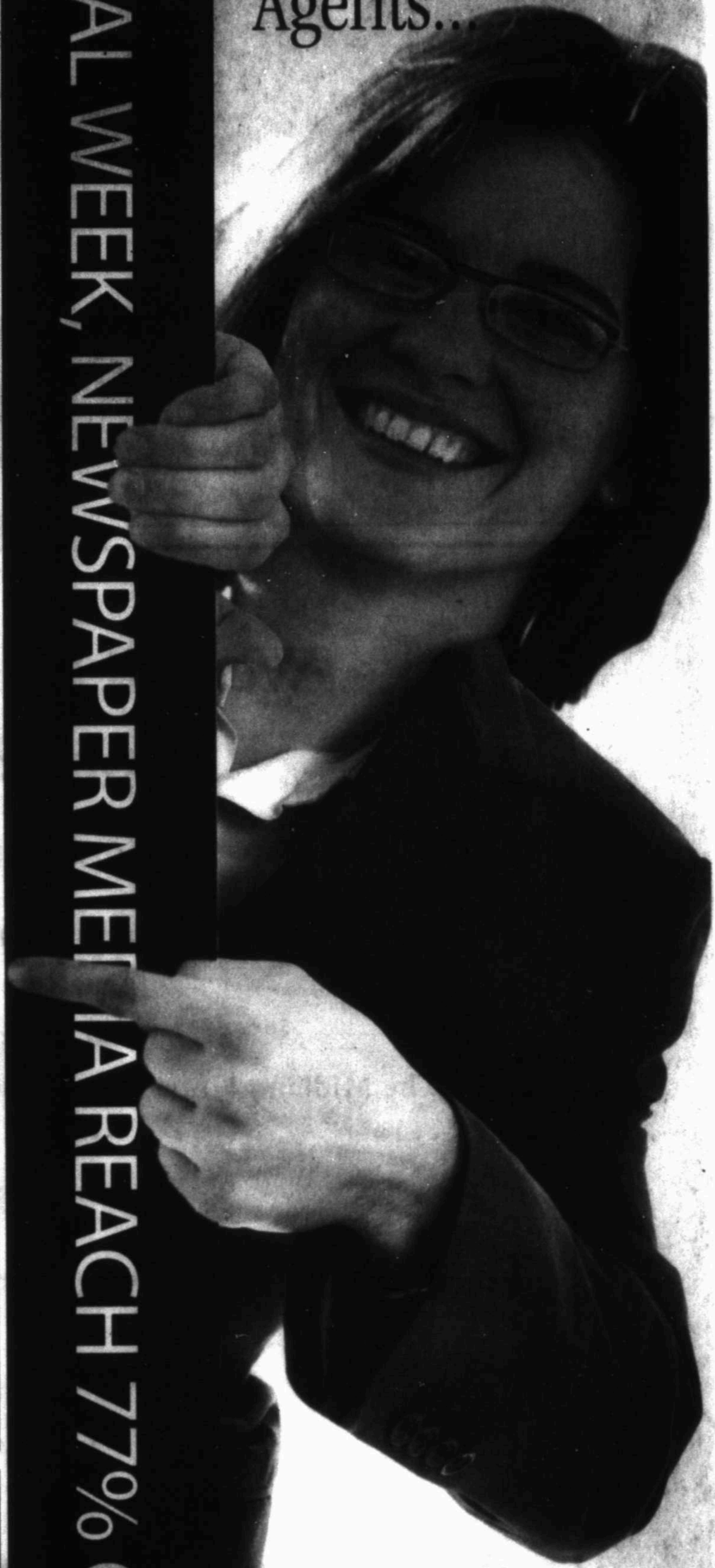
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NEW PURCHASE
AFTER A SHORT
SALE? UH... HOW?

QUESTION:

A few weeks ago you wrote about a couple who had a short sale and then purchased a replacement home six months later. How is this possible? Isn't a short sale a situation where someone can't pay their mortgage?

ANSWER:

In the usual case it's difficult to imagine how someone can have a short sale and then purchase another home just a few months later, but it can happen.

Imagine that the authors of the original letter lived in one of number of states where lenders in certain circumstances cannot get deficiency judgments—that is the right to go after a mortgage borrower for unpaid debt beyond the fair-market value of the house. So-called "anti-deficiency" rules vary widely, so you need to have a local attorney provide details.

Faced with the choice of a foreclosure or a short sale—especially in an area with depressed home prices and no ability to extract a deficiency judgment—a lender might actually be ahead with a short sale. Why? Because lender losses from a foreclosure can be substantial, and the value of the property might decline further if the foreclosure process stretches on for months and perhaps years. Worse, if the property finally goes to auction and doesn't sell to an outside bidder, the lender might wind up owning the home, thus making it "real estate owned" by a lender, which often sells at a substantial discount. Meanwhile, with a short sale, the lender quickly gets the property off its books and damages are limited.

As to the replacement property, our original letter writers did not say they got a mortgage six months after the short sale. They bought the new home for cash and then wanted to refinance in order to get some cash out of the property.

Will borrowers who have had a short sale be able to get financing on the new home? Maybe. A short sale is a tough financial event that knocks down credit scores with an impressive thump, but it may be possible to get a new mortgage in a fairly short time. As an example, with the FHA's "Back to Work" program qualified borrowers may be able to get a new loan in as little as a year if the loss of the home was the result of unemployment or severely depressed wages. Borrowers who have had a short sale or foreclosure should speak with lenders to determine what financial options may be available to them. For some, the process of financial healing might be surprisingly quick.

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Year-over-year decline in foreclosure inventory as of February 2014. Approximately 752,000 homes were in some stage of foreclosure that month, down from 1.2 million in February 2013.

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HOW LOW CAN YOUR NUMBERS GO?

AFTER YEARS OF ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE MORTGAGE STANDARDS, LENDERS ARE EASING UP ON WHAT IT TAKES TO SECURE A LOAN

By MARILYN KENNEDY MELIA
CTW Features

Are you one of the many who'd like to buy a home, but you're waiting for your number to come up?

The door-opening digit might refer to your outstanding debt, your credit score, a down payment, or a combination of the above.

Well, watch carefully. The numbers lenders deem appropriate for approving mortgage applications are evolving, with the ultra-conservative crisis lending standards established in the wake of the financial crisis slowly receding.

For instance, earlier this year, Wells Fargo & Co. announced that it would consider credit scores as low as 600, down from 640, when making government-backed FHA mortgages.

Lowering scores is "an indication that the worst of the crisis has passed," observes Keith Gumbinger of mortgage data website HSH.com.

Still, more flexibility doesn't

mean that lenders are not following rules that aim to ensure borrowers will pay, not fall into foreclosure.

Here, a look at how borrowers can watch their numbers:

TAKE A PRELIMINARY LOOK

Especially if you were one of the hard-hit casualties of the troubled economy, you probably suspect your credit is dismal, littered with late payments or other offenses.

But even those who've had a foreclosure relatively recently may be able to get a FHA mortgage.

Many lenders will provide a free pre-qualification, which provides an "analysis of where you're at in terms of your savings and other financial measures. In many instances, lenders will also share a FICO credit score with a potential borrower during a pre-qualification session. The FICO is widely used in deciding mortgage eligibility notes Don Frommeyer, president of The Association of Mortgage Professionals, a trade group.

However, "There's a big differ-

ence between pre-qualification and pre-approval," notes Grace Currid, senior vice president of HomeBridge Financial Services in New York. Pre-approval is confirmation that a borrower qualifies for a certain mortgage as long as his financial status doesn't alter by the closing of the loan, Currid explains.

In a pre-qualification, a lender should be able to provide advice on how to mend credit, pump up savings and decrease debt to be in a position to gain pre-approval for a certain loan, adds Frommeyer.

KEEP TALLY

"Credit scores tend to go down faster than they go up," Frommeyer observes.

But paying bills on time and taking advantage of free credit reports—visit AnnualCreditReport.com to receive a free one—to make sure there are no errors on your credit history, you'll know you're approaching a better score, he adds.

Borrowers can check with a lender periodically to ascertain whether they're eligible for a mortgage at an affordable rate.

CONSIDER THE OPTIONS

Each government agency that insures mortgage—FHA and Fannie Mae, for example—has

different guidelines on who can be approved, says Currid.

Moreover, different lending companies impose their own minimum credit standards on to the government-agency mortgage rules, notes Dan Gjeldum, senior vice president at Guaranteed Rate, Chicago.

As a result, there may be several different types of mortgages available at different rate charges.

For instance, say a buyer has a 10-percent down payment and low debt in comparison to his monthly income but a relatively low credit score—620.

This hypothetical buyer might qualify for a Fannie Mae-backed conventional loan at the lowest currently offered rate but would need to pay 3.5 percent of the loan amount in up-front fees or tack those fees on to the mortgage rate, essentially raising the rate by nearly 1 percentage point, notes Gumbinger.

It might be better for this borrower to take an FHA loan, but one drawback here is that FHA requires borrowers pay mortgage insurance, which can't be canceled. Mortgage insurance also is required on the Fannie Mae loan, but it may be canceled in the future under certain conditions, Gumbinger adds.

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MORTGAGES

NEW FHA RULES FOR REBOUND HOMEBUYERS

A negative credit event no longer means you're ineligible for a mortgage. Some borrowers can be eligible again in just 12 months

Mortgage lenders are students of history.

They've learned that when people haven't paid their bills, it's likely that practice will continue.

The past is prologue—except when there are extenuating circumstances. The federal government doesn't want people who've missed bills through no fault of their own to be kept from buying a home.

Enter the FHA's "Back to Work" program, which has begun to allow

people with serious dents in their credit history—a foreclosure, bankruptcy, short sale, or deed-in-lieu of foreclosure—to be approved for a new government-backed mortgage just 12 months after the negative event.

"Normally it takes three to five years [after one of the above] to be eligible" for a new FHA mortgage, notes Heather Shanahan, director of program development at Springboard, a housing and credit counseling nonprofit.

But, if you can show that your household income decreased by 20 percent or more because of a loss of a job, or because you own a business that suffered, or you've had your hours cut, you may qualify for a FHA mortgage, says Shanahan, provided you've paid bills regularly for at least 12 months after one of these credit stains.

"I haven't heard of a lot of borrowers using this program," observes Don Frommeyer, president of The Association of Mortgage Professionals. "The financial crisis began several years ago. For many, it's been years ago when they were laid off."

But it can take a couple of years of missed payments before a fore-



closure actually occurs, counters Shanahan, who says Springboard has seen "a steady stream" of people taking the first step—an hour long phone credit counseling session—from a HUD-approved counseling agency (visit hud.gov for a list of agencies).

Lenders also want to see proof of timely rent payments, Shanahan says. For example, if after the loss of a home people lived with friends or family, it will be difficult to be approved, she explains. —Marilyn Kennedy Melia

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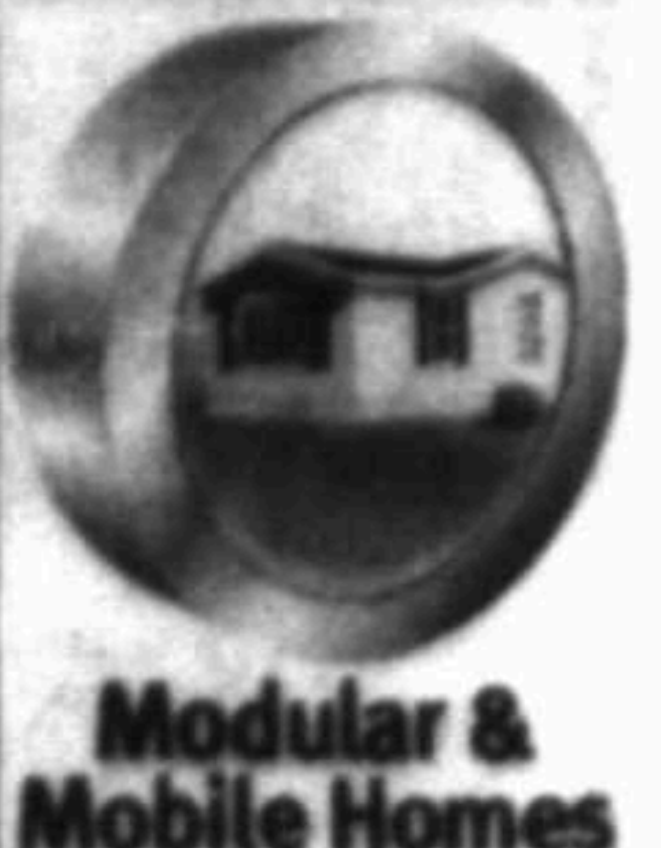
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To Do: Wake Up Your Workspace!

Add a dash of color you love, a few new organizing tools, a run or two of Washi tape. Who knows what might happen?

By Kelly Lee-Creel | CTW Features

Whether your desk is in a corner office, a cubicle or a cubby under the stairs, facing the same, tired view can grow dull. Spring is a great time to wake things up with fresh pops of color.

"People enjoy their workspace more when it's colorful and stylish," says Holly Bohn-Weiss, founder and creative director of See Jane Work, a division of Jacksonville, Fla.-based Advantus Corp., which markets stylish office accessories and supplies. Now there are scientific studies that back this up, she says. Various colors can have an impact from raising your heart rate to making you more creative.

The question, then, is where to start. Bohn-Weiss recommends you begin with function. "Often times, we try to mimic or imitate someone who is organized, and adapt whatever system they are using, but if that's not your personality, you'll end up failing."

Instead, she suggests identifying your organization style. Are you a person who prefers to keep things organized in stacks, file folders, or wall pockets? Find those necessary items in the colors that you love.

Diane Henkler, a home decorating expert and blogger at In My Own Style, agrees. "Seeing your favorite colors and things around can boost your mood and brain power and will give you energy throughout the day."

She recommends hanging artwork, decorating with fresh flowers and covering a bulletin board with fabric as "easy and affordable ways to inject color and personality."

A few of the trends Henkler expects for spring include saturated, vibrant pastels and gold accents. "A colorful, patterned rug, a painted accent wall, an office chair [with a] slipcover" are all opportunities to bring in some of these brighter hues, Henkler suggests.

For a less permanent office pick-me-up, many turn to decorative Washi tape. A removable masking tape made popular in Japan and available in a colorful array of patterns, Washi tape can be taped over the edge of a notebook or on the sides of a picture frame for a quick, inexpensive update.

Not only can trends make a space more decorative, but they also create

opportunities to re-evaluate function.

"Most of our jobs change, and it is important from an organizational perspective to take stock of what's working and what's not," says Bohn-Weiss.

Like purchasing a new pair of running shoes, investing in a few stylish updates can be the motivation to start a new organizational routine or maintain an existing one.

For those on a budget, Bohn-Weiss suggests starting small. "If you're afraid to invest in letter trays or pencil cups at first, then start with a notebook or sticky notes."

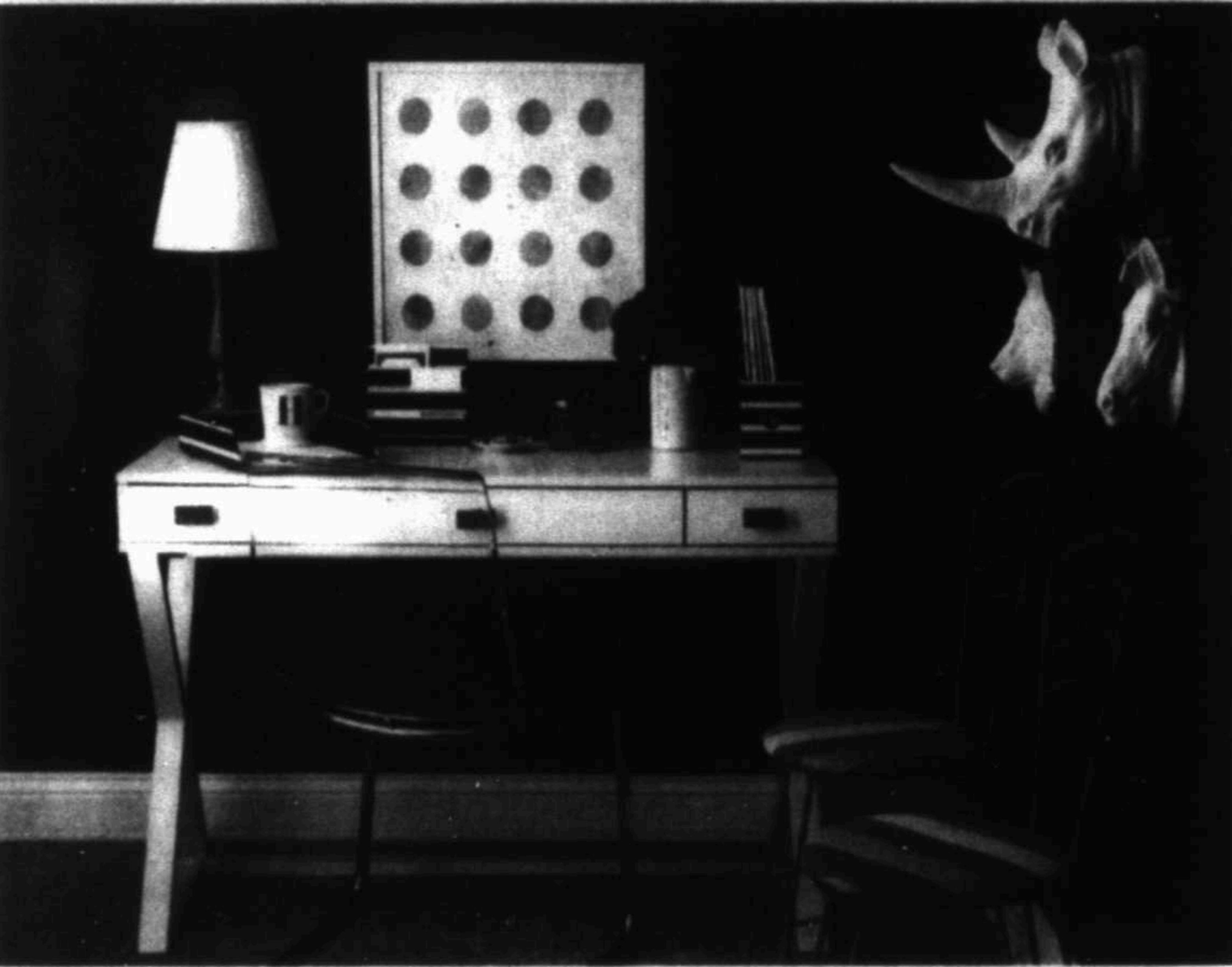
When even those basic steps seem intimidating, Bohn-Weiss shares some advice learned from a decorator friend: "If you really love each and every thing in your space, you'd be amazed at how it comes together."

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Color me inspired: An ornate desk painted in turquoise, top right, sets off bright white accessories. A simple white desk, right, energized with bold white-and-black striped accessories and a simple pink print.



Office Depot. See Jane at Work collection



Office Depot. See Jane at Work collection

Create a Stylish, Striped Pencil Cup

Colorful desk accessories can be the first step in brightening up your workspace. This simple, stylish technique can be used to decorate pencil cups, trays, and more. The trick is to find a spray paint specifically formulated to work on glossy surfaces, such as Krylon Fusion.

Materials:

Plain ceramic or plastic container (bathroom tumblers work well)
Painter's tape
Spray paint
Ruler (optional)

1. Select a paint color that you love.
2. Using the painter's tape, tape off stripes. Use a ruler for evenly spaced lines or simply wing it. Make sure the tape is adhered well by smoothing over it with your fingers.
3. Outside, on a prepared work surface, apply light, even coats of spray paint.
4. Once dry, gently peel off the tape to reveal the painted design.

—Kelly Lee-Creel

Easy on the Outside: Sustainable Furniture

By Tanesha Robinson | CTW Features

Designers have worked hard to satisfy consumer desire for chic, comfortable outdoor furniture that goes beyond the garden bench. Now, they're catering to a rising environmental interest.

A 2013 study by the Sustainable Furnishings Council found that 45 percent of respondents said they were "definitely interested" in buying green home furnishings if they liked the style and the cost was comparable to other options. Some 85 percent said they were "possibly interested."

"It's about what's good for ecosystems on our planet, what's good for communities and what's good for economies," says Susan Inglis, the council's executive director. "Sustainability is a triple-bottom line."

Plastic outdoor furniture, long a durable if unexciting mainstay of decks and patios,

has seen a design renaissance. Poly-Wood, Syracuse, Ind., found that by extruding high-density polyethylene from recycled milk jugs it could create plastic lumber perfect for outdoor use. The material doesn't bend like other plastics, is impervious to nearly all types of weather conditions, "and we found a lot of opportunity to get really beautiful shapes," says vice president Brady Maller. Eco bonus: at the end of its useful life, the product, made from recyclable material, is a recyclable product itself.

The owners of Loll Designs, Duluth, Minn., tripped over outdoor furniture as a practical way to repurpose the excess recycled HDPE used in their original company, TrueRide, which designed and built skateboard parks.

Furniture pieces were nested into the same sheets of HDPE used to produce skate-park components. Three years of

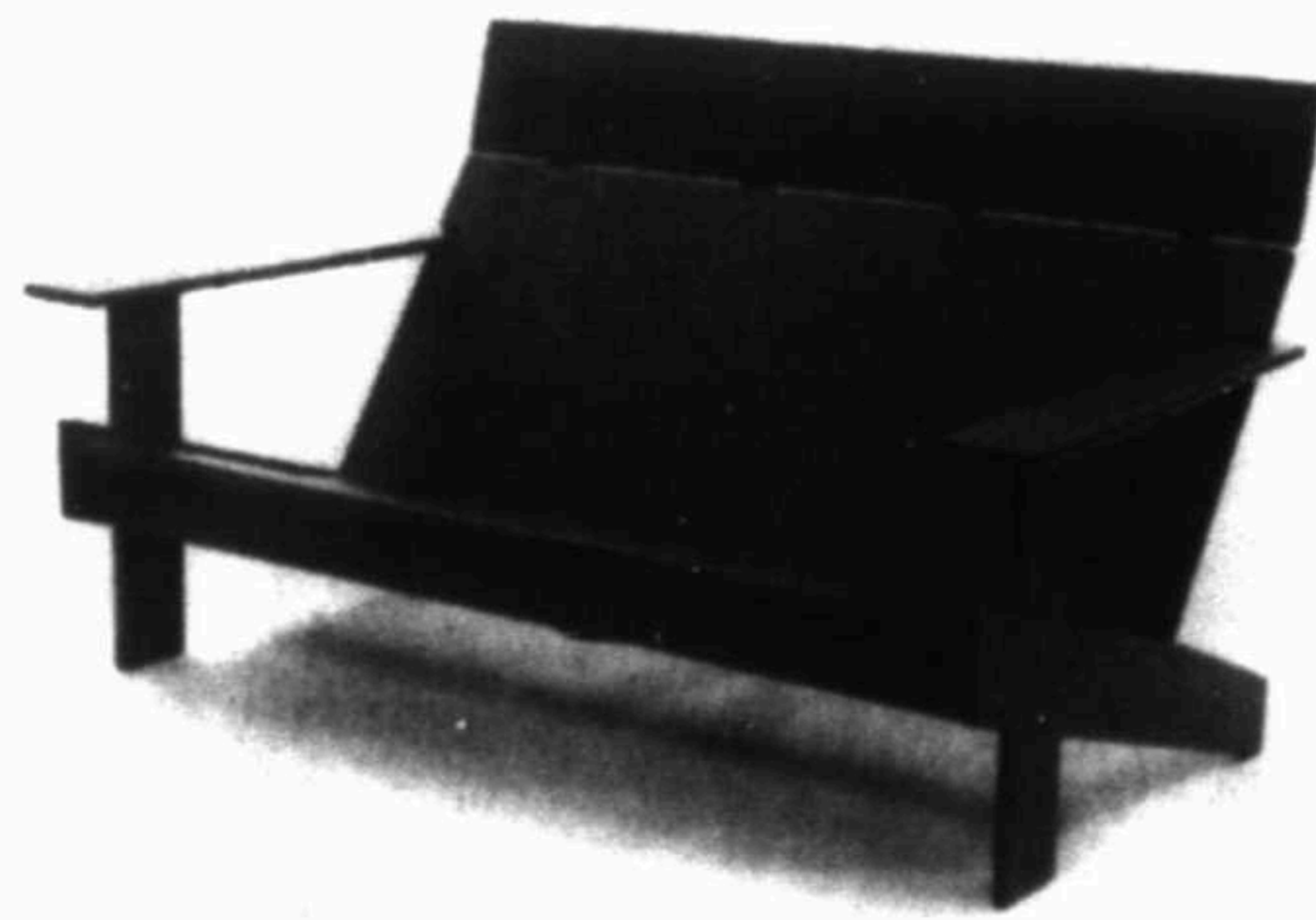
prototyping went into the first Loll product, also an Adirondack chair, before it hit the market in 2006.

Loll produces a range of outdoor furniture, including chairs, benches, tables and other accessories, made from the same recycled material, sourced primarily from milk jug containers.

Using 100-percent recycled and recyclable material helps the environment, says founder Greg Benson. "Our products keep material out of the landfill and also reduce the amount of new plastic being made."

The fact that the furniture is sourced and manufactured in the U.S. is another positive, he says.

For every pound of weight in a Loll chair, approximately eight recycled milk jugs are being reclaimed. The company estimates



Loll Designs' Lollygagger sofa

that it has repurposed more than 35 million recycled jugs in its furniture since 2005.

The milk-jug provenance, however, belies HDPE's sturdiness.

"Our material is also very heavy," Benson says. "The average weight of an Adirondack chair is approximately 50 pounds so your furniture will not blow around."

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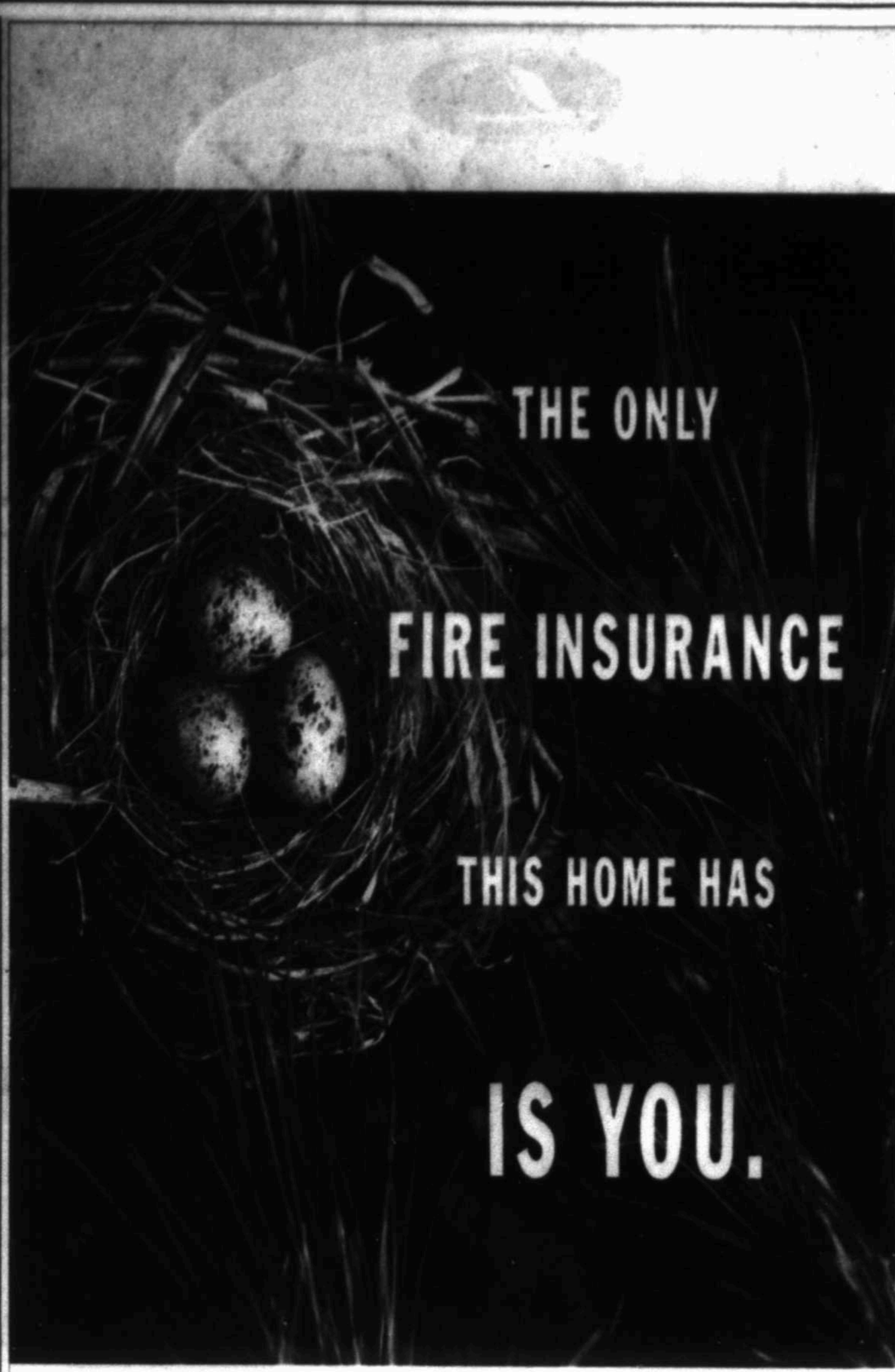
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ARTHUR'S WORLD

The national touring exhibit based on the popular PBS children's TV series and books by Marc Brown is in Midland through June 28.

Exhibit now on display at Centennial library

By Ragini Venkatasubban
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If you remember Arthur Read, D.W., Buster, The Brain and the rest of the Lakewood School gang, head to the library over the next few months for some sweet nostalgia.

"Arthur's World," the national touring exhibit based on the popular PBS children's TV series and books by Marc Brown, will be on display at the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch through June 28. Hours are normal library hours: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

"The cool thing about 'Arthur' is that it really



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TOP AND ABOVE: Trinity School second-graders play in the library exhibit part of the "Arthur's World" exhibit at the Midland County Library Centennial branch.

LEFT: Trinity School second-graders play in the kitchen part of Arthur's exhibit.

FAR LEFT: Cash Kuykendall dresses Arthur.

PHOTOS BY TIM FISCHER



John Trischitti III, director of the Midland County Public Library system, recently won the Texas Library Association's Librarian of the Year Award.

Tim Fischer Reporter-Telegram

Midland's head librarian wins Texas Librarian of the Year

John Trischitti III receives honor at Texas Library Association conference

By Megan Lea Buck
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When describing the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, president of the Library Foundation Andy Shaffer puts it bluntly.

"This ain't your grandma's library."

This month the Centennial branch marks its first anniversary, and staff and supporters are celebrating the man behind the state-of-the-art facility.

John Trischitti III, director of the Midland County Public Library system, won the Texas Library Association's Librarian of the Year Award this month at the TLA's annual conference in San Antonio.

"With the Midland Centennial library, John has created a new paradigm for library service in the 21st century," said Mark Smith, director and librarian of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. "Centennial is a completely innovative library space that offers libraries across Texas and nationally an

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Ayushmann Malik and Brandyn Myers make Arthur masks as they and other Trinity School second-graders play in the "Arthur's World" exhibit at the Centennial branch of Midland County Public Library.

ARTHUR

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reaches across generations," said Edward McPherson, education and program coordinator at the library. A love for literacy is clearly timeless, as the book series began in 1976 and was followed by the TV show in the late 1990s, which still airs daily on PBS.

The exhibit comes from the Boston Children's Museum and is usually loaned to children's museums around the country. This is the first time it has been placed inside a library. Annie Tillmann, exhibit

Upcoming events

- Tuesday: "Arthur Turns Green" Earth Day celebration and story time**
May 23: Arthur's 8th birthday
- June 7: All-day event to learn how Arthur uses the library**
June 27-28: Arthur appearances at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. before the exhibit leaves Midland

educator and coordinator, traveled with the exhibit to Midland and will stay for its duration. "Arthur's World" features five interactive settings straight out of

Elwood City, the fictional city in the TV show. The Read Family Kitchen introduces visitors to the Read family, featuring a kitchen setting where children can practice setting the table, following a recipe and finding something to eat.

A large tent covers the next setting, Backyard Sleepover, where children can make shadow puppets, create signs to communicate with aliens and tell scary stories. Next up is Mr. Ratburn's Classroom, where students can role-play Arthur's school life with a spelling bee game and other educational

activities.

By far the most popular setting is the Elwood City Library, where children can practice checking out books and hone their shelving skills, Tillmann said. The exhibit finishes with Arthur's World TV, a technology-driven setting that uses ChromaKey technology to let visitors appear on a TV screen alongside characters from the show.

Tillmann will lead field trips and tours of the exhibit over the next few months. To schedule a group visit, contact exhibits@co.midland.tx.us.

Midland attorney writes Texas history book

Monday is San Jacinto Day. Texans must recapture their fascination for history and tradition. There should be dancing in the streets and massive celebrations. On April 21, 1836, the final battle of the Texas Revolution at San Jacinto was fought and Texas won its independence from Mexico.

Midland attorney and historian L. Lloyd Macdonald, our dean of Texas Revolution history, has written perhaps the most readable historical novel of this Texas heritage. If you pick up "Tejanos In The 1835 Texas Revolution" and read the first 10 pages, you won't put the book down until it's finished. Macdonald did a massive amount of research to exact fact from myth, but at the same time brings a writing style that makes the battle of the Alamo, the siege and battle of Bexar, Goliad, Gonzales and, ultimately, the battle of San Jacinto and the struggle for independence absolutely captivating.

This book contains so many fascinating nuggets about our history, including:

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■ The character defects of Santa Anna. Upon arriving in San Antonio, he had left his concubines in Mexico City. His eyes fell upon a beautiful 17-year-old girl. However, her mother refused to allow Santa Anna's advances unless he married her daughter. So, Santa Anna dressed up one of his sergeants as a Franciscan priest and proceeded with a fake wedding.

■ What caused Fannin's equivocation and failure to respond to pleas from the Alamo to come and fight? Instead, he waited, delayed until the Mexican forces reached him after the fall of the Alamo, causing his defeat, and the killing, capture and execution of his men as well as himself.

■ A group of Ohio citizens raised the money to have two six-pound cannons manufactured,

dubbed the twin sisters, which arrived just in time for the battle of San Jacinto. What inspired these good people to do that?

■ Readers can't help but laugh as some Texans take a couple of barrels of whiskey from the bar, as the town of Gonzales was being razed before the Mexican troops could get there. They poisoned the whiskey in hopes the Mexican troops would find it and drink it. However, as they are fleeing Gonzales, they hear a large explosion. Looking back over their shoulder, they see a large plume rising. The whiskey had caught fire and exploded.

■ Readers follow the brilliant strategy of Gen. Sam Houston in retreating and repositioning until he had lulled Santa Anna into believing he had the Texans trapped on the plain of San Jacinto. Houston had

baited Santa Anna into the plain where there was only one way in or out, then destroyed the opening to the plain. It was fight and live or fight and die, but there was no way out.

■ The book pays tribute to the many Tejanos who fought and died, none more striking than the cavalry leader, Juan Sequin. Mexican (Tejano) and Anglo alike stood side-by-side in the fight for independence. They were all Texans.

Many of their names are listed in the book from military records, as well as the place they fought or died. The bravery of the Tejanos should never be forgotten, from the Alamo to San Jacinto.

"Tejanos In The 1835 Texas Revolution" is a most enjoyable read, and as the pages pass, readers learn things about our history and tradition that are totally surprising. This San Jacinto Day, sit down with the book and be mesmerized by Texas history. "Tejanos In The 1835 Texas Revolution" by L. Lloyd Macdonald can be purchased from your favorite book store or online at Amazon.com.

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3. "NYPD Red 2" by James Patterson and Marshall Karp (Little, Brown)
4. "Missing You" by Harlan Coben (Dutton Adult)
5. "Power Play" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte)
6. "Blossom Street Brides" by Debbie Macomber (Ballantine)
7. "The Goldfinch" by Donna Tartt (Little, Brown)
8. "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd (Viking Adult)
9. "The Bootlegger" by Clive Cussler and Justin Scott (Putnam Adult)
10. "By Its Cover" by Donna Leon (Atlantic Monthly)
11. "Be Careful What You Wish For" by Jeffrey Archer (St. Martin's Press)
12. "Destroyer Angel" by Nevada Barr (Minotaur)
13. "Warriors" by Ted Bell (William Morrow)
14. "Private L.A." by James Patterson and Mark Sullivan (Little, Brown)
15. "Sycamore Row" by John Grisham (Doubleday)

Hardcover nonfiction

1. "Flash Boys" by Michael Lewis (Norton)
2. "The Women of Duck Commander" by Kay Robertson (Howard Books)
3. "The Doctor's Diet" by Travis Stork (Bird Street Books)
4. "The Hungry Girl Diet" by Lisa Lillien (St. Martin's Griffin)
5. "Don't Hurt People and Don't Take Their Stuff" by Matt Kibbe (William Morrow)
6. "Thrive: The Third Metric" by Arianna Huffington (Harmony)
7. "10 Percent Happier" by Dan Harris (It Books)
8. "A Call to Action" by Jimmy Carter (Simon & Schuster)
9. "Killing Jesus" by Bill O'Reilly, Martin Dugard (Henry Holt)
10. "Grain Brain" by David Perlmutter (Little, Brown)
11. "Not Cool" by Greg Gutfeld (Crown Forum)
12. "Uganda Be Kidding Me" by Chelsea Handler (Grand Central Publishing)
13. "The Body Book" by Cameron Diaz (Harper Wave)
14. "The Blood Sugar Solution 10-Day Detox Diet" by Mark Hyman (Little, Brown)
15. "Things That Matter" by Charles Krauthammer (Crown Forum)

Mass market paperbacks

1. "Never Go Back" by Lee Child (Dell)
2. "Starting Now" by Debbie Macomber (Ballantine)
3. "Daddy's Gone A Hunting" by Mary Higgins Clark (Pocket)
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6. "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline (William Morrow Paperbacks)
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10. "Fly Away" by Kristin Hannah (St. Martin's Griffin)
11. "The How Can It Be Gluten Free? by America's Test Kitchen (America's Test Kitchen)
12. "Afterburn/Aftershock" by Sylvia Day (Harlequin)
13. "Twelve Years a Slave" by Solomon Northup (HarperPerennial)
14. "Naruto, Vol. 65" by Masashi Kishimoto (Viz Media)
15. "The White Princess" by Philippa Gregory (S&S/Touchstone)

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example of the library as an exciting destination supporting civic engagement, economic development and lifelong learning and discovery."

The vision Trischitti brought to Midland was more than an update to a traditional library system. Shaffer said.

"He came in with a vision of making the library a 21st or 22nd century library as opposed to the normal way of looking at a library, which is 'let's just keep things the way there are because we don't like change,'" Shaffer said. "John's vision was to create a library that was relevant to today's population, and to make it relevant you've got to go beyond books on stacks."

With exhibit and community meeting spaces and a focus on technology and multimedia formats, Centennial branch is a facility that looks nothing like most people's idea of a traditional library.

Projectors display colorful images on the floor. Children play inside giant letters next to a bubble wall or inside a hot-air balloon. Patrons sit on benches next to life-size realistic trees. Others browse through moveable bookshelves or walk through whatever exhibit is currently on display.

The library was the first in the nation to host the "Bob Hope: An American Treasure" exhibit from the World Golf Hall of Fame and the current "Arthur's World" exhibit from the Boston Children's Museum.

It's the first library in Texas to adopt a feeless borrowing system and the first in the state to offer free movie downloads. It's the only library in West Texas with an audio and visual recording studio that is open to the public, and it holds the state's largest genealogical collection west of Interstate 35.

In its first year, Centennial has offered the community more than reading materials, by hosting live performances from the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Choral, an artist-in-residence program complete with lectures and workshops and a number of activities for patrons of all ages.

"We want a visit to the library to be an experience," said Trischitti. "We

want it to be a destination place for this community."

With more than 8,000 new library patrons this year and support for the Library Foundation that was established last year to help fund special programs and exhibits, it seems the community has embraced the facility. But the change from the Midland County Public Library system of four years ago to what the county now offers residents was not without obstacles.

In 2010 the Commissioners' Court took a look at the library's budget and low circulation and began searching for options to update the library system. Trischitti came on as library director in spring 2011.

"I came in with an idea of 'wouldn't it be great if libraries were this,' and I think the court at the time kind of knew that they wanted a change," he said. "They didn't know what it looked like, but they knew something needed to happen."

Passionate about redefining people's perceptions of public libraries, Trischitti began conversations with the commissioners and community members about the potential of a new Centennial branch.

He spoke at civic clubs and talked to people he bumped into at the grocery store trying to build the community's trust in his vision.

"Midland is one of those places that is rather adverse to change, although we're going through a tremendous amount of it now, and John's drive is 'build it and they will come,' as opposed to 'let's see what everyone wants,'" said Shaffer.

When Trischitti's vision of the Centennial branch was realized, former first lady Laura Bush spoke at the grand opening. A year later, the library has come full circle as the famous native Midlander commented on Trischitti's award.

"Midland's libraries hold a special place in my heart, so I am especially proud that Midland's librarian, John Trischitti, has been named Texas' librarian of the year," Bush said in a prepared statement. "Congratulations, Mr. T, and thank you for having such a great impact on the Midland community and for bringing a new energy to libraries across our great state."

'Captain Underpants' doesn't sit well with some

By Hillel Italie
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The potty humor of "Captain Underpants" children's books and the mature exploration of race and family violence by Nobel laureate Toni Morrison in "The Bluest Eye" would seem to have little in common.

But among some parents, educators and other members of the general public who worry about what books are stocked at their local libraries, the works fall into the same category — they're just too offensive and should be restricted or removed from the shelves.

The American Library Association published its annual "State of the Libraries" report April 13, which included its list of works most frequently "challenged" last year at schools and libraries.

Dav Pilkey's best-selling picture book series topped the list, just as his "Captain Underpants" did in 2012. The reasons cited included "offensive language" and material unsuited for its targeted age group.

"The Bluest Eye," Morrison's first novel, was runner-up, also criticized for language, along with violence and sexual content. Sherman Alexie's prize-winning "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian," a perennial on the list, was No. 3, for reasons including drug references, sexual content and racism.

Pilkey said in a statement issued by his publisher, Scholastic Inc., that he found it surprising "that a series with no sex, no nudity, no drugs, no profanity and no more violence than a Superman cartoon has caused such an uproar.

"Of course, only a tiny percentage of adults are complaining. Kids love the books, and fortunately most parents and educators do, too," he said.

E. L. James' mega-selling, ultra-explicit "Fifty Shades of Grey" was No. 4, followed by the violent world of Suzanne Collins' blockbuster "The Hunger Games."

Others in the top 10 were Tanya Lee Stone's "A Bad Boy Can Be Good for a Girl" (drugs, sex); John Green's "Looking for Alaska" (drugs, sex); Stephen Chbosky's "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" (drugs, homosexuality); Rudolfo Anaya's "Bless Me, Ultima" (Satanism, offensive language, sex); and Jeff Smith's "Bone" series (political viewpoint, racism, violence).

"The list shows the wide range of books that can get people rattled and touch upon their deepest fears and antagonisms," said Barbara Jones, who directs the library association's Office for Intellectual Freedom.

The office defines a challenge as a "formal, written complaint filed with a library or school requesting that a book or other material be restricted or removed because of its content or appropriateness." The office received

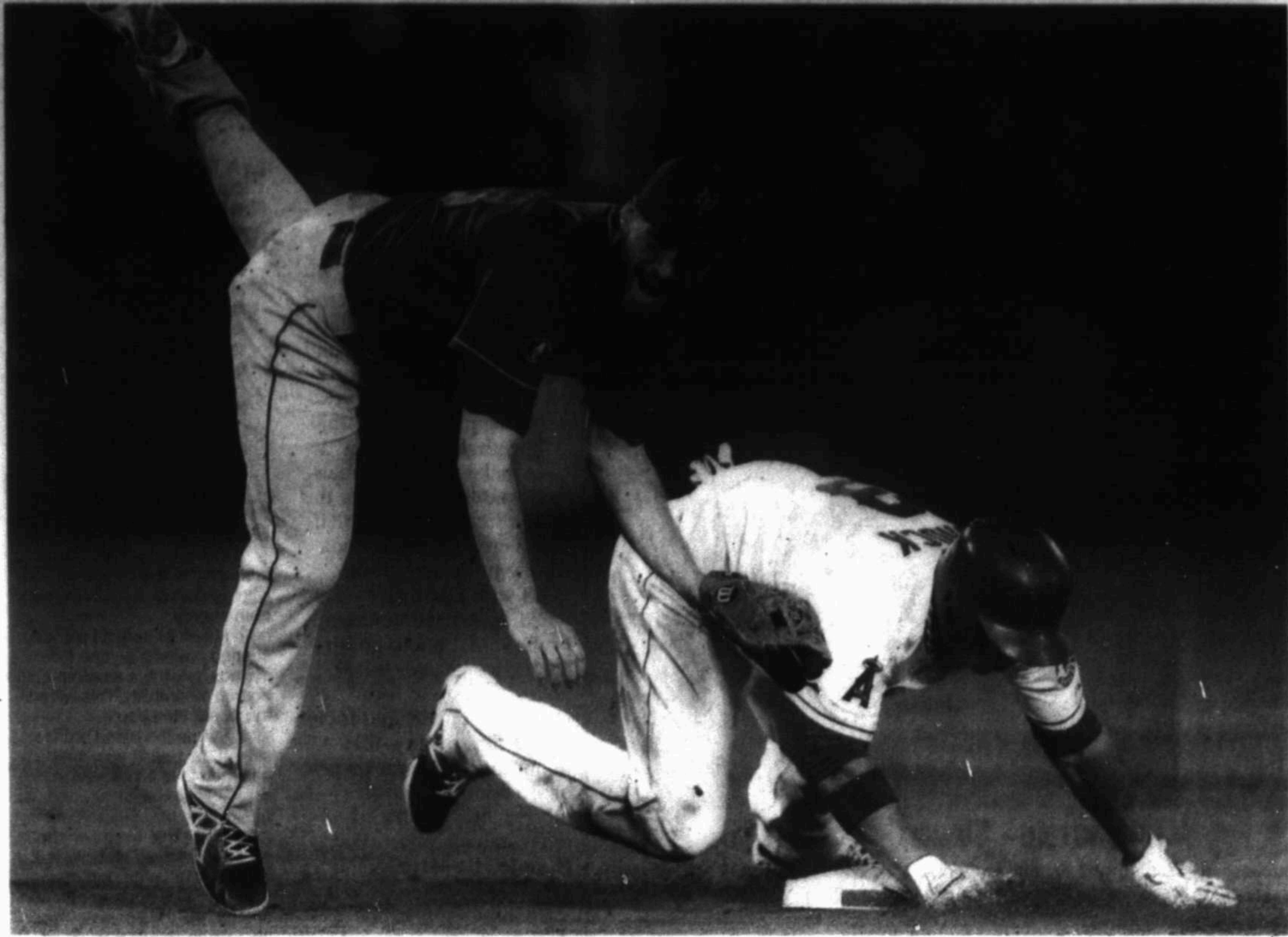
307 challenges last year, down from 464 in 2012 and far below the levels of the 1980s and '90s.

Exact numbers, including how many books were actually pulled, are hard to calculate. The association has long believed that for every complaint registered, four to five go unreported by libraries and that some librarians may restrict access in anticipation of objections. The list is based on press accounts and reports from librarians, teachers and "concerned individuals."

"The number is low this year," Jones said. "We'd like to think it's because people finally understand that pulling a book from their shelves isn't going to solve the problem they're worried about it. But it could be an anomaly."

Many of the books are cited for the very actions and attitudes they were trying to criticize, whether "The Bluest Eye" for violence or Alexie's novel for racism. It's a long tradition, Jones noted, dating back at least to the accusations of racism made against Mark Twain's satirical "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

The list often reflects what's popular among kids and young adults at the time. Over the past decade, the "Harry Potter" books and the "Twilight" series have appeared in the top 10, and Jones thought that the new report would include Veronica Roth's "Divergent" books.



New York Mets second baseman Daniel Murphy, left, throws to first base for the out on Los Angeles Angels' Mike Trout on April 12 after forcing out J.B. Shuck during the eighth inning of a baseball game in Anaheim, Calif. Murphy was criticized on sports talk radio this month for taking three days to spend time with his wife and newborn son Noah.

Pro sports becoming more open to paternity leave

By Jon Krawcznski
Associated Press

Tony Perez was on the road with the Cincinnati Reds in 1966 when he got the call that his first child was on the way. There was no discussion about leaving the team to attend Victor's birth, no such thing as paternity leave.

"They didn't give you any time off when I was playing," the Hall of Fame slugger said, recalling that he got the news about noon before going to the ballpark. "We played that night. We got a day off in Chicago the next day and I flew home on my own."

These days, more pro athletes are taking time off to be with their families in the delivery room. Yet Major League Baseball remains the only one of the four major professional leagues in North America to have a standardized paternity leave policy. The NFL, NBA and NHL leave the matter up to individual players and their teams.

"There is stress on both sides," said Phillies manager Ryne Sandberg, who watched shortstop Jimmy Rollins miss a game against Texas this season to fly home to be there for the birth of his second child. "Job stress and stress from the family side. So I think this being in place takes care of that, just makes it a done deal for the player, and the team deals with it. It takes the pressure off the player."

New York Mets second baseman Daniel Murphy was criticized on sports talk radio this month for taking three days, which is provided for in baseball's rules, to spend time with his wife and newborn son Noah. But in the days that followed, Murphy received wide support from players and coaches who say the times have changed.

"That's a negotiated right that is a win for everybody," said Marlins infielder Ed Lucas, who missed one game last September for the birth of his son. "It shows compassion on the side of the team. It's the only major sport that has paternity leave. But we're also the only sport that plays every day."

Players in the NFL, NBA and NHL all have several off days a week in most cases and rosters stocked with extra players, giving the teams and the athletes the freedom to work on a case-by-case basis. In baseball, a three-day absence usually means three games missed, so the burden on the team, and the potential guilt felt by the player, is much higher.

"I think, traditionally speaking, I think some guys were afraid to ask," Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said. "So many guys didn't want to ask because of job security. It was almost like a standard way of doing it that you didn't leave."

Baseball's general managers and the players' union recognized this trend a few years ago. At the GM meetings in 2011, a rule was drafted to allow a team to place a player on the paternity leave list for three days and call up a replacement from the minor leagues.

"When you have a policy, it just makes it easier for clubs and players," said Dan Halem, MLB's executive vice president for labor relations who helped draft the policy. "Everybody knows what the rules are and it's automatic. You place the player on the list and he goes and everybody knows when he's coming back."

Halem said the measure received universal support among owners and union leaders. In the first three years of the policy, 73 players were placed on the list.

NASCAR recently made changes to be more accommodating. Until this season, a driver could not miss a race without giving up the chance to win a champion-

ship. This year, under the new format, a driver can miss a race and still make the Chase for the Spring Cup championship. Matt Kenseth and Paul Menard had standby drivers this season, with their wives due to give birth.

Both said they were willing to miss a race, if needed. Neither had to because both women gave birth on weekdays.

It doesn't always go so smoothly. In 1993, Houston Oilers offensive line coach Bob Young said right tackle David Williams "let the guys down, and he let hundreds of thousands of fans down" when he chose to miss a game against New England to stay by his wife's side while she gave birth to their son.

In Murphy's case, sports talk radio hosts Mike Francesa and Boomer Esiason questioned him for missing two games at the start of this season.

"One day I understand. And in the old days they didn't do that," Francesa said. "But one day, go see the baby be born and come back. You're a Major League Baseball player. You can hire a nurse to take care of the baby if your wife needs help."

Esiason quickly apologized after a host of athletes, coaches and family groups came to Murphy's defense. Rollins, Dodgers outfielder Carl Crawford and Twins reliever Brian Duensing have missed games already this year for child birth. Minnesota Vikings star running back Adrian Peterson missed three days of training camp in 2011 for the birth of his son. Little attention was paid to any of those absences.

Then there is Oakland reliever Dan Otero, who missed one game while attending the birth of daughter Kinsley in September. Did he get any grief?

"Not at all," Otero said. "They were mad at me. I came back early."

LINDSEY BLAIR

LPC at Center for Children and Families



What should parents do about teen cutting?

Q: What is cutting?

A: Cutting is a form of self-injury in which a sharp object is used to cut, scratch and/or mark the body in a superficial manner. Cutting is typically not a suicide attempt and instead is usually a symptom of emotional pain.

Q: Why do teens cut?

A: Teens use cutting as a short-term relief for emotional pain. Cutting has a pain killer effect that instantly interrupts the depression, anxiety, anger or uncomfortable emotion the teen is experiencing. External pressures, such as making good grades, fitting in with peers, pleasing their parents and feelings of failure can be a trigger to cutting. Cutting can be appealing to teens because the act gives them a sense of control. They may feel as though they can control nothing else around them, but they think they have full control over their cutting behaviors. Cutting escalates over time and eventually the teen must cut more and more frequently to experience the same release of endorphins. Over time the brain learns the association between cutting and pain relief and the habit of self-harm develops. The longer the teen engages in cutting the longer it usually takes to break the habit.

Q: What do parents look for?

A: Parents might notice a change in their teen's appearance, social life, school performance and overall mood. You might notice your teen has started wearing long sleeves and long pants every day instead of the usual shorts and T-shirts. Maybe your teen's grades have dropped and you notice more isolative behavior. Scratches and cuts in the forms of lines and/or words might be visible on the arms and legs, but teens also purposely cut in places others will not see such as the stomach, chest and inner thighs.

Q: What can parents do?

A: Communicate to your teen that you are aware of his or her cutting behaviors and you are concerned. Stay calm and do not react with anger or hysteria. Allow your teen to talk without interruptions and offer support free of judgment and/or criticism. Explain to your teen that he or she will not be in trouble and there is no punishment for his or her unhealthy coping skills. Discuss getting professional help with your teen and do not use bribery or ultimatums to get him or her to the first counseling appointment.

Q: How do teens stop cutting?

A: To change an unhealthy behavior, one must recognize there is a problem. The teen must want to stop cutting, and the motivation must be self-driven. The teen must face his or her emotional issues and be willing to learn healthy coping skills to replace the habitual cutting behaviors. Through therapy one can learn to communicate his or her problems and in the process learn self-regulation and healthy alternatives and builds self-esteem.

Lindsey Blair is a licensed professional counselor who started at Centers in 2013. She primarily sees children, teens and adults using the cognitive behavioral therapy approach.

Words of priest are relevant for Easter

DEAR READERS: I would like to share with you this Easter some paraphrased thoughts from the Rev. Henri Nouwen as he reflected upon the parable of the Prodigal Son and its relevance to us.

■ The love of the father makes his son aware that he is lost; or, "You only know that you're a sinner in the light of God's love. It's only in the light, in the fullness of the sun that you know there's a shadow." Are we aware of the love of God, the father?

■ Each and every child was given the "original blessing" by God of his unconditional love. There is a process of life that we can observe over and over — we are blessed, broken and blessed again. Like Jesus, we too have "been taken, blest, broken and given, because we are beloved sons and daughters from our very beginning." Do we remember that we are beloved and blessed? Do we give that love and blessing to others?

■ The exercise in discovering God's love is prayer. Nouwen suggests we find that quiet time and place to just sit in the presence of God and to say, "I know you are a loving parent but I just don't believe it. I often think that you are out to get me, but today I'm going to stay here in your loving presence, and I'm going to present myself to you." As he says, then "heart speaks to heart." Have we had that "heart to heart" prayer time with our God?

■ God wants to forgive us but are we willing to first

allow him to and then truly accept that truth? It is often hard for many of us to live in close relationships and to "discover that the greatest gift is often to receive." This means giving up control. Are we willing to give up control and to change from being "the strong one to being the one who receives?"

■ Jesus' three temptations in the desert were basically to "be relevant or be spectacular or be powerful." Jesus said "no" to all three, because the way of the father is the way of the poor. The image of God among us is revealed in the Beatitudes, "humble, poor, meek, peacemaker, hungry for justice and peace." Will we have the courage to model ourselves after that image rather than the image of the world?

■ Nouwen believes most of our struggles are connected with the relationship between "first love" and "second love." He describes the first love as the love from God and the second love is from parents, siblings, relationships and friends. As humans, our problem is all too often, "we expect love from someone who can only give a second love. As soon as you demand a first love, an unconditional, total, self-giving love, from another human being, limited in

ability to give and receive, you will be disappointed." Are we willing to go to the source of first love or will we continue to go to others and be disappointed?

■ Each person's life story is beautiful in its own way. Most likely you have been wounded somewhere along the way because, "you experienced God's first love through the brokenness of those who reflected God's love to you — your father, your mother, your brother, your sister" and relationships. All of those who have loved us are limited by the wounds they have experienced in their lives. They have and will continue to wound us not because they want to but because they too, like us, are broken people. Perhaps because of original sin "we are born to love but we cannot love unconditionally." Are we ready to turn to the only source of unconditional love?

The sacrifice Christ made for all of our sins shows us all what unconditional love really means. We learn of the power of God's love paradoxically through the experience of "second love." Accept both loves but know the real thing. We can always return to our Heavenly Father. Have a blessed Easter.

FAMILY MATTERS

Jim May, Ph.D., is director of the Family Wellness Center



Grieving daughter anticipates each Mother's Day with dread

DEAR ABBY: It has been a year since my mother passed away. The month of February was especially tough because it was the month of her birthday and also the month in which she died.

Mother's Day will be here soon, and I'm already feeling bitter, anticipating all of the commercials, advertising, brunches and everything. I don't want to be bitter about Mother's Day, but I am. How do people typically celebrate Mother's Day when they have lost their mother? — JODY IN KEARNEY, NEB.

DEAR JODY: Please accept my condolences for the loss of your mother. If you have siblings, you might find it comforting to talk with them about your feelings. If not, then spend the day quietly, being grateful for the precious time you had with your mother and the many lessons she taught you. I can't speak for others, but that's how I have coped with the loss of my mother, and I'm sure others do it, too.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Glen," and I have been dating for two years. Over the past few months he has been pushing me to open a joint checking account with him.

I have tried explaining that I don't feel like it's a good idea until we are engaged. But every time I say no, he gets upset and angry. Am I wrong for not wanting to put our finances together, and how do I make him see my side? — CAREFUL IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR CAREFUL: You are absolutely NOT wrong, and you should not have to justify your discomfort with the idea of pooling your money with anyone to whom you are not married. In fact, Glen should be trying to explain why he is pushing you into making such a foolish decision. His "anger and upset" are either

DEAR ABBY

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attempts to bully you into doing what he wants, or a sign of desperation to get access to your hard-earned money. If you are at all tempted to relent, I URGE you to first talk to a lawyer about what the ramifications could be if the relationship went sour.

DEAR ABBY: I have a 15-year-old next-door neighbor who loves to come to my house and visit when my preschool-age grandchildren are here. She always overstays her welcome, staying past the girls' bedtimes.

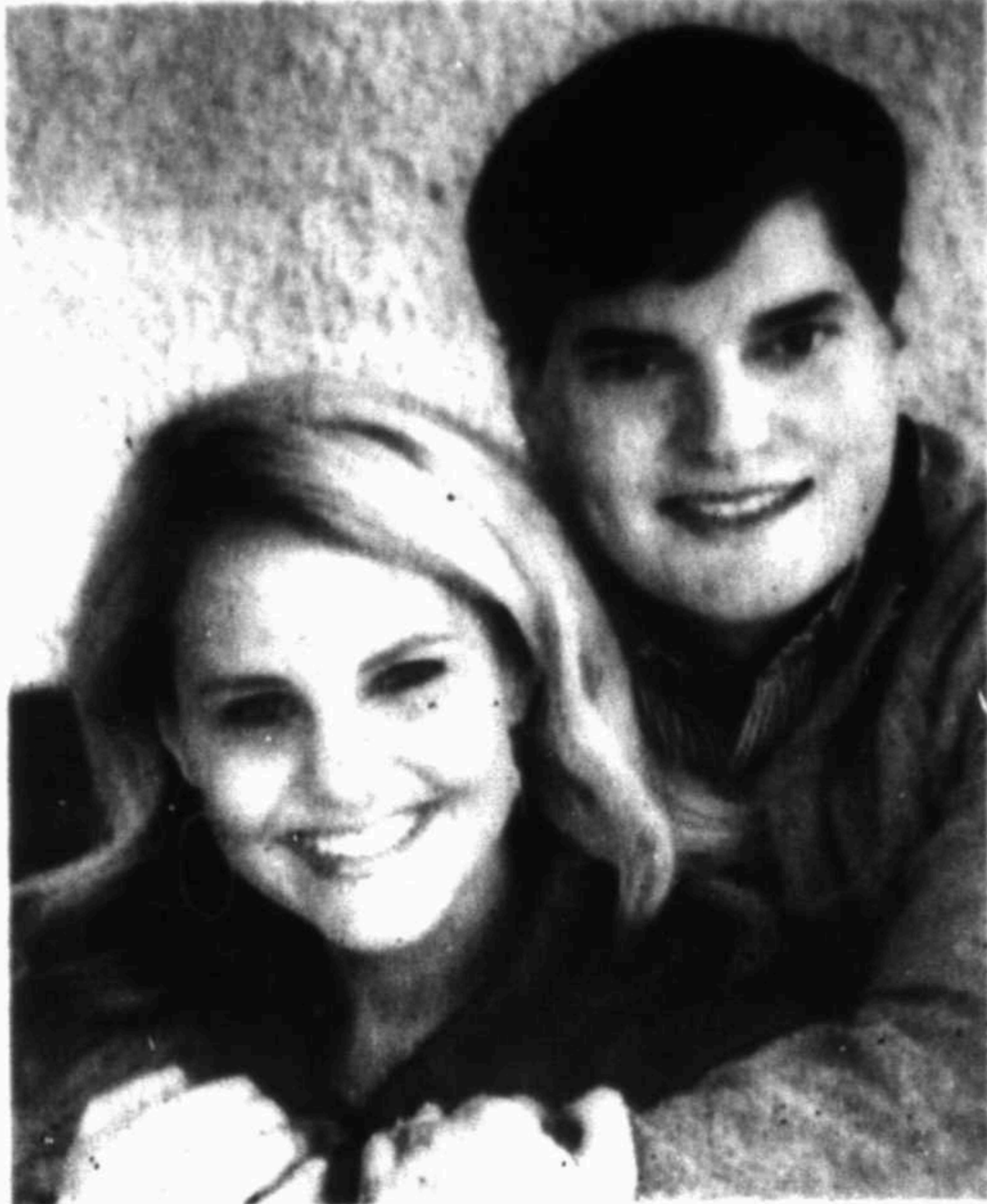
I know the girl is lonely and doesn't have many friends, but I want some private family time with my grandchildren. I don't want to hurt her feelings, but it is starting to interfere with my visits with my grandchildren. Please help. — GRRR-ANDMA IN TERRE HAUTE

DEAR GRRR-ANDMA: I feel sorry for your lonely neighbor, who not only doesn't have many friends, but may also not have a grandmother in her life. Your relationship with your granddaughters may be the only taste she has of what this special, loving bond is like.

I don't think you should cut her off completely. However, it is important that you have a private chat with the girl and explain that you would prefer she limit her visits to once a week (or two) because your grandchildren need alone time with you.

TO MY CHRISTIAN READERS: A happy Easter to all of you!

WEDDINGS



McLaughlin - Satton

Brian and Cynthia McLaughlin are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Claire Augusta McLaughlin, to Monty Cafe Satton, son of Bob and Ann Statton, also of Midland.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. John Mark McLaughlin and the late Mrs. Amy Johnson McLaughlin of San Angelo, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Lon Slaughter, also of San Angelo, Texas.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Ms. Marian Claycomb and the late Mr. Tom Claycomb, Jr. of Sherman, Texas, and Ms. Billie Statton and the late Mr. Robert Earl Statton of Plano, Texas.

Claire is a 2006 graduate of Midland High School. She graduated with Honors from The University of Texas at Austin in 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and in 2013 with a Juris Doctorate degree from The University of Texas School of Law. Claire is employed as an associate attorney at Davis, Gerald & Cremer in Midland.

Monty also graduated from Midland High School in 2006 and earned a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics from Texas A&M University in 2010. He is employed with Chisos Oil & Gas in Midland.

The couple will be married on May 24, 2014, at her grandparents' home in Taos, New Mexico.



Lichenstein - Vinson

Sam and Jetahn Lichenstein of Midland, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtnie Lichenstein, to Wesley Vinson, son of Dana and Jeff Peterson of Wichita Falls, Texas and Larry and Priscilla Vinson of Burkburnett, Texas.

Courtnie graduated from Texas Tech with a Major in Economics and is employed by Pioneer Natural Resources.

Wesley graduated from Texas Tech with a Major in Geology and is employed by Reliable Land Services.

The wedding will be held in July in San Antonio, Texas.

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DIY photo booth forgoes frills, focuses on fun

By Holly Ramer
Associated Press

Photo booths at wedding receptions are at once old-fashioned and modern, harking back to the vintage coin-operated booths found in arcades but also seizing on the current obsession with snapping self-portraits.

The photo strips they deliver make great personalized wedding favors, or the pictures can be assembled into a creative guest book for the bride and groom.

As with all things wedding-related, renting a professional photo booth can be expensive. But if you're willing to forgo some of the frills and focus on the fun, it's possible to put together your own photo booth with little more than a cardboard refrigerator box, an iPad mounted on a tripod and a bit of creativity.

There are numerous inexpensive or free apps that replicate the photo booth experience — I like Pocketbooth — and allow users to post pictures to social media or print them wirelessly using an AirPrint-enabled printer.

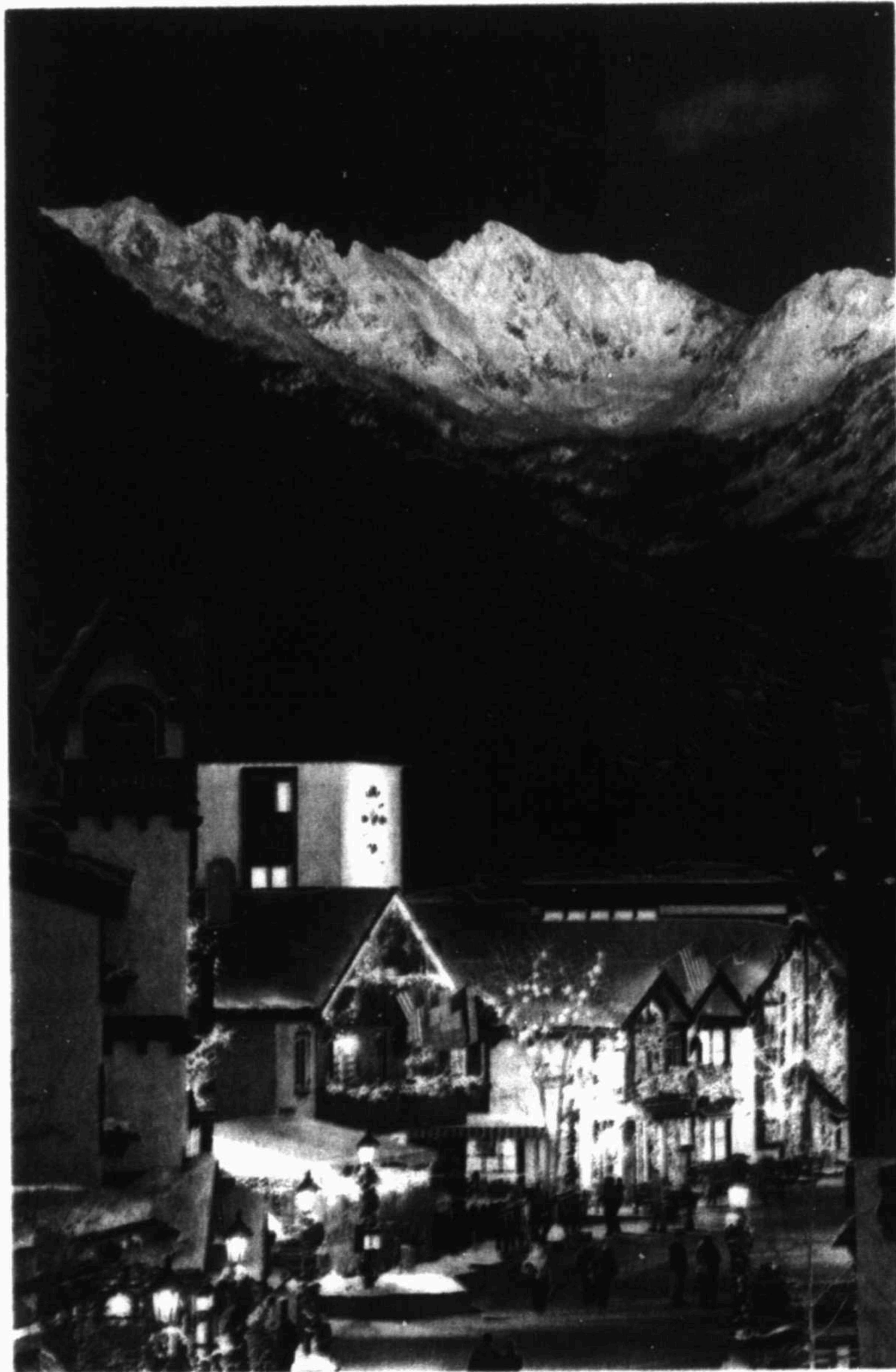
While a cardboard box isn't the most elegant set-up, a few coats of spray paint can transform it into a trendy chalkboard surface that can be embellished with lettering, garlands and other decorations. And this set-up is small enough to tuck away in a corner, where it will at least keep young wedding guests occupied.

MATERIALS:

- cardboard refrigerator box
- box cutter
- ruler, pencil
- chalkboard spray paint
- wooden dowel
- fabric for curtain
- tripod with iPad mount
- iPad
- small chair or stool
- photo booth app, such as Pocketbooth
- optional: AirPrint enabled printer, photo paper
- chalk or chalk ink markers
- small wooden dowels
- adhesive-backed hook-and-loop tape

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cut the top and bottom flaps off the box so you are left with a tall, narrow box open on both ends.
2. Measure and cut a door-shaped opening on one side of the box, leaving a small lip at the bottom for stability. This will be the front of the booth.
3. Set up the tripod on one side of the booth, with the iPad attached to it, positioned so the screen is held vertically and flat against the box. Figure out the correct position based on the height at which guests will be sitting in the booth. Trace around the screen on the box, and cut out the rectangular shape so the screen shows through to the inside of the box.
4. Spray paint the outside of the box with chalkboard paint.
5. If desired, paint the inside of the box another color, or decorate it with paper or fabric.
6. Cut two holes in the sides of the box close to the top front corners and insert a dowel so the curtain can hang over the doorway.
7. Decorate the other sides of the box with chalk lettering and other embellishments. (For example: write "Pick a Prop," "Strike a Pose" and other instructions, or print out a few sample photo strips.) Props such as silly moustaches, glasses and hats can be cut of cardstock and glued to small wooden dowels. Stick a long strip of adhesive-backed hook-and-loop tape to the box, and wrap a bit around the dowels so they can be stuck to the side of the box.



TOP AP reporter Scott Mayerowitz, right, and his fiancée, Sheri Askinazi, take a "selfie" on a gondola while skiing in Colorado. Instead of an all-night drinking binge in a bar or in Vegas, Mayerowitz had his bachelor party in February in Vail, skiing with friends of both sexes, including his fiancée. LEFT The cozy, pedestrian-friendly streets of Vail Village at twilight in Colorado. ABOVE The view down to the base area of Vail Mountain Resort in Colorado.

AP Photos

Bachelor parties changing with increasing age of couples

By Scott Mayerowitz
Associated Press

VAIL, Colo. — Strippers and all-night binge drinking weren't going to cut it for my bachelor party.

Getting married at 36, I figured my days of debauchery — the few days that ever existed — were long gone. I've been to extravagant bachelor parties in Las Vegas, Puerto Rico and Miami's South Beach. I even went to one in New Orleans during Mardi Gras. They were tons of fun but not what I wanted before my wedding.

I wanted to celebrate with my friends, actually spending time with them. Given people's work schedules and young families, we don't get to hang out as much as we used to. Enter Vail. It had every-

thing: skiing, posh hotels and big steak dinners.

"Vail is not about being wild, it's about having a phenomenal time," said Patricia McNamara, director of sales and marketing at the town's Sonnenalp resort. "Wild and Vail don't go together in the same sentence."

Perfect. As couples get married older, they have more life experience, often can afford more expensive trips and may have been to many of the traditional party cities — more than once. So while Vail isn't exactly known for bachelor parties, it and other ski towns are on a small but growing list of alternative destinations for the soon-to-be wed.

Before I continue, I need to mention one other unconventional thing: I

invited my fiancée and some female friends along. We all love to ski and decided this would be our big Western ski trip of the year. When the guys split off for steak and bourbon one chilly February night, the girls went out to Bol — a fancy bowling alley where they sipped champagne while rolling strikes. OK, I was told they rolled strikes.

A lot of people were shocked that I would invite my future wife to my bachelor party. But let's face it, we already live together. It's not like this party was meant to be a final few nights out. It was meant to celebrate our upcoming wedding.

"You don't have to respond to the event in a way that is not true to yourself," said Jamie Miles, an editor at TheKnot.com. "There's

no right or wrong way to have a bachelor or bachelorette party. It's up to the couple's personality."

That was a relief to hear. See, the skiing, eating out and drinking were all fun, but so was one lazy afternoon spent in the lobby of our hotel, the Tivoli Lodge, curled up by the fireplace playing with the two resident dogs, Speedy and Jeppers. It's not the stuff Hollywood dreams up when writing the script for "The Hangover."

As you get older, "your idea of partying, having a celebratory event changes," Miles said. "You're not 21 anymore."

For men, the average age for a first marriage is now nearly 29, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That's four years older than it was three decades ago. Women have also

seen a four-year increase in average marrying age, to 26.

There are still plenty of trips to Las Vegas, but as I asked around, I found lots of folks — at least those who could afford it — flying off to unusual spots.

When Heath Ward of New York City got married in May 2013, he decided to hold his bachelor party in Iceland. He and his friends wanted to go snowmobiling on a glacier.

"We had all been to Vegas together multiple times. Nobody was excited for that anymore. Everybody was past that point in their lives," said Ward, now 29. "People would rather spend money on something that's a little more worthwhile."

Eric Morrow also went to Vail in March with a dozen friends, his future

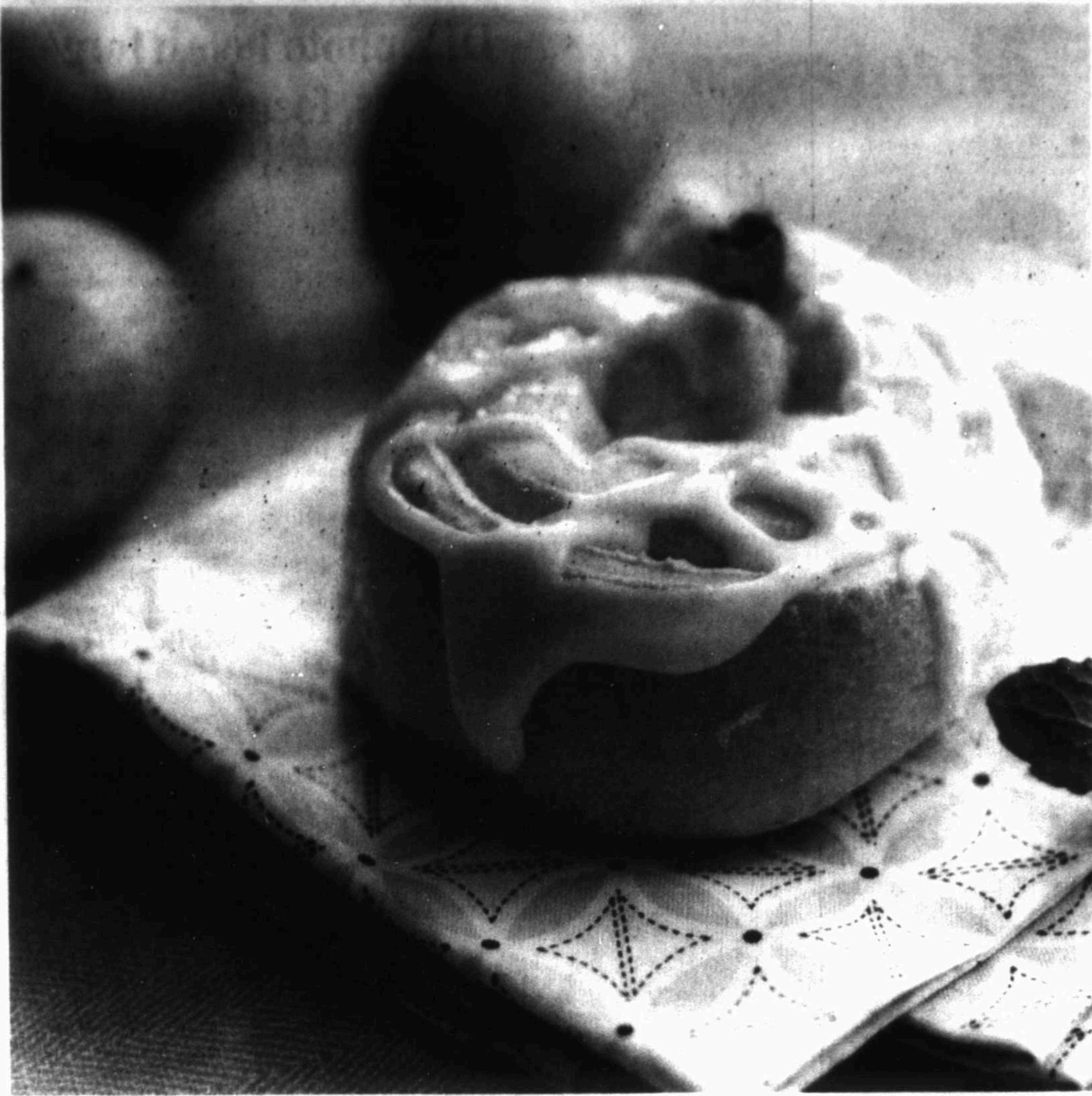
brothers-in-law and future father-in-law. Most of his friends already like to ski and this was the perfect low-key trip for him.

"I don't love a lot of attention," said Morrow, 30. "It's kind of awkward going to a strip club with your future father-in-law."

Everybody seemed to get more out of it than the old-style bachelor party, he said. And this way, "When we're tired, we'll go to sleep."

That sounded familiar. Yes, we had a few late nights on our trip, but by the end everybody was exhausted. Two friends actually fell asleep at the spa one afternoon. So on one of the final nights, instead of trying to get in one last trip to the bar, we were in bed by 9:30 p.m. And I'm completely fine with that.

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Lemon breakfast buns are seen March 10 in Concord, N.H.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Transform bread dough into lemony sticky buns

By Alison Ladman
 Associated Press

STICKY LEMONY BREAKFAST BUNS
 Start to finish: 1 1/2 hours (30 minutes active)
 Servings: 15

Maybe it's the bright color. Maybe it's the fresh, vibrant taste. Whatever the reason, Easter has become inextricably linked to lemon (and chocolate, of course). So we decided to do a refresh of the conventional breakfast cinnamon bun, infusing it with lemony goodness three different ways.

We start by replacing the cinnamon sugar with sugar spiked with lemon zest. Then we fill the buns with purchased lemon curd (a decadent, tangy treat that also is good simply spread onto toast). Finally, we drizzle our finished buns with icing made from lemon juice and powdered sugar.

The result is vibrantly lemony, but not mouth puckering. And to keep things fast and easy, we use purchased frozen bread dough as the base for the buns. All you need to do is thaw the dough, roll it out, fill it, then roll it back up before slicing and baking. These buns are the perfect way to start Easter — or any spring — morning.

You'll find loaves of frozen bread dough in the grocer's freezer section. Jars of lemon curd are alongside the jams and jellies.

- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- Zest of 1 lemon
- Two 1-pound loaves frozen white bread dough, thawed and allowed to come to room temperature
- 1/2 cup lemon curd
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 1/4 cups powdered sugar
- Line a baking sheet with kitchen parchment.
- In a small bowl, stir together the granulated sugar and lemon zest. Sprinkle half of it on a clean counter.
- Place 1 loaf of the dough on the sprinkled counter, then roll it out to form an 8-by-16-inch rectangle (with one of the long sides facing you). Sprinkle the dough with the remaining sugar, then gently run the roller over the dough to ensure the sugar mixture sticks. Roll out the second loaf to the same size, then set it on top of the first.
- Spread the lemon curd over the dough, leaving a 1-inch strip bare along the long edge farther from you. Starting at the edge closest to you, roll the dough up into a log. Pinch the dough along the seam to seal it.
- Using a sharp knife, slice the roll into 1-inch-wide rounds. Arrange the rounds on the prepared baking sheet, then cover loosely with plastic wrap. Allow to rise for 30 minutes, or until puffy. After 15 minutes, heat the oven to 350 F.
- When the buns have risen, uncover and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until golden brown and cooked through. The internal temperature of the buns should read 185 F. Allow to cool slightly before icing.
- To make the icing, in a small bowl whisk together the lemon juice and powdered sugar. Drizzle over the tops of the buns. Serve warm or at room temperature.
- Nutrition information per serving: 250 calories; 50 calories from fat (20 percent of total calories); 6 g fat (1.5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 25 mg cholesterol; 44 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 17 g sugar; 7 g protein; 370 mg sodium.

HINTS FROM HELOISE

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Make a game plan for Easter egg hunts

Dear Readers: If you plan on hiding eggs today, here are some things to think about

- Do you want to use real eggs that you dye, or plastic ones?
- If using plastic eggs, have each child pick a specific color he or she should look for. Fill them with candy, a little note or a coupon for a special outing.
- Keep real eggs refrigerated because the safe time is only about two hours to hide and find all eggs at room temperature. (If they are not going to be eaten, longer is OK.)
- Keep a count of the number of eggs you hide so you can count those collected and be sure you found them all. You don't want to find eggs long after the actual hunt, especially the real ones! — Heloise

TRAIL-MIX BITS
 Dear Heloise: My kids are some very picky eaters. I want to expand their diet without hiding the new foods in familiar ones. To introduce seeds, nuts and dried fruits, I put dollops of Greek yogurt on a cookie tray and placed a nut/seed/dried fruit combination into each. I put them in the freezer for a few hours, and when the kids came home from school, they had some yummy and nutritious treats to eat. They ended up liking them more than I ever expected, and now we spend a night every weekend putting the treats together for the upcoming week. It's been a great way to introduce new foods, help the kids learn about better food choices and show them there's a delicious way to eat every food. — Theresa in Minnesota

TWO HINTS
 Dear Heloise: Here are two hints we thought your readers might find useful. Whenever we bake potatoes, we always prepare two or three extra. If they are not needed during that meal, they are very easy to prepare the next day as twice-baked, fried or hash browns.

Also, we keep restaurant gift cards we've received, and discount coupons for our favorite dining-out spots, in an envelope in the glove compartment of our car. Whenever we're out and decide to treat ourselves to dinner, we have the discount coupons with us. — Jerry and Ellen L. in Ohio

EASY CLEAN
 Dear Heloise: Here is a hint that has saved me a lot of aggravation when cleaning up after baking. Before I put shortening in a measuring cup, I line the cup with plastic wrap. The shortening comes out with ease, and the cup stays clean. — Linda D. in Tennessee

LESS MESS
 Dear Heloise: Here is how I cut up fruit such as pineapple, etc.: I place a cutting board in a cookie sheet (Heloise here: The cookie sheet/baking sheet should have sides), which prevents the juices from running all over the counter. — Albert L., via email

Send a hint to Heloise at P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, 78279-5000; fax 210-HELOISE or email heloise@Heloise.com

Sweet pairings for grown-up Easter treats

By Michelle Locke
 Associated Press

Easter candy is dandy. But Easter candy paired with booze? Now that's something to put a spring in your step.

So we asked wine and spirits connoisseurs to come up with something the adults can sip on while the youngsters hunt for sugary splendors in the grass.

■ **JELLY BEANS**

Wine and chocolate can be a tricky pairing. But wine and fruity jelly beans? That can work. Austin Hope, president of the Paso Robles' winery Hope Family Wines suggests a glass of Treana white wine with a handful, or two, of jelly beans. The wine is made up of equal parts marsanne and viognier grapes and has hints of almond and honey. Paired with fruit-flavored jelly beans — juicy pear, orange, peach or lemon — the wine's crisp taste cuts through the sugary sweetness of the candy.

Or if black licorice jelly beans are more your style — Somebody must eat those things, right? — try them paired with a late bottled port.

■ **PEEPS**

Yes, the vividly hued marshmallow treats are a pairing challenge, but not an insurmountable one. Daniel Cubicciotti, brand ambassador for port producers The Fladgate

Partnership, suggests making a "PINK blossom," a cocktail made from mixing 3 ounces Croft PINK port and 1 ounce elderflower liqueur, then topping it with 2 ounces of a sparkling wine, such as Domaine Carneros Brut 2009. The bright berry flavors of the rose port add a spring freshness to the nostalgic sweetness of the chewy candies.

For a different take, Taryne Dixon, director of food and beverages at the Circa 59 restaurant in Palm Springs, Calif., suggests adding some bourbon to your basket with the Little Bo(urbon) Peep cocktail. In a cocktail shaker, mix one egg white (use pasteurized if raw eggs are a concern) with 1/4 ounce Frangelico, shaking thoroughly to create a frothy mix. Add 1 1/4 ounces bourbon and 1 ounce amaretto, then top with ice, shake and strain into a martini glass. Garnish with the Peeps of your choice. The bourbon does a nice job of balancing out the sweetness of the Peep and the cordials, Dixon said.

"Plus, nothing says Easter better than a cocktail with chicks and eggs," he said.

And Niccole Trzaska of The Liberty bar in New York City has this suggestion — mixing flavored vodka with chocolate liqueur for a candy-like concoction she calls the Peep-

tini. Start by dipping the moistened rim of a chilled martini glass in sugar to coat. Combine 1 1/2 ounces Sobieski Lemon Meringue Vodka with 1/2 ounce white chocolate liqueur and 1 ounce heavy cream in an ice-filled shaker. Shake and strain into glass. Garnish with a Peep.

■ **CADBURY CREME EGGS**

Chocolate creme eggs come on strong with their thick milk chocolate shell and rich, gooey filling. So you want to look for a wine with some heft. Cubicciotti suggests a slightly chilled glass of Taylor Fladgate 10-year-old Tawny Porto to stand up to the richness of the candy with its rich, fruity flavors and notes of caramel. This fortified wine also would be a good match for another Easter classic, Jordan Almonds.

■ **HOLLOW CHOCOLATE EGGS**

Trzaska has come up with a Sriracha spiced cocktail, the hippity-hot, that she said is "oddly delicious" with those ubiquitous foil-wrapped hollow chocolate eggs (a bunny would work here, too). In a shaker, she mixes 1 1/2 ounces vodka, 1/4 ounce vanilla liqueur, 1/4 ounce lime juice, 1/4 ounce cranberry juice, a drizzle of Sriracha and a dash of simple syrup. Then she shakes and strains into a glass and garnishes with a lime wheel.



Matthew Mead/AP

Blossom cocktails surrounded by Peeps marshmallow Easter candy are seen March 31 in Concord, N.H.

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AP photo

In this photo provided by Brian Patrick Flynn/Flynnside Out Blog, the designer Flynn furnished this Atlanta loft strictly using vintage seating found at flea markets. Flynn suggests paying no attention to the existing upholstery, instead focusing solely on the lines of each piece.

MONEY WELL SPENT

Make the most of flea-market shopping

By Melissa Rayworth
Associated Press

The arrival of spring means that flea markets are reopening for business around the country. Shoppers will hunt for treasures amid acres of used goods. A few will come home with just the right vintage art or quirky piece of furniture to make their home more beautiful.

Jaime Rummerfeld, co-founder of Woodson & Rummerfeld's House of Design in Los Angeles, sometimes mixes flea-market finds with high-end new furnishings to decorate the homes of her celebrity clients.

"The beauty of flea markets," she said, "is you never know what you will find. There's nothing like being outdoors or in a place off the beaten path rummaging through old treasures."

Los Angeles-based interior designer Brian Patrick Flynn, creator of the FlynnsideOut design blog, also hunts for vintage pieces: "I shop second-hand regardless of my project's budget or client's level of taste," he said. "Vintage and thrift is the best way to add one-of-a-kind flair to a space without insanely high cost."

There is luck involved, of course. But skill also plays a role. As you browse crowded tables of used things this spring,

how can you find the treasures that will give your home an infusion of style while avoiding decorating disasters?

Here, Flynn, Rummerfeld and another interior designer who shops for vintage decor — Lee Kleinhelter of the Atlanta-based design firm and retail store Pieces — tell how they do it.

WHEN TO GO

Winter and early spring are perfect for flea-market shopping, said Flynn.

"Since 'thrifting' and 'antiquing' are often associated with gorgeous weather and weekend shenanigans, many people shy away from hunting for their vintage finds when it's cold or gloomy," he notes, so go now and go early.

"I usually show up just as the flea market opens to ensure I see every new item as it's put out on display," he said. "When you wait until the end of a flea market's run to check out its stuff, you're likely to find mostly leftovers, things priced too highly which others passed over, or things that are just way too taste-specific for most people to make offers on."

TIME TRAVEL

Rummerfeld occasionally finds signed artwork and ceramics by noteworthy artists at flea markets and antique malls.

"It is amazing to see what people cast away," she said. "I personally hunt for Sasha Brastoff ceramics because of his unique California heritage as a set decorator and artist." She has also found vintage Billy Haines chairs and Gio Ponti lighting at flea markets.

So read up on the designers and artists from your favorite periods, and then hunt for their work or impressive knockoffs.

A single flea market might offer goods from every decade of the 20th century. Can you put a lamp from the 1970s on a table from 1950? Yes, if the shapes and colors work well together, Kleinhelter said.

If your home has contemporary decor, Rummerfeld said it can be powerful to add one statement piece — a side table, say, or a light fixture — from a previous era.

But "a little bit goes a long way. Use vintage in moderation with contemporary spaces," Rummerfeld said. "It will highlight the uniqueness of the vintage item. You don't necessarily want to live in a time capsule."

FIXER-UPPERS

You may assume that old upholstered furniture should be avoided, especially if the fabric looks dirty or damaged. But these designers said it's actually a great thing to hunt for:

"Hands down, upholstery is the best deal to walk away with at flea markets. Just make sure you train your eye to pay no attention to the existing fabrics," Flynn said. "Zero in on the lines of the frames instead."

Kleinhelter agrees: "I usually gravitate toward the bones and frames of vintage pieces, and I make them my own by adding fun fabric or lacquering the base."

The same goes for lighting. Buy it if you love it, but get the wiring updated by a professional. Flynn usually estimates an extra \$50 to \$75 per fixture for updating the wiring, so keep that cost in mind as you bargain.

MIX AND MATCH

Be on the lookout for pieces you can use together. "You don't need multiples of the same chair or sofa to make a room work," Flynn said. "Stick with those which have similar scale and proportion, then recover them in the same fabric."

Once you get home, use flea market finds sparingly, Flynn said, mixing them in with the pieces you already own: "A few big pieces mixed with some smaller ones added to your existing stuff can instantly take an unfinished space and make it feel way more finished and remarkably personal."

ceiling."

Most people want flat paint on the ceiling, but if you want to bring focus to the ceiling, a semi-gloss or high gloss can look "spectacular" in the right space, she said.

James Martin is an architectural color consultant whose company, the Color People, designs colors for buildings. He said "if you're going to have white, you want to use a warm white — yellow white, peachy white, rosy white. Anything you live with, you want it to be warm." It's especially important in an old house: "If you use a warm white, you'll see all the wonderful details in the surrounding woodwork much better," he said.

He adds that "white kills art. When you put a piece of art against a white wall, it isolates the painting so it becomes like a postage stamp — a thing in a box. If you put the same painting against a colored wall, it eliminates those boundaries, pulls the colors out of the painting, and brings the painting to life."

Martin doesn't like white walls, though he'll use off-white in a ceiling. He cautions that bright white trim and a bright white ceiling will make other colors look brighter than they would if you were using an off-white. What can work, he said, "if you

MONEY ADVICE

"The best way to get an amazing deal is to buy a bunch of different items from the same vendor," said Flynn. "This way, they can actually lower their prices since you're guaranteeing them more sales, which in turn also makes their packing up and leaving much easier."

You should bargain, but don't go so low that you'll insult the seller. "If something is marked \$185, it's probably not ideal to offer \$50," Flynn said. One option is to negotiate for a 25 percent to 35 percent discount.

And do bring cash. "Mom and pop dealers don't have the luxury of taking credit cards due to the charges acquired," Flynn said. "If you bring enough cash with you, you're more likely to be able to negotiate successfully."

PERSONAL TASTE

Above all, choose items that delight you.

"I never focus on eras or hunt for specific designers," Kleinhelter said. "Pick what you like."

And be open to serendipity. "When I'm looking for furniture, I always stumble across a good vintage jewelry or clothing vendor and end up with a fun bauble of a bracelet or necklace," Rummerfeld said. "Prices are usually so reasonable, you come away with a good amount of loot. It is always a day well spent."

By Beth Harpaz
Associated Press

White walls? The trick is choosing the right white

NEW YORK — So you want to paint a room white. Sounds easy, until you go to the hardware store to buy paint and discover there are dozens of whites to choose from.

Many have familiar yet poetic names that conjure up ever-so-slightly different hues: cream, pearl, vanilla, snow, chalk, ivory, jasmine, bone. But the closer you look, the more confusing the choices are. You want a plain, basic white, but the purest white on the color chart looks a little harsh next to all those soft shades with just a hint of something else — beige, gray, peach, rose, yellow or the palest-ever blue or green.

Often people default to white because they don't want strong colors in their home. But as it turns out, "it's harder to choose white than any other color," said Sharon Grech, a color design expert at Benjamin Moore Paints.

She said Benjamin Moore alone offers more than 150 whites, and "when people are choosing white, I see more people unhappy or making a mistake or being shocked at the color than when they choose other colors."

And watch out if you go with a pure white untinted by any other

hue. Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute, which maintains color standards, said "the purity and cleanliness" of the purest whites "can also make them feel very sterile and cold. And you can literally get eyestrain from too much dazzling white. So you've got to be cautious. Most people don't want to live with hospital white."

More so than with other colors, whites are also more influenced by colors around them, so Grech said it's crucial to try a sample to see how it looks in the room. Buy a pint and paint a 2-by-2-foot board that you can move around your home. "Sometimes the sun hits it one way or another at different times of day, or it looks different against the rug, or you realize it's got a lot of pink in it or green in it," she said. "It might look totally different in the morning than at night."

The paint sheen makes a difference too, whether matte — a flat paint — or a shiny high-gloss. One recommended mix is a semi-gloss trim with matte on the walls.

And don't forget the ceiling. "More people are thinking of the ceiling as a fifth wall," Grech said. "Think about it in terms of all the rooms that white is going to be flowing through on the

really like white," is to choose a warm white for walls in a flat sheen, then high-gloss trim the same color. "It's a very sexy, subtle thing to do," he said.

Don't pick colors online, advises Martin, because they can be distorted. But there is an art to studying the paper fan deck of paint colors in the store. Bring a white piece of paper with a square cut out so you can focus on the color you're considering without being influenced by the hues around it.

And if you're color-challenged and unsure whether the white you're eyeing is more on the rosy side or the orange side, follow it in the fan deck from its palest iteration to its deepest, to see its true undertone. Warm tints include red, orange, yellow, and offshoots such as peach and apricot, but if you want to cool a room off, go for colors such as blue and purple. In between are the neutrals — taupe, gray, beige.

And don't get overwrought about the choices. "I think most people have more judgment than they think they do," Eiseman said. "You look at something, you have a doubt about it because your eye is telling you something is off here. Or you look at it and it pleases you. In the end, it's your eye and your comfort level."

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No debt, no credit score? No problem

DEAR DAVE: I'm 20 years old, and I'm trying to get out of debt. However, I'm concerned about what might happen when I'm older and don't have a credit score. My girlfriend said I won't be able to get a job or rent an apartment without a good one. Is this true? — Ian

DEAR IAN: No, it's not true. I'm sure your girlfriend is a sweet person, but she has no clue what she's talking about in this situation. In either case you can simply explain that the reason you don't have a credit score is because you have no debt. Since you don't have any debt, you have something known as money. That makes you very stable, and it makes you a fantastic candidate as an employee or tenant.

Listen to me, Ian. I'm a landlord, and if I had my choice between a tenant with no debt and no credit score and someone with a high credit score but lots of debt, I'd take the one who has no debt in a heartbeat. Why? Because that's the one who is most likely to pay.

Besides, you already have a good credit history if you've paid your bills on time. Show them proof of that, if necessary. But taking on a pile of debt to

have a high credit score or increase your current score is just plain stupid!

DEAR DAVE: Would it be a good idea to open CD accounts for my two small children? — Abe

DEAR ABE: No. A CD is a Certificate of Deposit. Basically, they're not much more than savings accounts, which carry early withdrawal penalties. They earn about the same as a regular savings account, too, which at the moment is next to nothing. There's no reason to open them for your kids.

Now, is it a good idea to save money on behalf of your children? Of course, it is. But if the idea is simply to teach and help them save money, I'd recommend simple savings accounts. If you're talking about wanting to save money for them — like for a college fund — I'd suggest an Educational Savings Account (ESA) with good, growth stock mutual funds inside.

Even if you want to put aside college savings, I'd urge you to go ahead and open regular savings accounts for each of them. We did that for our kids, and I can tell you from experience, you'll find tons of teachable moments about saving, giving and life in general!

Five ways to use your tax refund

By Nedra Rhone Cox Newspapers

ATLANTA — Did you receive or are you expecting a tax refund on your 2013 taxes?

What do you plan to do with the money?

In February, a survey of Dealnews readers found more of them planned to save their refund (51 percent) than spend it (9 percent). The percentage of savers rose significantly from last year.

Part of how you will spend your refund may depend on how much you get and your current financial situation, but before you make a move, take a look at what some experts suggest and why those options may be wise choices.

Plan for emergencies. If you don't have an emergency fund already established, Thomas Nitzsche, certified financial educator for ClearPoint Financial Solutions, recommends having \$1,000 emergency cash as well as three to six months

of living expenses saved up. You can use the tax refund to jump-start your accounts. These are still challenging economic times for many people, and being prepared for the unexpected gives you a financial cushion.

Save for the long-term. You could plunk your cash into a savings account, but with interest rates low, it won't make very much money for you. Consumer expert Andrea Woroch said a better use of refund money is to invest it. It's your choice what that investment should be — an IRA or Roth IRA for retirement or a 529 Savings Plan for college are solid options. Your money will grow and you may get tax benefits.

Get out of debt. Americans carry a lot of debt between mortgages, student loans and credit cards. You can use your tax refund to decrease your debt, but think carefully where to put it. If regular mortgage payments are a struggle, use your refund toward that, said Nitzsche of ClearPoint. But many people like to use refunds to pay an additional mortgage or student loan payment, said

Woroch. A better option, she said, would be to pay down high-interest credit cards. The move will save you more money over the long-term.

Tackle to-do's. If you've been holding off on repairs or even waiting to take a vacation, you may want to use your refund to maintain your important possessions or even your peace of mind. Woroch suggests downsizing vacations to a weekend getaway rather than a week at the beach and investing what you save.

Go shopping. So you have no major debts. Your emergency fund is set. You are satisfied with your long-term investments. Then by all means, go shopping. But even that can be done wisely. Use your refund to purchase discounted gift cards instead of heading straight to retail stores, said Woroch. Or if you file through TurboTax, use all or some of your refund toward an Amazon gift card to get 10 percent more. So \$100 refunded as a gift card would get you \$110. You can purchase gift cards in increments of \$100. For details see Amazon.com.

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Upgrade your home with help from BBB

BBB offers advice for hiring a contractor when improving your home

Instead of choosing to buy a new home, many people prefer to remodel or upgrade their current one. Most home improvement projects take time and money. More importantly, they require skilled, reputable contractors that can bring your dreams to life.

Better Business Bureau (BBB) received nearly 5,000 complaints against the home improvement industry nationally last year. Most complaints allege contracted work was not done properly or final costs were more than quoted. Others claimed repair or billing issues.

It's important to do your research before hiring anyone. You can find a BBB Accredited contractor at checkbbb.org. For any business, go to bbb.org to check the company's BBB Business Review for a history of complaints.

Once you have a list of contractors to contact, it's time to ask the hard questions:

How many projects like mine have you completed in the last year? May I have a list of references?

Ask for a list of references to get an idea of how familiar the contractor is with your type of project. A contractor should be able to give you names and phone numbers of at least three clients with projects like yours. Ask each client how long ago the project was and whether it was completed on time.

What are my payment options? Don't pay large fees up front or pay in cash. It's best to solicit bids from at least three different companies. All bids should be in writing and should provide a full description of the services to be provided and the materials to be used. Depending on the nature of work, you may wish to specify the kinds (grade or thickness) of materials that will be used, as this could affect the bid.

Will my project require a permit? Some building projects may require permits, even for simple jobs such as decks. Additions or alterations to your home may affect title transfers or insurance requirements should you ever decide to sell your home. Therefore, be cautious of contractors who state no permits or inspections are required. All contractors are required to obtain permits for their work. Also, be wary of a contractor who asks you to obtain a permit on their behalf. The party that obtains the permit is ultimately held responsible for work that does not meet city code.

What types of insurance do you carry? The Federal Trade Commission recommends contractors have:

- personal liability
worker's compensation
property damage coverage

Ask for copies of insurance certificates and make sure they're current, or you could be held liable for any injuries and damages that occur during the project.

If you have an issue with a business or feel you have been scammed:

- File a complaint with BBB.
Contact the Texas Attorney General's office.
Consult your local home builders association.

This article was made available by Tyler Patton, regional director of the Better Business Bureau. Learn more about the Better Business Bureau at permianbasin.bbb.org.



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Lorraine Spickermann,

UTPB to host STEM Academy Town Hall Meetings

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin has received approval to move forward with the creation of a charter school to be named the UTPB STEM Academy. The UTPB STEM Academy will open in August and is currently accepting applications for students.

UTPB will host a series of town hall meetings to provide parents with more information and an opportunity to ask questions about this innovative and individualized program. Please join us at:

- 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 22nd in the UTPB Library Lecture Hall, Room LL001
- 6 p.m., Thursday, April 24th in the Ector County Administration Building, 1010 E. 8th Street, Room 500, Odessa, TX
- 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 29th in the Woodson Park Community Center, 1010 E. Murphy, Odessa, TX
- 6 p.m., Thursday, May 1st in the Slater Park Community Center, 1001 W. 38th St, Odessa TX

What do you need to know about the UTPB STEM Academy?

- Classes will begin with K-6 and add one grade level each year.
- Open enrollment on the UTPB campus with 44 students per grade level.
- Project based learning with active engagement and learner-centered.
- Half day format.
- Opportunities to learn from UTPB STEM professors.
- Technology rich environments - an iPad will be provided for each student.
- Focus on hands-on, discovery/inquiry-based learning/research skill building.
- Special education services and other programs offered by traditional schools will be provided.
- Teachers will be certified and possess a Master's Degree or working toward a Master's degree.
- A Virtual Library with more than 5000 choices will be provided for each student.
- Virtual online curriculum lessons, learning videos and assessment tools will be used.

For more information, contact 432-552-2580, email STEMACAD@utpb.edu or go to the www.UTPBSTEMAcademy.org website.

Falcon Day planned

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin (UTPB) is hosting Falcon Day on Saturday, April 26, 2014. Visit the campus during this free event and see what UTPB has to offer. Learn more about:

- Admission and Financial Aid
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Visit with Professors & Current Students
- Academic Departments/Majors
- Housing and Campus Tours
- Breakfast & Lunch Included
- Great Door Prizes (including SCHOLARSHIPS!)

Space is limited for this free event and so pre-registration is required. The deadline is Wednesday, April 23rd. To pre-register for Falcon Day, get directions to campus, access a campus map, and/or look for a place to stay overnight, please go online to <http://ss.utpb.edu/admissions/falcon-day/> or www.utpb.edu. For further questions, please call the Office of Admissions at 432-552-2605, or email us at admissions@utpb.edu

Come see why our students like the quality education, in a personal setting at an affordable price! We look forward to seeing you on-campus! Go FALCONS!



Chelsea Putman • "When Realistic Goes Abstract." • chalk pastel on paper • 26"x22"

NANCY FYFE CARDOZIER GALLERY The University of Texas of the Permian Basin

Junior/Senior Art Exhibition 2014

Opening Reception
7-9 pm, Friday, April 25
Exhibition Dates:

April 25 - May 25, 2014

Gallery hours:
9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday - Friday
2 p.m.-5 p.m., Saturday - Sunday

All Nancy Fyfe Cardozier Gallery exhibitions are sponsored by UTPB Student Life and the Odessa Council for the Arts and Humanities.

THE ARTS

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TEAMING UP



Valjean (played by Dale Jenkins) blesses the union of his daughter Cosette (played by Missy Snow) with Marius (played by Daniel Ramirez) during a media rehearsal of 'Les Misérables' on Tuesday.

Local organizations go epic with 'Les Misérables'

By Rich Lopez
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The French Revolution comes to Midland this month — with a distinct West Texas touch.

Two major arts organizations team up again to bring the sweeping musical epic to the Wagner Noel on Thursday through Saturday. But this is more than another big Broadway show on that stage. Midland Community Theatre and the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale

work to prove this local production can compete with any of the touring shows that make their way to that facility.

Pre-ticket sales already are proving that.

"Friday and Saturday have sold well enough that we opened up our Thursday performance which was just going to be for our sponsors," said Tim Jebson, executive director of Midland Community Theatre. "Certainly the title will draw some, but I think the local connection offers some uniqueness that is attractive."

"Les Misérables" isn't the first collaboration between the two organiza-



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TOP LEFT
Fantine (played by Emily Bourland) begs for Valjean to care for her daughter during a media rehearsal of 'Les Misérables' on Tuesday.

MIDDLE LEFT
Valjean bargains with Thenardier (played by Carl Beery Moore) and Madame Thenardier (played by Lisa Barnett).

TOP RIGHT
Marius (played by Daniel Ramirez) begs Eponine (played by Abby Anderson) to help him find Cosette.

LEFT
Musical director Greg Pysh and director Tim Jebson (center) pose for a group photo with the cast of 'Les Misérables' on Tuesday.

PHOTOS BY JAMES DURBIN

Meet the Artist

5 questions with Lauren Curry

Lauren Curry is an instructor at the Midland Festival Ballet who trained at Ballet International Academy in Indianapolis. Her further training and performances have taken her to Seattle, Chicago and Brooklyn, and she worked as an instructor with Boston Ballet's Citydance Program. Curry has also choreographed for Trinity School and Midland High School.

MRT: Who are your artistic/dance heroes?

Curry: My two major dance heroes are George Balanchine and Martha Graham. George Balanchine was a brilliant choreographer who took ballet and stretched its lines, increased its speed and fused his Russian background with a love of his adopted American home. In a field with so many women, there are few recognized female luminaries.

Martha Graham's innovation and spirit of independence stand as an inspiration to all women, dancer or no. She developed a technique that broke with ballet in ingenious ways, but still molded dancers into strong, magisterial instruments for her choreography. For me, a truly thoughtful artist can blend the things in the past worth hanging onto with a future worth waiting for.

MRT: Describe your ideal last meal.
Curry: The last morsel down my gullet simply has to be lobster tail drenched in butter. I clearly picked the wrong profes-

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Courtesy photo

From left, Nancy Gibson, Spencer Sipko of Standard Sales, Cristi Branum, Dwight Alworth, Karmen Hendrix Bryant, Joe Cobb and Taylor McKown are seen at the Museum of the Southwest with their awards. Not pictured are Claire Shaw and Jane Sheppard.

Museum of the Southwest honors volunteers

By Rich Lopez
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In a cocktail reception last week, the Museum of the Southwest honored its volunteers at its Annual Appreciation Awards. The event featured recognition of volunteers, but also a

handful of special awards were given out. Executive Director Brian Lee Whisenhunt acknowledged the value of their service to the museum.

"The Museum of the Southwest could not do all the things we love doing for the Midland commu-

nity without the support of our many volunteers. They bring so much to the Museum — vision, energy and personality. We love the relationships we have with the community and greatly

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FARMERS MARKET
LEFT Shelby Miller and daughter Jennifer, shop at the Midland Downtown Farmers Market in downtown Midland on Oct. 26, 2013. The farmers market is open Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 501 W. Texas Ave.

MRT file photos

CALENDAR

Compiled from staff reports and from the Arts Council of Midland

SUNDAY

RockHounds game and Faith and Family Day, 2 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark. miib.com.

MONDAY

Tall City Cloggers dances, every Monday at M-Squarena. Call Lynn Myers at 697-6416 or danznfol@grandecom.net.

TUESDAY

Midland Community Band's weekly meeting, 7-9 p.m. at Midland College Fine Arts Building Band Hall. New members always welcome. Call Walter McClure at 260-7136.

Marfa Public Radio's "Nature Notes," 8:35 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. every Tuesday-Thursday. KXWT-Midland/Odessa-91.3 FM.

Palette Club's painting time, 9 a.m.-noon. Meeting and demo scheduled on second Tuesday of the month. 664-3197.

Permian Basin Dance Club with live country-western band, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Stephen's Catholic Church ballroom, 4601 Neely Ave. Members \$5, non-members \$6. Alcohol- and smoke-free environment. 520-4343 or 218-8215.

Wine, Women and Shoes

benefiting Midland Rape Crisis and Children's Advocacy Center, 6-9 p.m. at Midland Center. winewomenandshoes.com/midland.

After school Earth Day celebration and story time "Arthur Turns Green," at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Earth Day Birthday, 6:30-8 p.m. at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

THURSDAY

The Business of Art: Discovering Archaeology in Texas' Vast Trans-Pecos Region, 6 p.m. at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Brown Bag Lunch & Lecture Series with retired Col. Charles Buck Hamilton, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Taste of Home Cooking Show, 6-9 p.m. at Midland Center. themidlandcenter.com.

Great Outdoors Expo, Thursday through Sunday at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Thursday Night Dance Club of Odessa with music by Showdown, 7:30-10 p.m. at 301 E. 61st St in Odessa. 697-0281.

"Les Miserables" with MCT and MOSC. Thursday through

Saturday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagner-noel.com.

FRIDAY

Best of the Basin BBQ Championship with Pat Green and Brian Milson, Friday and Saturday at CAF. Benefiting Bynum School. bynumschool.org/bob

Davis Mountain State Park open house, Friday and Saturday at Davis Mountain State Park. tpwd.com.

Opening reception for UTPB's Junior/Senior Art Exhibition, 7-9 p.m. at Nancy Fyfe Cardozer Gallery in the Visual Arts Studios. Exhibit runs through May 25. utpb.edu

SATURDAY

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at 501 W. Texas Ave. midland-downtownfarmersmarket.com

Random of Acts of Art for adults in conjunction with "Russian Icons: Imperial Treasures" exhibit, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Eilen Noel Art Museum. 550-9696.

West Texas Boys Ranch ninth annual Sporting Clay Shoot, at San Angelo Claybird Association. wtbr.org.

Drillers game and Breast Cancer Awareness night, 7 p.m. at Grand Communications Stadium. wtillers.net.

SAVE THE DATE

Midland Arts Association's Texas Artists Today spring juried exhibit reception, 6-8 p.m. May 1 at Museum of the Southwest. maatx.org.

Summer science classes, June 20-Aug. 8 at Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. Register now. petroleummuseum.org.

ON DISPLAY

ArtQuest Studios' reserved studio time, \$35 per month, 700 Andrews Highway. heron-artconnection@sbcglobal.net. 553-0420. www.artquestx.com.

Blakemore Planetarium's permanent exhibits are open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Closed Sunday and Monday. Sky shows throughout the week. 1705 W. Missouri Ave. 683-2882.

The Eilen Noel Art Museum's exhibit "Russian Icons: Imperial Treasures" through May 17. Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. www.noelartmuseum.org. 550-9696.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum's permanent exhibits include "My Town," "Beach Babies" and "Touch of Sound." Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m., Admission charged. 1705 W. Missouri Ave. 683-2882.

George Bush Childhood

Home's tours and gift shop hours are 2-5 p.m. Sundays and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturdays. Admission charged. 1412 W. Ohio Ave., 685-1112.

Haley Library and History Center's hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free. 1805 W. Indiana Ave. 682-5785.

Midland Arts Association presents photography of Sean Patty in the Community National Bank Lobby, 401 W. Texas Ave. during April.

Midland County Historical Museum's exhibit honoring World War II veterans in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission's three-year program. Permanent exhibits: Native American artifacts; early Midland photos and relics; replica of Midland Man discovery; early obituary files available for research, 301 W. Missouri Ave. 2-5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Free. 682-2931 or 688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society's Z. Taylor Brown-Sara Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland. Open by appointment. 213 N. Weatherford St., 682-5447.

Midland County Public Library's children's exhibit "Arthur's World" from Boston Children's Museum, through June 28 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Museum of the Southwest's

exhibits: Kathy Sosa's "Identidad" through June 27, "Pulled, Pressed and Screened: Important American Prints," a traveling exhibition from the Syracuse University Art Collection, through today.

Permanent exhibits: Taos Master: Taos Society of Artists collection. MSW Sculpture Park has 14 sculptures on display. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. \$5 adults, \$3 children. 1705 W. Missouri Ave., 683-2882.

Nancy Fyfe Cardozer Gallery, UTPB exhibit: Constituents work by Rebecca Hermann through April 13. Free and open to the public. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 2-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Options Gallery, Odessa College, 201 W. University Blvd. Free. 335-6640.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, 1500 Interstate 20 West, 683-4403.

Scarborough-Lineberry House is open by appointment and available for rental for weddings and other special occasions. 802 S. Main St. 685-7368

Arts Council of Midland maintains a calendar of all submitted arts-related activities. To submit events see use form from www.acmidland.org.

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

"I'LL BE WAITING" BY MATT SKOCZEN

Grid for crossword puzzle with clues and answers. Clues include: 1. Hardly orderly, 2. Anger's quarry, 11. Suffix with Einstein, 14. Clerch, 18. More arch, 19. Type of exam, 20. Kinshasa-to-Cairo dir., 21. Incited (to), 22. Cherubim, e.g., 23. Storybook, 24. HCH successor, 25. 2012 Hot 100 #1 song in both the U.S. and Canada, 26. Cool!, 27. See 47-Across, 30. Gaffer Aoki, 32. Humble, 33. Some airport displays, briefly, 34. See 71-Across, 41. 1 Guess, Rather Be in Colorado, John Denver song, 42. Bogus blazer, 43. Breakfast pastry, 47. Source of the song "The Hostess With the Mostess on the Ball", 50. Regretful one, 51. Actress Joanne, 54. Chiwers speakers, 56. Most cliched, 58. See 91-Across, 62. Literary hodgepodge, 63. Pod-bearing tree, 64. Ship substitute, 65. See 119-Across, 69. It may be false, 71. "Memorable 1851 novel line", 74. Blot, 75. Of last month, 77. Energizer choice, 78. "Van Housen/Cahn classic", 83. Hurling goo at, 87. Wintry mix component, 88. Small bit, 89. Henriette, to Henri, 91. "Parting request", 92. Lakota tribe, 95. Rapacious, 97. X, to Xanthippe, 98. See 25-Across, 104. Serious, as a reader, 106. Clarifier, beginning, 109. Fluency

Grid for crossword puzzle with answers filled in.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch
Demons of doubt

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

Bridge hand diagram showing cards for North, South, East, and West.

The bidding:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1NT Pass 2♦ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♠ Pass
2NT Pass 3♣ Pass
4♠ Transfer, five or more hearts

Opening lead: Four of ♣

Good defenders are always looking for a way to give declarer a losing option — a play that declarer is forced to consider only because of the given defense.

South did a good job of describing his 6-5 distribution and arrived in the best game. It looks like a cakewalk. What could go wrong?

East won the opening diamond lead and shifted to the queen of hearts. Declarer could have saved himself some grief by ducking this and later playing a heart to his 10, but he can't be faulted for covering with the king.

Indeed, there are many layouts where covering would have been

essential. West won his ace and returned a heart to East's jack. East played a third round of the suit, ruffed by West with the eight and over-ruffed in dummy with the queen.

Declarer was now forced to consider the spade position. Why had East defended like this? Was he trying to promote his jack-third of trumps into a trick, or just throwing up a smokescreen? The demons of doubt wrestled in his mind. After much thought, South played a trump to his ace, crossed back to dummy with the queen of diamonds, and played a trump to his 10. Down one! Nice defense!

JACQUELINE BIGAN'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 20, 2014: This year you often put in extraordinary effort to make your dreams a reality. The toll that these efforts take on you could be high. CAPRICORN is stern but alluring.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ Someone you look up to could make you feel rather tense. Use your instincts when dealing with this person. Tonight: In the limelight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Keep conversations moving. Make calls in the morning. Someone at a distance could be unusually controlling. Tonight: So what if tomorrow is Monday?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ Be aware of the costs of having a lack of discipline. You can't keep juggling your finances. Tonight: Go along with someone else's wishes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You might want to take off. Others seem to seek you out with so many invitations that you could be overwhelmed. Tonight: Return calls.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ You might be exhausted by the hectic pace. A loved one knows how to energize you. Your resilience comes through. Tonight: On center stage.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You could be taken back by a loved one's efforts to distract you. You might be worried about meeting a pal, so just call and make an excuse. Tonight: Act like the weekend is beginning.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ You feel pressured by a domestic matter. What is clear is that nothing is going to change quickly. A loved one might be unpredictable. Tonight: Take a step back.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ A conversation in the morning points to plans involving a child. Choose an environment where you can relax. Tonight: Let a loved one make the first move.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ You might decide that you are not going to rein in your impulsiveness today. Your friends might decide to join you. Tonight: Buy a token of affection.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Try to bring what you are thinking about into reality, and know that your goals are very possible to attain. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ You might not want to be found, so take this day for you. Know that you will need to recharge your batteries. Tonight: Mystery works.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Reach out to a friend. You might not like the plans that he or she has in place, but you do enjoy spending time with this person. Go off and join him or her. Tonight: Go where the fun is. ***

BORN TODAY
Actor George Takei (1937), actress Jessica Lange (1949), U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts (1936)

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE

Grid for crossword puzzle with answers filled in.



HUNDRED VISIONS

Hundred Visions performed April 11 at the Yucca Theater. **BELOW LEFT** Ben Maddox, of Hundred Visions, performs. **BELOW RIGHT** Johnny Krueger jams out on guitar as Eric Loftis drums.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram



MUSICAL

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tions. They've produced "Evita" and "Ragtime" at Midland College's Chaparral Center. Both groups put the idea of another collaboration on hold as the efforts to produce were extensive. But the conversation resurfaced when the Wagner Noel was built. That could just be the home they were waiting for because so much is already provided for them.

"The facility can provide front-of-house and ticket sales and some crew so it's been a lot easier from before. We don't have to provide the lights and the sound. We're able to focus more on the show itself, which makes it a lot more enjoyable," Jebson said.

The approach to this show has been meticulous. The leads were auditioned and cast nine months before full rehearsals so they could learn the music. The crew has been at work crafting the show, and the cast finally came together in the last two months. Rehearsals had to be separate but overlapping with MOSC's LuAnn Lane providing musical accompaniment. MOSC Director Gregory Pysh has served as vocal coach while also reading the symphony. And all is going according to plan.

"Rehearsals are right where they should be," Pysh said. "We're in the Redfern Room of the MCT for rehearsals so it really is very much a shared experience."

No kidding. Not only are they working in the MCT venue, they perform in

the MOSC's home venue at the Wagner Noel. The show symbolized more than just a production; the community truly is coming together for this.

West Texans will be excited by the first-class production, Pysh said. And the grandness of the show cannot be ignored.

"We have about 100 people producing this show who all live in the Permian Basin area," Jebson said. "I think that local connection has value here."

Performing at the Wagner Noel could be akin to a child in a toy shop. The facility offers a larger space with bells and whistles not available at the MCT space. Jebson is expecting to take full advantage of that.

"It's a different look and scope in a whole different facility," Jebson said. "So much is new and it gives us opportunities to do things we can't do in our own space. We've rented huge drops and we'll fly in chandeliers and bridges. We can do that, so why not?"

"Les Misérables" was a monster hit on Broadway when it debuted in 1987 and ran through 2003. The show stands as one of the longest-running shows in history. Based on the Victor Hugo novel, the story focuses on Jean Valjean and his search for redemption from his time in jail for stealing bread. After breaking parole, police inspector Javert mercilessly tracks Valjean as France undergoes its age of revolution.

Plainly, it's epic — as is the production. Jebson calls the preparations

exhilarating. Pysh says this mini-run is all the more reason for people to go out to see.

"With MCT shows, some people can just catch it the next weekend. And most people know MOSC shows are just the one. I think the cast will realize each performance is special and do their utmost to make it that way. These are our folks. And so I hope our community comes out to support," he said.

With all that's in place and impressive ticket sales already, is it fair to assume the conversation for collaboration could continue? Neither of the men are opposed.

"I think 'Les Miz' is going to be completely amazing and I'm excited to see and hear how the audience responds," Jebson said. "And hey, it is showbiz. You never know what's going to happen."

From a conversation that started almost three years ago, collaboration wouldn't just be a win for the organizations but for Midland, Pysh said.

"We work very well together and with the combo of the symphonic and the stage that both feature folks in our community is not just unique, but rises above the ordinary," Pysh said. "I mean we're pretty amazed by it now."

"Les Misérables" at the Wagner Noel, 1310 N. Farm-to-market 1788 April 24-26 at 7:30 p.m. \$25-\$45. Wagnernoel.com.

Detroit dilemma shows foundations' efforts to keep art collections intact

Early this week, Christie's held an incredible preview of impressionists at the Petroleum Club in Midland. With Picasso, Wyeth, Van Gogh, Henri Moore and Rockwell gracing the lobby, the subtle power of art was evident through the evening. Attended by connoisseurs, collectors, curators and culturally inclined, the auction house brought art worth millions of dollars up-close and personal for viewing in an open lobby setting surrounded by food and wine — which would indeed be a tall order in a conventional museum setting. Art is, in fact, a unique industry unto itself that feeds the soul and flames the imaginative aspirations of the aesthete.

While a fraction gets collected, preserved and displayed at museums and galleries in a statement of shared heritage, the institutions themselves are sometimes faced with the harsh realities of sustainability, viability and relevance on a priority spectrum. Detroit faces such a dilemma today — whether to use art from the collection of the Detroit Institute of Arts — one of the oldest American institutions — to pay debts in the face of bankruptcy with the pension plan facing a \$3.5 billion shortfall, and the health plan of its present and former employees declared insolvent. In December 2013, Judge Steven Rhodes ruled on the largest municipal bankruptcy in American history, making the city of Detroit eligible to file Chapter 9 bankruptcy.

Soon thereafter, the auction house Christie's released its appraisal of the DIA's art collection at between \$452 million and \$886 million, with a few master-

GEORGE JACOB
executive director of the Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin



pieces accounting for a large share. The city government was trying to raise \$816 million from a consortium of foundations and various other sources. Though the collections at the Detroit Institute of Art are worth an estimated \$2 billion, by some counts, the creditors cannot compel the sale of artwork. With collectors and auctioneers eyeing Caravaggio, Bruegel, Rembrandt, Cézanne, Van Gogh, Matisse, Picasso, Francis Bacon, Warhol and others, the moral dilemma is palpable.

The sad saga entered new levels of complexity with recent four rival competitive offers coming from three continents. The plan to shield the institute's collection from being liquidated and moved from the state has much empathy amongst art lovers and those concerned about losing its soul and very identity. The use of foundations to keep the collections intact and use the value of art as collateral is perhaps the most dramatic example ever of private philanthropy coming to the rescue of a bankrupt city government. The bankruptcy court is yet to rule on these developments, while the debate festers in the public domain on the difficult choice of selling art to pay the bills.

CURRY

From 1F

sion to have such expensive taste, no?

MRT: What's your proudest achievement in your field?

Curry: I think my proudest achievement was receiving the Monticello Award for my choreography at an FDA-SW conference. Creating dances is the most worthwhile thing I can do with my time. Hearing a piece of music and feeling that familiar tug that means "you have to make something for this music" is such an exciting sensation. Creating a piece is like being the inventor of a beautiful machine that

makes people think and feel. In order to achieve this, the machine has to combine intricacy and universality, nuance and broad strokes. It's challenging, infuriating, impossible, absolutely divine work. And to be recognized for it meant the world to me.

MRT: Your not-so-secret indulgence.

Curry: Perhaps some Midlanders have seen me riding my bike to and fro. Riding is a very important part of my day logistically and emotionally. When I'm riding, it's usually to get to someplace I actually have to be. But also, feeling the sun on my skin and being

my own internal combustion engine is thrilling. So share the road, Midland! Or get a bike yourself. You might love it.

MRT: What's in your car/home music player right now?

Curry: I was most recently listening to Blackalicious. Gift of Gab is a true poet with a live wire passion for elevating the beauty in all people. People who condemn rap music prima facie should take the time to really listen to artists like him. I thought I hated country music before I moved to Texas. Then I gave it a chance and I love some of it. We should all spread our love around.

MUSEUM

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appreciate all the contributions of our volunteers," he said.

The following were honored at the reception. Karmen Hendrix Bryant

received the Turner Award. Cristi Branum received the Melissa Eastham Award for Exemplary Board Service.

Taylor McKown received the Future Leader Award.

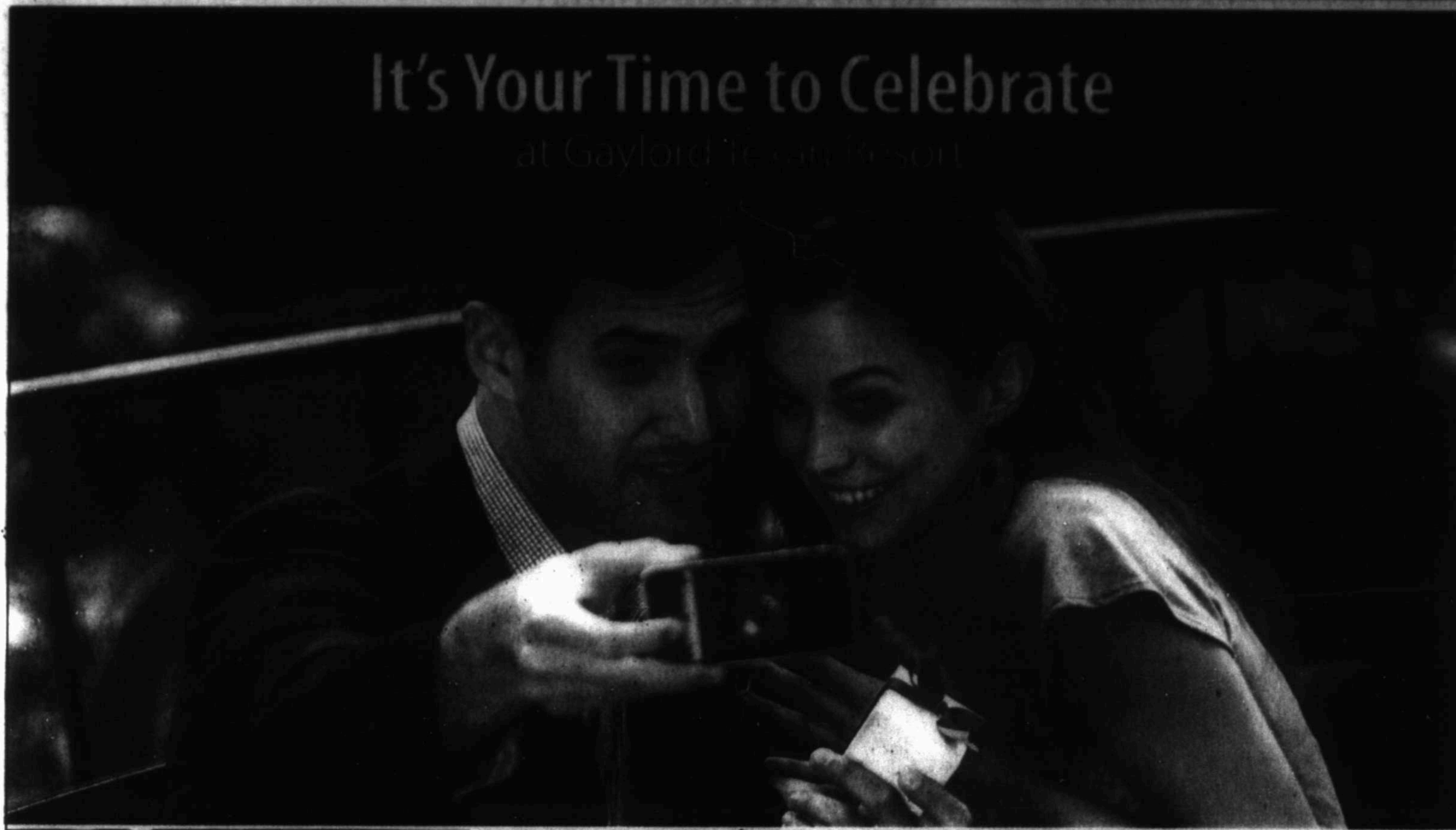
Standard Sales received The Community Spirit Award.

Appreciation Awards were presented to Dwight Alworth, Joe Cobb, Nancy Gibson, Claire Shaw and Jane Shepherd.

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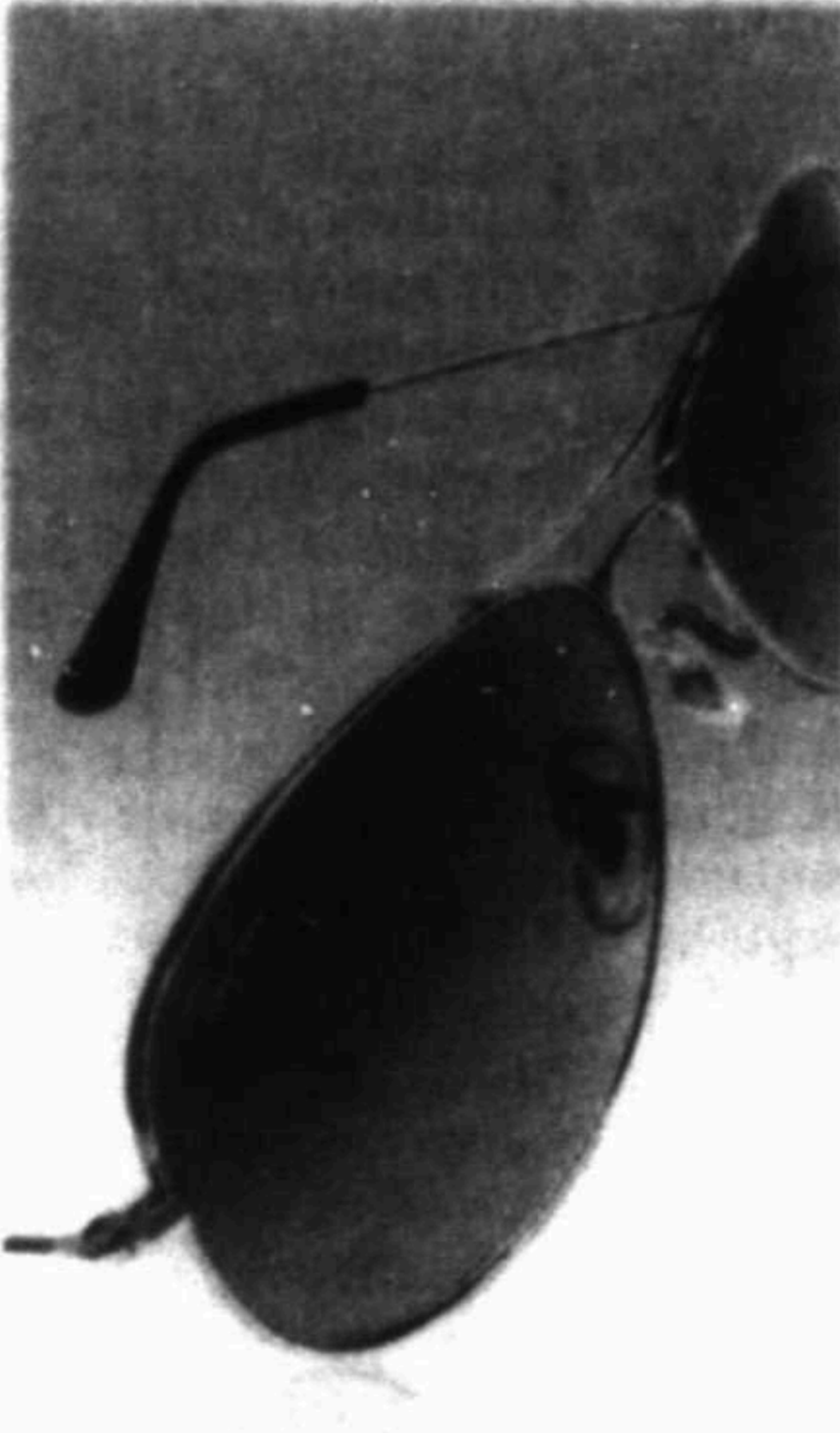
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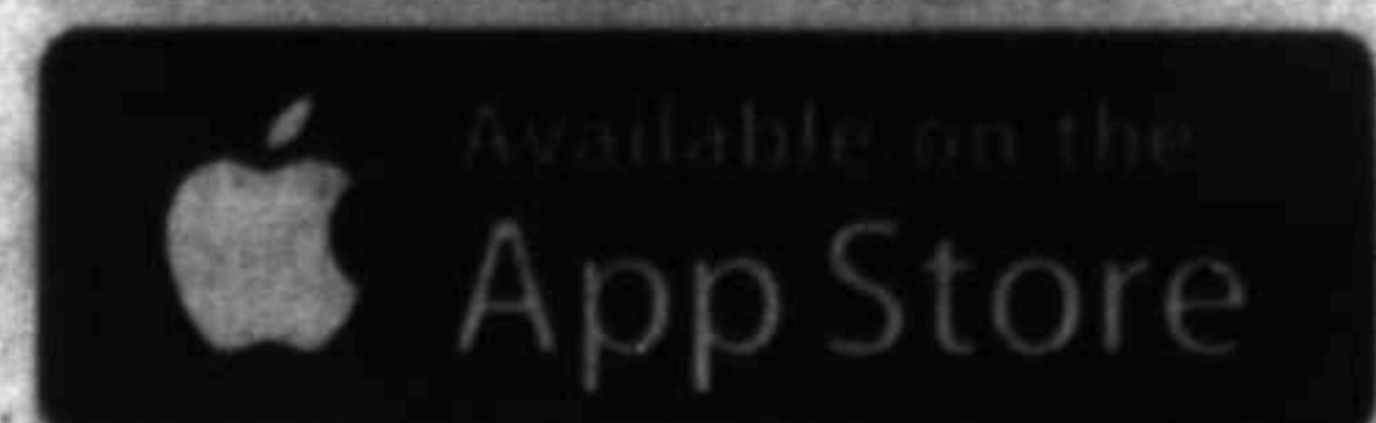
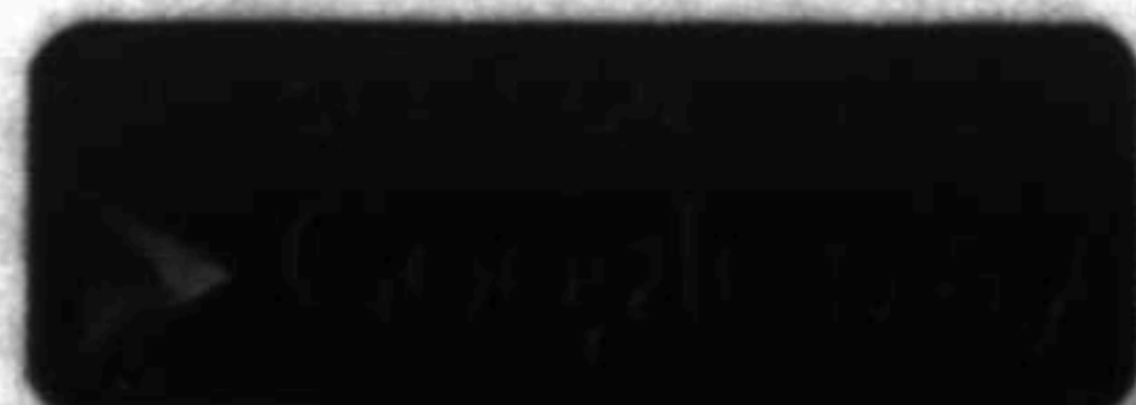
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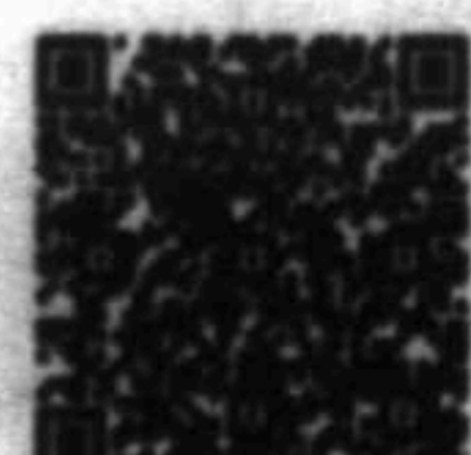
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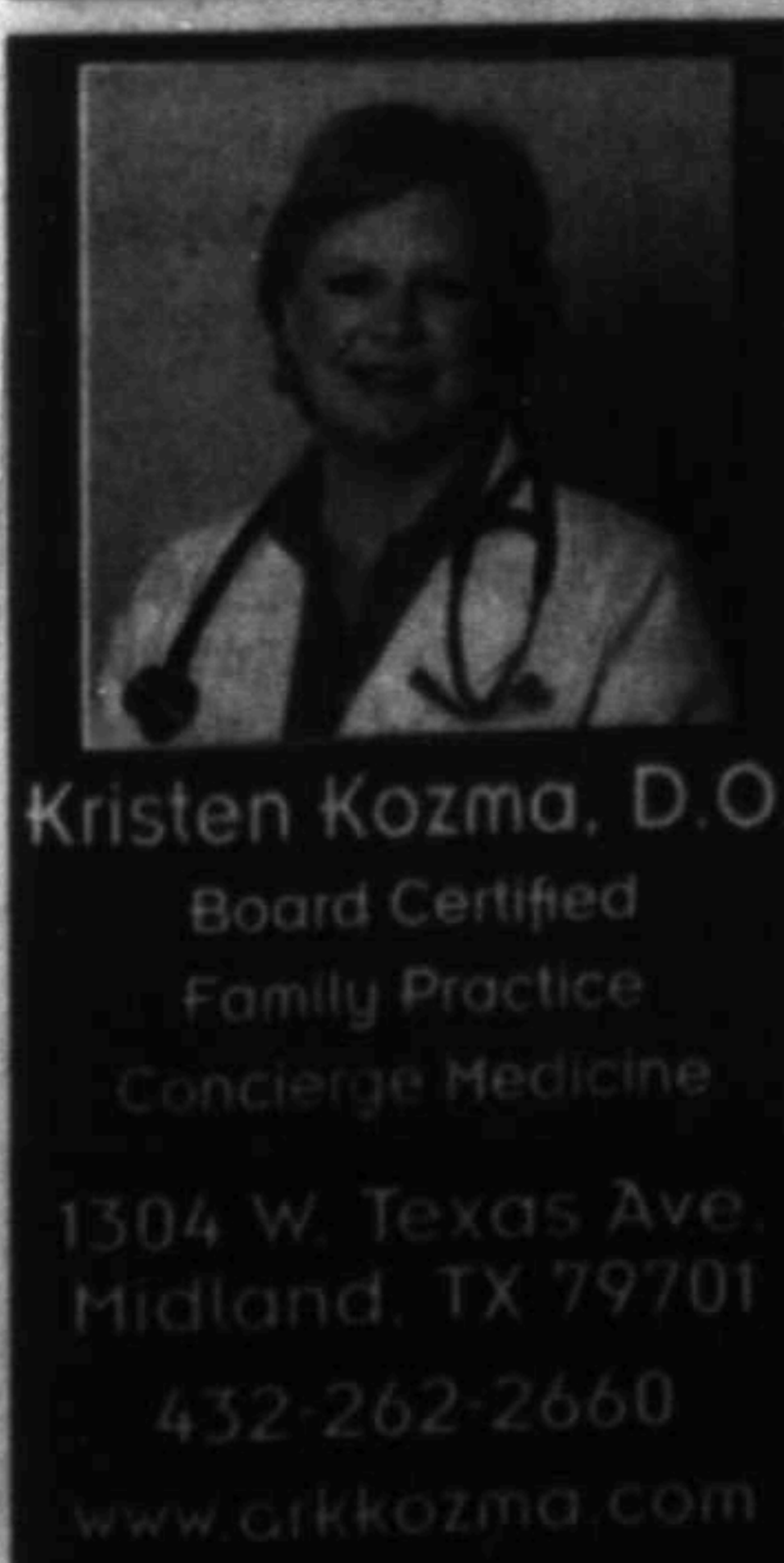


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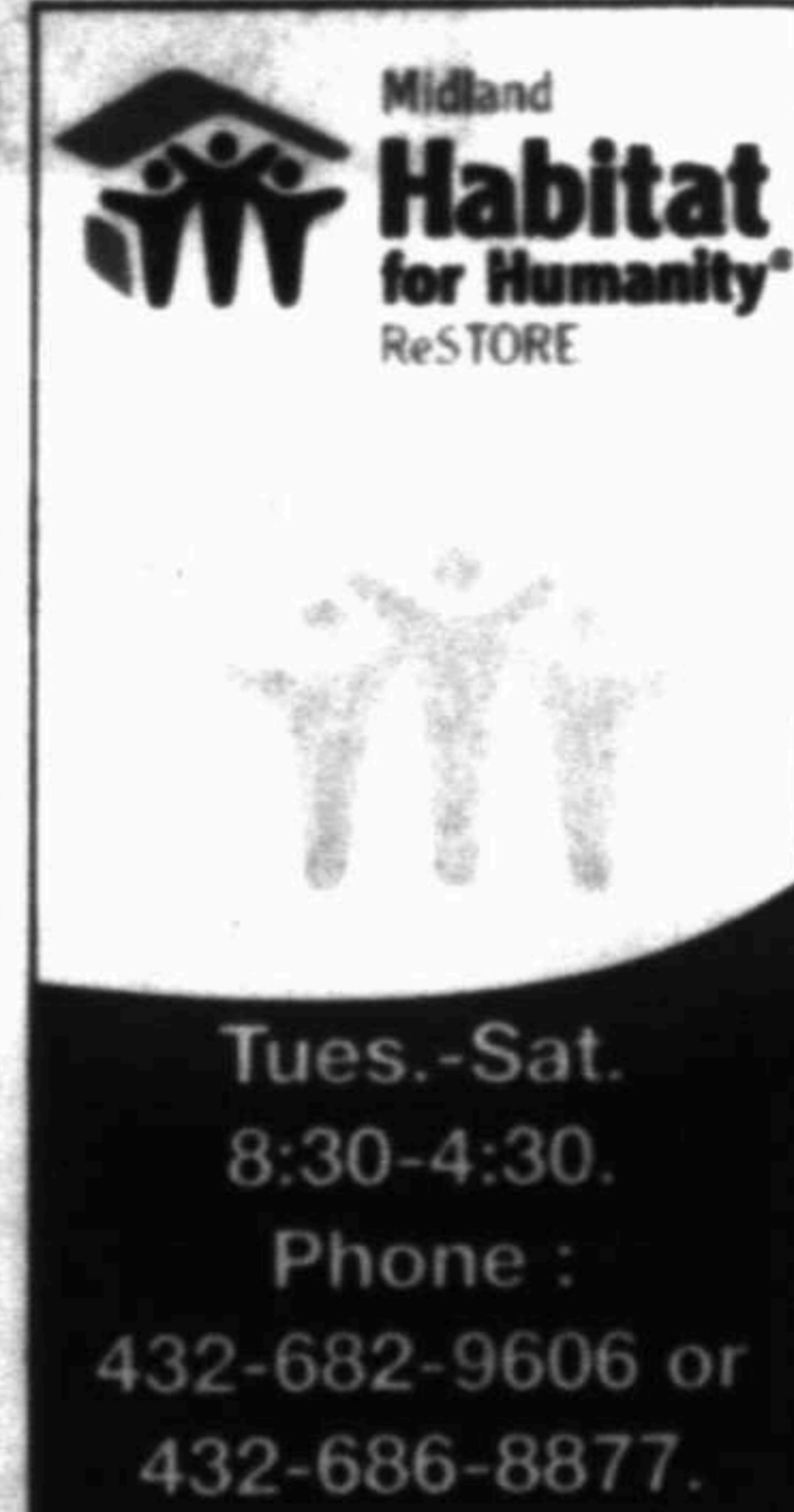
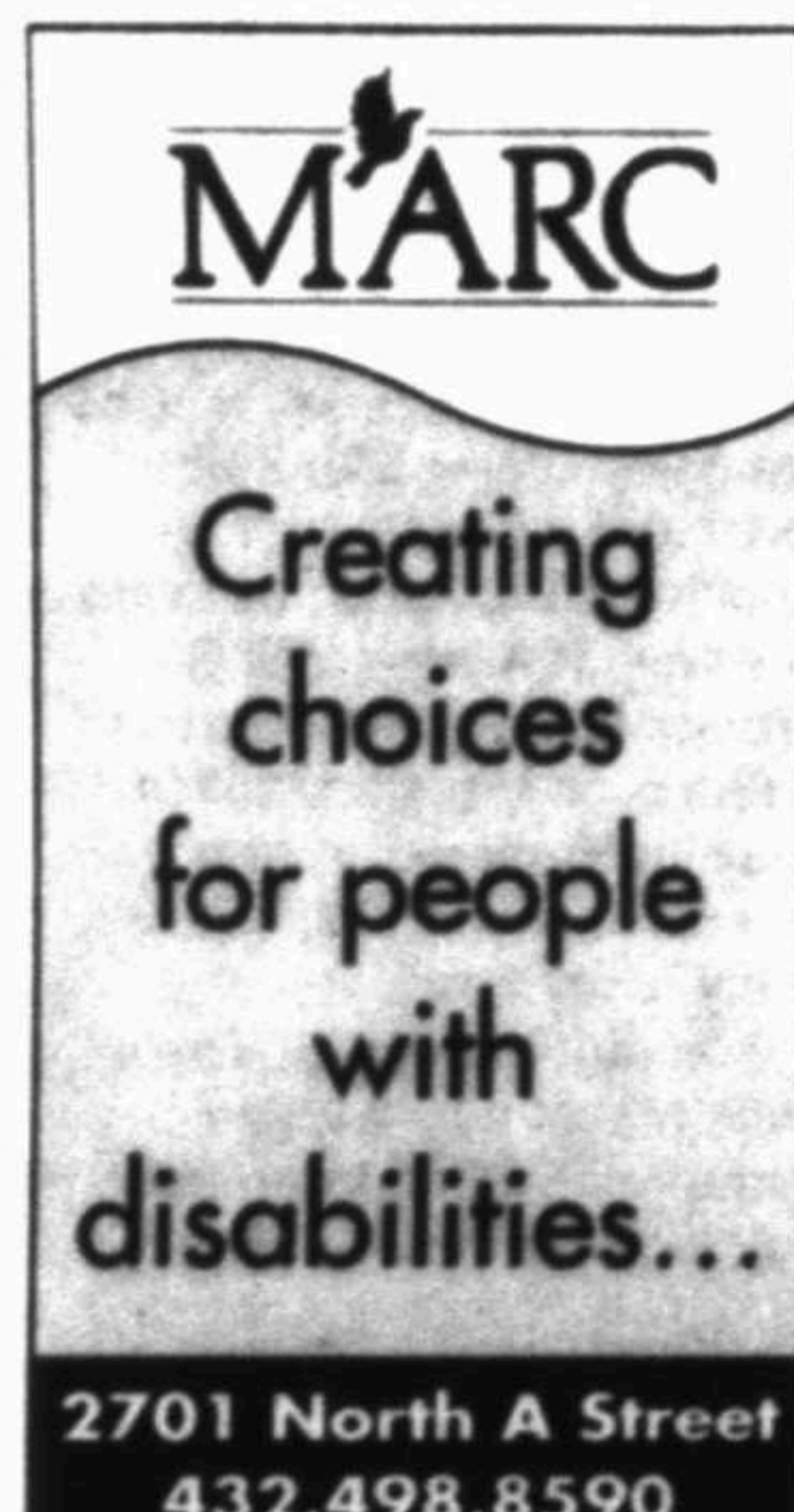
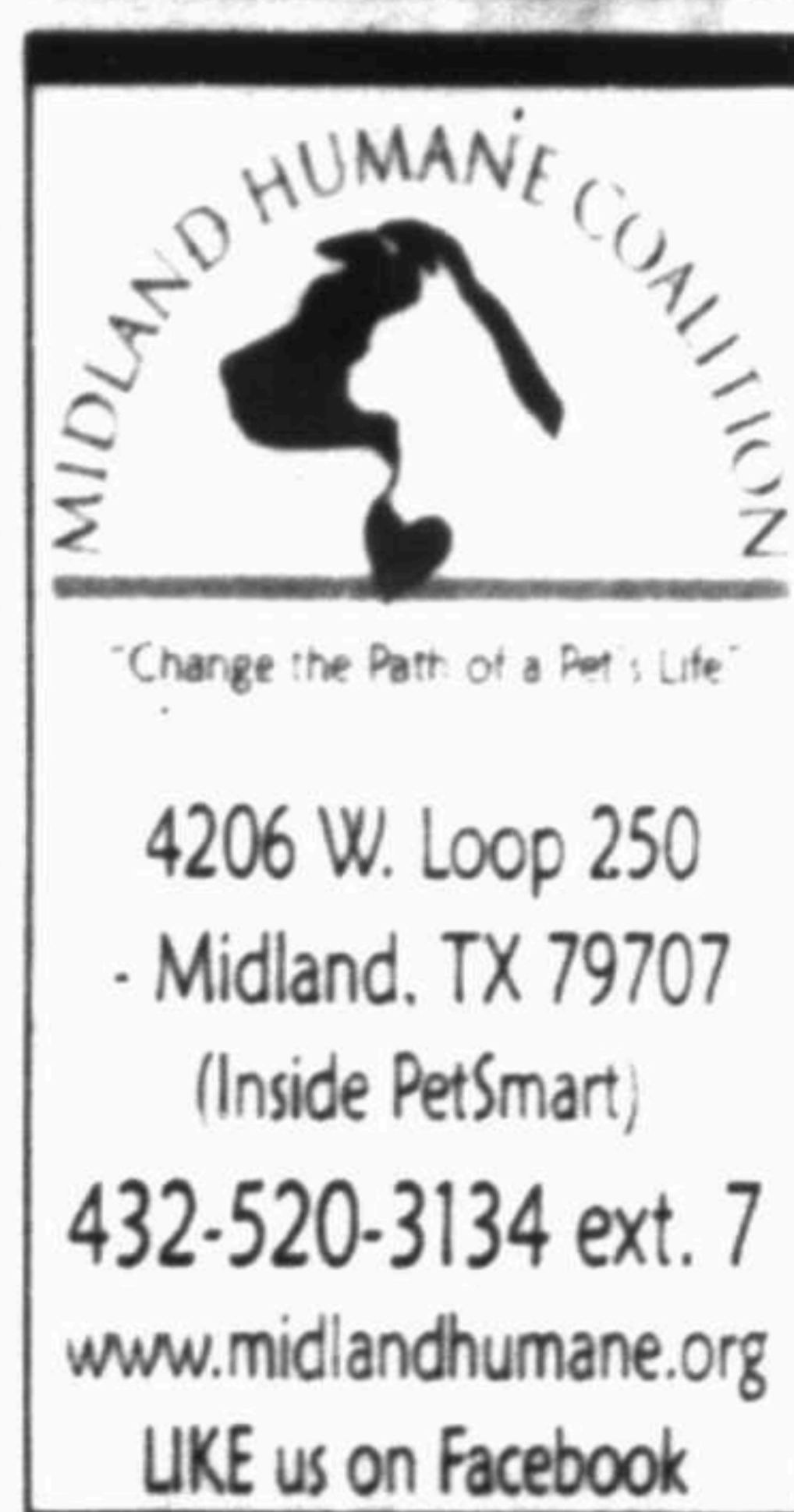
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RAY PRICE
"Beauty Is ..."

The late Ray Price titled his final studio recording "Beauty Is ..." after an opening duet with Vince Gill that draws on the axiom about the eye of the beholder.

Music is similarly subjective, but it would be hard to imagine anyone not recognizing the sublime beauty of the late Ray Price's singing. He owned one of the richest voices and most emotionally expressive styles in country music history.

Price died in December, and when he entered the studio earlier in 2013 with producer Fred Foster, he realized "Beauty Is ..." quite likely would be his last. At age 87, he had spent a couple of years battling cancer and other ailments. Live, and on record, Price's voice had remained a remarkable instrument, yet there are moments on "Beauty Is ..." where age, for the first time, appears to limit his breath and range.

But Foster arranges these love songs to capitalize on the tonal quality of Price's voice. Set to string orchestrations accented by country instrumentation, Price sounds like a wise sage with a big heart and a gentle soul on touching songs such as Willie Nelson's "It Always Will Be," a romantic duet with Martina McBride on the standard "An Affair To Remember" and a second duet with Gill on the lovely "Until Then."

Graceful to the end, Price takes a final bow with an elegant collection that nicely caps a great musical legacy.

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RODNEY CROWEL
"Tarpaper Sky"

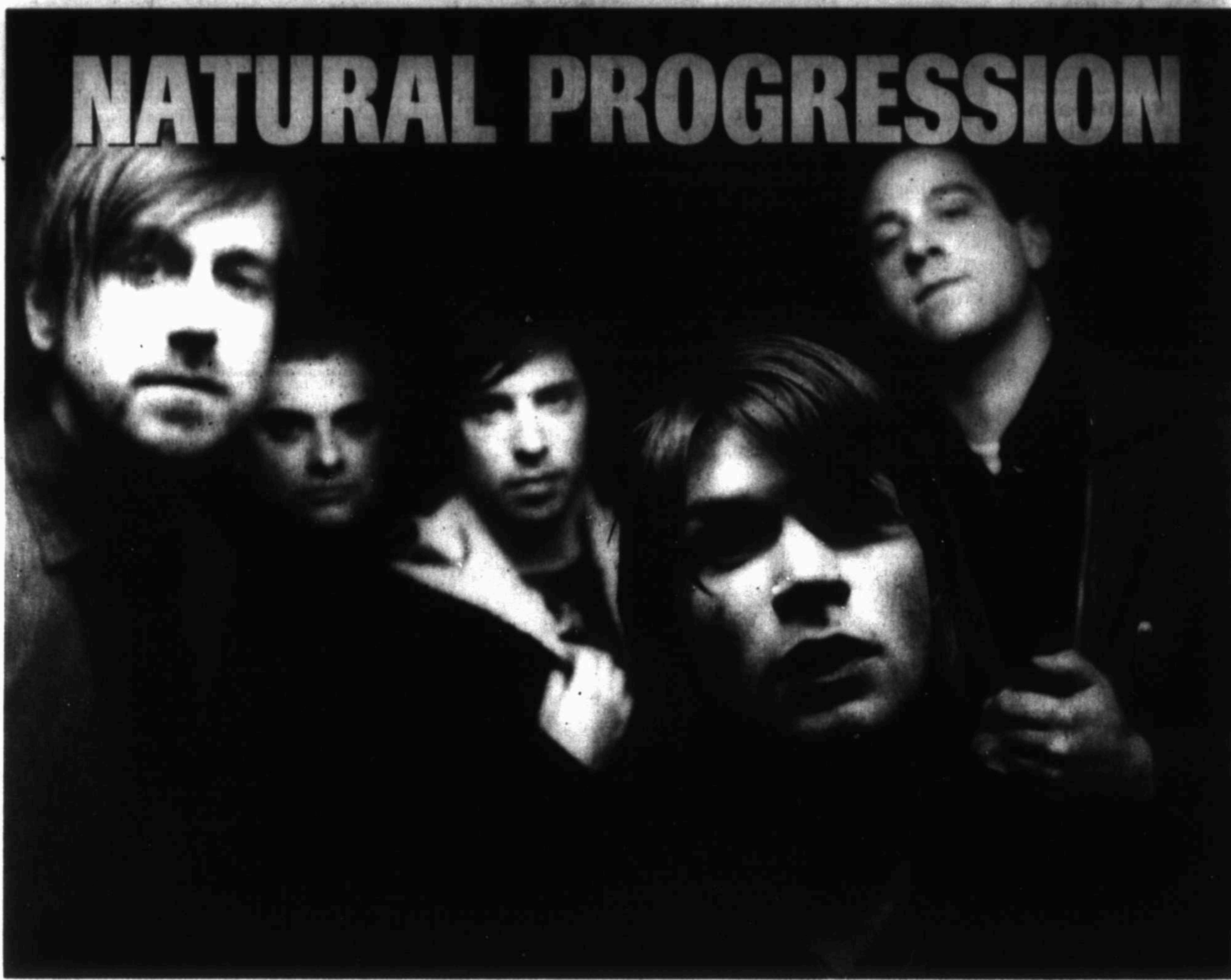
At 63, Rodney Crowell's ready to cross over. On "Frankie Please," a highlight on his new album, the Nashville singer-songwriter tosses out rhymes like some prolific young rapper: "Your p's and q's and don't and do's are all the news to light my fuse."

Don't worry — Crowell doesn't rap. Instead, he pairs the rat-a-tat lyrics with a Chuck Berry-style tune. It's good fun.

The 10 other tracks on "Tarpaper Sky" also find Crowell in fine form. The album has been in the works since 2010, when Crowell began recording with some of the musicians who contributed to his 1988 breakthrough, "Diamonds & Dirt," including stellar guitarist Steuart Smith. Other projects intervened to delay completion, but the new album is worth the wait.

Crowell reflects on the harmony of friendship and the rhythm of life, but mostly has women on his mind. "Tarpaper Sky" is about love, lust, loyalty, longing and the good songs they can inspire.

Steven Wine/AP



Reunited Taking Back Sunday finds musical stride

By John J. Moser
The Morning Call
(Allentown, Pa.)

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — When alternative rock band Taking Back Sunday recorded its last album, 2011's self-titled disc, it was the first time the band's classic lineup — with guitarist John Nolan and bassist Shaun Cooper — had been in the studio together after a seven-year breakup.

The session produced a strong disc that hit No. 3 on Billboard's Alternative Albums chart. But singer-frontman Adam Lazzara felt the band could do much more. "I feel like there's a lot of ways where we were kind of feeling each other out, you know?" said Lazzara. "And then just kind of re-learning how to be a band."

When Taking Back Sunday returned to the studio last fall, after having played shows, Lazzara says it was a different experience.

"We were really comfortable with each other's strengths and weaknesses and we know when to lean on each other," he said. "So it really came out, I think, as a strong piece of work."

Fans seem to agree. The

resulting disc, "Happiness Is," released March 14, debuted at No. 10 on Billboard's albums chart. It gave Taking Back Sunday its first Top 10 album since 2009's "New Again" and topped the Independent Albums chart.

The group now is supporting the album on a tour with The Used.

The new disc means the lineup, which also includes drummer Mark O'Connell, has released more albums together since reuniting than it did in its first incarnation.

Lazzara, 32, in a phone call from his home in Charlotte, N.C., said the new disc's sound represents "a really great, natural progression for us."

Lazzara said the band for the first time worked with two producers on the same disc. One was Marc Hudson, who for years has done the band's sound for live shows and has his own studio in Michigan, and Mike Sapone, who has a studio on Long Island — the band's home base.

"We kind of split the record in half," Lazzara said. "Which was really nice, because once we got kind of wrapped up at Marc Hudson's place, we had some time to reflect before

we went into Sapone's. So it's kind of each song ... really had a lot of time for us to sit with them and kind of air them out, rather than just writing them and going straight into the studio."

The band later went back into the studio to record more, but found itself keeping a lot of the original material — including the first single, "Flicker Fade," Lazzara said.

The success in many ways brings Taking Back Sunday full circle, back to the band that broke out of Long Island, N.Y., with its 2002 debut album "Tell All Your Friends" and its underground hit "Cute Without the E" (Cut from the Team).

The disc went gold, but by the time of its follow-up, 2004's "Where You Want to Be," Nolan — who had written much of that sophomore disc — and Cooper left to form the band Straightjacket.

"Where You Want to Be" ended up pushing Taking Back Sunday mainstream, hitting No. 3 on Billboard's albums chart and also going gold and giving the band an even bigger hit. "A Decade Under the Influence."

The group replaced Nolan and Cooper with guitar-

ist Fred Mascherino and drummer Matt Rubaro, and had even greater success with its third album, 2006's "Louder Now." It went all the way to No. 2 and had Taking Back Sunday's highest-charting single, the Top 10 alternative hit "MakeDamnSure."

But after that disc, it changed guitarists again — Mascherino left to form The Color Fred — and Taking Back Sunday's fourth album, 2009's "New Again," didn't perform as well.

"I just think us as a band in general, we weren't really in a great place just as far as everyone getting along and generally having a good time," Lazzara said. "So we were trying to figure out what we were going to do moving forward."

It just so happened that around that time, he and other band members reconnected with Nolan and Cooper, Lazzara said. "And we just thought it'd be a great idea to just see if the dynamics still worked with songwriting and all that, and luckily it did. So here we are today."

Lazzara said that for the new tour, Taking Back Sunday re-learned its entire catalog. "So rather than going in with, like, 'OK,'

here's the songs we know people are going to want to hear, so let's just focus on these,' we're kind of just focusing on the whole, big picture."

"So that way, each night we can change up the set, rather than just falling into this kind of thing of just playing the same set every night. We'll be playing tunes we haven't played at all, or haven't played in the past how-many-ever years. Which actually makes it really exciting for the five of us, because the set could be anything ever, every night."

Between its two discs since reuniting, Taking Back Sunday last year marked the 10th anniversary of "Tell All Your Friends" with a live recording, "TAYF10," of the band playing the entire album acoustic.

"We just couldn't believe that it had been 10 years since that record came out," he said. "The time really does fly. So we wanted to kind of do something special to commemorate that anniversary, because that record changed the course of all five of our lives, you know?"

"And that just seemed like a real, kind of special, intimate way to do that."

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PRICE PER BARREL

Price differential between WTI Midland, Cushing highlight area's growing pains

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It's a possible case of too much too soon.

High drilling activity in the Permian Basin's unconventional — and conventional — reservoirs has sent production soaring, with volume growth in the double digits. But that growth is beginning to cost local producers.

Over the past six months, the differential between WTI Permian Basin and Cushing has widened, with analysts at Sterne Agee noting the gap has been about \$9 per barrel since the first of March. The lower WTI Permian Basin prices, analysts said, are expected to drag on earnings for Permian Basin-based operators in the first three

quarters of the year. "The direct impact we've had on the differential is in our pricing forecasts," said Doug Robison, president of ExL Petroleum. "This can have a huge impact in terms of reserve values, plans for capital programs and monthly production revenues."

Steve Pruett, president and chief executive officer of Elevation Resources, said his company had hedged its production compared to Cushing. And while Cushing prices cost the company money, he said, "We more than made up for it with the Cushing-Midland spread. The basis swap was in the \$1.50 range and it goes to \$9 a barrel, we're making \$7.50 a barrel on that hedge. A lot of my friends have done that and it's been helpful to us."

Adam Lawlis, investor relations with Diamondback Energy, said the publicly-traded company was somewhat shielded because they have the option of placing about 8,000 barrels of production per day in Magellan pipelines carrying it to

the Houston Ship Channel, where they can receive higher Louisiana Light Sweet prices.

He noted that similar large differential spreads were seen in 2012 before Magellan reversed its Longhorn pipeline and began carrying crude from West Texas to the Gulf Coast.

"It's a chicken-and-egg thing," he said. "How fast does production grow in relation to pipeline capacity coming online?" The growth in horizontal drilling in West Texas, he pointed out, means horizontal wells are coming online with five to eight times the initial production volumes of vertical wells.

That price volatility, said Sterne Agee analyst Tim Rezman, reflects regional growing pains.

He and his fellow analysts expect improvement later in the year as three major expansion projects will increase takeaway capacity, moving West Texas crude to markets.

Phase I expansion of the Permian Express added 90,000 barrels a day of takeaway capacity last year and that will expand to 150,000

barrels a day this year. Secondly, the 300,000 barrel a day Bridge-Tex Pipeline is expected to begin line-fill late this year and, finally, the Longhorn Pipeline is expected to soon finish a 50,000 barrel a day expansion. That should add about 500,000 barrels a day of takeaway capacity.

Those expansions will help, said Pruett, but continued aberrations or disruptions can be expected, like the recent closing of the Houston Ship Channel after a ship collision spilled fuel in the channel. There was also planned and unplanned downtime at refineries and an oil spill in southwestern Ohio on the Mid-Valley Pipeline, which disrupted oil flows in mid-March.

"Long-term," Pruett said, "we need crude oil exports. There are those that doubt the Obama Administration will allow exports other than Canadian oil that leaves from the U.S., but there is some speculation Obama might allow some condensate, or split condensate that has been split from 'black oil' or crude to be reclassified and exported."

Nuevo Midstream completes major expansion

■ Company planning for additional expansion into 2016

By Mella McEwen
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When Nuevo Midstream started operations three years ago, it began by providing low-pressure gathering systems serving vertical wells in the shallow Delaware sands in the Delaware Basin.

Today the company has just completed its Ramsey III processing plant in Reeves County, bringing to 300 million cubic feet per day its cryogenic processing capacity along with 1,800 gal-

lons per minute of amine treating capacity and over 270 miles of low and high-pressure gathering lines. Nuevo's infrastructure also includes four field compressor stations and interconnections into the El Paso Natural Gas and DCP Sandhills pipelines.

"I felt comfortable, given the people participating out there, that it would evolve," said Jay Lendrum, Nuevo's president and chief executive, of his young company.

Bone Spring plays, Lendrum noted, had developed in southeastern New Mexico and moved south in the Texas portion of the Delaware Basin, while Wolfcamp plays, "especially Wolfcamp hor-

izontal," moved from the south northward. "They all combined and stacked on top of each other and made quality wells."

He said there continues to be development in the shallower zones alongside the horizontal wells from the new zones.

"If you talk to the professionals, with every horizontal well they're learning more increasing efficiencies," he said. For example, laterals are getting longer. "I've seen 7,000, 8,000, 9,000 foot laterals," he said. "A lot is attributed to ownership position."

In addition to longer laterals, fracturing is done in shorter stages and wells are being completed with increased initial potentials.

Development in the Delaware Basin is occurring later than the Midland Basin, Lendrum said. Operators are establishing lease positions and drilling test wells. That, he said, requires infrastructure.

Even so, he said, "It's like the chicken and the egg. You need that infrastructure to drill wells and you need wells to hook up before you build that infrastructure."

By the end of 2016, Nuevo will bring its cryogenic processing capacity to 900 Mmcf and total amine treating capacity to 3,800 gpm, along with two new compressor stations over 75 additional miles of high pressure

gathering lines.

The company is already engineering its Ramsey IV plant, which will add 200 Mmcf of cryogenic processing capacity and a 1,000 gpm amine plant when it comes online in the third quarter of 2015. In 2016 the Ramsey V plant, expected to be online that summer, will include an additional 400 Mmcf cryogenic processing plant and 1,000 gpm amine treating plant.

"Every bit of that is justified, based on the expectations of our customers," said Lendrum, who counts among those customers publicly-traded companies like

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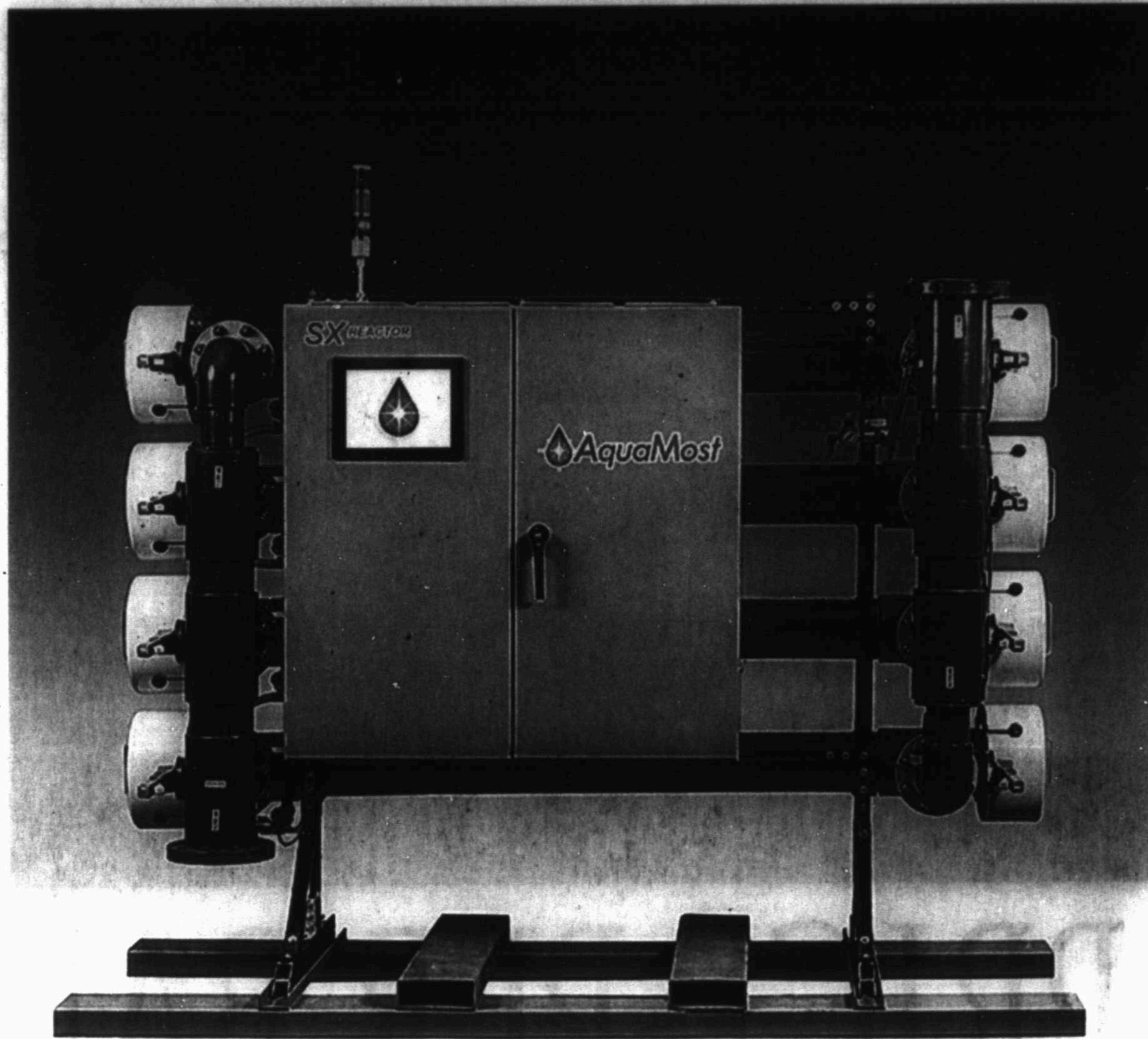
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AQUAMOST

Chemical-free water treating reactor debuts at Midland Energy Expo

By Mella McEwen
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As Permian Basin oil and gas operators increasingly turn to recycling and reusing produced and flowback water in hydraulic fracturing operations, they seek technology that is simple, efficient and economic.

Hoping to heed that call, Extra Energy Solutions showcased the AquaMost SX Reactor this week at the inaugural Midland Energy Expo, held at the Midland Horseshoe Arena.

"This unit is manufactured specifically to kill bacteria," said Jack Holland, strategic planning advisor with Extra Energy. "It's designed for the oil and gas industry."

The unit, he said, works with flowback water, produced water, "any water," whether to be used in additional hydraulic fracturing operations or treating produced water before it's returned underground in a

salwater disposal well.

It comes into play toward the latter part of the process, he said, treating the water and killing bacteria before it goes back into a well or frac tank.

Treatment is done in a three-part process to kill bacteria in the reactor. Cartridges lining each side of the unit contain UV bulbs. An electric process emits positive and negative charges into the water, creating a field. Chlorine created by the UV bulbs kill the bacteria instantly, Holland said.

"The chlorine lasts milliseconds, and when the water comes out, there is no residual chemicals," he said.

The most compelling reason to kill that bacteria, Holland explained, is that bacteria is one of the leading causes for problems in wells, creating elements that can erode pipe and create scale, causing damage to the equipment. "And depending on where it's going, it can be detrimental to where it's going, like aquifers," he said. "Bacteria exists naturally, but you don't want to add more bacteria."

Not only is it environmentally friendly, he added, but it makes good business sense to better protect equipment.

The AquaMost SX Reactor, he said, is less expensive than processes that use

chemicals because chemicals don't have to be purchased, transported, stored, and crews hired to use them. "They're expensive and labor intensive," he said. "This is simple to operate, it's self-monitoring. It's a plug-and-play unit."

Indicating a light on top of the reactor that flashes green, yellow or red, Holland said crews only have to worry about that light. Green indicates the unit is working, yellow indicates there is a problem, perhaps a burned-out UV bulb, and red indicates the unit has stopped working.

Company officials, Holland said, "clearly see on the horizon regulations or legislation" requiring operators to recycle and reuse water and are pleased they have been named AquaMost's exclusive representative for the reactor.

Units have been deployed in Canada and in four states, where it is in the Marcellus and Utica Shales, the Piceance and Uinta Basins and the Eagle Ford in South Texas. Holland expects its appearance at the Energy Expo will result in its arrival in the Permian Basin.

"We're very excited about the interest we've seen," he said. "The Permian Basin is of great interest to us. We're very enthusiastic about the reception we're getting."

Federal agencies issue major regulatory changes

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The federal agencies under President Obama continue to press his environmental agenda with the release of three major regulatory changes recently.

The first came when the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed modification of its controversial wetlands regulations that will increase its oversight of small bodies of water under the Clean Air Act.

EPA commented that the rule change is a clarification of which waters are under federal oversight.

Oil and gas industry's initial reaction was one of caution, because the proposed rule has not yet been published in the Federal Register. But as it was unveiled March 25 by EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the proposed rule is an attempt to expand the Supreme Court's 2006 ruling, which narrowed the federal agencies' regulation of "navigable waters."

More details on the proposed regulations as they become available.

The second bad news came when the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) decided to list the lesser prairie chicken as

a "threatened" species under the Endangered Species Act. The listing action could have serious consequences for oil and gas operators with operations and acreage in the habitat area, which includes parts of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Kansas and Colorado.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has endorsed a range-wide conservation program that allows companies to obtain legal assurances that their business activities may continue after the bird is listed. Companies participating in the plan will pay an initial enrollment fee and will pay habitat mitigation fees based on actual costs for habitat management and restoration. Fees range from factors like the number of acres impacted, quality of habitat affected and habitat management costs.

The third bomb thrown at the oil and gas industry comes in the president's Climate

Action Plan: Strategy to Reduce Methane Emissions."

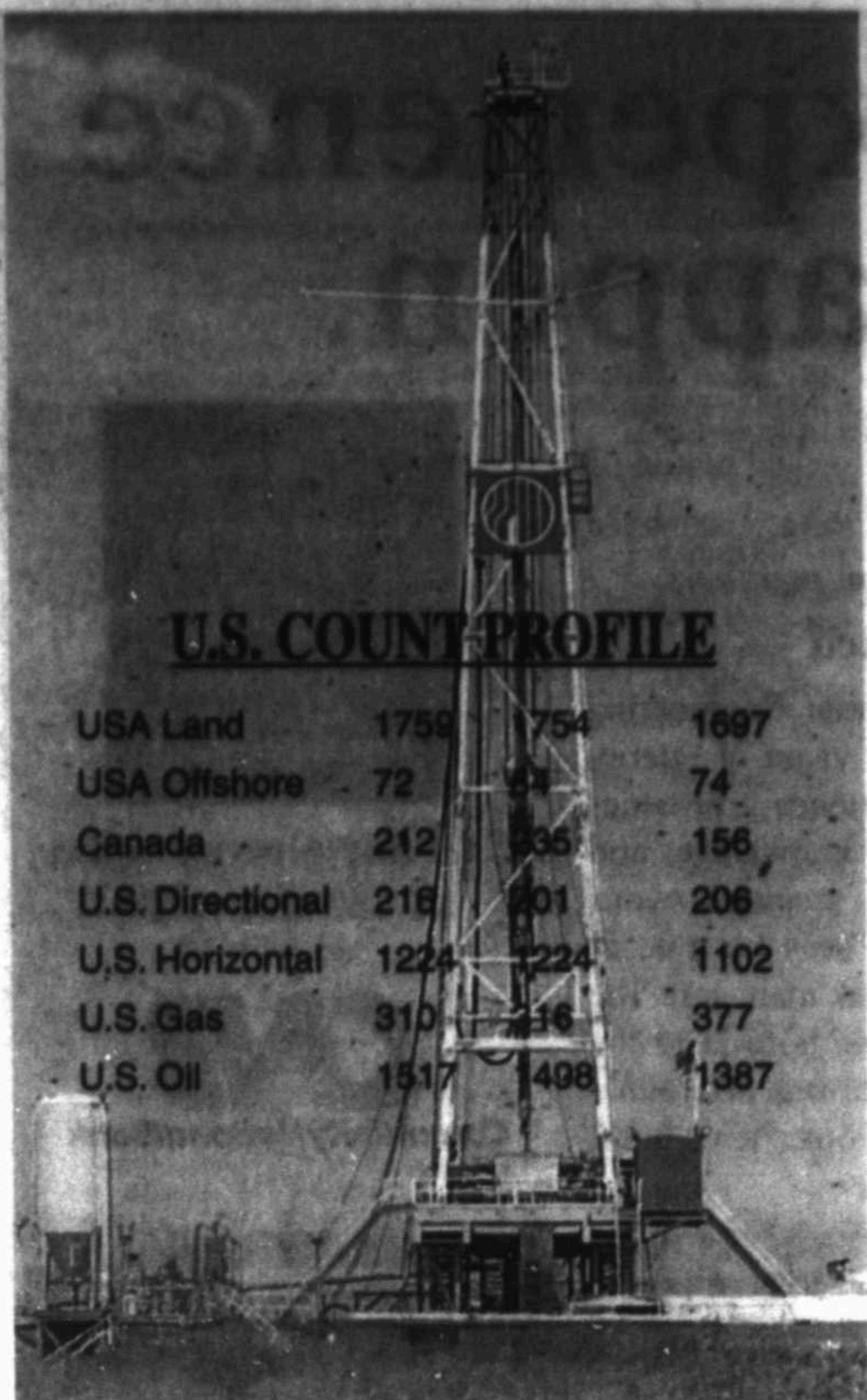
EPA will assess in the spring of 2014 "several potentially significant sources of methane and other emissions from the oil and gas sector." This will begin a scheduled two-year journey that will include debate over EPA's attempt to further restrict oil and gas exploration on private lands.

The administration has an additional hold on oil and gas operations on federal lands, and the president's methane reduction strategy calls for more regulations to reduce venting and flaring on public lands.

The new methane strategy actually covers landfills, coal mines and agriculture, too.

Contrary to the section on oil and gas that talks about increased regulation, the agriculture strategy addresses "emissions exclusively through voluntary action, not through regulation." And, "the most important voluntary opportunities are through manure management," according to the study.

Please see MILLS/3G



U.S. COUNT PROFILE

USA Land	1758	754	1697
USA Offshore	72	57	74
Canada	212	335	156
U.S. Directional	218	201	206
U.S. Horizontal	1224	2224	1102
U.S. Gas	310	236	377
U.S. Oil	1517	498	1387

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Posted	\$100.205
Flint Hills	\$100.25
Resources*	\$100.38
Phillips 66	\$100.25
Plains*	\$100.25
Shell Trading	\$100.40
Sun*	\$100.25
NYMEX futures	\$103.74

*Net price without transportation charge
Note: Posted prices as of April 16, 2014

SPOT NATURAL GAS PRICE PROFILE

Current natural gas prices (price per MMBtu)

	First of the month price	Closing price 4/16/14	Same period one year ago
NYMEX future price	\$4.584	\$4.530	\$4.160
Composite Field Prices For Waha Hub	\$4.280	\$4.555	\$4.130
Composite Field Prices For Rocky Mountains	\$4.280	\$4.508	\$4.034
Composite Field Prices For Permian Basin	\$4.240	\$4.515	\$4.090
Composite Field Prices For San Juan Basin	\$4.290	\$4.520	\$4.040
Composite Field Prices For Midcontinent	\$4.330	\$4.485	\$4.129
Composite Field Prices For Gulf Coast	\$4.525	\$4.592	\$4.201

PERMIAN BASIN RIG COUNTS

Texas		New Mexico	
DIST. #7C		DIST. #8A	
Coke	2	Bailey	0
Concho	0	Borden	3
Crockett	8	Cochran	2
Irion	18	Cottrell	0
Kimble	0	Crowley	2
McCulloch	0	Dawson	5
Menard	0	Dickens	2
Reagan	24	Floyd	0
Runnels	2	Gaines	6
Schleicher	1	Garza	2
Sutton	0	Hale	1
Terrell	0	Hockley	1
Tom Green	2	Kent	1
Upton	34	King	1
		Lamb	0
		Lubbock	0
		Lynn	0
		Motley	0
		Scurry	5
		Terry	2
		Yoakum	4
		TEXAS TOTAL	442
		New Mexico	
		Chaves	0
		Eddy	47
		Lea	34
		Roosevelt	0
		N.M. TOTAL	81

WILDCATS

New Mexico	Chaves County	Lea County	Maljamar
	Mack Energy Corp. Lancer State #1 Wildcat; Sec 36 T13S R28E; 990/N & 990/E; 14 mi NE Hagerman; Rot 3500 San Andres; API #30-005-64183	COG Producing LLC Azores Federal #2 Wildcat; Sec 29 T24S R32E; 190/S & 1650/E; 15 mi W Ochoa; Rot 15100 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41534	Rot 10500 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-41557
	Eddy County Yates Petroleum Corp. Torpedo BOW St Com #3 Wildcat; Sec 11 T25S R27E; 1980/N & 200/E; 6 1/2 mi SE Black River; Rot 12349 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41867	COG Producing LLC Azores Federal #4 Wildcat; Sec 29 T24S R32E; 190/S & 660/W; 15 mi W Ochoa; Rot 15055 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41535	Yates Petroleum Corp. Lotus ALT State #10 Wildcat; Sec 32 T22S R32E; 480/S & 1650/W; 14 mi SE Halfway; Rot 8600 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41556
	Yates Petroleum Corp. Perfecto BOX St Com #3 Wildcat; Sec 14 T25S R27E; 1980/S & 15/W; 8 mi SW Malaga; Rot 12457 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41858	Caza Operating LLC West Copperline "29" State Com #3 Wildcat; Sec 29 T23S R34E; 150/N & 1980/W; 6 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 13423 Wolfcamp; API #30-025-41536	Yates Petroleum Corp. Tango BTP State Com #3 Wildcat; Sec 36 T20S R33E; 200/N & 1980/E; 8 mi SE Halfway; Rot 15850 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41561
	Yates Petroleum Corp. Jericho BKJ St Com #3 Wildcat; Sec 15 T25S R27E; 1980/N & 15/E; 6 mi SE Black	Mack Energy Corp. Cuthroat Federal #5 Wildcat; Sec 29 T17S R32E; 1650/N & 2310/E; 3 mi SW	Yates Petroleum Corp. Tango BTP State Com #4 Wildcat; Sec 36 T20S R33E; 200/N & 660/E; 8 mi SE Halfway; Rot 15841 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41562

Industry opposes push to tighten oil field safety rules

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — More than a dozen oil companies and trade groups have lined up to oppose plans to broaden the federal government's oversight of safety practices at wells, saying existing standards are enough to protect workers nationwide.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration would be foolish to force new and producing wells to satisfy process safety management standards that have governed other industrial operations for decades, said the American Petroleum Institute, Dallas-based Pioneer Natural Resources, the Texas Oil and Gas Association and other groups in comments filed with the agency.

"Applying (process safety management) to the exploration and production segment of the oil and gas industry is like prescribing painkillers for a paper cut," said Rick Muncrief, senior vice president of operations for Oklahoma City-based Continental Resources.

The possible new regulations — now at the beginning stages of government consideration — are driven by concerns that reported deaths in the industry nationwide reached a 10-year high in 2012, and that the ongoing domestic drilling boom is putting more workers in harm's way.

Number-crunching by the Mary Kay O'Connor Process Safety Center at the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station shows the oil field's outside fatality rate: 24.2 out of 100,000 oil and gas extraction workers were

killed nationwide last year, compared with 1.7 of 100,000 involved in chemical manufacturing.

"When you are drilling for oil, it's a flammable material, and usually there's gas accompanied with it," said Mark Kasznik, a senior recommendations specialist with the Chemical Safety Board, an independent government agency that has probed accidents at energy facilities.

"If there aren't the right safeguards on the well, you've got the potential for explosions and fire. Low probability, high-severity events don't happen every day, but when they do happen, they impact a significant number of people."

Chronicle probe

Both the Chemical Safety Board and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health are asking for strengthened safety regulations. The agencies have studied oil field fatalities over the past decade, warning repeatedly that many of the industry's fatal accidents are preventable.

A recent Houston Chronicle investigation uncovered significant deficiencies in regulators' oversight of onshore oil and gas activities, including a lack of government inquiries into non-fatal accidents that leave workers permanently injured.

Oil and gas drilling and servicing operations are expressly waived from OSHA's 22-year-old set of process safety management standards, which require manufacturers to have written operating procedures, assess workplace risks, evaluate the integrity of critical equipment and take other steps to prevent uncontrolled releases of

hazardous chemicals. Although the agency planned to impose separate safety requirements tailor-made for well drilling and servicing in the early 1990s, it eventually abandoned the effort.

A separate, de-facto exemption applies to oil and gas production facilities, because regulators have not conducted a legally required economic analysis of applying the process safety mandates to that sector. In the face of oil-industry objections, OSHA backed down from enforcing process safety management requirements at production facilities in 1999.

That all may change as a result of last year's catastrophic West Fertilizer Co. explosion and a resulting White House directive telling agencies to boost chemical safety. In response, OSHA said it was considering changes to its process safety management mandates — including bringing oil and gas operations into the fold.

According to Bureau of Labor Statistics data, 138 workers involved in oil and gas extraction were killed on the job in 2012, more than double the 68 fatally injured 2009, when U.S. shale drilling activity was starting to climb. Sixty-five of the 2012 deaths were in Texas, 59 percent higher than the Lone Star State's oil field casualties in 2011.

The Chemical Safety Board is urging OSHA to force oil and gas production activities to comply with the process safety management standards, saying such rules might have prevented some recent accidents, particularly those involving welding and other activities the industry calls "hot work."

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ConocoPhillips, Chevron, Concho Resources, Cimarex Energy and BHP Billiton, and privately-owned companies. Nuevo, he said, was fortunate as it started opera-

tions in that it was nimble, able to put together a great footprint and had great partners in EnCap Flatrock Midstream and Torch Energy Advisors. Beyond expanding from strictly natural gas into crude oil processing, Len-

drum said he has no plans to broaden his focus away from the Delaware Basin. "There's so much opportunity there," he explained. "The resource potential is so huge, it's just incredible."

MILLS

From 2G
The paper doesn't go into detail about how and who is going to "manage" all of this manure, but someone suggested that

this would be an excellent community service project for all of those environmental groups that want to save the world from global warming caused by methane.

Alex Mills is president of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers. The opinions expressed are solely of the author.

Oil industry launches new ad campaign

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — The oil industry's leading trade group broadened its pitch beyond the Beltway on Thursday, rolling out new advertisements and a series of state polls highlighting widespread support for domestic energy development from New York to Nevada.

The American Petroleum Institute is taking the campaign — and its pro-drilling message — to states as local regulators and voters consider a range of policies that could affect oil and gas development.

In New York, for instance, Gov. Andrew Cuomo will decide whether to lift a ban on hydraulic fracturing, possibly shifting the drilling activity to local zoning boards. And in Colorado, voters may face a dozen or more ballot proposals to limit the drilling activity.

"So much of politics is and always has been local," noted Karen Moreau, executive director of API's New York State Petroleum Council. But "we're seeing even more activity on the local level."

The new ads — starting online — are designed to highlight public support for domestic oil and gas development and the infrastructure necessary to sustain it. API would not say how much it was spending on the campaign but described it as "significant."

Moreau said the campaign aims "to elevate the voices outside of the Beltway," effectively removing energy issues from the politics of Washington, D.C.

Public support

The fodder for the ads is drawn from a national telephone survey conducted by the Harris Poll for API as well as state polling conducted in New York, Illinois, Nevada, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

"Americans support accessing the country's abundant energy resources," Moreau said in a conference call with reporters. "It

is clear that the American public is looking to capitalize on the opportunity we face at this moment to use our nation's energy portfolio to help consumers and create jobs."

According to the nationwide telephone poll, while just 77 percent support increased production of domestic oil and natural gas, 91 percent of those surveyed believe increased production of those resources could lead to more jobs in the U.S.

On question after question, respondents signaled they believe there are big economic and security benefits to building energy infrastructure and developing oil and gas inside the U.S. — even though a smaller margin supported the activity overall.

Similar results came from the API-commissioned survey of registered voters in New York, where 70 percent of respondents said they supported increased domestic oil and natural gas production. The survey also found:

- 89 percent said increased development of the country's energy infrastructure would help create U.S. jobs

- 87 percent said increased domestic oil and gas production could lead to more U.S. jobs.

- 84 percent said increased oil and gas production in the U.S. could help stimulate the economy.

Opposition to fracturing

Big political divisions have developed over hydraulic fracturing.

Periodic polling in the Empire State shows that New York City voters tend to oppose fracturing, while those in the suburbs support it and upstate New York is divided.

Moreau said a major "challenge" for drilling advocates is emphasizing that hydraulic fracturing is fundamental to oil and gas production today. Many people "fail to equate that 80 percent of our oil and natural gas production is a result of hydraulic fracturing combined with precision horizontal drilling," she said.

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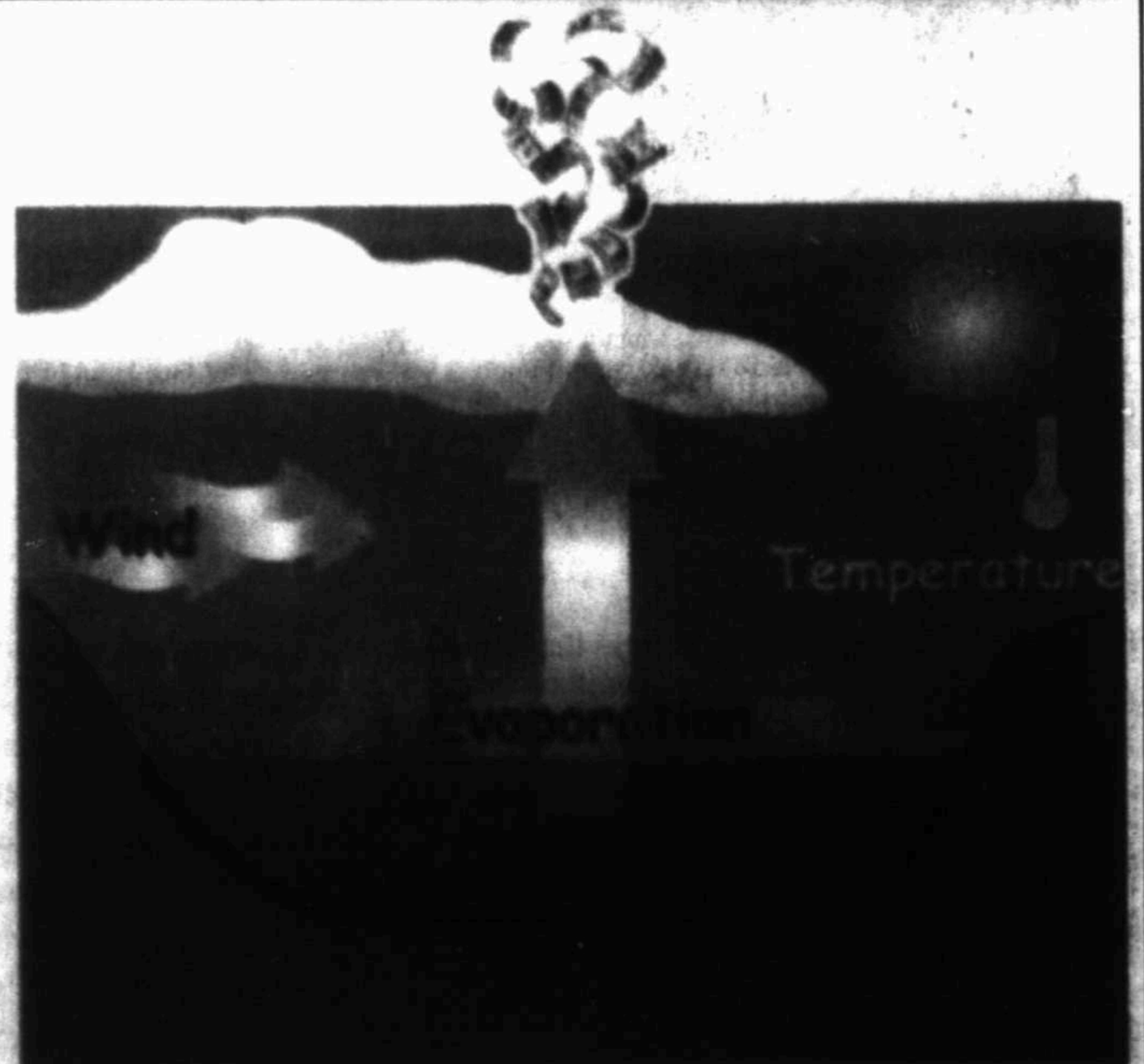
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APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1HM WEATHERBY 1232, 500 FSL 760 FWL, SEC 1231 BLK O, GC&SF SUR., A-179 8600', 8 NE TEXON

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2HU WEATHERBY 1232, 440 FSL 760 FWL, SEC 1231 BLK O, GC&SF SUR., A-179 8500', 8 NE TEXON

Schleicher County

HIGHMOUNT E&P TEXAS LLC FAWCETT (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2405H MARIGLIANO, 170 FNL 570 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 2, GC&SF/J RAE SUR., A-1633 6200', 15 SW ELDORADO

HIGHMOUNT E&P TEXAS LLC FAWCETT (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2405H MARIGLIANO, 200 FNL 570 FEL, SEC 24 BLK 2, GC&SF/J RAE SUR., A-1633 6200', 15 SW ELDORADO

Tom Green County

DUNAGIN TRANSPORT CO. HOUR (STRAWN) (O) RECOMP Well# 1 JONES, 4300 FSL 765 FWL, SCHOBEL #756 SUR., A-1885 5640', 4 N KNICKERBOCKER

Upton County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3101HU UNIVERSITY 4 TAYLOR DRAW, 700 FSL 980 FEL, SEC 30 BLK 4, UL SUR., A-U66 8285', 11 SE RANKIN

DIAMONDBACK E&P LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H KENDRA C UNIT, 600 FWL 153 FNL, SEC 7 BLK 2, MK&TE SUR., A-329 9500', 5 NE RANKIN

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 UNIVERSITY O, 467 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 3 BLK 3, UNIV LANDS SUR. 9500', 9 NE RANKIN

OPAL RESOURCES OPER. CO., LLC BLOCK 4 (DEVONIAN) (O) DRILL Well# 4902 EMERALD, 888 FWL 1509 FNL, SEC 49, D&SE SUR., A-129 13000', 7 NW RANKIN

PARSLEY ENERGY OPERATIONS, LLC LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 8 JRS FARMS 18A, 467 FSL 1650

FEL, SEC 18 BLK 38 T55, T&P/JG HALL SUR., A-1410 13000', 4 W MIDKIFF

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 6H UNIVERSITY 3-33, 100 FSL 1547 FWL, SEC 4 BLK 4, UNIV LANDS SUR. 9250', 7 E RANKIN

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 8H UNIVERSITY 3-33, 100 FSL 1607 FWL, SEC 4 BLK 4, UNIV LANDS SUR. 8840', 7 E RANKIN

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 7H UNIVERSITY 3-33, 100 FSL 1577 FWL, SEC 4 BLK 4, UNIV LANDS SUR. 8615', 7 E RANKIN

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 32H UNIVERSITY 3-19, 2600 FNL 1217 FWL, SEC

18 BLK 3, UNIV LANDS SUR. 9425', 10 NE RANKIN

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Andrews County

ENERVEST OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 8 UNIVERSITY 7-18, 535 FWL 660 FNL, SEC 18 BLK 7, UL SUR., A-U199 13000', 20 NE ANDREWS

OXY USA, INC. SAINT WILMA (STRAWN) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 UNIVERSITY ROXANNE, 1980 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 2 BLK 3, UL SUR., A-U49 11500', 8 NE ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 6 UNIVERSITY 38A, 1653 FSL 2310 FEL, SEC 38 BLK 13, UL SUR.

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SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 17 CC LOCKHART & BROWN B, 100 FNL 660 FEL, SEC 12 BLK A41, PSL/WC WOOLDRIDGE SUR., A-1658 5200', 14 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 8 UNIVERSITY 38, 1650 FNL 2310 FNL, SEC 38 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U430 5200', 9 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 108 MARTIN LZ8 A, 330 FNL 1652 FNL, SEC 13 BLK A47, PSL/J MARTIN SUR., A-1588 5200', 14 SW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 32 MILES, 2310 FNL 1980 FEL, SEC 2 BLK A47, PSL/S MUNGER & EC NIX SUR., A-1995 5200', 10 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 26 LYDA MILES, 2310 FNL 330 FEL, SEC 2 BLK A47, PSL/S MUNGER & EC NIX SUR., A-1995 5200', 10 NW ANDREWS

SANDRIDGE E&P, LLC FUHRMAN-MASCHO (O) DRILL Well# 1 UNIVERSITY 13-28, 330 FNL 330 FNL, SEC 28 BLK 13, UL SUR., A-U420 5200', 11 NW ANDREWS

TEXLAND PETROLEUM LP S BOYDELL (CLRFRK L) (O) DRILL Well# 3 ALLBERG 2190 FNL 2576 FEL, SEC 7 BLK A31, PSL SUR., A-444 7600', 25 NW ANDREWS

XTO ENERGY INC MEANS (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1262 MEANS (SAN ANDRES) UNIT, 2573 FSL 1307 FNL, SEC 2 BLK A35, PSL/S MEANS SUR., A-1727 5400', 9 N ANDREWS

XTO ENERGY INC FULLERTON (O) DRILL (Well#) 4270 FULLERTON CLEAR-FORK UNIT, 2514 FNL 2101 FEL, SEC 31 BLK 13, UL SUR, 7650', 14 NW ANDREWS

XTO ENERGY INC THREE BAR (WICHITA) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 204LH JE PARKER, 675 FSL 150 FEL, SEC 2 BLK A54, PSL/JE PARKER SUR., A-2063 7800', 19 SW ANDREWS

Crane County

APACHE CORPORATION MCLEROY (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 3H KING 27, 286 FNL 2182 FEL, SEC 26 BLK X, CCSD&RNG/W BATES SUR., A-473 3200', 3 NW CRANE

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO.-MIDLAND SD HILLS (SAN ANGELO U) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1404 WN WADDELL ET AL, 1590 FSL 2000 FEL, SEC 20 BLK B-26, PSL SUR., A-1267 4800', 18 NW CRANE

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO.-MIDLAND SD HILLS (SAN ANGELO U) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1483 WN WADDELL ET AL, 610 FNL 1270 FEL, SEC 21 BLK B26, PSL/WN WADDELL & CO SUR., A-1268 5011', 18 NW CRANE

BURLINGTON RES O&G CO.-MIDLAND SD HILLS (SAN ANGELO U) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 131 WN WADDELL ET AL, 1214 FNL 555 FNL, SEC 20 BLK B-26, PSL SUR., A-1267 4777', 18 NW CRANE

DEVON ENERGY PROD CO., LP S LEA (SAN ANGELO) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 195 PJ LEAL ET AL, 1200 FNL 635 FSEL, SEC 47 BLK 32, PSL/WB HILL SUR., A-566 4750', 11 NW CRANE

Ector County

BERRY OIL COMP S FASKEN (DEVONIAN) (RECOMP) (INJ) Well# 1SW GARDENDALE 8, 467 FSL 500 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 41 T1S, T&P/JW DYCUS SUR., A-548 14500', 12 NE ODESSA

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. N COWDEN (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1226 NORTH COWDEN UNIT, 22 FSL 1843 FEL, SEC 26 BLK 43 T1N, T&P/JST BAKER SUR., A-514 5000', 17 NW ODESSA

XTO ENERGY INC. GOLD-SMITH (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 2338 CA GOLDSMITH

ET AL, 1296 FNL 713 FNL, SEC 28 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/F VEST SUR., A-824 7110', 4 S GOLDSMITH

XTO ENERGY INC. GOLD-SMITH (CLRFRK) (O) DRILL Well# 2339 CA GOLDSMITH ET AL, 555 FSL 1270 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 44 T1S, T&P/JC BEATY SUR., A-684 6725', 3 S GOLDSMITH

Glasscock County

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 WALKER GLASS, 1600 FSL 230 FNL, SEC 14 BLK 34 T4S, T&P/S CALVERLEY JR SUR., A-702 10545', 2 SW GARDEN CITY

APACHE CORPORATION SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 14 HUITT 25, 2334 FSL 1407 FEL, SEC 25 BLK 34 T3S, T&P SUR., A-229 10700', 4 W GARDEN CITY

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC STA (ATOKA) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 1 ED BOOKS, 25, 660 FSL 660 FEL, SEC 25 BLK 34 T5S, T&P SUR., A-277 11000', 12 S GARDEN CITY

NADEL AND GUSSMAN PERMIAN LLC CLYDE-REYNOLDS (WC) (O/G) DRILL (36) (37) Well# 2 CHARGER 16, 1980 FSL 1980 FEL, SEC 16 BLK 32 T4S, T&P/WF BARTON SUR., A-773 10500', 9 E GARDEN CITY

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC HOWARD GLASSCOCK DRILL (DIREC) (INJ) Well# 1104W GLASSCOCK HOWARD W (G-S) UNIT, 964 FSL 1861 FNL, SEC 14 BLK 33 T2S, T&P/H PHILLIPS SUR., A-720 3000', 15 N GARDEN CITY

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC HOWARD GLASSCOCK DRILL (INJ) Well# 199W GLASSCOCK HOWARD W (G-S) UNIT, 1361 FSL 734 FNL, SEC 14 BLK 33 T2S, T&P/H PHILLIPS SUR., A-720 3000', 15 N GARDEN CITY

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC HOWARD GLASSCOCK DRILL (DIREC) (INJ) Well# 1100W GLASSCOCK HOWARD W (G-S) UNIT, 1485 FSL 1953 FNL, SEC 14 BLK 33 T2S, T&P/H PHILLIPS SUR., A-720 3000', 15 N GARDEN CITY

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC HOWARD GLASSCOCK DRILL (DIREC) (INJ) Well# 1101W GLASSCOCK HOWARD W (G-S) UNIT, 1402 FSL 2592 FNL, SEC 14 BLK 33 T2S, T&P/H PHILLIPS SUR., A-720 3000', 15 N GARDEN CITY

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC HOWARD GLASSCOCK DRILL (INJ) Well# 1102W GLASSCOCK HOWARD W (G-S) UNIT, 709 FSL 740 FNL, SEC 14 BLK 33 T2S, T&P/H PHILLIPS SUR., A-720 3000', 15 N GARDEN CITY

SHERIDAN PRODUCTION CO., LLC HOWARD GLASSCOCK DRILL (INJ) Well# 1103W GLASSCOCK HOWARD W (G-S) UNIT, 580 FSL 1389 FNL, SEC 14 BLK 33 T2S, T&P/H PHILLIPS SUR., A-720 3000', 15 N GARDEN CITY

Howard County

ATHLON FE OPERATING LLC HILL RANCH (FUSSELMAN) (O) DRILL Well# 1 R & S FAMILY TRUST 8, 1604 FNL 2173 FEL, SEC 8 BLK 31 T1N, T&P/JL MONTEITH SUR., A-1162 9600', 9 NE BIG SPRING

ELEMENT PETRO. OPER. II, LLC HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 3806E REDFISH, 1980 FSL 1780 FEL, SEC 38 BLK 33 T2N, T&P/HS BEAL SUR., A-1244 11000', 9 NW BIG SPRING

Martin County

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP HILL RANCH (MISS) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2 BARNETT 63, 1987 FEL 2175 FNL, SEC 63 BLK A, BAUER & COCKRELL SUR., A-339 12000', 7 W KNOTT

ENERVEST OPERATING, LLC SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 10 MABEE D, 1990 FNL 1994 FSL, SEC 10 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-396 14000', 14 W TARZAN

LINN OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6C HILL A, 467 FNL 2261 FNL, SEC 6 BLK 35 T2N, T&P/AO EIDSON SUR., A-879 11200', 20 NW BIG SPRING

LINN OPERATING, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6L HILL 6, 1655 FSL 300 FNL, SEC 6 BLK 35 T2N, T&P/BT HILL SUR., A-1146 11200', 20 NW BIG SPRING

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2701 SOUTH CURTIS RANCH, 687 FNL 217 FNL, SEC 27 BLK 39 T1N, T&P SUR., A-310 12500', 10 N MIDLAND

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2301 SOUTH CURTIS RANCH, 467 FNL 1345 FNL, SEC 23 BLK 39 T1N, T&P SUR., A-308 12500', 10 N MIDLAND

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2209 SOUTH CURTIS RANCH, 2641 FSL 288 FNL, SEC 22 BLK 39 T1N, T&P/WH TERRELL SUR., A-829 12500', 10 N MIDLAND

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2115 SOUTH CURTIS RANCH, 413 FSL 1513 FEL, SEC 21 BLK 39 T1N, T&P SUR., A-307 12500', 9 N MIDLAND

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2610 SOUTH CURTIS RANCH, 1293 FSL 1345 FNL, SEC 26 BLK 39 T1N, T&P/WH TERRELL SUR., A-832 12500', 9 N MIDLAND

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 2307 SOUTH CURTIS RANCH, 2640 FSL 1345 FNL, SEC 23 BLK 39 T1N, T&P SUR., A-308 12500', 10 N MIDLAND

OXY USA, INC. LOWE (ATOKA) (O) DRILL Well# 1603 MABEE 239D, 467 FNL 317 FEL, SEC 16 BLK 39 T2N, G&MMB&A SUR., A-391 12500', 16 N MIDLAND

W & T OFFSHORE, INC. S BREEDLOVE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 6 CHENIN, 800 FNL 2050 FNL, SEC 10 BLK H A, SR LANIER SUR., A-942 11500', 19 NW TARZAN

W & T OFFSHORE, INC. S BREEDLOVE (STRAWN) (O) DRILL Well# 7 CHENIN, 1318 FEL 470 FNL, SEC 10 BLK H A, SR LANIER SUR., A-942 11500', 19 NW TARZAN

Midland County

BERRY OIL COMP. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 12 DOUGLASS 36, 760 FNL 1980 FNL, SEC 36 BLK 39 T4S, T&P/WK JOHNSTON SUR., A-1174 12000', 8 SE MIDKIFF

COG OPERATING, LLC PEGASUS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1511H PEGASUS FIELD UNIT 3, 390 FSL 75 FNL, SEC 30 BLK 40 T4S, T&P/RO HEATLEY SUR., A-1406 11500', 17 W MIDKIFF

HIGH SKY PARTNERS LLC LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 1204D RAMCON, 1476 FSL 1934 FNL, SEC 12 BLK X, JHP HILLIARD SUR., A-684 11350', 5 N MIDLAND

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 9 TEXAS TEN W, 1316 FSL 1331 FNL, SEC 48 BLK 39, T&P SUR, 10580', 9 SE MIDLAND

Mitchell County

HIGH ROLLER WELLS, LLC E WESTBROOK (CLRFRK) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 HR COLORADO CITY SWD, 1052 FNL 1372 FEL, SEC 38 BLK 27, T&P/CT HARNESS SUR., A-1120 5000', 3 W COLORADO CITY

Pecos County

AVRA OIL CO. FROMME (O) (RECOMP) Well# 41 FROMME E, 1100 FNLW 2000 FSWL, SEC 106 BLK 10, H&GN/E FROMME SUR., A-8420 1300', 10 SE IMPERIAL

Reeves County

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. W FORD (WOLFCAMP) DRILL (EXPL TEST) Well# 1M RUSTLER HILLS 8, 2257 FNL 1172 FNL, SEC 8 BLK 57 T1, T&P/TA EZELL SUR., A-3722 13250', 12 NW ORLA

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H ROGERS 6 UNIT, 560 FNL 1100 FNL, T JAMES SUR., A-1033 13000', 20 SE PECOS

OXY USA WTP LP WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 CHEVRON MINERALS 263, 1976 FSL 647 FNL, SEC 263 BLK 13, H&GN SUR., A-55 13500', 9 S PECOS

PA PROSPECT LLC WHEAT DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 HWY 302 BRINE, 779 FNLW 5564 FSWL, SEC 1 BLK 3, H&GN SUR., A-379 4000', 18 NW PECOS

Sterling County

PROBITY SWD, LLC EL KAY (CLEAR FORK) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1D MILLICAN

DISPOSAL, 1530 FSL 1745 FEL, SEC 106 BLK 2, H&TC/T BRENNANDE SUR., A-16 5000', 9 NW STERLING CITY

Ward County

ATLANTIC EXPL., LLC MARSTON RCH (CLRFRK) (RE-ENTER) (INJ) Well# 1SD MARSTON-KOEHN, 467 FEL 463 FSL, SEC 7 BLK B19, PSL/HM UNDERWOOD SUR., A-699 4423', 6 SE MONAHANS

JETTA OPERATING CO., INC. TWO GEORGES (B.S.) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H ARCO STATE 33-28, 3248 FNL 467 FEL, SEC 28 BLK 33, H&TC SUR, 12000', 13 E PECOS

COG OPERATING, LLC PEGASUS (CONS) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1511H PEGASUS FIELD UNIT 3, 390 FSL 75 FNL, SEC 30 BLK 40 T4S, T&P/RO HEATLEY SUR., A-1406 11500', 17 W MIDKIFF

HIGH SKY PARTNERS LLC LOWE (ATOKA) (O/G) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 1204D RAMCON, 1476 FSL 1934 FNL, SEC 12 BLK X, JHP HILLIARD SUR., A-684 11350', 5 N MIDLAND

PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. SPRABERRY (TREND) (O) (RECOMP) Well# 9 TEXAS TEN W, 1316 FSL 1331 FNL, SEC 48 BLK 39, T&P SUR, 10580', 9 SE MIDLAND

HIGH ROLLER WELLS, LLC E WESTBROOK (CLRFRK) DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 HR COLORADO CITY SWD, 1052 FNL 1372 FEL, SEC 38 BLK 27, T&P/CT HARNESS SUR., A-1120 5000', 3 W COLORADO CITY

AVRA OIL CO. FROMME (O) (RECOMP) Well# 41 FROMME E, 1100 FNLW 2000 FSWL, SEC 106 BLK 10, H&GN/E FROMME SUR., A-8420 1300', 10 SE IMPERIAL

CONOCOPHILLIPS CO. W FORD (WOLFCAMP) DRILL (EXPL TEST) Well# 1M RUSTLER HILLS 8, 2257 FNL 1172 FNL, SEC 8 BLK 57 T1, T&P/TA EZELL SUR., A-3722 13250', 12 NW ORLA

ENDEAVOR ENERGY RES. LP PHANTOM (WOLFCAMP) (O/G) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 2H ROGERS 6 UNIT, 560 FNL 1100 FNL, T JAMES SUR., A-1033 13000', 20 SE PECOS

OXY USA WTP LP WOLFBONE (TREND) (O/G) DRILL Well# 6 CHEVRON MINERALS 263, 1976 FSL 647 FNL, SEC 263 BLK 13, H&GN SUR., A-55 13500', 9 S PECOS

PA PROSPECT LLC WHEAT DRILL (INJ) Well# 1 HWY 302 BRINE, 779 FNLW 5564 FSWL, SEC 1 BLK 3, H&GN SUR., A-379 4000', 18 NW PECOS

HADAWAY CONSULT & ENGINEER LLC POLLAN (MISS) (O) DRILL (HORZ) Well# 1H REED 68, 362 FNL 2622 FEL, SEC 68 BLK 5, H&GN/NP PYRON SUR.,

Salida Expl., LLC Steele Hill (Tannehill) (O) Drilling Well# 3 Key, 1200 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 152 BLK 1, H&GN/W Randall Sur., A-1184 4700', 6 SE Spur

Sheridan Production Co., LLC SE Tex-Mex (Wich Alb) (O) Drilling Well# 4 McCasland, 1980 FNL 1980 FNL, SEC 8 BLK A28, PSL/J Jones Sur., A-523 8000', 23 SW Seminole

Hadaway Consult & Engineer LLC Pollan (Miss) (O) Drilling Well# 1H Reed 68, 362 FNL 2622 FEL, SEC 68 BLK 5, H&GN/NP Pyron Sur.,

Salida Expl., LLC Steele Hill (Tannehill) (O) Drilling Well# 3 Key, 1200 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 152 BLK 1, H&GN/W Randall Sur., A-1184 4700', 6 SE Spur

Sheridan Production Co., LLC SE Tex-Mex (Wich Alb) (O) Drilling Well# 4 McCasland, 1980 FNL 1980 FNL, SEC 8 BLK A28, PSL/J Jones Sur., A-523 8000', 23 SW Seminole

Hadaway Consult & Engineer LLC Pollan (Miss) (O) Drilling Well# 1H Reed 68, 362 FNL 2622 FEL, SEC 68 BLK 5, H&GN/NP Pyron Sur.,

Salida Expl., LLC Steele Hill (Tannehill) (O) Drilling Well# 3 Key, 1200 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 152 BLK 1, H&GN/W Randall Sur., A-1184 4700', 6 SE Spur

Sheridan Production Co., LLC SE Tex-Mex (Wich Alb) (O) Drilling Well# 4 McCasland, 1980 FNL 1980 FNL, SEC 8 BLK A28, PSL/J Jones Sur., A-523 8000', 23 SW Seminole

Hadaway Consult & Engineer LLC Pollan (Miss) (O) Drilling Well# 1H Reed 68, 362 FNL 2622 FEL, SEC 68 BLK 5, H&GN/NP Pyron Sur.,

Salida Expl., LLC Steele Hill (Tannehill) (O) Drilling Well# 3 Key, 1200 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 152 BLK 1, H&GN/W Randall Sur., A-1184 4700', 6 SE Spur

Sheridan Production Co., LLC SE Tex-Mex (Wich Alb) (O) Drilling Well# 4 McCasland, 1980 FNL 1980 FNL, SEC 8 BLK A28, PSL/J Jones Sur., A-523 8000', 23 SW Seminole

Hadaway Consult & Engineer LLC Pollan (Miss) (O) Drilling Well# 1H Reed 68, 362 FNL 2622 FEL, SEC 68 BLK 5, H&GN/NP Pyron Sur.,

Salida Expl., LLC Steele Hill (Tannehill) (O) Drilling Well# 3 Key, 1200 FSL 467 FEL, SEC 152 BLK 1, H&GN/W Randall Sur., A-1184 4700', 6 SE Spur

Sheridan Production Co., LLC SE Tex-Mex (Wich Alb) (O) Drilling Well# 4 McCasland, 1980 FNL 1980 FNL, SEC 8 BLK A28, PSL/J Jones Sur., A-523 8000', 23 SW Seminole

Hadaway Consult & Engineer LLC Pollan (Miss) (O) Drilling Well# 1H Reed 68, 362 FNL 2622 FEL, SEC 68 BLK 5, H&GN/NP Pyron Sur.,

A-934 7600', 9 E JUSTICE-BURG

Hockley County

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. SLAUGHTER (O) DRILL (DIREC) Well# 69 SLAUGHTER ESTATE UNIT, 254 FNL 1277 FNL, SEC 34, CONCHO CSL/LAB 25 SUR., A-148 5400', 3 E SUNDOWN

OCCIDENTAL PERMIAN LTD. SLAUGHTER (O) (RECOMP) Well# 2148 SLAUGHTER ESTATE UNIT, 1000 FSL 590 FNL, ZAVALA CSL/LG 37/LB 21 SUR., A-159 5400', 18 SE SUNDOWN

SOCORRO EXPL., INC. LEVELLAND (O) DRILL Well# 14 DAVIES, 1368 FNL 8 FNL, VAL VERDE CSL/LEAGUE 73/LABOR 20 SUR., A-209 5000', 5 SE PETTIT

New Mexico

Chaves County

Mack Energy Corp. Citation State #1, Lone Wolf; Sec 4 T14S R29E; 1650/S & 990/E; 17 mi NE Hagerman; Rot 3500 San Andres; API #30-005-64184

Mack Energy Corp. Homet State #1, Lone Wolf; Sec 4 T14S R29E; 330/S & 990/E; 17 mi NE Hagerman; Rot 3500 San Andres; API #30-005-64185

Mack Energy Corp. Skyhawk State #1, Lone Wolf; Sec 15 T14S R29E; 330/S & 330/W; 18 mi E Hagerman; Rot 3500 San Andres; API #30-005-64181

Mack Energy Corp. Corsair State #1, Lone Wolf; Sec 20 T14S R29E; 990/N & 330/W; 16 1/2 mi SE Hagerman; Rot 3500 San Andres; API #30-005-64186

Eddy County

Memorial Production Operating LLC, No Square Lake Ut #202, Square Lake; Sec 32 T16S R31E; 1830/S & 1880/E; 8 mi NW Maljamar; Rot 3698 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-015-41824

Memorial Production Operating LLC, No Square Lake Ut #203, Square Lake; Sec 32 T16S R31E; 1830/S & 1780/E; 8 mi NW Maljamar; Rot 3698 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-015-41825

Memorial Production Operating LLC, No Square Lake Ut #204, Square Lake; Sec 32 T16S R31E; 1830/S & 1980/E; 8 mi NW Maljamar; Rot 3920 Grayburg San Andres; API #30-015-41826

COG Operating LLC, Parliament 1 Fed Com LLB

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Clay Hill Ranch, 4,624± Acres, Freestone County, TX. Hortensine Ranch Company, LLC. Contiguous, non-leased 4,624± Acres in the heart of the Eaglebine Shale. Approximately 33% minerals owned that could convey. Significant surface and subsurface water supply. Low fenced highly managed recreational ranch - M

DEVELOPMENT WELLS

From 6G

#3 East Empire; Sec 6 T17S R30E; 1476/N & 257/W; 4 mi NW Loco Hills; Rot 10413 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-41817

COG Operating LLC Salada Vista 36 State #5 Gatuna Canyon; Sec 31 T19S R31E; 1630/S & 190/W; 11 mi NW Halfway; Rot 14496 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41830

Mewbourne Oil Co. Burton 4 PM Fed Com #1 Parkway; Sec 4 T20S R29E; 350/S & 120/E; 14 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 12601 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41827

COG Operating LLC Buena Vista 2 State #4 Gatuna Canyon; Sec 2 T20S R30E; 280/S & 200/W; 12 mi NW Halfway; Rot 13976 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41829

Devon Energy Production Company LP Cotton Draw Unit #204 Paduca; Sec 26 T24S R31E; 150/S & 1410/W; 18 mi SE Malaga; Rot 15159 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41818

Devon Energy Production Company LP Cotton Draw Unit #174 Paduca; Sec 12 T25S R31E; 280/N & 1295/W; 17 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 12848 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41822

Devon Energy Production Company LP Cotton Draw Unit #175 Paduca; Sec 12 T25S R31E; 330/N & 1345/W; 17 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 15044 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41823

LRE Operating LLC Horseshoe State #3 NE Red Lake; Sec 30 T17S R28E; 1655/N & 1690/W; 10 1/2 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5100 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41832

LRE Operating LLC Southern Union 30G St #3 NE Red Lake; Sec 30 T17S R28E; 1655/N & 2375/E; 10 1/2 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5112 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41834

LRE Operating LLC Enron State #19 NE Red Lake; Sec 32 T17S R28E; 990/N & 1700/W; 12 mi SE Artesia; Rot 4200 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41833

Yates Petroleum Corp. Nickson BM #6 Penasco Draw; Sec 30 T18S R26E; 1650/N & 250/E; 7 mi S Artesia; Rot 6878 SA/Yeso; API #30-015-41838

BOPCO LP Big Eddy Unit D12 #1 WC Williams Sink; Sec 34 T19S R31E; 660/N & 1255/E; 8 mi NW Halfway; Rot 14728 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41820

Mewbourne Oil Co. Yardbird 34 PA Fee #1 S Culebra Bluff; Sec 34 T23S R28E; 150/S & 610/E; 2 mi SE Loving; Rot 12900 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41836

Yates Petroleum Corp. Lohiba BPY State #3 W Willow Lake; Sec 1 T25S R27E; 1980/N & 200/W; 6 mi SW Malaga; Rot 12447 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41821

Cimarex Energy Co. Scoter 6 Federal #3 Cotton Draw; Sec 6 T25S R27E; 330/S & 2190/E; 3 mi SE Black River; Rot 11758 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41819

Apache Corp. Lee Federal #87 Cedar Lake; Sec 20 T17S R31E; 330/S & 990/W; 5 mi E Loco Hills; Rot 6500 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-41842

Apache Corp. Lee Federal #88 Cedar Lake; Sec 20 T17S R31E; 470/S & 1665/W; 5 mi E Loco Hills; Rot 6500 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-41843

Apache Corp. Lee Federal #92 Cedar Lake; Sec 20 T17S R31E; 430/S & 820/W; 5 mi E Loco Hills; Rot 6500 Glorieta Yeso; API #30-015-41844

Yates Petroleum Corp. Nickson BM #7 Penasco Draw; Sec 30 T18S R26E; 1850/S & 250/E; 7 mi S Artesia; Rot 6928 San Andres Yeso; API #30-015-41839

Yates Petroleum Corp. Nickson BM #8 Penasco Draw; Sec 30 T18S R26E; 400/S & 250/E; 7 mi S Artesia; Rot 6944 San Andres Yeso; API #30-015-41840

Mack Energy Corp. Derrick Fee #2 Cass Draw; Sec 4 T23S R27E; 2310/S & 990/E; 1 mi SW Otis; Rot 9200 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41841

Devon Energy Production Company LP Cotton Draw Unit #203 Paduca; Sec 26 T24S R31E; 150/S & 1380/W; 19 mi SE Malaga; Rot 15266 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41847

Chevron USA Inc. Hayhurst 17 Federal #1 Cottonwood Draw; Sec 17 T25S R27E; 55/N & 190/W; 5 mi SE Black River; Rot 12091 Bone Spring; API #30-015-

41845 Chevron USA Inc. Hayhurst 18 Fed #1 Cottonwood Draw; Sec 18 T25S R27E; 340/N & 1040/E; 5 mi SE Black River; Rot 11772 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41848

XTO Energy Inc. Goldenchild 6 State SWD #1 SWD; Sec 6 T25S R29E; 800/S & 330/E; 5 mi SE Malaga; Rot 16500 Devonian; API #30-015-41846

Oxy USA WTP LP Yeso Viking Fed #10 NE Red Lake; Sec 23 T17S R27E; 1755/S & 900/W; 8 1/2 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5000 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41870

Oxy USA WTP LP Yeso Viking Fed #11 NE Red Lake; Sec 23 T17S R27E; 1435/S & 2261/W; 8 1/2 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5000 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41871

Oxy USA WTP LP Yeso Viking Fed #12 NE Red Lake; Sec 23 T17S R27E; 1720/S & 1650/E; 8 1/2 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5000 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41872

Oxy USA WTP LP Yeso Viking Fed #13 NE Red Lake; Sec 23 T17S R27E; 2480/S & 451/E; 8 1/2 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5000 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41873

Oxy USA WTP LP Yeso Viking Fed #16 NE Red Lake; Sec 23 T17S R27E; 8 1/2 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5095 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41874

Oxy USA WTP LP Yeso Viking Fed #19 NE Red Lake; Sec 23 T17S R27E; 2555/S & 890/W; 8 1/2 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5000 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41854

Oxy USA WTP LP Yeso Viking Fed #26 NE Red Lake; Sec 23 T17S R27E; 240/S & 210/W; 8 1/2 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5000 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41853

Oxy USA WTP LP Yeso Viking Fed #29 NE Red Lake; Sec 23 T17S R27E; 432/S & 2100/W; 8 1/2 mi SE Artesia; Rot 5033 Glo/Yeso; API #30-015-41852

BOPCO LP Big Eddy Unit D12 #2 WC Williams Sink; Sec 34 T19S R31E; 660/N & 1215/E; 8 mi NW Halfway; Rot 12383 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41861

Oxy USA WTP LP State CV Com #2 Old Millman Ranch; Sec 16 T20S R28E; 1700/N & 300/E; 9 mi NE Carlsbad; Rot 11863 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41857

Cimarex Energy Co. Forty Niner Ridge 25 Fed #2 W Forty Niner Ridge; Sec 23 T23S R30E; 15/S & 250/E; 14 mi E Loving; Rot 15275 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41859

Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado Marquardt Federal #11 Cotton Draw; Sec 13 T25S R26E; 360/N & 1750/W; 4 1/2 mi S Black River; Rot 12383 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41849

Devon Energy Production Company LP Cotton Draw Unit #210 Paduca; Sec 36 T24S R31E; 200/S & 1300/E; 20 mi SE Malaga; Rot 17716 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41868

Devon Energy Production Company LP Cotton Draw Unit #213 Paduca; Sec 35 T24S R31E; 200/N & 510/E; 19 mi SE Malaga; Rot 14973 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41869

Yates Petroleum Corp. Cohiba BPY State #2 W Willow Lake; Sec 1 T25S R27E; 400/N & 200/W; 6 mi SW Malaga; Rot 12447 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41821

Spring; API #30-015-41851 Yates Petroleum Corp. Sherpa Boy St Com #2 W Willow Lake; Sec 1 T25S R27E; 1980/S & 200/W; 6 mi SW Malaga; Rot 12357 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41855

Yates Petroleum Corp. Sherpa Boy St Com #3 W Willow Lake; Sec 1 T25S R27E; 660/S & 200/W; 6 mi SW Artesia; Rot 12371 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41856

COG Operating LLC Daisy 24 Fee Com #6 N Hay Hollow; Sec 24 T25S R27E; 915/N 1625/E; 9 mi SE Black River; Rot 17010 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41862

COG Operating LLC Daisy 24 Fee Com #7 N Hay Hollow; Sec 24 T25S R27E; 190/N & 1800/W; 9 mi SE Black River; Rot 17666 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41863

COG Operating LLC MYOX 19 State Com #3 N Hay Hollow; Sec 19 T25S R28E; 190/S & 2290/E; 7 1/2 mi SW Malaga; Rot 17816 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41864

COG Operating LLC MYOX 21 State #11 San Lorenzo; Sec 21 T25S R28E; 190/S & 1840/W; 7 mi SW Malaga; Rot 10361 Bone Spring; API #30-015-41865

COG Operating LLC SRO State Unit #46 Red Bluff; Sec 5 T26S R28E; 190/N & 550/W; 10 1/2 mi SW Malaga; Rot 10543 Delaware; API #30-015-41866

Lea County ConocoPhillips Co. Ruby Federal #30 West Maljamar; Sec 17 T17S R32E; 1450/N & 330/W; 2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 6968 Yeso; API #30-025-41503

ConocoPhillips Co. Ruby Federal #37 West Maljamar; Sec 17 T17S R32E; 550/N & 1690/E; 2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 7043 Yeso; API #30-025-41507

ConocoPhillips Co. Ruby Federal #31 West Maljamar; Sec 18 T17S R32E; 2155/N & 200/E; 3 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 6958 Yeso; API #30-025-41504

ConocoPhillips Co. Ruby Federal #33 West Maljamar; Sec 18 T17S R32E; 1725/N & 1675/E; 3 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 6978 Yeso; API #30-025-41505

ConocoPhillips Co. Ruby Federal #34 West Maljamar; Sec 18 T17S R32E; 1800/N & 1795/E; 3 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 3978 Yeso; API #30-025-41506

COG Operating LLC Lusk Deep Unit A #30 Lusk; Sec 20 T19S R32E; 330/S & 360/W; 7 mi NW Halfway; Rot 13698 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41513

COG Operating LLC Penasco Federal Com #1 North Red Hills; Sec 9 T24S R34E; 190/S & 660/E; 3 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15516 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41514

ConocoPhillips Co. Wilder 29 Federal #2 Jennings; Sec 29 T26S R32E; 330/N & 2116/E; 19 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13957 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41511

ConocoPhillips Co. Wilder 29 Federal #3 Jennings; Sec 29 T26S R32E; 330/N & 1875/W; 19 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13957 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41510

ConocoPhillips Co. Wilder 29 Federal #5 Jennings; Sec 29 T26S R32E; 724/N & 877/E; 19 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13678 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41509

ConocoPhillips Co. Wilder 29 Federal #6 Jennings; Sec 29 T26S R32E; 330/N & 2066/E; 19 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13638 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41512

Celero Energy II-LP Rock Queen Unit #318 Caprock; Sec 30 T13S R32E; 880/S & 1570/W; 16 mi SW Caprock; Rot 3123 Queen; API #30-025-41526

Celero Energy II-LP Rock Queen Unit #320 Caprock; Sec 30 T13S R32E; 2180/N & 1980/W; 16 mi SW Caprock; Rot 3100 Queen; API #30-025-41527

ConocoPhillips Company Ruby Federal #29 W Maljamar; Sec 17 T17S R32E; 1850/N & 990/W; 1 1/2 mi SW Maljamar; Rot 6986 Yeso; API #30-025-41502

COG Operating LLC North Lusk 32 ST SWD #1 SWD; Sec 32 T18S R32E; 1550/S & 1800/W; 10 1/2 mi NW Halfway; Rot 15250 Fus/Mon/Simp/Eli; API #30-025-41525

Mewbourne Oil Co. Scharb 10 PA State #1 Quail Ridge; Sec 10 T19S R34E; 185/S & 990/E; 12 mi SW Arkansas Junction; Rot 15376 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41532

Elevation Resources LLC Birdog 20 State #1 S Berry; Sec 20 T21S R34E; 2415/N & 2330/W; 14 mi SW Oil Center; Rot 17988 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41528

Quantum Resource Management LLC Encore M State #11 Blinebry; Sec 20 T22S R37E; 978/S & 641/W; 4 mi SW Eunice; Rot 7000 Abo; API #30-025-41529

Quantum Resource Management LLC Encore M State #12 Blinebry; Sec 20 T22S R37E; 2264/S & 1702/W; 4 mi SW Eunice; Rot 7000 Abo; API #30-025-41530

Quantum Resources Management LLC Encore M State #13 Blinebry; Sec 19 T22S R37E; 1900/N & 2160/W; 4 1/2 mi SW Eunice; Rot 7000 Abo; API #30-025-41531

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Energren Resources Corp. Cox 35 Federal #1 Triste Draw; Sec 35 T23S R32E; 200/S & 400/E; 12 1/2 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 14835 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41520

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NW Ochoa; Rot 14815 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41521 Regeneration Energy Corporation Landreth Federal Com #1 Antelope Ridge; Sec 24 T23S R34E; 330/S & 280/W; 6 1/2 mi NE Ochoa; Rot 15,766 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41522

Devon Energy Production Company LP Cotton Draw 32 St SWD #2 SWD; Sec 32 T24S R32E; 1180/S & 1000/E; 15 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 20050 Devonian; API #30-025-41524

EOG Resources Inc. Vaca 11 Federal #2 Red Hills; Sec 11 T25S R33E; 170/S & 1200/E; 6 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 14500 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41523

COG Operating LLC Dos Abuelos Fee #2 Mesalero Escarpe; Sec 20 T18S R34E; 190/N & 990/W; 6 mi SW Buckeye; Rot 14375 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41537

COG Operating LLC Albatross State Com #2 Airstrip; Sec 30 T18S R35E; 190/N & 1980/E; 5.5 mi S Buckeye; Rot 14866 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41544

COG Operating LLC Stratoyet 31 St Com #4 North Berry; Sec 31 T20S R35E; 540/S & 660/W; 14 mi NW Oil Center; Rot 15006 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41539

Apache Corp. West Blinebry Drinkard Unit #152 North Eunice; Sec 16 T21S R37E; 820/S & 820/W; 2 mi N Eunice; Rot 6950 Blinebry/Tubb/Drinkard; API #30-025-41543

Apache Corp. West Blinebry Drinkard Unit #178 North Eunice; Sec 16 T21S R37E; 520/N & 2095/E; 2 mi N Eunice; Rot 6950 Blinebry/Tubb/Drinkard; API #30-025-41547

Manzano LLC Chilli Parlor 17 Federal #1 East Red Tank; Sec 17 T22S R33E; 330/S & 2200/E; 14 mi SE Halfway; Rot 15280 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41540

COG Producing LLC King Tut Federal #1 SE Cotton Draw; Sec 30 T24S R32E; 190/N & 330/W; 16 mi W Ochoa; Rot 18240 Delaware; API #30-025-41542

COG Producing LLC Salvador Fee #3 North Red Hills; Sec 10 T24S R34E; 190/S & 1470/W; 3 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15694 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41545

COG Producing LLC Salvador Fee #4 North Red Hills; Sec 10 T24S R34E; 190/S & 660/W; 3 mi NW Ochoa; Rot 15395 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41538

COG Producing LLC King Tut Federal #4 SE Cotton Draw; Sec 30 T24S R32E; 190/N & 330/E; 16 mi W Ochoa; Rot 18335 Delaware; API #30-025-41550

Chevron USA Inc. Red Hills 2 25 33 #1 Red Hills; Sec 2 T25S R33E; 330/S & 340/E; 6 mi SW Ochoa; Rot 13906 Bone Spring; API #30-025-41546

Devon Energy Production Company LP Ragin Cajun 14 Federal #1 Japalina; Sec 14 T26S R34E; 330/S & 330/E; 10 mi S Ochoa; Rot 14704 Delaware API #30-025-41541

Texland Petroleum-Hobbs LLC J R Holt #3 Shipp; Sec 2 T17S R37E; 830/N & 1060/W; 4 1/2 mi N Humble City; Rot 11500 Strawn; API #30-025-41533

Occidental Permian Ltd N Hobbs GB/SA Unit #946 Hobbs; Sec 18 T18S R38E; 1104/S & 1670/E; 2 mi NW Hobbs; Rot 4615 GB/SA API #30-025-41550

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Apache Corp. West Blinebry Drinkard Unit #154 N Eunice; Sec 16 T21S R37E; 895/S & 1810/W; 2 1/2 mi N Eunice; Rot 6950 B/Tu/Dr. API #30-025-41549

Apache Corp. West Blinebry Drinkard Unit #168 N Eunice; Sec 16 T21S R37E; 1860/N & 2230/E; 2 1/2 mi N Eunice; Rot 6950 B/Tu/Dr. API #30-025-41548

Chevron USA Inc. H T Mattern NCT B #29 Penrose Skelly; Sec 30 T21S R37E; 2310/S & 1460/E; 2 mi NW Eunice; Rot 3999 Grayburg; API #30-025-41554

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COG Production LLC King Tut Federal #2 SE Cotton Draw; Sec 30 T24S R32E; 190/N & 1650/W; 16 mi W Ochoa; Rot 18266 Delaware; API #30-025-41558

COG Production LLC King Tut Federal #3 SE Cotton Draw; Sec 30 T24S R32E; 190/N & 2200/E; 16 mi W Ochoa; Rot 18304 Delaware; API #30-025-41559

COG Production LLC King Tut Federal #4 SE Cotton Draw; Sec 30 T24S R32E; 190/N & 330/E; 16 mi W Ochoa; Rot 18335 Delaware; API #30-025-41550

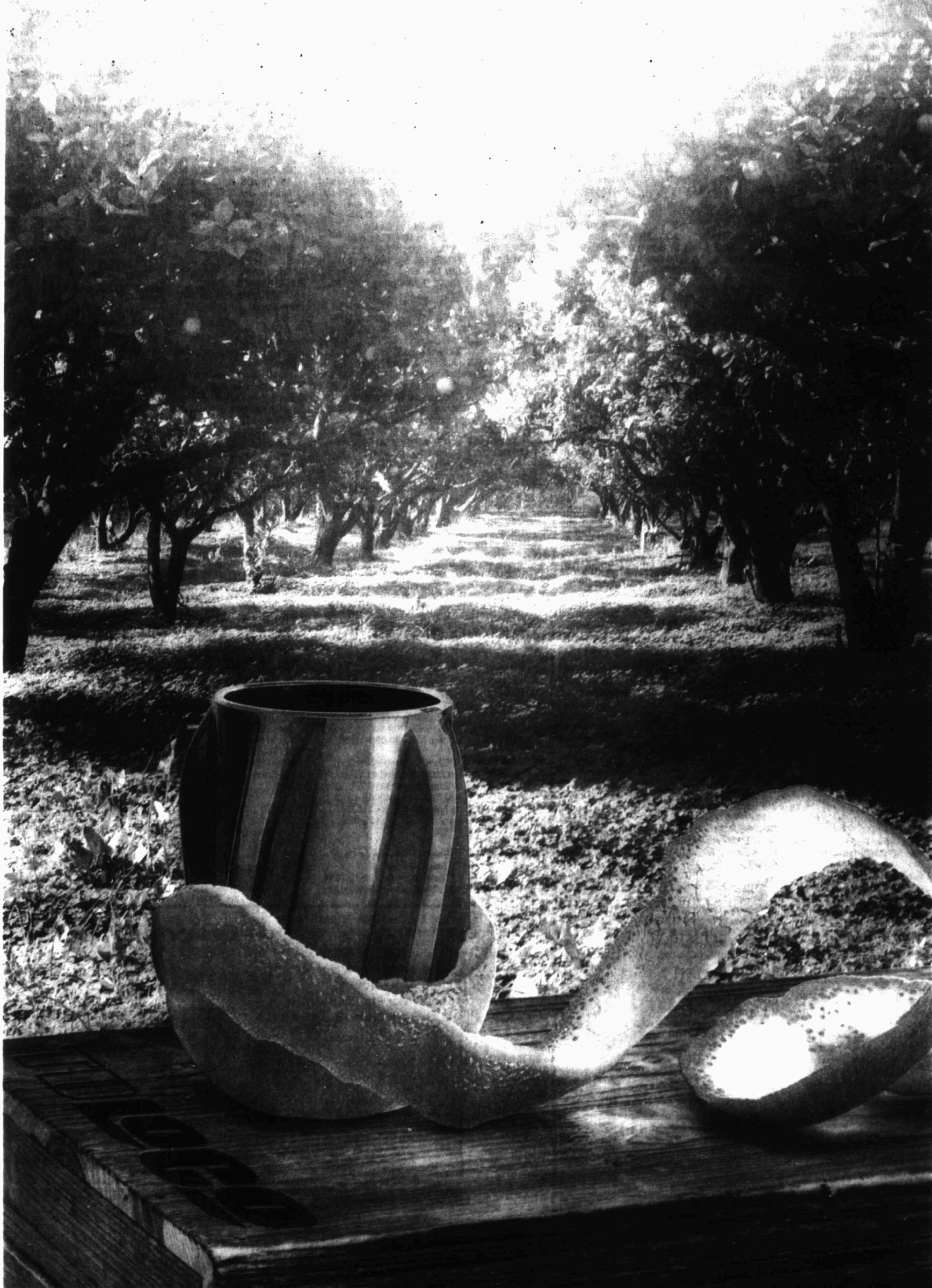
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Thursday morning's session kicks off with John J. Christmann, executive vice president and COO for Apache Corp. In this session, moderated by Leslie Haines, Editor-in-Chief of *Oil and Gas Investor* for Hart Energy, Christmann will discuss the fact that Apache is running 38 rigs on its 1.7 million net acres in the basin, and is targeting reservoirs across the Midland and Delaware basins and the Central Basin Platform.

The closing keynote, at 11:40 on Thursday, will come from Gregory Zuckerman, special writer at *The Wall Street Journal* and author of "The Frackers: The Outrageous Inside Story of the New Billionaire Wildcatters" — a national bestseller examining various individuals and independent companies who pioneered the fracturing process within the United States.



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lated; gas lift 238 BO, 1476
BW on 48/64 inch choke,
FTP 3100 psi, 40 Oil Gravity;
API #42-383-38219

Devon Energy Production
Co. LP
University "10" #2808H
Lin (Wolfcamp)-Hori-
zontal; 7564 fcl, 4411 fcl,
Sec 28, Blk 10, ULS, 4.34
nw Big Lake; TD 7867
TVD, 15881 MD; Comp
3/22/2014; producing from
8298-15739, fracture stimu-
lated; gas lift 229 BO, 917
BW on 48/64 inch choke,
40 Oil Gravity; API #42-383-
38220

Upton County

Mid-States Operating
Company
Wooley "5" #6
Spraberry (Trend Area);
660 fwi, 660 fcl, Sec 5, Blk
G, Abst. 180, GC&SF RR,
7.3 ne Rankin; TD 11903;
Comp 3/28/2014; producing
from 8090-10589, fracture
stimulated; pump 122 BO,
129 MCF, 284 BW, 42 Oil
Gravity; API #42-461-36023

COG Operating LLC
Maggie #6
Spraberry (Trend Area);
660 fwi, 660 fcl, Sec 7, Blk
C, Abst. 46, CCSD&RGNG,
19.98 sw Midkiff; TD 10446;
Comp 3/18/2014; producing
from 8870-10180, fracture
stimulated; pump 211 BO,
271 MCF, 243 BW, 42.4 Oil
Gravity; API #42-461-39142

Texas RRCD 8

Andrews County

Capstone Natural Re-
sources LLC
Crews Estate #7
Shafter Lake North (San
Andres); 330 fcl, 990 fwi,
Sec 15, Blk A-36, Abst. 699,
PSL, 9 n Andrews; TD 4714,
Comp 3/19/2014; produc-
ing from 4340-4483, treated
with acid and fracture stimu-
lated; pump 100 BO, 5 MCF,
467 BW, 31.2 Oil Gravity;
API #42-003-45903

Capstone Natural Re-
sources LLC
Crews Estate #11
Shafter Lake North (San
Andres); 990 fcl, 1650 fwi,
Sec 15, Blk A-36, Abst. 699,
PSL, 9 n Andrews; TD 4706,
Comp 3/20/2014; produc-
ing from 4340-4485, treated
with acid and fracture stimu-
lated; pump 164 BO,
320 BW, 31.2 Oil Gravity;
API #42-003-45904

SandRidge Exploration
and Production LLC
University "13-35" #16
Fuhrman-Mascho; 990
fwi, 2310 fwi, Sec 35, Blk
13, Abst. 427U, ULS, 10 nw
Andrews; TD 4966; Comp
3/16/2014; producing from
4478-4724, treated with
acid and fracture stimulated;
pump 88 BO, 33 MCF, 287
BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-
003-45812

SandRidge Exploration
and Production LLC
W. H. Bush "B" #37
Fuhrman-Mascho; 183
fwi, 160 fwi, Sec 3, Blk A-47,
Abst. 1551, PSL, 13 nw
Andrews; TD 4850; Comp
3/19/2014; producing from
4586-4788, treated with
acid and fracture stimulated;
pump 50 BO, 22 MCF, 81
BW, 32 Oil Gravity; API #42-
003-45824

SandRidge Exploration
and Production LLC
University "A 4318" #5
Shafter Lake North (San
Andres); 515 fwi, 994 fwi,
Sec 18, Blk 14, Abst. 458U,
ULS, 13 nw Andrews; TD
5003; Comp 3/20/2014;
producing from 4516-852,
treated with acid and frac-
ture stimulated; pump 98
BO, 37 MCF, 241 BW, 32 Oil
Gravity; API #42-003-45487

Martin County

Prime Operating Com-
pany
Schenecker -18- #3
Spraberry (Trend Area);
467 fwi, 1610 fwi, Sec 18,

Blk 38, T-1-N, Abst. 860,
T&P RR, 9.95 s Tarzan; TD
11708; Comp 3/29/2014;
producing from 9456-10408,
treated with acid and frac-
ture stimulated; pump 30
BO, 74 MCF, 459 BW, 46 Oil
Gravity; API #42-317-38557

Prime Operating Com-
pany
Schenecker -18- #7
Spraberry (Trend Area);
467 fwi, 660 fwi, Sec 8,
Blk 38, T-1-N, Abst. 860,
T&P RR, 10.7 s Tarzan; TD
11747; Comp 3/16/2014;
producing from 9354-10500,
treated with acid and frac-
ture stimulated; pump 29
BO, 47 MCF, 186 BW, 46 Oil
Gravity; API #42-317-38558

Ward County

Whiting Oil and Gas
Corporation
Hutchings Stock Associa-
tion #607R
Ward-Estes North; 8250
fwi, 8250 fwi, Sec 2, Blk O,
Abst. 120, G&MMB&A, 4
se Wickert; TD 3210; Comp
3/28/2014; producing from
2451-2684, treated with
acid; flow 0.50 BO, 1 MCF,
300 BW on open choke,
FTP 175 psi, 37 Oil Gravity;
API #42-475-10210

Texas RRCD 8A

Gaines County

Texland Petroleum LP
Denton "A" #5
Stockyard (Upper Clear-
fork); 467 fwi, 2217 fwi, Sec
22, Blk A-9, Abst. 364, PSL,
20.9 e Seminole; TD 6701;
Comp 3/16/2014; produc-
ing from 6508-6601, treated
with acid; pump 37 BO, 3
MCF, 75 BW, 33.9 Oil Grav-
ity; API #42-165-37865

New Mexico

Eddy County

LRE Operating LLC
Horseshoe State #2
NE Poker Lake; Sec 30
T17S R28E; 1655/N &
2310/W; EL 3564 GL, TD
4918, PBTD 4872; Spud 10-
24-13, Comp 11-12-13; pro-
duction is through treated
perfs: 3280-3540, 3580-
3856, 3910-4080, 4162-
4490. Treat: 12.119 gals
15% HCL, Frac w/291.403#
16/30 & 71.918# 16/30 resin
coated sd in 25# x-linked
gel. IP: 12-3-13 Pump 24 hrs
50 BO, 500 BW, 62 MCF.
Csg: 8 5/8 @ 445 w/250 sx, 5
1/2 @ 4918 w/950 sx, 2
7/8 @ 4613; API #30-015-
41637

LRE Operating LLC
Southern Union 30 G
State #2
NE Red Lake; Sec 30
T17S R28E; 1815/N &
1650/E BHL 1659/N &
1647/E EL 3574 GL, TD
4900, PBTD 4845; Spud 10-
15-13, Comp 11-5-13; pro-
duction is through treated
perfs: 3220-3506, 3552-
3882, 3962-4292, 4344-
4600. Treat: 13.039 gals
15% HCL, Frac w/338.497#
16/30 & 74.709# 16/30 resin
coated sd in 25# x-linked
gel. IP: 12-1-13 Pump 24 hrs
68 BO, 514 BW, 81 MCF.
Csg: 8 5/8 @ 444 w/300 sx, 5
1/2 @ 4889 w/900 sx, 2
7/8 @ 4702; API #30-015-
41638

COG Operating LLC
Dodd Federal Unit #902
Dodd; Sec 10 T17S
R29E; 1775/N & 85/E BHL:
1781/N & 1678/W; EL 3623
GL, TD 8008 MD, 4657 TVD,
PBTD 7935; Spud 6-18-13,
Comp 9-3-13; production is
through perfs: 4900-7900
IP: 9-8-13 Pump 24 hrs 147
BO, 368 BW, 107 MCF Csg:
13 3/8 @ 262 w/1000 sx, 9
5/8 @ 1360 w/760 sx, 7 @
4120, 5 1/2 @ 7982 w/1175
sx, 2 7/8 @ 4129; API #30-
015-40624

Apache Corp.
Coffee Federal #15
Cedar Lake; Sec 18 T17S
R31E; 405/N & 530/W;
EL 3759 GL, TD 6405,
PBTD 6395; Spud 6-22-13,
Comp 8-30-13; production
is through treated perfs:
4545-5116, 5200-5704,
5807-6272. Treat: 15,252
gals acid, 515,634 gals 20#
643,557# sd, 13,902 gasl
10# gel. IP: 10-10-13 Pump
24 hrs 76 BO, 251 BW, 112
MCF, GOR 1474, Gty 36.7.
Csg: 13 3/8 @ 405 w/500
sx, 8 5/8 @ 3536 w/1020 sx,
5 1/2 @ 6405 w/1020 sx, 2
7/8 @ 6348; API #30-015-
41043

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Wyatt Draw 24 IA #1
North Seven Rivers; Sec
24 T19S R25E; 1070/S &
970/E BHL: 343/N & 940/E;
EL 3387 GL, TD 6495 MD,
PBTD 6480 (MD); Spud
8-17-12, Comp 10-19-
12; production is through
treated perfs: 3254-6480
MD. Treat: Frac w/473,648
gals slickwater, 1,049,923#
gals 15# linear gel carrying
691,280# 20/40 sd, IP: 10-
22-12 Pump 24 hrs 100 BO,
1022 BW, 47 MCF, GOR

470, Gty 38.6. Csg: 9 5/8
@ 990 w/560 sx, 7 @ 3200
w/500 sx, 4 1/2 @ 2904-
6480, 2 7/8 @ 2487; API
#30-015-40024

COG Operating LLC
Patton 5 Fee #8
Atoka; Sec 5 T19S R26E;
380/S & 330/W BHL: 389/S
& 342/E; EL 3363 GL, TD
7291, PBTD 7250; Spud
3-26-13, Comp 5-20-13;
production is through treat-
ed perfs: 3180-7210. Treat:
Acid w/33,654 gals 15%
HCL, Frac w/1,478,276 gals
gel, 111,413 gals slickwater,
1,722,844# 20/40 brown
sand, 355,188# 16/30 CRC,
41,912# 100 mesh. IP: 6-4-
13 Pump 24 hrs 234 BO,
1128 BW, 60 MCF, GOR
256, Gty 38. Csg: 8 5/8 @
1234 w/1130 sx, 5 1/2 @
7291 w/850 sx, 2 7/8 @
2445; API #30-015-39641

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Zircon 2 DA State #1
Turkey Track; Sec 2 T19S
R29E; 560/N & 150/W BHL:
670/N & 344/E; EL 3402 GL,
TD 12462, PBTD 12420;
Spud 3-17-13, Comp 5-8-
13; production is through
treated perfs: 8262-12420.
Treat: Frac w/316,285 gals
slickwater, 267,481 gasl 20#
linear gel, 818,256 gals 20#
XL gel carrying 67,492# 100
mesh, 1,654,618# 20/40 sd
& 375,057# 20/40 SB Excel
IP: 5-10-13 Pump 24 hrs
264 BO, 1643 BW, 95 MCF,
GOR 360, Gty 41.2. Csg: 13
3/8 @ 250 w/555 sx, 9 5/8
@ 1326 w/500 sx, 7 @ 8208
w/1050 sx, 4 1/2 @ 7980-
12435, 2 7/8 @ 7543; API
#30-015-41133

SM Energy Co
Parkway 36 State #6
Parkway; Sec 36T19S
R29E; 2310/S & 330/E.
BHL: 2193/S & 380/W; EL
3331 GL, TD 11802, PBTD
11771; Spud 8-20-13,
Comp 10-8-13; production
is through treated perfs:
8017-11768. Treat: 37,238
bbis gelled fluid, 1,477,440#
20/40 white sd, 260,100#
20/40 SLC RCS. IP: 11-
17-13 Pump 24 hrs 80 BO,
1266 BW, 428 MCF, GOR
5350, Gty 38.3. Csg: 20 @
379 w/876 sx, 13 3/8 @
1430 w/1211 sx, 9 5/8 @
3478 w/1128 sx, 7 @ 7887
w/868 sx, 4 1/2 @ 7040-
11781, 2 7/8 @ 6952; API
#30-015-41547

Mack Energy Corp.
Wind Fee #1
Cass Draw; Sec 4 T23S
R27E; 1650/N & 2310/E;
EL 3134 GL, TD 9165,
PBTD 9119; Spud 9-15-13,
Comp 10-25-13; production
is through treated perfs:
6523-6674, 7112-7252,
8736-9039. Treat: 1500 gals
w/49 bbis 15% HCL, 47,979
bbis slickwater, 70,852# 100
mesh, 526,559# white sand
40/70. IP: 11-15-13 Pump
24 hrs 127 BO, 725 BW, 626
MCF, GOR 4929, Gty 32.
Csg: 13 3/8 @ 420 w/420
sx, 8 5/8 @ 2004 w/1080 sx,
5 1/2 @ 9165 w/1300 sx, 2
7/8 @ 6470; API #30-015-
40922

Devon Energy Production
Company LP
Cotton Draw Unit #122
Paduca; Sec 35 T24S
R31E; 160/N & 1345/W
BHL: 401/S 7 1659/W;
EL 3504 GL, TD 14763,
PBTD 14716; Spud 1-3-13,
Comp 3-15-13; production
is through treated perfs:
10635-14702. Treat: 9
stages Frac: 27,910 gals
7.5% HCL acid, 194,945
gals slickwater, 52,156# 100
mesh sd, 987,347# 20/40
SB sd, 1,392,702# 30/50
white sd, IP: 3-30-13 Flow
24 hrs 502 BO, 611 BW,
648 MCF, CP 1450, GOR
1290.837. Csg: 13 3/8 @
756 w/1000 sx, 9 5/8 @
4212 w/1400 sx, 5 1/2 @
14763 w/2669 sx; API #30-
015-38453

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Cooksey 36 State Com
#2
Delaware River; Sec 36
T25S R27E; 330/S & 500/E.
BHL: 337/N & 420/E; EL
3085 GL, TD 12370, PBTD
12335; Spud 8-28-13,
Comp 10-11-13; production
is through treated perfs:
8249-12335. Treat: Frac
w/287,769 gals slickwater,
304,489 gals 20# linear
gel, 825,687 gals 20# XL
gel carrying 77,740# 100
mesh, 1,685,563# 20/40 sd,
359,737# 20/40 SB Excel.
IP: 10-13-13 Flow 24 hrs
513 BO, 2068 BW, 1435
MCF, CP 370, GOR 2797,
Gty 47.6. Csg: 13 3/8 @
575 w/830 sx, 9 5/8 @ 2255
w/650 sx, 7 @ 8205 w/750
sx, 4 1/2 @ 7965-12345;
API #30-015-39427

Mewbourne Oil Co.
Delaware Ranch 11 NC
Fee #1
South Red Bluff; Sec
11 T26S R28E; 330/S &
2260/W, BHL: 353/N &
2282/W; EL 2970 GL, TD
12700, PBTD 12660; Spud
3-4-13, Comp 4-23-13; pro-
duction is through treated

perfs: 8420-12660. Treat:
Frac w/312,861 gals slick-
water, 284,251 gasl 20# lin-
ear gel, 813,343 20# x-link
gel carrying 83,697# 100
mesh, 1,659,360# 20/40 sd
& 385,598# 20/40 SB Excel
sd. IP: 5-14-13 Pump 24 hrs
251 BO, 740 BW, 433 MCF,
GOR 1725, Gty 41.7. Csg:
13 3/8 @ 630 w/775 sx,
9 5/8 @ 2600 w/950 sx, 7
@ 8376 w/950 sx, 4 1/2 @
8147-12672 (MD), 2 7/8 @
7953; API #30-015-39423

Lea County

Cimarex Energy Co.
Snoddy Federal #21
Salt Lake; Sec 26 T20S
R32E; 768/N & 555/E BHL:
391/S & 503/E; EL 3555 GL,
TD 13749 MD, 9953 TVD,
PBTD 13735; Spud 4-14-13,
Comp 7-8-13; production is
through treated perfs: 9900-
13721. Treat: 1,476.667 gals
fluid, 2,399,352# sd. IP:
7-21-13 Pump 24 hrs 657
BO, 547 BW, 1065 MCF,
GOR 162, Gty 40.4. Csg:
16 @ 1290 w/1220 sx, 11
? @ 3025 w/1400 sx, 8 5/8
@ 4650 w/900 sx, 5 1/2 @
13749 w/1650 sx, 2 7/8 @
9095; API #30-025-40838

Apache Corp.
Bertha Barber #24
Monument; Sec 5 T20S
R37E; 2130/N & 330/W, EL
3561 GL, TD 5888, PBTD
5420; Spud 1-11-10, Comp
4-11-13; production is
through perfs: 5180-5663
IP: 5-12-13 Pump 24 hrs 8
BO, 301 BW, 16 MCF Csg:
8 5/8 @ 1145 w/500 sx, 5
1/2 @ 5888 w/1415 sx, 2
7/8 @ 5338; API #30-025-
39582

COG Operating LLC
Crockett State #2
Wildcat; Sec 20 T21S
R33E; 2310/N & 190/E
BHL: 2298/N & 4943/E;
EL 3724 GL, TD 16290,
PBTD 16286; Spud 5-3-13,
Comp 8-26-13; production
is through treated perfs:
12044-16120, 16200-16210
Treat: Acid w/33107 gals
7.5%, Frac w/3306621# sd
& 2546456 gals fluid. IP:
9-11-13 Pump 24 hrs 580
BO, 1265 BW, 1095 MCF.
Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1760 w/1118
sx, 9 5/8 @ 5242 w/2430 sx,
5 1/2 @ 16290 w/1790 sx, 2
7/8 @ 11307; API #30-025-
41080

COG Operating LLC
Eata Fajita State #1
West Triple X, Sec 8 T24S
R33E; 330/N & 330/W
BHL: 4921/S & 615/W; EL
3628 GL, TD 15607, PBTD
15559; Spud 5-25-13,
Comp 8-8-13; production
is through treated perfs:
11230-15502. Treat: Acid
w/33070 gals 7.5%, Frac
w/3322524# sd & 2695686
gals fluid. IP: 8-22-13 Flow
24 hrs 1484 BO, 528 BW,
1700 MCF, TP 355. Csg: 13
3/8 @ 1257 w/900 sx, 9 5/8
@ 4795 w/1100 sx, 5 1/2 @
15607 w/2275 sx, 2 7/8 @
10368; API #30-025-40582

ConocoPhillips Co.
Buck 20 Federal #3
Jennings; Sec 20 T26S
R32E; 224/N & 2416/W;
BHL: 5000/N & 2338/W; EL
3183 GL, TD 13729 MD,
9220 TVD, PBTD 13729
MD, 9220 TVD; Spud 7-18-
12, Comp 11-2-12; produc-
tion is through treated perfs:
9835-13579. Treat: Acid
w/38,000 gals 15% HCL,
2,047,723# proppant. IP: 10-
27-12 Flow 24 hrs 125 BO,
600 BW, 100 MCF, 1" Ch.
CP 220, Gty 54. Csg: 13 3/8
@ 1193 w/1030 sx, 9 5/8 @
4350 w/1350 sx, 7 @ 9722
w/545 sx, 4 1/2 @ 13714,
2 7/8 @ 8934; API #30-025-
40503

Mack Energy Corp.
Pintail Federal #2
Maljamar; Sec 8 T17S
R32E; 330/S & 2110/W; EL
4032 GL, TD 4710, PBTD
4658; Spud 5-15-13, Comp
8-13-13; production is
through treated perfs: 4135-
4380. Treat: Acid w/132 bbis
15% acid, Frac w/21,424
bbis slickwater, 29,895#
100 mesh, 246,391# white
sd 40/70. IP: 9-30-13 Pump
24 hrs 7 BO, 1150 BW, 100
MCF, GOR 14285, Gty 37.6.
Csg: 8 5/8 @ 872 w/650 sx,
5 1/2 @ 4706 w/710 sx, 2
7/8 @ 4012; API #30-025-
40577

Mack Energy Corp.
Pintail Federal #3
Maljamar; Sec 8 T17S
R32E; 330/S & 990/W;
EL 4016 GL, TD 4703,
PBTD 4656; Spud 5-23-13,
Comp 8-2-13; production is
through treated perfs: 4116-
4375. Treat: Acid w/97 bbis
15% HCL, Frac w/21,036
bbis slickwater, 30,120# 100
mesh, 211,120# white sd.
IP: 9-30-13 Pump 24 hrs
7 BO, 1400 BW, 200 MCF,
GOR 28571, Gty 37.8. Csg:
8 5/8 @ 847 w/700 sx, 5 1/2
@ 4703 w/725 sx, 2 7/8 @
4010; API #30-025-40643

Devon Energy Production
Company LP
Ironhouse 19 State Com

#3
Wildcat; Sec 19 T18S
R35E; 175/S & 1810/E; EL
3946 GL, TD 14,036, PBTD
13,994; Spud 4-22-13,
Comp 7-20-13; production
is through treated perfs:
10,000-13,969. Treat: 8
stage frac: 1,268,645# 30/50
WS, 24,975 gals 10-1.5%
HCL, 834,392# 20/40 SLC,
2,295 bbis slk wtr. IP: 7-31-
13 Pump 24 hrs 629 BO,
314 BW, 332 MCF, GOR
528. Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1825
w/1575 sx, 9 5/8 @ 3420
w/905 sx, 5 ? @ 14036
w/2840 sx, 2 7/8 @ 8858,
API #30-025-41050

Oxy USA WTP LP
East Eumont Unit #203
Eumont; Sec 3 T19S
R37E, 10/S & 120/W; EL
3674 GL, TD 4190, PBTD
4125; Spud 4-26-13, Comp
6-29-13; production is
through treated perfs: 3912-
3922. Treat: 9690 gals trt
wtr + 21801 gals SSSL R30
w/100600# sd. IP: 7-14-13
Pump 24 hrs 10 BO, 180
BW, 120 MCF, GOR 12000,
Gty 40. Csg: 8 5/8 @ 1628
w/650 sx, 5 1/2 @ 4190
w/760 sx, 2 7/8 @ 3867; API
#30-025-40938

Cimarex Energy Co.
Hanson 26 Federal; Com
#4
Lea; Sec 26 T20S R34E;
330/N & 660/E BHL: 4940/N
& 642/E; EL 3691 GL, TD
15457 MD, 11185 TVD,
PBTD 15430; Spud 12-11-
12, Comp 2-12-13; produc-
tion is through treated perfs:
11075-15430. Treat: 1,960,
123 gals total fluid,
2830815# sd. IP: 3-26-13
Pump 24 hrs 774 BO, 128
BW, 1254 MCF, Gty 40.1.
Csg: 13 3/8 @ 1735 w/1450
sx, 9 5/8 @ 5420 w/3475 sx,
5 1/2 @ 15457 w/2850 sx, 2
7/8 @ 10400; API #30-025-
40804

COG Operating LLC
Corazon State Unit #8
Wildcat; Sec 10 T21S
R33E; 100/N & 1980/E
BHL: 4945/N & 1903/E;
EL 3822 GL, TD 16,135,
PBTD 16,100; Spud 4-6-13,
Comp 6-7-13; production
is through treated perfs:
11786-1

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits April 7-April 11

3806 Cedar Springs Drive	Residential Addition	\$5,000
1319 Cerrillos Ave.	New Residence	\$203,400
1311 Cerrillos Ave.	New Residence	\$203,400
1410 San Miguel Court	New Residence	\$184,080
1408 San Miguel Court	New Residence	\$168,480
1315 Cerrillos Ave.	New Residence	\$168,480
1409 San Miguel Court	New Residence	\$217,890
1300 Cerrillos Ave.	New Residence	\$168,480
1943 English Drive	Fence	\$2,500
1320 N. Fairgrounds Road	Residence-Detached	\$2,380
4225 Tanforan Ave.	New Residence	\$611,550
24 Smith Road	Commercial Alteration	\$47,300
1203 Orchard Lane	Residential Addition	\$1,500
6509 Shawnee	Residence-Detached	\$8,000
5919 Oak Creek Drive	New Residence	\$239,400
5701 Starboard Drive	New Commercial	\$2,600,000
4515 Wilshire Drive	Residence-Detached	\$5,200
1320 N. Fairgrounds Road	MH-Single Lot	\$102,400
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1320 N. Fairgrounds Road	MH-Single Lot	\$57,600
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400 N. Fort Worth St.	New Residence	\$201,200
6106 Spahn St.	New Residence	\$158,000
6104 Spahn St.	New Residence	\$145,000
6102 Spahn St.	New Residence	\$162,000
6024 Spahn St.	New Residence	\$159,000
6100 Spahn St.	New Residence	\$159,000
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover	Commercial Alteration	\$254,100
1507 Cherry Lane	Residence-Detached	\$400
2503 Colonial Oaks Court	New Residence	\$351,000
2803 Parton Way	New Residence	\$223,560
4007 Anetta Drive	Residential Addition	\$2,000
3008 Racquet Club Drive	Residential Addition	\$300,000
417 W. Shandon Ave.	Residential Addition	\$10,000
3211 Sycamore Ave.	Residential Alteration	\$3,200
1901 E. Pine Ave.	MH-Single Lot	\$87,000
5305 Half Moon Circle	New Residence	\$228,330
2101 W. Wadley Ave.	Commercial-Detached	\$18,500
4811 Andrews Highway	Sign	\$18,000
1309 E. Pine Ave.	New Residence	\$136,800
617 S. Fort Worth	MH-Single Lot	\$10,000
904 S. Colorado St.	Residential Addition	\$5,000
1719 Harrison St.	MH-Single Lot	\$84,000
5505 San Clemente	New Residence	\$219,600
706 Raymond Road	Fence	\$600
1401 N. Fairgrounds Road	Swimming Pool	\$61,000
1401 Rankin Highway	Residential Alteration	\$500
600 W. Illinois Ave.	Commercial Alteration	\$36,196
900 Crump St.	Swimming Pool	\$117,000
506 S. Tyler St.	Residential Alteration	\$25,000

Source: City of Midland

BUSINESS BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Duoline Technologies announces addition

GILMER, Texas — Darrell McAvoy has joined Duoline® Technologies as manufacturing technician.

He has worked with Duoline® Technologies as an independent contractor for more than four years and has become a valuable member of the team as the new manufacturing technician. McAvoy brings 30 years of heavy industrial experience to Duoline® Technologies.

Duoline Technologies works to solve oilfield corrosion problems through innovative products and services.

ERF Wireless announces board member

ERF Wireless, a provider of enterprise-class wireless and broadband products and services, including to the oil and gas industry, announced that Rick Zachardy has joined the company's board of directors as one of its independent directors and has also agreed to become chairman of the ERF Wireless Audit Committee.

Zachardy is a seasoned CPA and has an impressive background as a chief financial officer and tax specialist for multiple large corporations over the span of his career. Most recently, he has operated his own independent consulting firm providing services in such areas as finance, ac-

counting, treasury, payroll, recruiting, and income tax solutions.

ERF Wireless Inc. is the parent company of Energy Broadband Inc., ERF Enterprise Network Services, ERF Wireless Bundled Services, ERF Wireless Messaging Services and ERF Network Operations.

Averitt Express earns nod from Dick's Sporting Goods

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — In just three short years, Averitt Express has gone from being a new carrier for Dick's Sporting Goods to earning the national retailer's 2013 Gold Award in the less-than-truckload (LTL) category.

Averitt was recognized with the honor during the second annual Dick's Sporting Goods Logistics Conference in Pittsburgh, Pa. Averitt was the only LTL carrier to receive an award.

To help the retailer achieve its logistics goals, Averitt customized an inbound program from all of Dick's Sporting Goods' vendors within the Averitt network to Dick's distribution center in Georgia. This inbound program includes merchandise for both Dick's Sporting Goods and Golf Galaxy (which is also a Dick's Sporting Goods company). Averitt also transported the outbound freight to numerous Golf Galaxy stores in the Southeast.

THE ECONOMIST

Return of employment to pre-recession level is pebble of a milestone

It's taken longer than six years, but the U.S. economy has finally passed a notable milestone: private-sector employment is now more than it was before the recent recession. The March 2014 estimate of total private employment from the Bureau of Labor Statistics is a seasonally adjusted 116.1 million, just barely over the prior peak in January 2008. This is certainly good news (though a subsequent revision might possibly take it away), but I'm feeling only mildly celebratory about it.

First, we're not quite back to the overall total (including both private-sector and government jobs). The March figure stood at 137.9 million employed, compared to almost 138.4 million in January 2008. Of course, government spending cuts have been a fact of life over the past few years (such as with the sequester and various deals struck in order to raise the debt ceiling and accomplish other necessary tasks, not to mention retrenchments by state and local public entities). Usually, business cycles leave the government sector basically untouched or even adding jobs during slow periods in the private economy; not so this time around.

Moreover, since January 2008, we should have been adding jobs, not just struggling to get back to where we were. Sheer population growth means we need more opportunities, and six years to move nowhere is not ideal. Depending on your assumptions about growth, the economy should have added millions

of jobs over that period of time.

The current recovery has been frustratingly slow in terms of hiring. The Atlanta Branch of the Federal Reserve System found that the average time to recover all jobs lost during the seven recessions between 1950 and 1989 was just 10 months. After the 1990-91 downturn, it took a little longer (23 months), and even more time after 2001 (38 months). We are now at six years and counting (if you look at total employment) to recover.

Add to this lackluster situation the fact that compensation has hardly moved, with workers earning little more than they were before the recession. In addition, the percentage of long-term unemployment is very high by historic standards, and the labor force participation rate is about as low as it has been in decades.

These overall national totals camouflage substantial differences in performance among regions. As I've mentioned before, Texas has been performing much better than the nation as a whole. The Lone Star State had recovered all of the private-sector jobs lost in the recession by November 2011. Since the U.S. peak in private employment in January 2008, Texas has added more than 765,000 jobs

(as of the latest state-level data, which was for February) or well over 1 million since the trough. New York is a distant second with a gain of 255,500 jobs, followed by California, which is up by 109,300 (not too impressive given its much larger overall size than Texas or New York). Texas' strong relative performance is even more apparent when you look at total employment (including the government sector), when some states such as California drop back into negative territory.

In fact, only 17 states actually have higher employment now than in January 2008; those just mentioned plus North Dakota (89,200), Massachusetts (65,100), Louisiana (47,900), District of Columbia (42,400), Minnesota (39,400), Colorado (38,100), Utah (29,800), Alaska (16,100), Oklahoma (15,400) and Nebraska (13,000). Iowa, Washington, South Dakota and Montana all gained fewer than 10,000.

Conditions are particularly bad in Illinois, which now has 155,400 fewer private-sector jobs than in January 2008. Several other states are down more than 100,000 (New Jersey, Florida, Arizona and Ohio). Dozens have lost tens of thousands of jobs. Not all news on the

national jobs front is grim. One of the bright spots is job openings and labor turnover data released this week by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which indicate almost 4.2 million job openings across the United States. Openings are up from January's estimate of 3.9 million, though not much better than in February 2013 (4 million). Available jobs are particularly numerous in the retail and accommodation and food services segments. Professional and business services are also trending upward, as are education and health services openings. Manufacturing job openings are down from a year prior, as are those in government.

It's disheartening to see how far some states still have to go to get back where they were before the recession. At the same time, the large gap in performance is a strong indication of the fact that the things we are doing well here in Texas are working. Of course, the oil surge is one factor, but the state's job gains span all industries, skill levels and wage categories. Hopefully, in the months to come, we will see the national economy reach more milestones, with hiring and opportunities on the rise.

Dr. M. Ray Perryman is president and chief executive officer of The Perryman Group (www.perryman.com). He also serves as Institute Distinguished Professor of Economic Theory and Method at the International Institute for Advanced Studies.



M. RAY PERRYMAN

Found Furnishings offers eclectic mix of large and small

An eclectic mix of items large and small can be found at Found Furnishings, just opened at 428 Andrews Highway.

Unique pieces that have been upcycled, repurposed or customized, from tables to couches to cabinets are available. Unique pieces currently at the store include a piano bar, oil field pieces and vintage pieces like suitcases and old railroad lanterns. Smaller items, like tea towels, are kept in stock.

Owner Kristen Cantacuzene also does some consignment sales and works with local artists.

She plans to offer different events like woodworking or painting workshops, possibly upholstery workshops, and demonstrations.

If it can't be found at Found, Cantacuzene likes to help find pieces and compiles a "wish list" for when she goes shopping.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. After-hour appointments are available by calling 695-6984. She can also be reached by email at info@foundfurnishingsmidland.com.

Wal-Mart has announced new

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lower fees for money transfer service through a partnership with Ria Money Transfer, a subsidiary of Euronet Worldwide Inc.

The announcement could benefit Midland and Odessa residents, where a large number of oil field workers utilize money transfer services to send money back to their hometowns or to receive money from family, friends or business partners.

Under the service, which will be available Thursday, April 24, customers can transfer up to \$900 to and from the more than 4,000 Wal-Mart stores located in the United States. Fees range from \$4.50 to \$5 for \$50 transfers and \$9.50 for transfers up to \$900.

Tractor Supply, with a location at 2110 Rankin Highway, announces

the launch of its spring 2014 Paper Clover Campaign in partnership with National 4-H Council.

Beginning Wednesday, April 23 through Sunday May 4, Tractor Supply customers can purchase paper clovers for \$1 or more during checkout. The funds raised will support local 4-H youth development program activities.

Tractor Supply has raised more than \$3.2 million for 4-H programs across the country through the Paper Clover Campaigns over the past four years.

Run This Way, a local retailer specializing in running as well as sports and active lifestyle athletic shoes, clothing and accessories, will host a North Face representative Thursday, April 24 from 5 to 7 p.m.

The North Face Event will be at Run This Way, 3209 Courtyard Drive in the Highland Plaza Shopping Center behind Toys R Us. The event will feature refreshments, door prizes, giveaways, Cross Fit demonstrations and a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate. It is free and open to the public.

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Beetle marks 65th year since entry into US

By Ann M. Job
Associated Press

Sixty-five years after the first Volkswagen Beetle arrived in the United States as a distinctively shaped, little car, the Beetle keeps attracting buyers with its more-spacious-than-ever, flexible interior, turbo engine power and modernized iconic look.

For 2014, the Beetle lineup gets a new, performance-oriented trim name — R-Line — with beefier bumpers and a limited-edition, bright yellow GSR model.

In addition, all Beetles now have independent rear suspension for an improved ride.

The 2014 Beetle three-door hatchback also received the top score of five out of five stars in federal government crash testing.

Meantime, buyers of all 2014 Beetles, even the base model, get standard Bluetooth hands-free phone connectivity; six-way adjustable front seats with lumbar adjustment;

power, one-touch side windows; leather-wrapped, multi-function steering wheel, and three-color ambient interior lighting.

Starting manufacturer's suggested retail price, including destination charge, is \$21,115 for a base 2014 Beetle with 170-horsepower, 2.5-liter, naturally aspirated, gasoline four cylinder and five-speed, manual transmission, according to VW's consumer website.

The lowest starting price for a 2014 Beetle with an automatic transmission is \$22,215, or \$1,100 more, and this is with the 170-horse five cylinder.

To get a turbocharged Beetle, buyers must move up to a diesel-fueled model that has a starting retail price of \$25,415 with six-speed manual, or a gasoline turbo model with a starting retail price of \$25,815 with manual, according to the VW consumer pricing website.

The lowest starting retail prices for 2014 Beetles with turbos and automatics are \$26,515 with TDI

diesel engine and \$26,915 with gasoline turbo.

All Beetle turbos have four cylinders. All Beetles are front-wheel drive and have seats for four.

Competitors include other small, European hatchbacks, such as the 2014 Fiat 500L that has a starting MSRP, including destination charge, of \$19,995 with 160-horsepower, turbocharged, gasoline four cylinder and six-speed manual.

Meantime, the base, 2014 Mini Cooper hardtop with 134-horsepower, turbocharged, gasoline, three-cylinder engine and six-speed manual has a starting MSRP, including destination charge, of \$20,745.

Note that the 500L has seats for five people, while the Mini Cooper hardtop has seating for four. The Beetle's first year of U.S. sales in post-World War II 1949 totaled just two cars. But popularity with young Baby Boomers swelled cumulative sales and production beyond that of the Ford Model T.

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Mel Gravelly, president of TriVersity Construction, poses in his office Wednesday in front of some paintings of work his company has done, in Cincinnati. Gravelly's company joined a program called a minority business accelerator even before he bought a controlling interest in the Cincinnati-based company in 2006. It helped the company get started and win contracts that have helped TriVersity's revenue double.

Mentors help minority companies accelerate growth

By Joyce Rosenberg
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mel Gravelly said his construction company might not exist today if he didn't have mentors to guide it.

Gravelly's company, TriVersity, joined a program called a minority business accelerator even before he bought a controlling interest in the Cincinnati-based company in 2006. It helped the company get started and win contracts that have helped TriVersity's revenue double.

"I don't make any move at all without getting the input of the accelerator," Gravelly said.

Minority business accelerators have launched in a handful of metropolitan areas in recent years as local businesses, chambers of commerce and economic development groups work to create more jobs and improve the quality of life in their regions. The Cincinnati accelerator, created by the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber in 2003, has inspired officials and business people in the Greenville, S.C.; Charlotte, N.C., and Newark, N.J. areas to start similar programs.

A key goal of the accelerators is to help minority-owned companies win contracts with large companies. Despite the rapid growth in the number of minority-owned businesses — over 45 percent between 2002 and 2007, according to the Census Bureau — they struggle to get business with major companies. Many don't have the ability to fulfill million-dollar contracts, something the accelerators aim to change. But there's also a lingering perception that minority companies can't do the job or can't do it well, according to business owners and professors who study minority business. And although many minority companies can fulfill a contract, there's still resistance at many large companies to taking risks with a new supplier, no matter who owns it.

"Most people are not racist. They just don't like to change," said Crystal German, vice president of economic inclusion at the Cincinnati Chamber.

What are minority business accelerators?

Accelerators help companies speed up growth. The programs focus on a small number of companies that have shown potential to succeed and create jobs. To be in the Cincinnati program, a company must already be well-established, have annual revenue of \$1 million or more and have a business plan that shows it can grow significantly in the next two to five years. The goal is to help small companies grow into bigger ones so they can make a greater contribution to local economies.

"The theory is that the largest companies have the greatest potential to employ people, generate tax revenues, make charitable contributions and overall drive the economy," German said.

Mentors at the accelerators act as advisers, meeting with company owners, helping them improve operations and build strategies. They also connect owners with big customers.

Large corporations provide contract opportunities, mentoring or both. In Cincinnati, Fortune 500 members Macy's Inc. and Procter & Gamble Co. are among those that have given more business to minority companies.

"What we do is try and not only provide counsel for the accelerator, but also connect the dots, the needs of our company with those of suppliers that are coming up in their ability to deal with P&G and Macy's," said Amy Hanson, a Macy's vice president and head of the accelerator's leadership council.

In Greenville, Ava Smith has enrolled in the accelerator there because she's being approached by companies all over the U.S. and she wants to be sure she can handle all the new business that comes her way. The program is in its first year.

"You don't know what you don't know," said Smith, owner of Flat Fee Hiring, a 12-year-old recruiting com-

Three programs

A look at minority business mentoring programs, called accelerators, in three metropolitan areas. All the programs aim to help already established companies owned by minorities win contracts with large companies and organizations. The goal is for them to expand and hire more workers, helping the local economy.

Cincinnati minority business accelerator

Founded: 2003 by the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber

Current number of companies: 35

Who's eligible: Companies that are at least 51 percent minority-owned, with at least \$1 million in annual revenue.

How long do companies stay: No time limit.

Big companies/organizations that participate: Macy's, Procter & Gamble, Kroger, Cincinnati Reds, Duke Energy, Toyota and 32 others.

Geographic area: The Cincinnati metropolitan area, including 15 counties in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana.

Charlotte, N.C., minority economic development initiative

Founded: 2011 by the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce and Carolinas Minority Supplier Development Council.

Current number of companies: 19

Who's eligible: Companies with at least \$500,000 in revenue.

How long do companies stay: maximum of 4 1/2 years

Big companies/organizations that participate: Bank of America, Duke Energy, Lowe's, Wells Fargo and 11 others.

Geographic area: Greater Charlotte and surrounding areas.

Greenville, S.C., minority business accelerator

Founded: 2013 by the Greenville Chamber of Commerce

Current number of companies: 16

Who's eligible: Companies that are at least 51 percent minority-owned, in business for at least three years, with between \$1 million and \$5 million in revenue.

How long do companies stay: No time limit.

Big companies/organizations that participate: Because program is so new, companies are still being signed up.

Geographic area: 10 counties in northern South Carolina.

pany in Greenville. "I'm going to the next level where I need to think like a CEO instead of a small business."

Why they exist

Local chambers of commerce and economic development agencies have launched accelerators to help minority businesses create jobs. Officials said the inability of minority companies to expand holds back a region's economic growth.

"Look at the number of minority business enterprises and how many are able to build jobs. It's grossly disproportionate from their majority counterparts," said Nika White, vice president of diversity and inclusion at the Greenville Chamber of Commerce.

One reason for the disparity is that a small company may not have the infrastructure, such as computer systems, and the experience to operate on the level needed to fulfill a big contract, said Jeffrey Robinson, a professor of management and entrepreneurship at Rutgers University. He is working on the Newark accelerator.

"There's a leap you have to take from the five-person company to a couple hundred, to being a multimillion-dollar company. You can't run them the same way," Robinson said.

Minority-owned companies still aren't getting the big contracts they should, said Leonard Greenhalgh, a professor of management at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. One of his specialties is minority businesses and their role as suppliers to larger companies. Big businesses tend to keep the same suppliers for years unless there are problems or a technological change, he said.

"It's white males buying from white males," Greenhalgh said. "Minority- and women-owned suppliers are both incredibly important to the future of the economy. That's why you need accelerators. Those who

have the odds stacked against them."

There's also a perception in the business world that minority companies aren't up to the task, said Gravelly, the TriVersity owner. Other companies believe minority businesses may not be able to fulfill a contract because they don't have enough workers. Some believe that minority businesses aren't professional enough.

"I've got to overcome a negative perception — not negative to me personally, but generally. I have to prove a capability," said Gravelly, who's also chair of the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

Life in the accelerator

In Cincinnati, companies set long-range strategic plans with the help of their mentors. They meet at least four times a year and many are in touch regularly. Through the program, the companies learn how to become larger players. If needed, mentors help companies build a management team and change how they operate.

During one of German's meetings with TriVersity, she realized the company didn't have a formal budgeting process.

"She told us, 'that's a weird way to do your budget,'" Gravelly recalls. "She wasn't mean about it, but she said, 'I have some suggestions.'" TriVersity revamped the way it did its budget, and ultimately hired a finance manager.

Businesses are generally mentored for a year or more by accelerator employees and some big corporations that do business with minority companies.

After nearly nine years in the Cincinnati program, the goals for World Pac Paper are still to grow through contracts or expansion.

"We work with them on their strategy every year, who they're targeting, what industries they're trying to get into, what products or services they want to add," said Denise deSilva Litter, a mentor in the program. "A lot of the work we do with (owner Edgar Smith) is conversation, what kind of companies should you look to acquire, do they have products similar to what your company already offers?"

Litter, who has worked in corporate purchasing, and other mentors are in continual contact with the big corporations and organizations that agree to work with companies in the accelerator to find out about available contracts that might be a good fit.

"We don't encourage one of our portfolio companies to go after every single company in Cincinnati. We want them to fine-tune their strategy and their focus on who is the right company," she said.

After a target is chosen, Litter helps a small business set up a meeting with the larger company and prepare its sales presentation.

That was the appeal of the accelerator for Tillie Hidalgo Lima, the owner of Best Upon Request, a concierge services provider that has been in the program since 2010. Her company was already growing, but not thriving the way she hoped.

The accelerator has helped her get contracts with Fifth Third Bank Corp. and the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

"I saw the accelerator as something that could give us a lift," she said.

Companies in the accelerator can also be mentored by some of the big corporations that work with the accelerator. When World Pac first began working with Macy's shortly after Smith started it in 2004, the paper company was selling the retailer paper for newspaper advertising inserts and catalogs. As more customers have started shopping online, there's less need for paper and more for mailing cartons. The relationship with Macy's has contributed to World Pac's shift to more of a cardboard supplier, and it is now making shopping bags for the retailer, Smith said.

"We had to scale up sooner than later and Macy's, our first Fortune 500 customer, played a significant role in that effort," Smith said.

Why high oil prices are actually good for airlines

By Scott Mayerowitz
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Airline executives frequently complain about fuel costs. But the truth is higher prices actually have been good for business.

In the past six years, airlines have overhauled the way they operate to adjust to this new reality. They've shown more discipline by offering fewer seats, which ensures airfares are high enough to cover costs. Unprofitable routes have been eliminated. And every expense has been scrutinized.

These changes, along with high oil prices, have created an insurmountable roadblock to startup airlines that hope to undercut established carriers.

"Traditionally, it was too easy to start an airline and too difficult to kill one off," said Jamie Baker, an airline analyst with JPMorgan Chase.

No more. A decade ago, airlines were paying just \$1.42 a gallon for fuel, when adjusted for inflation. Last year, they paid an average of \$3.03 a gallon, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. Fuel now accounts for more than a third of airlines' expenses, overtaking salaries, wages and benefits as the single biggest line item.

U.S. carriers burned through 16 billion gallons of jet fuel last year at cost of \$48.4 billion. That's up nearly \$23 billion from 10 years ago — when the airlines consumed 2 billion more gallons of fuel.

So why is this good? High oil prices forced the major airlines to do business differently. They grounded older, gas-guzzling jets. Then they charged extra for checking baggage and raised other fees. More passengers were packed into planes and mergers helped push airfares higher. The average cost of a roundtrip domestic ticket — including baggage and reservation change fees — grew to \$378.62 from \$351.48 in the last five years, when adjusted for inflation.

All of that has them on pace for a fifth consecutive year of profits. A big reason for the streak: The majors aren't facing the myriad of fly-by-night start-ups that disrupted their business in the past. Low-cost carriers like PeopleExpress and ValueJet used to be able to enter markets, charge a lot less to fly and push the established carriers out.

Now — since fuel is such a great expense — that doesn't happen anymore, said Scott Kirby, president of American Airlines, at a recent aviation symposium in Phoenix. "It's an equalizer," Kirby said. Skybus Airlines launched in May 2007 promising to sell at least 10 seats on each of its flights for \$10. By the following April, a spike in fuel prices proved fatal and the airline shut down operations overnight.

Without that competition, legacy carriers have avoided fare wars and kept ticket prices high.

"This represents the longest post-deregulation stretch that nobody has started a new airline in the United States," Baker said. Virgin America was the last major new U.S. carrier. But since it started flying in August 2007, the San Francisco-based airline has lost hundreds of millions of dollars. It didn't post its first annual profit until last year and that was only after it stopped its rapid expansion.

Jeff Knittel, president of transportation and international finance at CIT, which leases planes to airlines, said the high fuel costs has created a financial discipline among carriers that has made them look closely at every expense — in the air and on the ground.

As part of their quest to reduce fuel consumption, airlines have replaced drink carts with new, lighter ones. Planes now taxi with only one engine running. And wingtips have been redesigned to reduce drag.

"It has forced efficiency throughout the entire organization," Knittel said. High oil prices have also caused lenders to take a closer look at business models. In the past, they just considered the collateral — the airplane — that they were lending against.

"It makes the merits of the airlines matter more than they have in the past," said Hunter Keay, an airline analyst with Wolfe Research.

Airlines are only expanding to cities where they know they can make money, limiting competition and keeping everybody's flights profitable. Instead of fighting to become the largest airline in a city, airlines are now making rational decisions based on profitability.

"The only universal disciplinarian across the entire global airline industry is high oil prices," Keay said. "It makes even the bad actors make hard choices."



John Minichillo/AP

Bill Ford, Ford Motor Company's executive chairman, stands with the all-new 2015 Mustang convertible as it's introduced on the 86th floor observation deck of the Empire State Building during the New York International Auto Show, Wednesday, in New York.

Ford to offer 50th anniversary Mustang

By Dee-Ann Durbin
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ford is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Mustang with a limited-edition model and a display atop the Empire State Building.

At the New York International Auto Show on Wednesday, the company revealed the 50 Year Limited Edition. The company will only build 1,964 special cars, honoring the year when the Mustang first went on sale.

"If you don't like this car, you don't like cars," said Executive Chairman Bill Ford, whose first car was an electric green 1975 Mustang.

Earlier in the day, Bill Ford appeared with a bright yellow 2015 Mustang convertible on the 86th floor observation deck of the Empire State Building. It's the first time a car has been there since 1965, when Ford put a Mustang

convertible there. The car had to be broken into five pieces for the ride up the building's elevators and reassembled late at night, when the deck is closed to visitors. It will be on display until Friday.

The 50 Year Limited Edition models will come in one of the two colors of Ford's logo: white or blue. Buyers can choose a manual or automatic transmission.

There are special chrome highlights around the grille, windows and tail lights. The Limited Edition will also be the only 2015 Mustang GT with a faux gas cap badge on the rear, where the original cap sat.

Limited Edition cars will be among the first built when 2015 Mustang production begins later this year. Bill Ford said the company hasn't yet decided how to allocate them, or what the price will be. In 1964, the Mustang's starting price was \$2,300.

around the oil patch

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No holidays for Victaulic systems designed for fusion bonded epoxy piping

Speed is of the essence in joining any kind of oilfield pipe, whether in the field or in a facility, and Victaulic couplings fill that bill. There is even a Victaulic system for fusion bonded epoxy piping that, because it uses a cold joining process, creates no holidays in coatings.

A grooved system provides holiday-free installation and service for pipes ranging from 2" to 60" or 50-1525 mm and for pressures of up to 2,500 psi or 17250 kPa. As for temperatures, depending on the product, Victaulic gaskets are rated for up to 250° F.

The advantages of grooved couplings are many. Typical specifications for fusion bonded epoxy systems do not allow torch cutting or welding, because these procedures can compromise the integrity of the finish. Because grooved systems are cold-formed, they meet these requirements.

Grooved couplings join pipes made from a

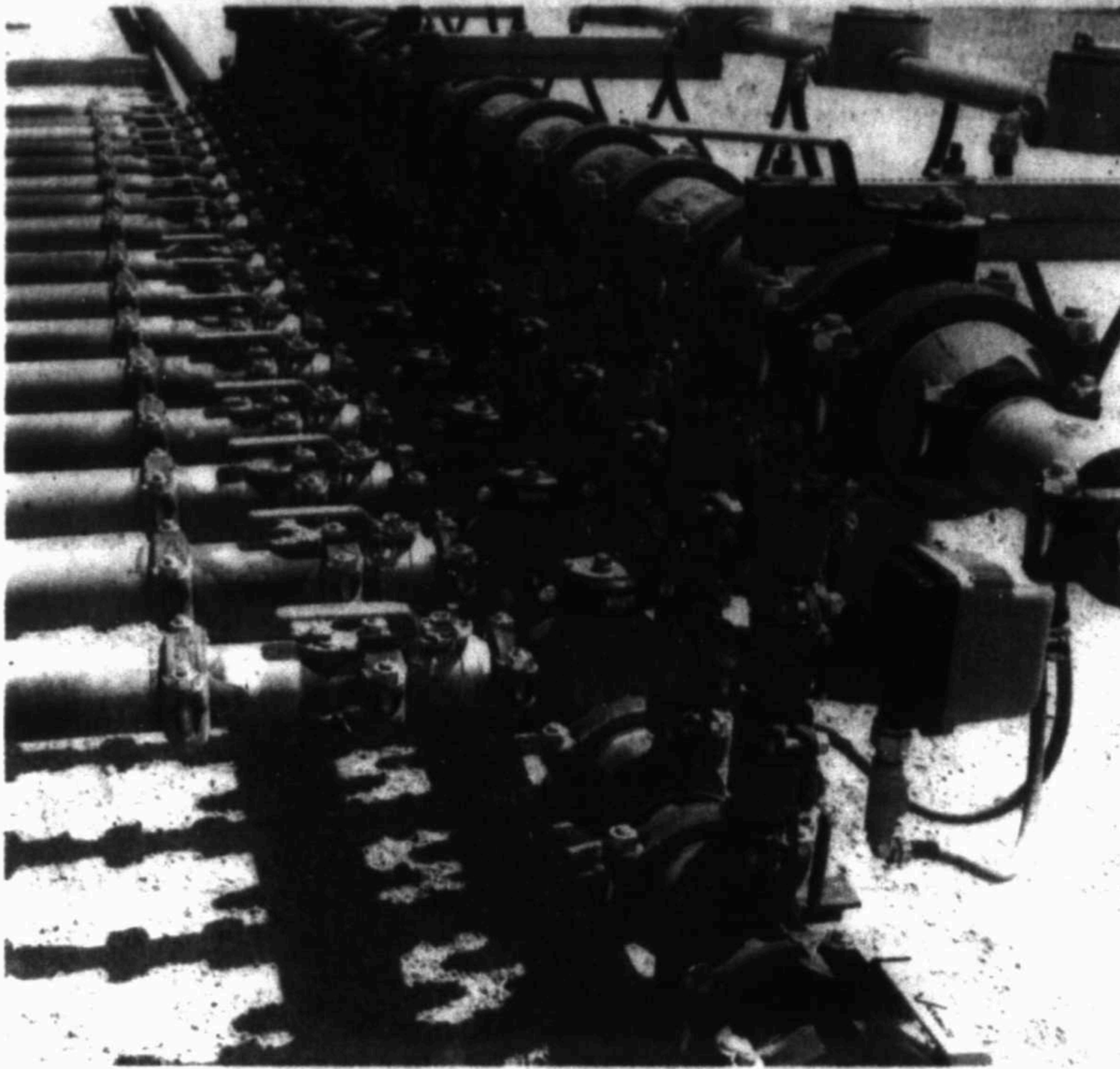
wide variety of materials, including carbon steel, galvanized and stainless steel. Victaulic couplings can match any system based on size, pipe wall thickness and pressure.

On the other hand, field welds can compromise the integrity of the fusion bonded coating. When those coatings are then repaired, studies show that those coatings no longer match the protection afforded by factory applied coatings. Grooved piping does not require field applications or repairs, thereby eliminating temperature and weather concerns.

The Victaulic EndSeal system provides other advantages. Its unique central gasket leg design aids in pipe assembly while protecting the pipe ends from installation damage that could cause a holiday in the fusion bonded coating.

These EndSeal couplings and fittings accommodate high pressures and are ideal for use with coated pipe.

The system is ready to



Grooved coupling systems are cold formed, meaning they do not compromise the integrity of the fusion bonded epoxy finish in coated pipe.

they are used, including:

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- Secondary Production
- Tertiary Production
- Recirculated "FRAC" water disposal and crude oil
- Domestic Water
- Steam Condensate
- Fire Protection systems
- Sea Water Systems

"No holidays" not only means there are no bubbles or gaps, it also means that Victaulic couplings never take a day off. Systems installed almost 90 years ago are still in service, with connectors and gaskets still intact. Today's couplings are manufactured to the same rigorous standards, meaning you can expect the same long-term service.

Some venerable Victaulic couplings in use in service in the Permian Basin as well as elsewhere. The company has had a location in Odessa since the 1960s.

You have probably seen Victaulic couplings in use before. Maybe you thought at the time that you would like to learn more, then never got around to making the call.

Make the call. Talk to a Victaulic expert and find out how much time and money they can save you—with no holidays!

Call Victaulic at 432-332-1489 to learn more.



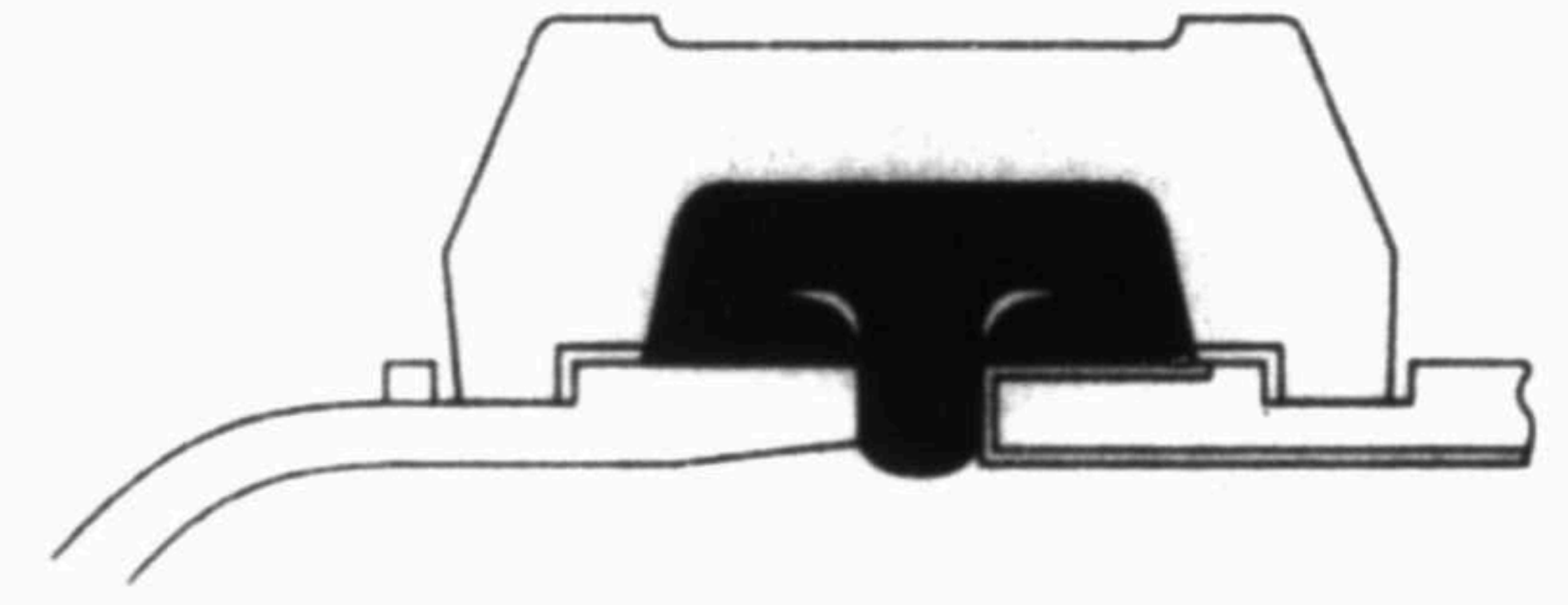
Victaulic grooved piping products are designed to maintain the integrity of fusion bonded epoxy coated fittings and pipe. They also greatly speed the coupling process. For more information, call Victaulic at 432-332-1489.

install—this is the marketplace's fastest way to join grooved pipe—up to six times faster than flanging, and 10 times faster than welding. Victaulic couplings require fewer steps in the installation process, which greatly reduces the amount of handling needed onsite. When mechanical joints are used instead of Victaulic couplings in large diameter systems, they require multi-segmented couplings that can be difficult to handle, taking much longer to install. Instead, the Victaulic Advanced Groove System features two-piece housings for the line, ranging from 14" to 60" diameters.

The patented wedge shape groove is wider and

deeper than older groove systems, which allows for higher pressure service. Plus, Advanced Groove Systems couplings utilize a FlushSeal gasket design that protects coated systems.

Victaulic couplings are perfect for fusion bonded piping systems wherever



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